



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH 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

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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

FIRST

“Thus, the last will be
first, and the first
will be last.”

MATTHEW 20:16

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Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Reading 1

Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reading 2

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 24

9:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, September 25

8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, September 26

8:00am Ray Braun, Sr.

Wednesday, September 27

8:00am Virginia Kelly

Thursday, September 28

8:00am Paul Beckerle

Friday, September 29

8:00am Ruth Hanses

Saturday, September 30

7:00am Joseph Niemann
4:30pm Tom and Collin O'Shea

Sunday, October 1

9:00am Marcia Matreci

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying, "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This adage certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered," not "self-centered" lives.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

| Sept. 17, 2022 | This Week | Year-to-Date |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| (Envelopes Used) | | |
| Regular Env. (37) | \$ 3,735.00 | \$ 50,835.00 |
| Loose Money | \$ 864.00 | \$ 12,158.00 |
| School Support | \$ 235.00 | \$ 2,225.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 30.00 | \$ 2,983.00 |
| Holy Days | \$ 0.00 | \$ 346.00 |
| Online Giving (55) | \$ 3,576.00 | \$ 39,378.00 |
| Tithing | (\$ 10.00) | |
| Mission Co-Op | (\$ 5.00) | |

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Grand Total | \$ 8,455.00 | |
| Total for Parish | \$ 8,440.00 | \$ 108,775.00 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 120,000.00 |
| Difference | <u>(\$ 1,560.00)</u> | <u>(\$ 11,225.00)</u> |
| FYE 2023 | | <u>\$ 5,826.00</u> |

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. He knew that God sent him to bring the Good News to the poor. Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and his mission in our parish.





SERVICES FOR SEPT. 30 AND OCT. 1, 2023

Saturday, September 30

4:30pm Sophia Bradshaw Helen Potts
Jude Potts

Sunday, October 1

9:00am Ava Christlieb Gavin Eddingfield
Adriana Kurtovic

DAILY READINGS

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| Sunday | Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a |
| Monday | Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Lk 8:16-18 |
| Tuesday | Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3- 4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19- |
| Wednesday | Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/ Lk 9:1-6 |
| Thursday | Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9 |
| Friday | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 |
| Saturday | Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45 |
| Next Sunday | Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 |

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 30 AND OCT. 1, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
George Kerry

9:00am
Krissy Sullivan

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Margie Auer
Kevin Liddy
George Kerry

9:00am
Gerald Unger
Steve Kratky
Linda Saracino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 25

8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Fireplace Rm. Cheer Committee
7:00pm Raphael Rm. St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, September 26

8:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Cafeterai Girl Scouts
5:00pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:30pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Volleyball
7:00pm Raphael Rm. Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, September 27

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, September 28

8:00am Church Mass
1:00pm Cafeteria Blood Drive
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, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 1

9:00am Church Mass
9:30am Church OCIA
11:00am Forest Park Golf Tournament
11:30pm Gym Volleyball Games

Fr. Molini’s Notes

Festival Season begins...

By the time this bulletin is in the churches, we will be celebrating the St. Raphael Parish Picnic, at full-tilt on Saturday. It is such an important expression of community to have us gathered at the parish and enjoying the parish family. Thanks to all our volunteers, donors, and guests.

Again, keep in mind this coming week’s FEAST DAY of the ARCHANGELS, September 29. Join us at either church for our patrons’ feast: 6:00am at St. Gabriel, 8:00am at St. Raphael, and 8:45am at St. Gabriel, an all-school Mass. May the Archangels protect us always.

Keep in mind that our festivities continue with the St. Gabriel Picnic on October 6 and 7. Rides, games, food, and fun. Make plans now to join us.

The Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks for your generosity in supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal. I appreciate the questions many of you may have had during this year’s drive that coincided with the “All Things New” announcements, which may explain the reduction in our participation levels. Both parishes, however, exceeded their goals. I hope, by next year, we can increase our percentage of participation as well.

To-date totals:

St. Gabriel, with a goal of \$82,603, pledged \$130,877 (19.47% participation).

St. Raphael, with a goal of \$31,843, pledged \$65,370 (33.68% participation).

Thanks to our donors and ACA chairs. Let us pray for all those who will benefit from your charity and generosity.

Nephew’s Wedding

Just a note that I will be “off campus” the weekend of September 29 – October 1. I have the pleasure of celebrating my nephew’s Wedding Mass in Kansas City on Saturday. Please pray for the soon-to-be married Ben and Allison Molini. (God is really good; the parish picnics fell on either side of the wedding weekend!)

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal announced the official numbers for this year's drive. St. Raphael did very well in view of the confusion and uncertainty of the period. The parish raised \$65,370 with a 33.68% participation rate.

Thank you all for your support of the various Archdiocesan needs.

SRA ACA Committee

Fred Hodes
George Kerry

Mary Steck
Ed Reck

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!

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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.

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**

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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)**



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Questions please email Ljeep524@gmail.com



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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| 1. | 5. |
| 2. | 6. |
| 3. | 7. |
| 4. | 8. |



OCTOBER 1ST

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GOLF COURSE

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volunteer today!*

FALL CLASSIC

GOLFER REGISTRATION

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CLASSICGOLF2023](https://birdcase.com/srafall-classicgolf2023)



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

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[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM
/GO/10C0A44ACAB2AABFC1-2023](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44acab2aabfc1-2023)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BRIAN FISSEL AT (312)933-0994 OR [FISSELB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:fisselb@gmail.com)



*The Picnic
Committee
thanks you!*

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
50 years
RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE

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50th Anniversary CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 15, 2023
Cardinal Rigali Center
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$20 per person, refreshments and lunch included

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:
HOLY MASS, 9 AM
PRESENTATIONS ON TIMELY TOPICS:
Missouri Ballot Initiative
Best Practices in Pro-life Messaging and Conversations
Abortion Statistics in Missouri and the U.S.
Pro-Life Strategies Post Dobbs
NETWORKING & FELLOWSHIP
MINISTRY PARTNER TABLES

REGISTER BY 9/30 FOR A FREE PRO-LIFE BOOK:

REGISTER TODAY!
bit.ly/RLA-50-Conference
Deadline: October 10th

prolife@archstl.org • 314.792.7555

Calling all Area College Students

STL Awakenings hosted by the UMSL Catholic Newman Center is our most popular retreat of the year and we would like to invite you to join us! It's a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (seriously). You do not have to attend UMSL, just be college aged.

The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days. We'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, October 20, at 4:30pm, and return on Sunday, October 22, at 3:00pm. Save the date! Cost is \$60.00 for the entire weekend. If you register online before October 6, you get \$10 off!! The final registration deadline is Friday, October 13. Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is on our website: cncumsl.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe at joe@cncumsl.org.

Church Music Leadership Program For Young Catholics

Musical, Pastoral, and Liturgical formation for Junior-high and High School singers and instrumentalists will begin in October. This program is directed toward young people who experience a call to take a leadership role in the Church using their gift of music. Rehearsals will include learning the appropriate use of music in liturgy as presented in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal and other Church documents. Students will also have the practical experience of leading the music for Mass once a month at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Enrollment is limited. Audition required for vocal or instrumental participation in the program. Please contact Fr. Bruce Forman for additional information: revycm@charter.net or 314.231.7464.



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 #