



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




### WELCOME!

#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

6047 Bishops Place  
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

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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

# LISTEN

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

MATTHEW 18:15

#### PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Thomas Molini, Pastor  
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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Ps 119 (118): 137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Reading 1**

**Ez 33:7-9**

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Reading 2**

**Rom 13:8-10**

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**Gospel**

**Mt 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**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, September 10

9:00am People of the Parish

### Monday, September 11

8:00am Hutton Family

### Tuesday, September 12

8:00am Jost Family

### Wednesday, September 13

8:00am Bart Saracino, Sr.

### Thursday, September 14

8:00am Doris Woods

### Friday, September 15

8:00am Mary Ann Schuette

### Saturday, September 16

7:00am Andrew Constantin

4:30pm People of the Parish

### Sunday, September 17

9:00am Raymond and Craig Braun

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, some of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Sept. 3, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (45)</b>	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 41,467.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 1,259.00	\$ 10,191.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,920.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 276.00	\$ 1,218.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 346.00
<b>Online Giving (51)</b>	\$ 2,819.00	\$ 32,175.00

ProLife (\$ 1.00)

Altar Flowers \$ 25.00

Catholic Relief (\$ 1.00)

**Grand Total** \$ 8,786.00

**Total for Parish** \$ 8,784.00 \$ 88,177.00

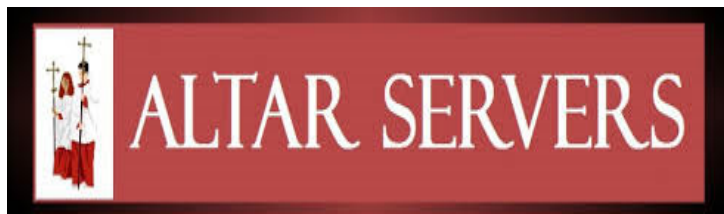
**Amount Needed** \$ 10,000.00 \$ 100,000.00

**Difference** (\$ 1,216.00) (\$ 11,823.00)

**FYE 2023** \$ 5,826.00

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in the midst of them." So many of our neighbors live alone. A lot of times there is no chance for discussion. However, when they call us for assistance, they are no longer alone. Jesus gives us the ability to let our neighbors know that we empathize. Jesus is right there in our midst when we open our hearts to them. Most times we are able to lift their immediate burden, but more importantly, they allow us to guide them. Our suggestions of where to call for further assistance and how to change their lifestyles can go a long way to get them back on their feet.



### SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17, 2023

#### Saturday, September 16

4:30pm Katelyn Feldman Lucas Feldman  
Clara Thompson

#### Sunday, September 17

9:00am Adriana Kurtovic Helen Potts  
Jude Potts

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday	Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and
Next Sunday	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

### LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17, 2023

#### LECTORS

4:30pm  
Kevin Liddy

9:00am  
Dennis Matreci

#### Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm  
Elena Switzer  
Christy Connor  
Tony Mariani

9:00am  
Barb Cramer  
Heather Hays  
Dennis Matreci

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, September 11

8:00am Church Mass  
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball  
7:00pm Parish Office Parish Council

#### Tuesday, September 12

8:00am Church Mass  
3:15pm Cafeteria Girl Scouts  
5:00pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Volleyball  
6:30pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Volleyball  
6:30pm School HSA

#### Wednesday, September 13

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

#### Thursday, September 14

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, September 15

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

#### Saturday, September 16

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

#### Sunday, September 17

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

**A month in....**

Thanks so much for the welcome I've received. I've been trying to get to as many meetings as possible, and, as you can imagine, there are plenty from which to choose. The level of activity at both parishes is a testimony to the vitality of each community. I've also appreciated the organic discussions of how both parishes can share events as we share priests. Thanks for all the consideration.

