



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 15, 2023 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Saint Louis, MO 63109

314.352.8100
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

FEAST



"Come to the feast."

MATTHEW 22:4BC

PARISH CLERGY

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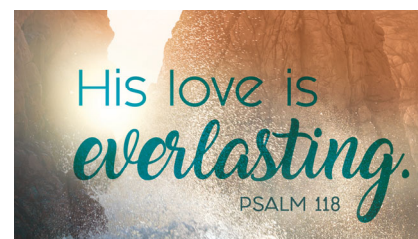
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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 130 (129): 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Reading 1

Is 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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Reading 2

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 15

9:00am Harvey Boller

Monday, October 16

8:00am Carolyn Otz

Tuesday, October 17

8:00am Nancy Geiser

Wednesday, October 18

8:00am Kelly Lane

Thursday, October 19

8:00am Deceased Members of
The Stewart Family

Friday, October 20

8:00am Steve Neyloon

Saturday, October 21

7:00am Susan Klepper
4:30pm Tom and Collin O'Shea

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."
Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. To believe this is very difficult for people who don't live a stewardship lifestyle. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month. Be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure; then see how God provides for your needs.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

October 8, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (39)	\$ 5,200	\$ 63,685
Loose Money	\$ 1,442	\$ 15,410
School Support	\$ 330	\$ 2,755
Building Fund	\$ 130	\$ 3,273
Holy Days	\$ 0	\$ 356
Online Giving (50)	\$ 3,306	\$ 48,446
Tithing	(\$ 20)	
Easter	\$ 25	
Retired Religious	(\$ 3)	
Holy Land	(\$ 1)	
Permanent Diaconate	(\$ 85)	
Candle Money	\$ 161	
Grand Total	\$ 10,703	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,594	\$ 134,971
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 150,000
Difference	<u>\$ 594</u>	<u>(\$ 15,029)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that many are invited, but few are chosen. How blessed we are to know Jesus. He wants us to have the courage to go out and invite everyone to His feast. When we help our neighbors in need, we have the chance to show them our care and concern. At this time, they may be overwhelmed with the pressures of life. Some of these people have never been invited to know Jesus. Their lives can change when they realize that Jesus can wipe away their tears and supply them with whatever they need. They can become one of the chosen. Our prayers and generosity make it possible for the Vincentians to share God's invitation.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 21 AND 22, 2023

Saturday, October 21

4:30pm Henry Dirnbeck Lucas Feldman
Katelyn Feldman

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Ava Christlieb Linus Cyr
Xavier Cyr

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21 AND 22, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Linda Hiette

9:00am
Tom Mudd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Greg Heuing
Margie Auer
Kevin Liddy

9:00am
Dennis Matreci
Krissy Sullivan
John Rooney

Monday, October 16

8:00am Church Mass
4:00pm Gym Volleyball
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball
7:00pm Fplc. Room Stewardship Committee
7:00pm School School Board

Tuesday, October 17

8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Fplc. Room Finance Council
6:30pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Volleyball
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club

Wednesday, October 18

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
4:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball
7:00pm Cafeteria Basketball Coaches Meeting
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, October 19

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
7:00pm Cafeteria Ladies' Club

Friday, October 20

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym Volleyball Games

Saturday, October 21

7:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Church Mass
6:00pm School Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Church Mass - Alumni Sunday
9:30am Parish Off. OCIA
10:00am Cafeteria Alumni Reception
11:30pm Gym Volleyball Games

Fr. Molini's Notes

Mass Schedule

Please take note of the change in the 8:45am Mass at St. Gabriel. The 8:45am Mass will end on Friday, October 13, and we will begin the 8:00am Mass on October 16. So, both parishes will have an 8:00am weekday Mass. All other Mass times will remain the same for now. Along with the generous assistance of Bishop Rivituso, Fr. Jim Mitulski, a retired priest, will become a more familiar face around the parishes. When we need assistance, Fr. Mitulski has offered to help, and, for this past week, has had the 8:00am Mass at St. Raphael. This will be especially helpful when I'm on a previously scheduled pilgrimage to the Shrines of Mary. My former parish was in the middle of its centennial celebration and one of the events was this pilgrimage. We leave on October 23, for Fatima, Lourdes, Lisieux, Rouen, and Paris. I will return to the parish the evening of November 9.



Parish Picnic

Again, thanks for the many volunteers who made the St. Gabriel Parish Picnic the incredible event that it was. While not my first parish picnic, it was my first St. Gabe's event and, WOW, what a herculean effort! I kept sending photos to my siblings about the parade, the setup, the crowds, the bands, and then the fireworks. I also shared with them that I now know it takes 30 minutes to walk around Francis Park with the Kindergarten Class. Thanks to all!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Parents of younger children, have you heard about the wonderful ministry provided at both parishes during the 9:00am and 10:00am Masses? During the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, catechists invite children (about 3-4 years old to First Graders) to come away to a separate space and hear the Word of God and a lesson prepared to their level. At each Mass, the children are invited forward after the opening prayer and return to the church after the Creed and Intercessions. This is a wonderful service to the children and helps them appreciate the readings of the day.

