



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2023 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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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

BELONG



“Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God.”

MATTHEW 22:21

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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 17 (16): 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Reading 1

Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

Reading 2

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

Monday, October 23

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

Tuesday, October 24

8:00am Geiser Family Special Intentions

Wednesday, October 25

8:00am Tom Long

Thursday, October 26

8:00am Edward A. Rohde

Friday, October 27

8:00am Anthony Ivers

Saturday, October 28

7:00am Lois Zitzman

4:30pm Raymond Braun

Sunday, October 29

9:00am People of the Parish

"Repay to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21

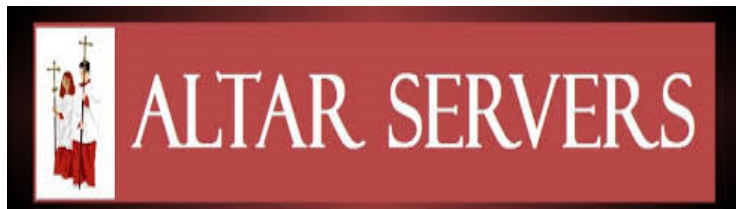
Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave to us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

October 15, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (47)	\$ 3,788	\$ 67,473
Loose Money	\$ 1,413	\$ 16,823
School Support	\$ 50	\$ 2,805
Building Fund	\$ 105	\$ 3,378
Holy Days	\$ 50	\$ 406
Online Giving (51)	\$ 2,954	\$ 51,400
Permanent Diaconate	(\$ 53)	
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 60)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,473	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,360	\$ 143,331
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000	\$ 160,000
Difference	<u>(\$ 1,640)</u>	<u>(\$ 16,669)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us to repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. When people in need come to us in desperation, we reach out to them with love and understanding. With God at the center of our lives, our hearts are filled with joy when we give to those in need of our sacrifices and prayers.



SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 28 AND 29, 2023

Saturday, October 28

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Sophia Bradshaw
Clara Thompson

Sunday, October 29

9:00am Ava Christlieb Gavin Eddingfield
Adriana Kurtovic

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Tuesday	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-
Wednesday	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 28 AND 29, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Denise Howard

9:00am
Barb Cramer

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
George Kerry
Mary Steck
Elena Switzer

9:00am
Marilyn Unger
Gerald Unger
Steve Kratky

Monday, October 23

8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Gym 3rd Gr. Boys Volleyball

Tuesday, October 24

8:00am Church Mass
8:45am Church Chandelier Cleaning
4:30pm Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts
5:00pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:30pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Volleyball
7:00pm Raphael Rm. Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, October 25

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
4:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball
7:30pm Church So. City Men's Recollection
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, October 26

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, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

7:00am Church Mass
11:00am Gym Volleyball Games
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, October 29

9:00am Church Mass
9:30am Parish Off. OCIA
11:30pm Gym Volleyball Games
5:30pm Gabe. Hse.* AYM Youth Mass & Social
* Gabriel House

Fr. Molini's Notes

Pilgrimage

Again, please remember that I will be away from the parish from October 23 to November 10. I will certainly carry your intentions with me as we visit the various shrines of the Blessed Mother and other religious sites. Please pray for our safe travels and return.

Schools

Due to the recent announcement about some Catholic schools facing conversations about their stability and status, some parents have asked about the schools at our parishes. Neither St. Gabriel nor St. Raphael schools are included in these conversations. As I have repeated, I was assigned to pastor two parishes with two schools and two autonomous programs. For our parishes, I believe the conversation is more about the ongoing effectiveness of our programs to impart the Catholic Faith to our children and families. *"The Catholic school forms part of the saving mission of the Church, especially for education in the faith. Remembering that the simultaneous development of man's psychological and moral consciousness is demanded by Christ almost as a pre-condition for the reception of the befitting divine gifts of truth and grace, the Church fulfills her obligation to foster in her children a full awareness of their rebirth to a new life. It is precisely in the Gospel of Christ, taking root in the minds and lives of the faithful, that the Catholic school finds its definition as it comes to terms with the cultural conditions of the times."* (Paragraph 9, "The Catholic School" by the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1977) As we continue to work at improving our educational programs, the priority of evangelization is paramount to all these conversations.

All Saints Day

While much attention is given to Halloween as indicated by the decorations on many homes, let's all remember the reason for Halloween is the Feast of All Saints on November 1, called in some countries "All Hallows." All Hallows Eve should remind us of the importance of celebrating our call to be saints...and, as such, preparing us now to join all the saints in the heavenly kingdom. Celebrating at Mass is our way, even now, of anticipating that experience of the Kingdom: God's people gathered around the altar participating in the Sacrifice of Christ. Don't forget to include a visit to God's House as part of the celebration.



On October 6, Fr. Molini invited the 4th through 8th graders to the Altar to explain what Benediction and Adoration mean.



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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| 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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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, November 11, 2023

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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Please make check payable to '**SRA HSA**',
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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*

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.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH



St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

We are called
to be messengers
of God's love.

Every person is
sent.

usccb.org/respectlife

Nothing can diminish
the priceless worth of
any human life.

Every person is
cherished.

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God creates every
person for eternal
union with Himself.

Every person is
chosen.

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Chandelier Cleaning

The church chandeliers will be cleaned on Tuesday, October 24, after the 8:00am Mass. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the workload! Bring a bucket and some rags. The chandeliers lower so no need to worry about getting on a ladder. See you after Mass on October 24.