



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

6047 Bishops Place
Saint Louis, MO 63109

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straphaelarchangel.org

Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

6000 Jamieson Avenue
Saint Louis, MO 63109

314.352.9474 | 314.351.7477 (Fax)
Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am
Saturday | 3:30pm
Other | By Appointment

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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



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LAY LEADERSHIP

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Welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. To register, please visit our website: straphaelarchangel.org. Click on About, scroll down, and click on Join Our Parish, or call 314.352.8100.

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. PS 38 (37): 22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Reading 1

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Reading 2

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the Gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Gospel

Mt 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 5

9:00am People of the Parish

Monday, November 6

8:00am Richard Werner

Tuesday, November 7

8:00am Richard and Nancy Werner

Wednesday, November 8

8:00am Gary Allen Enenhoh

Thursday, November 9

8:00am Christopher G. Klos

Friday, November 10

8:00am Michael Adams

Saturday, November 11

7:00am Debbie Ellis

4:30pm Rose Marie Gorczyca

Sunday, November 12

9:00am Marcia Matreci

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money, and possessions are the keys to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship...relationship with each other and God. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship, and humility is the seed of trust.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

October 29, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (44)	\$ 3,830	\$ 74,668
Loose Money	\$ 1,532	\$ 18,986
School Support	\$ 35	\$ 2,980
Building Fund	\$ 0	\$ 3,403
Holy Days	\$ 65	\$ 671
Online Giving (50)	\$ 2,848	\$ 57,855
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 5)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 50)	
New Parishioners	\$ 50	
Grand Total	\$ 8,415	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,360	\$ 159,659
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 180,000
Difference	<u>(\$ 1,640)</u>	<u>(\$ 18,701)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. How beautiful it is to put our complete faith and trust in Jesus. Being a Vincentian gives us the opportunity to humble ourselves in the eyes of God. Have you thought of joining us at one of our meetings? We would love to share with you what we do about our mission to love and restore dignity to our neighbors in need of advice and financial support. Thank you for showing your loving concern through your prayers and sacrifices.

**LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
NOVEMBER 11 AND 12, 2023**

LECTORS

4:30pm
Laura Geiser

9:00am
Suzy Ferrenbach

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Brian McCarthy
Greg Heuing
Margie Auer

9:00am
Lisa Murphy
Amy Schisler
Barb Cramer

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Monday, November 6

8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Cafeteria 8th Gr. Volleyball Party
7:00pm Frpl. Room Parish Council/Stewardship

Tuesday, November 7

8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria Kdgt. Daisy Troop
5:00pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:30pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Volleyball

Wednesday, November 8

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria 5th Gr. Girl Scouts
4:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, November 9

8:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class
3:30pm Gym 8th Gr. Girls Volleyball
4:30pm Gym 4th Gr. Girls Volleyball
6:00pm Gym 3rd Gr. Girls Volleyball

Friday, November 10

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass

Saturday, November 11

7:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Church Mass
6:30pm Gym Trivia Night

Sunday, November 12

9:00am Church Mass
9:30am Parish Off. OCIA
6:45pm Gab. House AYM Life Teen Night

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 11 AND 12, 2023

Saturday, November 11

4:30pm To Be Scheduled

Sunday, November 12

9:00am To Be Scheduled

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday	Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

THANK YOU
SAINT RAPHAEL!



HARRIS SCHOOL DORMITORY COMPLETE!

Parishioners of Saint Raphael, Greetings from Thyolo, Malawi! Our dormitory is standing majestically and has changed the lives of our students. In each of the 2 rooms there are 36 double decker beds thus housing 144 students in total. Your help has made a very big positive change for our students. We are so appreciative of your generosity! May God continue to bless the parish of St. Raphael!
Fr. Philip Mbetta

Archangel Youth Ministry (AYM)
Formerly known as SGYG

NOVEMBER 19

TURKEY OLYMPICS SOCIAL

ALL
High Schoolers
are invited!

YOUTH MASS @ 5:30PM
SOCIAL @ 6:45PM

DINNER | SNACKS | TREATS
TURKEY INSPIRED GAMES
PRIZES FOR THE WINNING
TEAM



Questions?
Contact Youth Minister, Sarah Henderson
hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

Operation Christmas Spirit

TOY COLLECTION FOR MOST HOLY TRINITY DAYCARE

St. Raphael Ladies' Club is soliciting Christmas present donations for the daycare center at our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity. Purchase gifts using the Amazon wish list and choose the option to **mail directly to Ally Favre on registry**:



Checks/Cash payable to 'St. Raphael Ladies' Club' can also be dropped off at the rectory through 11/10, attention MHT/Ginny Ottenad.

St. Raphael Ladies' Club will be wrapping the gifts at the Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner meeting on 11/16. Please join us at 7pm in the SRA cafeteria.



Grateful for Thanksgiving Blessings

Join us for unity and prayer at
Saint Raphael's Family Mass!

Sunday, November 19

9 am Mass

Stay for
Donut Sunday
& Pretzel Sale
following Mass.