What now?

Thanks to the many comments of support as we all face the reality of one less priest ministering at the parishes. "What happens now" has been the most frequent question asked of me, and has been on my mind as well. I've started a conversation with the principals about a workable schedule that allows me more time in the schools to visit classrooms and be present there. The frequency of evening meetings will be a challenge, not only that there are two parishes, but I have a fair number of couples I'm preparing for Marriage who meet in the evenings, as well as people I meet with for spiritual direction, parish concerns, etc. I'm a firm believer it will all work out, but please be patient with me. I am certain of one thing: I will be relying upon the generous offers to help that been given by so many. I'm also grateful to the Parish Councils for their advice. Both are discussing expanding their membership to allow for greater participation and insight from more parishioners...more on that as we move forward. Thank You.

Donut Sunday

Today is Donut Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 9:00am Mass. If you attend 4:30pm Mass, please return on Sunday for a donut and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! This Donut Sunday is hosted by the Parish Council.

**Seeking New to Good Condition
Costume Donations For**

HALLOWEEN


Requested sizes: Infant- Child Medium

**Costumes will be donated to SRA
sister parish, Most Holy Trinity**

**Please package each clean/ready to wear
costume in their own zip lock bag, sharpie
marked with costume name/type & size**

**Bring to Ladies Club Meeting 9/21 or 10/19
Or you can place in bin in the main school
vestibule before 10/20! Thank you!**



 **ST. RAPHAEL HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

the Annual Marcia Matreci Memorial

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, November 11, 2023

**ST. RAPHAEL GYM (JAMIESON ENTRANCE)
6000 JAMIESON AVE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63109**

6:30PM DOORS OPEN/ 7PM TRIVIA BEGINS

COST: \$200 PER TABLE (8 people per table)

- Includes 3 mulligans & 2 table games
- BYO snacks and refreshments
- Make check payable to 'SRA HSA'
- Must be paid in full at time of reservation, no exceptions
- Register by Monday, October 16th
- Questions to Meredith.A.Winters@gmail.com

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Team Members:

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2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

SRA Holiday Wreath Sale



The Holiday Greenery Sale Is Back!!

Order online or submit paper order forms.

The order forms will be at the entrances of church and should be turned in to the parish office.

If you would prefer your items shipped directly to you, please use the site below.

www.GiftItForward.com

code: STRAPHMO001

Pre-orders are due no later than October 31. The holiday greenery will be delivered to school the week of November 27.

The bulk order link is for pickup of items only.

All checks should be made out to St. Raphael or use the site to shop and pay.

<https://www.giftitforward.com/?ref=st-raphael>



SRA Wreaths 2023

Order Yours Today!!



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Event Sponsorship

Your corporate or family sponsorship includes your logo or family photo projected on our "Sponsor Big Screen", printed acknowledgement to be viewed by trivia participants and social media advertising and promotion.

This event is hosted by the St. Raphael Home & School Association and benefits the students and teachers of St. Raphael the Archangel School. We thank you for your support!

I would like to sponsor at the level of: **\$100** ☐ (a shared round) **\$200** ☐ (entire round)

Company or Family Name: _____

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Contact Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

St. Raphael the Archangel is a 501(C)(3) Non-Profit. Federal Tax # 43-0653561 NCEA 246242

Please make check payable to 'SRA HSA',
then send this completed form with your payment by October 27, 2023
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Please send a digital copy of your company's logo by October 27, 2023 to
Meredith Winters- at Meredith.A.Winters@gmail.com



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The SRA Home and School Association is collecting Gift Card donations (\$10-\$25 from various locations) for our annual Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night. Your donation helps to ensure the success of our event and supports the HSA in its mission to provide enhanced educational tools to our teachers and students, as well as develop a strong sense of community between our parents, faculty, and parishioners. Please send your donations to the school office with attention to Meredith Winters.

Thank you for your generosity and support! You help us remain #SRAstrong!

Questions?

Please reach out to Meredith Winters at
meredith.a.winters@gmail.com



Saturday, October 21
SRA Parking Lot



Chili, nachos, hot dogs & beverages available for purchase
Prizes for Best Costume and Best Decorated Car
*** A Fundraiser for the SRA 8th Grade Class ***

Family Name _____

Phone # _____ # of Children Participating _____

3 Ways to Pay

1. Return this form and payment to school office, cash or check
Checks payable to SRA
2. Order through the SRA square website -
<http://bit.ly/sratrunkortreat>
3. Scan the QR code

Trunk or Treat





Thank you to parishioners Bob and Maureen Ahrens for donating an American Flag and a Missouri Flag. Both flags will proudly be flown 24 hours with lights.



FREE FALL CONCERT

Please join us for our second annual fall concert “Carry the Hope” on Sunday, October 22, at St. Joan of Arc Church (just east of Hampton on the corner of Pernod and Sulphur) at 3:00pm. Our one-hour program will include vocal and instrumental selections as well as inspirational readings and even the chance for a sing-a-long. Plan to attend and bring a friend. All are welcome!



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 E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone #