



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 TWENTY-SECOND 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

6000 Jamieson Avenue
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

FOLLOW



“Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up
his cross, and follow me.”

MATTHEW 16:24b

PARISH CLERGY

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 86 (85): 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Reading 1

Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading 2

Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Gospel

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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 3

9:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

Monday, September 4

8:00am Jost Family

Tuesday, September 5

8:00am Thomas Hiette

Wednesday, September 6

8:00am Michael Adams

Thursday, September 7

8:00am May English

Friday, September 8

8:00am Hutton Family

Saturday, September 9

7:00am Dennis Ryan

4:30pm Hager and Saar Grandparents

Sunday, September 10

9:00am People of the Parish

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not on the values of the material world.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 27, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (50)	\$ 3,338.00	\$ 37,192.00
Loose Money	\$ 788.00	\$ 8,932.00
School Support	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,790.00
Building Fund	\$ 27.00	\$ 942.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 346.00
Online Giving (47)	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 29,356.00

Tithing (\$ 30.00)

ProLife (\$ 140.00)

Altar Flowers \$ 35.00

Grand Total	\$ 7,872.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,702.00	\$ 79,393.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 2,298.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 10,607.00)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." While our gifts to our neighbors in need fulfill their immediate needs, we are filling our lives with Christ. When we do so, we fill our lives with the life of the One who created us. There is such joy in our giving.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 2023

Saturday, September 9

4:30pm Sophia Bradshaw Katelyn Feldman
Lucas Feldman

Sunday, September 10

9:00am Ava Christlieb Gavin Eddingfield
Adriana Kurtovic

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11- 12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-
Saturday	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Denise Howard

9:00am
Frosty Hodes

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Kevin Liddy
George Kerry
Mary Steck

9:00am
Dan Harbaugh
Lisa Murphy
Amy Schisler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 4

8:00am Church Mass
11:00am Gym Volleyball
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

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 8

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

Saturday, September 9

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

Sunday, September 10

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

Fr. Molini's Notes

Labor Day, September 4

Monday is the celebration of Labor Day.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Raphael at 8:00am on Labor Day.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Gabriel at 9:00am on Labor Day.

I hope you will start your day giving thanks to God for the gift of labor. It is the way we participate in the creative work of God, using our gifts and talents for the good of our families and others. God's work of creation is reflected in our work, our efforts to share His goodness. Let us all consider our participation in the work of God, whether we are young or old. All can contribute to the good of others through our efforts.

Wakes and Funerals

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 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 8:00 am, 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.

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalette, for September 3 through December 2, is now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

Interested In Becoming Catholic?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, know someone who may, or would like to learn more about the faith (and haven't registered yet), please contact Fr. Mark at 314.353.6303, Ext. 123, or email him at markmadden@archstl.org. All one needs to register is a valid phone number and email address to get access to the schedule. There is no cost to register. Registration also includes the books we will use for the sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark.

Calling: House Plants

Do you propagate house plants?
Start growing them to donate to our plant booth
at the parish picnic in September!
Drop off 9/22/23



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.

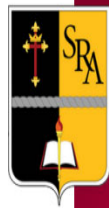
Sunday Mass intentions can be scheduled, but please note, if you schedule a Sunday Mass (Saturday Vigil included), it may have to be moved in order to provide for a *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish) Mass to be celebrated. These will be determined as each weekend gets closer. Please call, stop by, or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

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!

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.

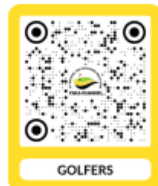
ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MEN'S CLUB FALL CLASSIC

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://birdcase.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)

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



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.





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

ST. GABRIEL YOUTH GROUP (SGYG) is open to all high school teens. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm (Doors Open at 7:15pm) in the Gabriel House Chapel. No signup necessary! Highschoolers can attend on a regular basis or drop in as it fits their schedule!

SGYG's AMAZON WISH LIST

SGYG now has an Amazon Wish List. Use the link below to see what items we would like to have.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/32CKNNIM3JFM9/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?

Stay Connected with SGYG

Follow us on Instagram @stgabesyg

Like our Facebook Group: St. Gabriel Youth Group (SGYG)

Join the SGA Flocknote Group: Youth Ministry

Visit the Youth Group page on the SGA parish website

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

Please see the SGYG calendar on page 10.



SEPTEMBER 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6 SGYG Life Teen Night	7	8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9
10	11	12	13 SGYG "On Your Own" attend Reconciliation or sit with the Lord in prayer	14	15	16
17 CITY2 MATCH	18	19	20 SGYG Life Teen Night	21	22 SRA Parish Picnic! Evening Only	23 SRA Parish Picnic! Autumn Vibes
24 Youth Mass & Social Night!	25	26	27 SGYG Life Teen Night	28	29 Feast of the Archangels	30



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 #