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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



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Fr. Molini's Notes

Advent is upon us

Beginning on December 1, the season of Advent opens the new liturgical year and directs our attention to the preparations for Christmas. While so many of us will make special efforts to decorate our homes for Christmas, how are we preparing our souls for the celebration of Christ's birth? The second graders remind us of a wonderful way to prepare as they make their way to their First Reconciliation during Advent. What a beautiful reminder they offer as they approach the confessional for the first time and come to know the comfort of the forgiveness of sins. Their effort is our challenge; make a good confession this Advent season. Confessions are heard each weekday morning from 7:30am until all are heard and on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Parents, as you drop off your children for school, how about stopping in church for confession? Families, after a game on Saturday afternoon, come by the church to make a confession, supporting each other in prayer. Let's use Advent as it is intended – to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Our Advent by Candlelight will be on December 8, at 5:00pm. Check the bulletin for registration information.

The Immaculate Conception

Each year the Church honors our Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Conception with a holy day. Since December 8 falls on a Sunday, the feast moves to Monday, December 9, and remains a Holy day to honor Mary, the patron saint of our United States.

Mass for Monday, December 9, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, will be at 8:00am at St. Raphael. Masses at St. Gabriel will be at 6:00am, 8:00am, 12 noon, and 6:00pm.

Thank You from Fr. Lawson

Thank you all for all the support and prayers for my 30th Birthday! I am so happy to be your priest! I could not have asked for a better assignment. I am glad I could share this milestone birthday with you, and I look forward to the coming years of service to St. Raphael Parish.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Rob Lawson

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.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming holy days and holidays, the bulletin publisher will have earlier publishing deadlines. Therefore, if you have anything for our bulletin, please send any items to the office as early as possible before your event.



Sunday, December 1 9:00am Raymond Braun

Monday, December 2 8:00am Marcia Matreci

Tuesday, December 3 8:00am Liddy Family

Wednesday, December 4 8:00am Dan Harbaugh

Thursday, December 5 8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Friday, December 6 8:00am Dan Harbaugh

Saturday, December 7 7:00am Kris Schneidewind 4:30pm Tommy Bick

Sunday, December 8 9:00am Ernest Winkelmann

St. Vincent de Paul

As we begin the season of Advent, we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walk-



ing distance of your home. When in need, they ring the parish office bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your donations will help our neighbors in need celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.



This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, December 1: Ritual Song: No. 1092 Pray Together: Page 24 "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will we do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love of Jesus? How will we inspire others to do the same? Let us start by sharing God's story with others, especially those that are closest to us. Let us accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." Pope John Paul II

Please join us as we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month. First Friday Adoration starts after the 8:00am Mass. Adoration will conclude at 2:00pm with Benediction. Come at any time to spend quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. You may also wish to bring your own Bible and prayer book. Just as you cannot be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, love, and peace. For more information or to sign up for 30 – 60 minutes, (drop-ins are always welcome), please call Barbara Cramer at 314.797.1463.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for November 24, was not available when the bulletin went to print.



SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2 - 8, 2024

Monday, December 2

8:00am Frank Koziacki Lucas Kuenzel

Vivien Smith

Tuesday, December 3

8:00am Harrison Baker Elliot Ottenad

Mac Teeter

Wednesday, December 4

8:00am Harper Bradshaw Grace Berta

Lucca Lobello

Thursday, December 5

8:00am Delilah Gore Ava Christlieb

Isaac Potts

Friday, December 6

8:00am Adriana Kurtovic Francie Berry

Leo Kurtovic

Saturday, December 7

4:30pm Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr

Genevieve Montoya

Sunday, December 8

9:00am Helen Potts Jude Potts

Magdalena Niemira

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	
Monday	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11	
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24	
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37	
Thursday	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25- 27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27	
Friday	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27- 31	
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	
Next Sunday	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6	

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7 - 8 LECTORS

4:30pm 9:00am
Denise Howard Frosty Hodes

Extraordinary Ministers

Margie Auer Rosita Koehler
Brian McCarthy Gerald Unger
Greg Heuing Steve Kratky



Monday, December 2

8:00am Church Mass

6:00pm Cafeteria 3rd Gr. Girl Scouts 7:00pm Parish Off. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

8:00am Church Mass

3:15pm Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, December 4

7:30am Church Rosary 8:00am Church Mass

6:30pm Church 2nd Gr. First Reconciliation

8:30pm Gym Old Man Basketball

Thursday, December 5

8:00am Church Mass

2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class

3:00pm Cafeteria Ladies' Club Gift Wrapping

5:00pm Gym Basketball Clinic 5:30pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts

Friday, December 6

7:30am Church Rosary 8:00am Church Mass

9:00am Church First Friday Adoration

Saturday, December 7

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Music Ministry Rehearsal

4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, December 8

9:00am Church Mass

5:00pm Gym Advent By Candlelight

St. Raphael Advent Angel Giving Tree

Our St. Vincent De Paul Conference will once again sponsor the Advent Angel Giving Tree, benefitting Peter & Paul Community Services. P&P offers various services to those who are unhoused, many of whom are living with mental illness, addiction, or long-term medical conditions. They offer transitional housing, employment opportunities, and other programs to support the

goal of living independently.