It has also been gratifying to see the level of volunteerism exercised in each parish. While there is always room for more participation, I've seen generous service offered by parishioners in the parish groups and at several events. I signed up to work food booths in Francis Park for different groups, and, both times, the booths were well staffed and left me time to visit and come to know more of you. I hope that sort of energy only grows, by encouraging others to "step up" and share their gifts of time and service in true stewardship fashion. Thanks for the generosity of service.

**Wakes and Funerals...in case you were gone last weekend**

The growing practice of having a "wake" at church before the funeral was a response to families expecting a small number of people due to the advanced age of the deceased family member. It was never intended to be for a large group, necessitating the use of the main body of the church. Too often it became a misuse of the holy space set apart for God and for prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased. What resulted were loud conversations, unattended children running about, and the "house of prayer" becoming simply a gathering space.

In the future, "wakes" will still be permitted for an hour before funerals, but conversation will be limited to the vestibule of church. The deceased may be "in state" in the church to allow for prayers. We will continue to work with families to provide a space for small visitations, but our churches were not intended to be funeral parlors and cannot serve that purpose for larger gatherings. I apologize if this change in practice is off-putting, but frankly I've heard much more concern voiced over not maintaining reverence and interfering with a place for prayer and closeness to God.

On a separate note, I encourage families to discuss funeral plans earlier rather than later. More than once in the past, I've brought the Sacraments to a parishioner who spoke of devotion to and love for Christ and the Church, indicating a desire for a funeral Mass, only to have a non-practicing family member fail to arrange for a Mass. The faithful Catholic was denied a funeral because no clear plan had been prepared. Please, speak to your family about your desires. We are happy to help pre-plan funerals and assist with liturgy preparations well in advance of the need.

**8:45 am Mass at St. Gabriel**

Before I was on site, we had to formulate the Mass schedule and, given the fluidity of the situation, we came up with the current times for Mass. Now that I am here and living with the schedule, I've had several requests to return the St. Gabriel Mass to 8:00am, primarily to accommodate greater parent participation at school Masses. I'm happy to entertain the conversation. If you feel strongly in either direction, please speak to me after Sunday Mass. I'd rather not have my email flooded with comments; just a simple yea or nay after Sunday Mass would be helpful. If the sentiment is strong to change back, I don't see a reason to hold off until January, although the daily school schedule may be affected.

**Don't forget our Upcoming PICNICS!**

**St. Raphael Picnic – September 22 and 23**

**St. Gabriel Picnic – October 6 and 7**

**Come One – Come All**



## Preschool Religion

The program returns on October 1<sup>st</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>

All children potty-trained through kindergarten are invited.

Everyone will gather at the beginning of 9:00 a.m. mass and return at Communion. If parents could please sit in front rows of church, it would cause less disruption for the mass.

The classes will take place either on the picnic tables or in the rectory basement. We will be using the SEEDS program, with supplemental materials from Catholic Moms.

At this time, there will **not** be classes on the following dates: December 24<sup>th</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions: [terri.borowiak@gmail.com](mailto:terri.borowiak@gmail.com)

Any teens needing Service Hours, please contact Mrs. Borowiak [terri.borowiak@gmail.com](mailto:terri.borowiak@gmail.com) You do not need to be available every week!

Please complete the information below to allow for the proper number of class supplies.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindergarten Year:      2023      2024      2025      2026

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Patron Saint: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

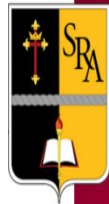
*Please leave in the mailbox of the parish office, the offertory basket, or with the school secretary.*

# CITY2 MATCH

\$5 from every ticket will go back to support St. Raphael School!

General Admission seating on the 100-level, East Side of CITYPARK

Scan to  
order tickets



CITYPARK



September 17, 2023



5:00 PM

St. Raphael School has set up an opportunity to join CITY2 in their second season of MLS Next Pro.

Join family, friends, and neighbors as CITY2 takes on western conference powerhouse, Galaxy2 in their regular season finale!





