



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

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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

FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive? As many
as seven times?” Jesus answered,
“I say to you, not seven times
but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Reading 1

Sir 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.** He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. **R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.** He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.** For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. **R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Reading 2

Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 17

9:00am Raymond and Craig Braun

Monday, September 18

8:00am Hutton Family

Tuesday, September 19

8:00am Bill Schicker

Wednesday, September 20

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Thursday, September 21

8:00am Patricia Deutschmann

Friday, September 22

8:00am Don Deachan

Saturday, September 23

7:00am Donna Knopf

10:30am Paul Beckerle

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 24

9:00am Marcia Matreci

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship: everything we are and everything we have are gifts from God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us, especially our very own lives. Let us pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling us to live the lives that He intended for us.

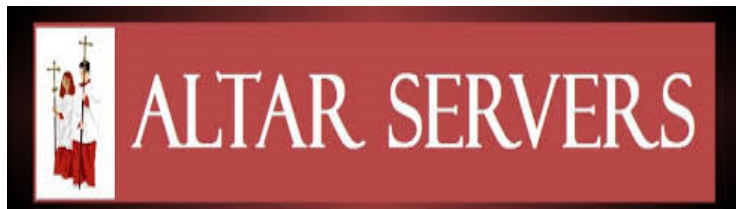
Your Contributions to God and Parish

Sept. 10, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (47)	\$ 5,623.00	\$ 47,090.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,103.00	\$ 11,294.00
School Support	\$ 70.00	\$ 1,990.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 2,953.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 346.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 3,627.00	\$ 35,802.00
Tithing	(\$ 45.00)	
ProLife	(\$ 250.00)	

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us. Our focus must be on God, to find God's way of loving and forgiving. Some of our neighbors in need have made mistakes in their lives. By showing our love to them, we let them know that some of us have made mistakes, too. Our prayers and gifts let them know that we are here for them in their time of need.

Grand Total	\$ 12,453.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 12,158.00	\$ 100,335.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
Difference		(\$ 11,823.00)
FYE 2023		\$ 5,826.00



SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 2023

Saturday, September 23

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Julia Panka
Clara Thompson

Sunday, September 24

9:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr
Gavin Eddingfield

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Laura Geiser

9:00am
Steve Kratky

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Pam Hager
Brian McCarthy
Greg Heuing

9:00am
Krissy Sullivan
John Rooney
Marilyn Unger

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 18

8:00am Church Mass - Fr. Molini Installation
4:00pm Gym Volleyball
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball
7:00pm School School Board

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

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, September 22

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm School Picnic

Saturday, September 23

7:00am Church Mass
10:30am School Mass - Picnic
11:30am School Picnic
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, September 24

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

Fr. Molini's Notes

Festival Season

Both parishes will soon host their parish picnics – so let's all celebrate. St. Raphael kicks it all off on September 22 and 23 with rides, drinks, food, and raffles to be enjoyed by all. Come and celebrate together.

In the midst of all these celebrations is the Feast Day of both parishes, September 29 – the Feast of the Archangels. Come praise God for the blessings of our parishes on this day at our Masses:

6:00 am at St. Gabriel

8:00 am at St. Raphael

8:45 am at St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel opens its picnic on the evening of October 6, continuing through October 7, with rides, games, food, and festivities. This is another opportunity to recognize the strong Catholic communities in the area and to foster a stronger connection among parishes.

8:45am Mass at St. Gabriel

Just a final "ask" for comments on whether to leave the daily Mass at St. Gabriel at 8:45am or return it to 8:00am. Please speak to me after Mass with your thoughts.

St. Vincent de Paul Plea For Help

Back in the spring of this year, we made a special appeal to you because we were running out of funds to aid our neighbors in need within our parish boundaries. At that time, you came to our rescue, and we were able to carry on our mission until now. Through your prayers and generous contributions, we have been able to help numerous families this year. Our parish continues to be a reflection of Jesus' love for the poor and needy.

We ask the Holy Spirit for His beloved guidance because we have run out of funds. We are no longer able to help these neighbors to recover their own dignity and to catch a glimpse of God's great love for them. We want to continue to bring Christ's love and compassion to those who request our help. They need our kindness and love expressed through our generosity. Right now, all we have to offer them is advice and a few toiletries.

We need your financial support to provide roofs over their heads, food for their children, transportation needs, and payment for utility bills paid. You are always so generous to our SVdP causes, but we humbly beg you to dig deeper into your wallets, pocketbooks, and piggy banks.