The 5th grade class, in conjunction with the SRA school community, invites our Veterans to celebrate Mass with us on Friday, November 10th at 8 am.

Mass will be followed by a reception to honor our distinguished guests in the school cafeteria.

RSVPs are encouraged, but not required; please contact the school office at 314-352-9474 or email Mrs. Kathy Shaver at secretary@straphaelarchangel.org.

Please share this information with loved ones that have served.

We are looking forward to seeing our honored guests.

NOVEMBER 10

ARCHANGEL YOUTH MINISTRY (AYM)



NOVEMBER 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3	4
5 AYM Life Teen Night <small>Special Talk given by, Fr. Ritter!</small>	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
National Vocations Week! Nov. 5th - 11th						
12 AYM Life Teen Night	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Youth Mass/ Social Night! <small>Turkey Olympics!</small>	20	21	22	23 <i>HAPPY Thanks Giving</i>	24	25
26 AYM Life Teen Night	27	28	29	30		



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

HELD BY ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL LADIES' CLUB

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH: 5:00PM - ST. RAPHAEL GYM

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Advent by Candlelight is an invitation for women to step away from hectic Christmas activities and instead focus on the inner preparation which is the purpose of the Advent season in readying our hearts and homes to receive the gift of the infant Jesus.



The evening opens with hostesses greeting their guests and general visiting among all those present. Then it continues with a short prayer service, followed by sharing of light hors d'oeuvres or dessert provided by each hostess for her particular table, and concludes with a guest speaker who never fails to inspire us.

We are very excited to have Virginia Herbers as our guest speaker this year. Virginia is a teacher, author and spiritual director who grew up on Lansdowne Avenue, a St. Gabriel parishioner. She received her Bachelors degree in Mathematics and her Master's degree in Theological Studies, and has ministered most of her life as an educator. She has taught students from Kindergarten through university level in Missouri, New York, Connecticut, and Taiwan, and currently works at Saint Louis University as Director of Mission Formation for faculty and staff. Virginia has offered spiritual direction and retreat facilitation for several years, directing the Queen of Apostles Spiritual Life Center in St. Louis and currently serving on the preaching teams of several St. Louis retreat centers. Her third book, entitled Gifts from Friends We Never Wanted, is due to come out next year. In addition to her work in spirituality, she also serves on the board of The Covering House, a

local residential therapeutic home dedicated to the recovery and restoration of child victims of sexual abuse.

Please consider being a table hostess & treating your friends, relatives or neighbors to this special event. The duties of a table hostess include reserving a table, inviting guests (8 people per table), decorating your table and providing table settings and light appetizers /desserts for your guests. More detailed information will be given to each hostess.

We are encouraging hostesses to keep their food very simple in trying to keep with our desire to offer a less stressful, more peaceful and enjoyable evening among friends.

This is a FREE event, but we will take up a collection for our parish if you would like to contribute that evening.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT RESERVATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

_____ I would like to be a Table Hostess. I want to invite others to sit with me. The people listed below will automatically be registered to be seated at my table. (Hostess information will be sent to you.)

Hostess

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

Guest

_____ I would like to register as an individual and would like to be placed at any table where there is room.

If possible please seat me with _____

Please return reservation form to Stacy LoBello, 5922 Highfield Rd, 63109 or email reservation to ladies@straphaelarchangel.org. Questions? Call or text: Stacy LoBello 314-518-3069.



Thank you to all who volunteered to clean the chandeliers in church this past week. The chandeliers will look awesome for the upcoming holidays and holy days.

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope 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. Please join us at Mass, and we hope you will consider joining us in future church activities. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Frank and Beth Murphy
Jim and Ann Cole

Freshly Shelled Stuckey's Brand Nuts

Benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St.
Raphael Parish

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Qty.	Item	Price Each
	1 Lb. Mammoth Pecan Halves	\$12.00
	1 Lb. Mix Nuts (toasted/salted fancy pecans, cashews, brazil nuts, hazel nuts & large almonds)	\$11.00
	1 Lb. Toasted & Salted Cashews	\$10.00
	12 Oz. Deluxe Praline Pecans	\$9.00
	1 Lb. English Walnuts	\$8.00
	Total Amount of Order (Enclosed):	

Shelled nutmeats have a shelf life of three months. Freezing is recommended for longer storage of up to two years. An excellent source of protein, fiber, and vitamins!

We expect delivery in early December. You will be notified when nuts are available for pickup at St. Raphael's Parish Office. If questions, call Patti Webers at pwebers@sbcglobal.net or 314-496-8836.

Please include payment with order. Checks may be made out to St. Raphael the Archangel
Order Deadline: Nov 22, 2023

Thank you for your Support!

Lace Up!

Lace up for the 5th Annual Parents vs. Kids Thanksgiving Soccer Game

Who: All ages, all adults, all kids

Where: Busch School Field

When: Thursday, November 23

Meet: 8:00am at the Ruggeri House (5822 Holly Hills Ave.)

Game: 9:00am - Noon

Hot chocolate, adult beverages, and light breakfast items will be provided.

