



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2023 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME!

#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

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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

# LOVE

"You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with  
all your mind."

MATTHEW 22:37

#### PARISH CLERGY

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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](http://straphaelarchangel.org). Click on About, scroll down, and click on Join Our Parish, or call 314.352.8100.

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## READINGS FOR OCTOBER 29, 2023 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 105 (104): 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### Reading 1

Ex 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

### Reading 2

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

### Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

### 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, October 29**

9:00am People of the Parish

### **Monday, October 30**

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

### **Tuesday, October 31**

8:00am Charlie and Mickey Oldani

5:00pm Raymond Braun -

All Saints Vigil Mass

### **Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints**

8:00am People of the Parish

### **Thursday, November 2**

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

### **Friday, November 3**

8:00am Philip and Louise Buffa

### **Saturday, November 4**

7:00am Philip Buffa

4:30pm John Bismark Family, SI

### **Sunday, November 5**

9:00am People of the Parish

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37*

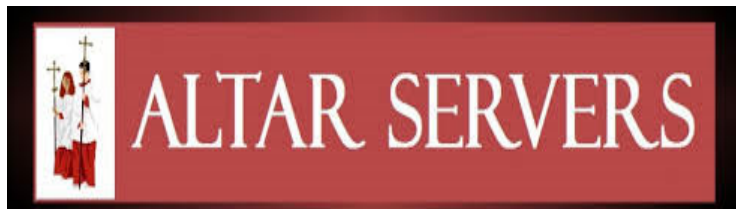
Do we put other "gods" before God? Is our love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than our love for God? Do we recognize that everything we have and everything we are are gifts from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming slaves to our possessions and our pride.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

October 22, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (41)</b>	\$ 3,365	\$ 70,838
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 631	\$ 17,454
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 140	\$ 2,945
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 25	\$ 3,403
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 200	\$ 606
<b>Online Giving (52)</b>	\$ 3,607	\$ 55,007
<b>Mission Co-Op</b>	(\$ 235)	
<b>Permanent Diaconate</b>	(\$ 30)	
<b>Catholic Communication</b>	(\$ 5)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 8,238	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 7,968	\$ 151,299
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 10,000	\$ 170,000
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 2,032)</u>	<u>(\$ 18,701)</u>
<b>FYE 2023</b>		<u>\$ 5,826</u>

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves. When neighbors in our parish boundaries call us for help, we reach out to them. If only we could walk in their shoes for just one week, then we would truly realize why they are appreciative for everything we do for them. Thank you for loving all those who are less fortunate.



## SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 4 AND 5, 2023

### Saturday, November 4

4:30pm To Be Scheduled

### Sunday, November 5

9:00am To Be Scheduled

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday	Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Friday	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

## LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 4 AND 5, 2023

### LECTORS

4:30pm  
Kevin Liddy

9:00am  
Amy Ruggeri

### Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm  
Christy Connor  
Tony Mariani  
Pam Hager

9:00am  
Linda Saracino  
Dan Harbaugh

### Monday, October 30

8:00am Church Mass  
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball  
6:00pm Gym 3rd Gr. Boys Volleyball  
7:00pm Frpl. Room St. Vincent de Paul

### Tuesday, October 31

8:00am Church Mass  
5:00pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Volleyball  
5:00pm Church Mass - All Saints Vigil  
6:30pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Volleyball

### Wednesday, November 1

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

### Thursday, November 2

8:00am Church Mass  
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class  
3:30pm Gym 8th Gr. Girls Volleyball  
4:30pm Gym 4th Gr. Girls Volleyball  
5:30pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts  
6:00pm Gym 3rd Gr. Girls Volleyball

### Friday, November 3

7:30am Church Rosary  
8:00am Church Mass  
9:00am Church First Friday Adoration  
5:00pm Gym Volleyball Games

### Saturday, November 4

7:00am Church Mass  
4:30pm Church Mass

### Sunday, November 5

9:00am Church Mass  
9:30am Parish Off. OCIA  
11:30pm Gym Volleyball Games

## Fr. Molini's Notes

### Pilgrimage

By the time this makes the bulletin, we should be in Lourdes after praying our way through Fatima and Santiago de Compostela, the shrine to St. James in northern Spain. I'm grateful to the many parishioners who offered to pray for our safety...keep it up. As I have said, we will do what we can to stay out of trouble, but the uncertainties of our world continue to move us to greater prayer.

### All Saints Day

Please make your plans to attend the holy day Mass for All Saints on November 1. This feast is a wonderful reminder that we are all called to be saints, and it is a celebration of all who have gone before us who await us in the Kingdom. Our Mass Schedule is:

St. Raphael: Tuesday, October 31, at 5:00pm; Wednesday, November 1, at 8:00am.