We do not have it in our hearts to turn away those in need of our services. Our trust is completely in Jesus; and, with your support, we will find the path to continue our mission of serving those who call upon us for help.

Thank you in advance for all you can do to help us carry on our SVdP mission.

Preschool Religion

The program returns on October 1st – May 5th

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 24th, December 30th, March 10th, and March 17th.

If you have questions: terri.borowiak@gmail.com

Any teens needing Service Hours, please contact Mrs. Borowiak 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.



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Thomas Schicker, son of Alec and Annie Schicker, and grandson of parishioners, John and Stacy Schicker. Thomas was baptized at St. Raphael the Archangel on September 2, 2023. May God always bless the Schicker family.

Mass Intentions 2023-2024

There are several weekday and Saturday morning openings for the rest of 2023 for Mass intentions. Now that the Mass schedule has been set, weekday Mass intentions for 2024 can also be scheduled.

Sunday Mass intentions can be scheduled, but please note, if you schedule a Sunday Mass (Saturday Vigil included), it may have to be moved in order to provide for a *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish) Mass to be celebrated. These will be determined as each weekend gets closer. Please call, stop by, or email the Parish Office to schedule Mass intentions.

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.



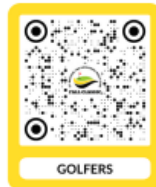
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ST. RAPHAEL HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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 TO HELP



Please Join Us!

Rides ~ Games ~ Food

Friday, September 22 5 – 10 p.m.

Karaoke 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, September 23 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Parade 9:45 a.m.

Outdoor Mass 10:30 a.m.

Prize Bingo 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cake Walk 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Kid Game Booths 12 – 5:00 p.m.

Petting Zoo 1 – 4 p.m.

Hodak's Chicken Dinner 4 – 7 p.m.

“John Hughes Experience” - Live Music 6 – 9 p.m.

50/50 Drawing – 9 p.m.

To volunteer, please go to the site listed below:

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

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
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by=popularity_score&sort_order=desc](https://st-raphael-the-archangel.square.site/s/shop?page=1&limit=60&sort=by=popularity_score&sort_order=desc)**



Questions please email Ljeep524@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

Our mission at Welcome Neighbor STL is to partner with refugee and immigrant families by connecting them with the people and opportunities that will empower them to begin their lives in St. Louis. Since November of 2021, Welcome Neighbor STL has matched almost 200 volunteers with over 300 refugees.

We have 12 refugee families waiting for volunteers with more families scheduled to arrive this year. We are reaching out to ask if your church would consider taking a more active role in welcoming refugees to St. Louis. We need your help!

Our Family Partnering program is looking for teams of 4-10 volunteers who will receive training, resources, and the opportunity to make a significant impact in helping newly-arrived refugee families acclimate to St. Louis. Individual volunteers can also be paired with a Family Partnering team.

There is no financial commitment, rather a time commitment. Teams can expect to spend 20 hours a month supporting a family. Though Family Partners commit to a year partnership – friendships evolve, and relationships often last a lifetime.

Some of the activities Family Partners assist our new refugees with include:

- Welcoming them – refugee families come alone and often feel alone, stating they really need and want a friend(s).
- Learning about local resources, i.e. food banks - locations, how to access them and how they operate; places and resources that provide free clothing and furniture; and resources to assist with heating and lighting bills, if needed.
- Traversing the process to obtain medical and dental care. All informational resources are provided to volunteers.
- Orienting them to the city and transportation resources, often assisting with arranging/providing transportation.
- Assisting with financial practices, courtesy/cultural norms, and local customs, i.e. community festivals.
- Experiencing St. Louis favorites – i.e. Botanical Gardens, the Zoo, St. Louis Cardinals, ice cream, pizza, etc.

We would love to connect and discuss how you can partner with Welcome Neighbor as a refugee Family Partner. We're excited to explore opportunities together!

"We've been gifted a partnership with a family that exudes generosity and love. Love for each other, love for their community, and for us, too. And while it would be easy to give ourselves kudos for all that we've done, those of us who have worked closely with the Safis, find ourselves to be so blessed. 'It's more blessed to give than receive'...truer words were never spoken."

Noreen Mayfield, Family Partner to the Safi family.

Please visit [WelcomeNeighborSTL.org](https://welcomeneighborstl.org) or scan the QR code for additional volunteer opportunities.

Warm regards,

Madeleine Gruzca and Lindsay Spencer

Welcome Neighbor Family Support Coordinators

familysupport@welcomeneighborstl.org | 314-952-1612 | welcomeneighborstl.org



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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 #