



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WELCOME!

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before
7:00am Mass
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm
Other | By Appointment

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. (1b) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Savior, and for you I wait all the day.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reading II

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves, you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.



Sunday, November 28

8:00am Louise Corso
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, November 29

7:00am Fr. Robert Liss
8:00am Ella Goeppner

Tuesday, November 30

7:00am Clarence J. Moehl, Jr.
8:00am Jim Leshner

Wednesday, December 1

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Carol Braun

Thursday, December 2

7:00am Dr. Matt Backer
8:00am Helen Hoyt

Friday, December 3

7:00am Roseann Saracino
8:00am Antoinette Fitzgerald

Saturday, December 4

7:00am Florence Frame
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 5

8:00am Frank Cross
10:00am Bernard Banto

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will we do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will we inspire others to do the same? Let's start by sharing our God stories with others, especially those closest to us. Let's invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Nov. 14, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (49)	\$ 3,847.00	\$ 85,214.00
Loose Money	\$ 4,401.00	\$ 18,583.00
School Support	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,451.00
Building Fund	\$ 165.00	\$ 5,729.00
Holy Days	\$ 97.00	\$ 1,448.00
Online Giving (55)	\$ 2,483.00	\$ 54,565.00
World Missions	(\$ 27.00)	
Permanent Diaconate	(\$ 30.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 55.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 25.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 11,230.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 11,093.00	\$ 169,116.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 2,093.00</u>	<u>(\$ 10,884.00)</u>

FYE 2021 (\$ 15,462.00)

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for Sunday, November 21, 2021, was not available when the bulletin went to print.

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we begin Advent, we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever we live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of our homes. When in need, they ring the parish office bell. They are, in effect, ringing our doorbells. Our gifts in the poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Guest Column: Stewardship and Catholic Social Teaching

By: Deacon Brian Selsor

Have you ever wondered how the hundreds of Catholic churches, schools, hospitals, charitable agencies, and institutions in our community were financed? Throughout the Church in St. Louis, we are blessed with literally thousands of buildings representing millions of dollars. Where did they all come from?

Generosity, stewardship, born from the empathy and wisdom of ordinary people living out the image and model depicted in the story of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan story was Jesus' response to a question a lawyer asked..."who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29-37)

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on Him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day He took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

The story has much to consider. The victim has been robbed and beaten. The image brings to mind a physical beating but it could also be a psychological one. In this story the theft is of possessions, but people can also be robbed of their dignity. The traveler who has compassion is a stranger to the community, like many who paid for the buildings we use are strangers to

us. The Samaritan mends the victim's wounds and takes him to an inn, a building – all of this is made possible by the generosity and the compassion of the Samaritan.

There are many such buildings in our diocese, financed and built by unnamed people of the past who, like the Samaritan, saw the needs of people and listened to and acted on the inspiration of bishops, priests, religious brothers, and sisters. They acted out of empathy for their neighbors and in response to faith, attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship is our opportunity to help the Church continue in these sacred traditions. Our parishes, our Catholic schools and hospitals, our refugee centers, and our homeless shelters grew from a collective, self-initiated charity. We support these institutions because they exist to make Christ known in a physical way in our world.

Our story, *The Good Samaritan*, is frequently upheld as the model for Catholic Social Teaching and today we must let the story guide us. Note that the Samaritan is not an institution nor a government. Rather, he is a person – a steward of time, talent, and treasure, using his own resources to help a victim. The story does not depict an institution as the steward of charity. Rather, a person sees a person in need and provides for him. Out of his own resources he cares for the poor robbery victim.

Pope Francis encourages us to do likewise by emphasizing the term "accompaniment." Stewardship and Catholic Social Teaching are different ways of living out our empathy and pity for our neighbors. Jesus ends his story with the words "Go and do likewise." And so we should.

Weekly Devotion in Honor of the Year of Saint Joseph

"If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?" Ven. Pope Pius XII

ST. RAPHAEL ADVENT ANGEL TREE

Our Advent Angel Tree is back this year and we will once again sponsor Peter & Paul Community Services. In addition to a meal program, P&P offers various services to those who are homeless, many of whom are living with mental illness, addiction, or long-term medical conditions. Our parish will provide gifts for residents of the Supportive Housing program that opened in 2014. Garfield Place Apartments provide clients with a permanent place to stay while also providing supportive services, including a nurse, occupational therapist, and educational classes on topics such as financial literacy and healthy eating. The “gifts” we donate will go to the current residents.



Please return your gift NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19. DO NOT wrap your gift - but DO attach the tag to the gift so we can be sure it gets to the correct person.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, allowing us to provide needed support to this organization that is working hard to improve and change lives for the better. Thank you to all who are able to participate in this Advent Season of giving to those in need.

WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: *“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,”* many parish communities are committed to St. Louis Winter Outreach as a Ministry of Mercy.

“As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me.” (MT 25:31-46)

As winter approaches, our homeless “brethren” will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, we ask your help in providing meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter, 1315 Ann Street, on the following days.



DATES: SATURDAYS (1:00pm drop off)
DECEMBER 11, 2021

JANUARY 8, 2022

FEBRUARY 12, 2022

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

9 x 13 Casserole (Meat, Vegetable, or Breakfast)

Dessert - 12 to 24 servings

Food items may be store-bought. All dishes must be brought baked, frozen, wrapped, and marked. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parking Lot at 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to drop off or have picked up from your home ahead of time.