St. Gabriel: Wednesday, November, 1 at 6:00am, 8:00am, 12 Noon, and 6:00pm.

### Halloween

Both Rectories will be "open" for Halloween as long as the candy holds out. Msgr. Simon will be at St. Raphael and Fr. Ritter will be at St. Gabriel, happy to welcome the trick-or-treaters.

### New Name | New Time | Expanded Area

**SGYG is now ARCHANGEL YOUTH MINISTRY (AYM)** covering the parishes of the St. Louis Hills neighborhood (St. Gabriel & St. Raphael). **AYM** is open to all high school teens. No signup necessary and teens do not need to be from the St. Louis Hills parishes to participate. High schoolers can attend on a regular basis or drop in as it fits their schedule.

Every week includes snacks, socializing, at least one game, a talk, and discussion time. Teens are encouraged to bring a friend to share in the fun.

**WHO:** All High School Teens

**WHAT:** Archangel Youth Ministry (AYM), utilizing the *Life Teen* program

**WHEN:** Sunday Evenings from 6:45-8:15pm

**WHERE:** Gabriel House Chapel

### STAY CONNECTED with AYM

Follow us on Instagram @archangelym (**New Name!**)

Like our Facebook Group: Archangel Youth Ministry (**New Name!**)

Join the SGA or SRA Flocknote Group: Youth Ministry

Visit the Youth Group page on the SGA parish website

Contact Youth Minister: Sarah Henderson - hendersons@stgabrielstl.org



ST. RAPHAEL ARCHANGEL'S ANNUAL

# MARCIA MATRECI TRIVIA NIGHT

Your support of this event benefits the St. Raphael the Archangel Home and School Association in its mission to provide enhanced educational tools to our teachers and students and to develop a strong sense of community between our parents, faculty, and parishioners.

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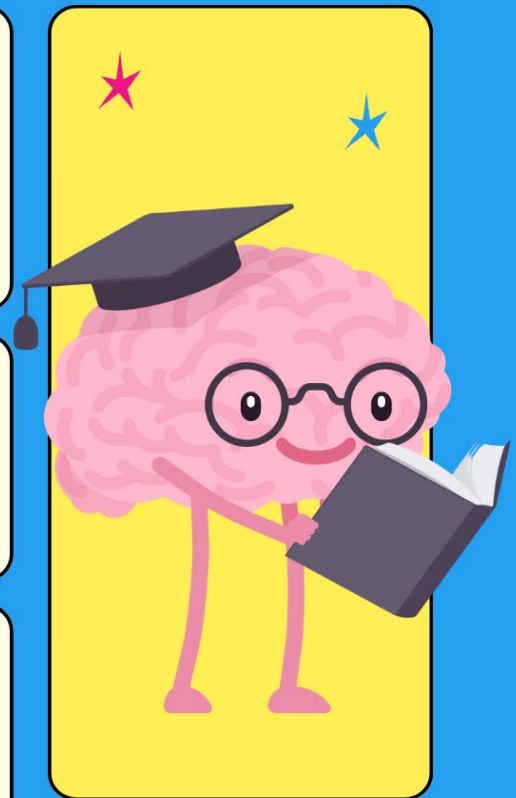
Doors Open at 6:30 pm  
Trivia Starts at 7 pm

## **HSA SEEKING HELP!**

The SRA Home and School Association is collecting Gift Card donations (\$5-\$25 from various locations) as well as local event tickets for our annual Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night. Please send donations to the school office with attention to Meredith Winters or Louise Balicki-Smith. Thank you for your generosity and support! You help us remain #SRAstrong!

Sign-Up to help with our event  
as a volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4BAAE2FA7FA7-45450979-sras>



## **CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS OR TO DONATE:**

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**LAST CHANCE: PRE-ORDERS**

## **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](http://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.

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**SRA Wreaths 2023**

**Order Yours Today!!**



# 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](mailto:ladies@straphaelarchangel.org). Questions? Call or text: Stacy LoBello 314-518-3069.



# 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.



## Office Hours

Please note, the office will be closed on Wednesday, November 1, due to the Feast of All Saints. Normal hours will resume on Thursday, November 2. Thank you.



**SCRIP** - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, November 3, and should be turned in to the school office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, November 10, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).

**PROUD SPONSOR OF THE BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION!**

**Tom Oldenburg**  
**ALDERMAN • WARD 16**

## Youth Club Raffle Winners October, 2023

1st Place \$100	Dick Stanfield
2nd Place \$50	Jack Delf
3rd Place \$50	Olivia Wegman

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH



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