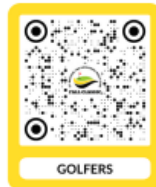
## FALL CLASSIC

**OCTOBER  
1ST**

FOREST PARK  
GOLF COURSE

*Register to play or  
volunteer today!*

**GOLFER REGISTRATION**  
SCAN HERE →  
OR CLICK THIS LINK  
[HTTPS://BIRDEASE.COM/SRAFALL  
CLASSICGOLF2023](https://birdease.com/srafallclassicgolf2023)



**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**  
← SCAN HERE  
OR CLICK THIS LINK  
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM  
/GO/10C0A44ACAB2AABFC1-2023](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44acab2aabfc1-2023)

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ST. RAPHAEL HOME & SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

the Annual Marcia Matreci Memorial

**TRIVIA NIGHT** 

**Save the Date**

***Saturday, November 11, 2023***

ST. RAPHAEL GYM  
6000 JAMIESON AVE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63109  
MORE DETAILS TO COME

NOT INTO TRIVIA BUT WANT TO PARTICIPATE? EMAIL  
[MEREDITH.A.WINTERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MEREDITH.A.WINTERS@GMAIL.COM) TO HELP



## Ride Bracelets - Early Sale

**Sunday, September 10th** at Donut Sunday, following 9 a.m. Mass.

**Monday, September 11th** - Friday, September 15th – 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. during drop-off on parking lot

**Cash or Check Only**

\$40 - 1 Day (Friday or Saturday)/\$60 - 2 Days

**The last Day of the Early Sale is Friday, September 15th.**

Purchase at the picnic for \$45 and \$65

Keep Growing Plants for Christy Connor's Plant Booth

Please donate; Coke Products, Desserts for Dinner, Plants, Cakes for Cake Walk – September 22nd

Return 50/50 to either Parish Office or School Office

Quilt Chances – Pink Papers attached to Father John's Letter

General Volunteers - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA82CA20-20231>

School Booth Volunteers - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ada82ca20-2023#/>

Keep Praying for Good Weather 😊

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Please scan the QR codes for picnic volunteer opportunities.







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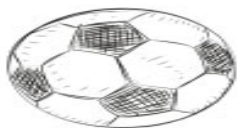
# *Growing in Faith*

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MASS

*Sunday, September 10 at 9 am*

Join us for unity and prayer  
at the SRA Family Mass!

All are invited to celebrate together.  
This liturgy will include a special team  
blessing for athletes, refs, and coaches.



Soccer and volleyball  
players can wear their  
uniform to Mass.



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## **The SRA Mum Sale**

**Order with the square link or use the QR code below**

As fall arrives so will our mums; Order yours now before they are gone  
Mums will be ready for pickup Sept 28 and 29th from the Rectory Garage

Mums are all 8" plants available in red, purple, orange and yellow all colors  
are \$10.00 each

[https://st-raaphael-the-archangel.square.site/s/shop?page=1&limit=60&sort  
by=popularity\\_score&sort\\_order=desc](https://st-raaphael-the-archangel.square.site/s/shop?page=1&limit=60&sort_by=popularity_score&sort_order=desc)



Questions please email [Ljeep524@gmail.com](mailto:Ljeep524@gmail.com)



### 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 Knights of Columbus.



**God Is Ready To Fill It With His Forgiveness, Healing, and Hope.**

### *Holy Family Hope and Healing Retreat* for Women, Men, and Couples Wounded by Abortion

***"There is hope for your future."***  
– God (Jeremiah 31:17)

**September 15-17, 2023**

Confidential, prayerful setting in St. Louis

Contact [hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org)

or 314.406.0815 through September 5

Women, men, and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the **Holy Family weekend retreat**, offered through the Archdiocese of St. Louis Abortion Healing Ministry.

A trained and compassionate team, including a priest and professional therapist, will gently lead participants through the critical steps of healing after abortion and help retreatants encounter the merciful love of Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician.

The \$100 cost includes two night's lodging, meals and materials. All information and inquiries are confidential.



### 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 #