For more information, to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email maryem@brick.net.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

welcome

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope that you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join where you can meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities at our church. Please join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Anthony Cataldo and Kayla Berry

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 4 - 5, 2021

4:30pm Laura Geiser	8:00am Barb Cramer	10:00am Heather Hays
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NOVEMBER YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	Bob and Jean Mayo
2nd Place \$50	Mike Stockmann
3rd Place \$50	Jackie Mitchell

Holiday Update

Please note, due to the upcoming holidays, the bulletins are due to the publisher earlier than normal. Therefore, please submit any bulletin items as soon as possible.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR NOV. 29 - DEC. 5, 2021

Monday, November 29

8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Mac Teeter
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Tuesday, November 30

8:00am	Henry Dirnbeck	Charlie Dirnbeck
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Wednesday, December 1

8:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt
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Thursday, December 2

8:00am	Steven Irons	Susan Irons
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Friday, December 3

8:00am	Claire Fuhr	Lucas Fuhr
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Saturday, December 4

4:30pm	James Browning Cillian Sheehan	Ryan Schneider
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Sunday, December 5

8:00am	Lucas Feldman Clara Thompson	Frank Koziacki
10:00am	Matthew Franz Mateo Switzer	Aidan Switzer



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

St. Raphael the Archangel Church
6040 Jamieson Avenue

Join us for an evening of prayer, music and fellowship as we celebrate the joy of the advent season and our preparations for Christmas.

Speakers include Catholic educator and diversity consultant, Danielle Harrison, as well as inspirational radio personality Sandi Brown, of JOY FM, sharing thoughts on maintaining grace with ourselves and with others and the joy found in waiting for Christmas. Music provided by Ray and Mary Anne Braun.

All women are welcome and encouraged to invite family and friends.
Donations for Our Lady's Inn are appreciated.

Sunday, December 5

Doors Open at 6:00pm | Program: 6:30pm

Hot Drinks & Mini Donuts Following the Service

Contact Anne Browning at annabelle_lea@hotmail.com or Melissa Schneider at melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com for more information.

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BLACK & GOLD AUCTION

MAY 7, 2022

Auction Donation Blitz!

Black Friday is almost here! While out holiday shopping, please consider picking up an item or two to donate to the Auction.

Donations valued at a minimum of \$75 and received in the Parish Office between 12/6 and 12/17 at 12pm will be entered into a drawing to win one (1) ticket to our in-person auction this year, as well as some goodies from one of our favorite partners, Southside Wine and Spirits. The winner of the Auction Night Package will be announced on 12/17.

Please attach a donation form to your item so you get credit for donating!

Check out our Auction page on Facebook by searching
“St. Raphael the Archangel Black and Gold Auction.”

Our Auction Wish List on Facebook lists some of our most desired items for this year’s event.

Questions? Need to make special arrangements for an item drop off?

Contact: Katie Meier katiemeier82@gmail.com

SRA Parish Office Hours for Item Drop Off

Monday-Thursday 7:30a-4:00p

Friday 7:30a-12p



Advent, 2021

Advent Healing Services (all begin at 7:00pm in Church and will be livestreamed)

November 29

December 6

December 13

Weekly Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday

6:40-6:50am

Saturday

6:40-6:50am and 3:45-4:20pm

Special Confession Times

Advent Confessions

December 11, 2:00-4:20pm

"Last Call" Confessions

December 20, 6:00-8:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday, December 3, after 8:00am Mass - 2:15pm; no reservation required

Each Wednesday of Advent 3:00-9:00pm; reservation required

Schedule of Masses for Feast Days

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

December 7, at 7:00pm

December 8, at 7:00am, 8:00am, and 4:30pm

Schedule for Christmas

<i>Christmas Eve, December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Day, December 25*</i>
4:30pm	8:00am
10:00pm	10:00am

* Even though this is a Saturday, there will be no confessions from 3:30-4:20pm and no 4:30pm Mass as the Mass would count for Christmas and not for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 26) - 8:00am and 10:00am Mass

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) - Not a Holy Day of Obligation - January 1 at 7:00am

Feast of the Epiphany (January 1 and 2) - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for November 28 through April 9, are now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, December 3. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, December 10, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shop-withscrip.com.

***Laudato Si'*: Praise be to you - Care for Our Common Home**

We can see God reflected in all that exists. Our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all His creatures and to worship Him in union with them." (LS 87)

SRA 8TH GRADE Fundraiser

Butter Braid Pastries, Cookie Dough, & Pizzas

- To participate, scan the QR code below, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SRA8th21>, or complete the order form below and drop off at the Rectory or School Office with payment (please make checks payable to SRA).
- Orders must be received by Wednesday, December 1, 2021.
- Pick-up/delivery will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021.



For more information and/or questions - please contact Mary Guenther
maryguenther3@gmail.com or 314.803.7300

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____



BUTTER BRAID								COOKIE DOUGH					PIZZAS					
PASTRIES & ROLL								40 PRE-PORTIONED COOKIES					2-PACK / 11"					
\$15								\$17					\$20					
	APPLE	STRAWBERRY CREAM CHEESE	CINNAMON	CHERRY	CREAM CHEESE	RASPBERRY	CARAMEL ROLL	TRIPLE CHOCOLATE	WHITE CHUNK MACADAMIA NUT	CHOCOLATE CHIP	PEANUT BUTTER	SNICKERDOODLE	FOUR CHEESE	ULTIMATE PEPPERONI	MEAT LOVER'S	SUPREME	BBQ CHICKEN	TOTAL DUE
# of ITEMS																		
TOTAL \$																		

Proceeds benefit the SRA 8th Grade Class Mystery Trip & Graduation Celebration
Thank you for your support!



Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

_____ New Parishioner

_____ Please Contact Me

_____ New Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number

_____ Please Do Not Publish Phone#