Our parish will provide gifts for residents of the Supportive Housing program, Garfield Place Apartments. GPA provides clients with a permanent place to stay while also providing supportive services, including a nurse, occupational therapist, and educational classes on topics such as financial literacy and healthy eating. In ad-



dition, we will provide gifts to participants in the Positive Directions programs who are living with HIV. Positive Directions helps to provide resources to keep people healthy and housed.

If you are interested in participating, please return your gifts NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, at the 9:00am Mass. DO NOT wrap your gifts- but DO attach the tag to the gift so we can be sure it gets to the correct person.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, allowing us to provide needed support to this organization that is working hard to improve and change lives for the better. Thank you to all who are able to participate in this Advent Season of giving to those in need. The tree will be in church the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Girl Scouts Caroling

After 4:30pm Mass on December 7, the Girl Scouts will sing Christmas carols! Stay after Mass to hear cheerful Christmas songs! Immediately following Mass, girls will gather in the front vestibule to sing inside.





SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, December 6, and orders should be turned in to the school office. You can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, December 13, 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.

Youth Club Raffle Winners November 2024

1st Place \$100 Antoinette Temporiti

2nd Place \$50 Joe Cross 3rd Place \$50 Steve Doss

Ladies' Club - Most Holy Trinity Gift Drive!

Please help us wrap the gifts in the cafeteria on Thursday, December 5, at 3:00pm. The Ladies' Club will have all the supplies; we just need your willing hands to wrap these thoughtful gifts.

Again, thank you to the generous families and parishioners of SRA. This gift drive for our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity, provides 50 children with Christmas gifts. We also are providing supplies for MHT's 24-hour day-care facility including diapers, wipes, batteries, and snacks.

Thank you for your generosity!



JOIN US!

Every third Thursday in the cafeteria

SERVICE • COMMUNITY • FELLOWSHIP

The SRA Ladies' Club is continually adding new members and looking for ideas to support the school, the parish, and each other. Come as you are, and stay as long, or as little as you would like for a meeting, food, drinks, and friendship. We have multiple events throughout the year, including the Uniform Exchange, Fall Mum Sale, Christmas Wreath Sale, and more. Our two largest fundraisers are Vendor Fair and Quarter Auction. These events raise money to sponsor funds for teacher appreciation, school needs, parish needs, Girl Scouts, class trips, Prayer Shawl Mission, and other SRA needs.

Save the Dates:

12/8 Advent by Candlelight 5:00pm12/19 Christmas Potluck, Gift Exchange, and President/Treasurer Elections 7:00pm

For more information, contact ladies@straphaelarchangeLorg or Krissy Sullivan at 314-608-9983.

Saint Raphael the Archangel Ladies' Club

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 8 | 5:00 pm | SRA Gymnasium | 6000 Jamieson Avenue

Advent by Candlelight is an invitation for women to step away from hectic Christmas activities and 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. It continues with a short prayer service, followed by sharing of light appetizers or dessert provided by each hostess for her table and concludes with a guest speaker. This year, we are excited to welcome Jen Ryan as our guest speaker. Jen has a MA degree in Counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. She has worked in lay ecclesial ministry for 17 years as a youth minister, clinical therapist, college campus minister, and parish pastoral associate. Jen currently works at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary as the Director of Pastoral Education and Evangelization.

Please consider being a table hostess and treating your friends, relatives or neighbors to this special event. The duties of a table hostess include reserving a table, inviting up to 7 guests (8 people per table), decorating your table and providing table settings with light appetizers/desserts for your guests. More details will be given to each hostess. We are encouraging hostesses to keep their food very simple to align with our desire to offer a less stressful, more peaceful and enjoyable evening among friends. This is a FREE event, but we will be collecting for a local charity if you would like to contribute that evening.

NEW Please arrive at 4:45pm if you would like extra time to admire the decorated tables before the program begins.

Name	Phone.			
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I would like to register as an indiv If possible, please seat me with	idual and would like to be placed at any table where there is room.			
	o, 5922 Highfield Rd, 63109 or email to: stacy.lobello@gmail.com ly/SRA-ABC-reg-2024 or scan the QR code	# 1		

Auction Donation Blitz and Blues Raffle!

Save the Date: 2025 Black and Gold Auction is Saturday, February 15, 2025! Please consider donating to the Auction when holiday shopping!



Donations brought to the parish office before New Years Day will be entered into a drawing to win four Blues tickets donated by a friend of SRA!

(Mutually agreeable date)

Check us out at:

"St. Raphael the Archangel Black and Gold Auction"







Donation dropoff at parish office (courtyard entrance) - 314.352.8100:
Monday-Thursday 7:30am – 4:00pm & Friday 7:30am – 12:00pm
Please fill out the donation form and raffle ticket form below for any donated items
Forms are available in the parish office

Questions: contact Mark Pfeiffer - auction.st.raphael@gmail.com

Donation Blitz – Blues Raffle Ticket

(Please also submit "Donation Form")

Name:	 	
Email:		
Phone:		
Item Donated:	 	
Value:		





<u>Welcome to ARCHANGEL YOUTH MINISTRY (AYM)</u> covering the parishes of the St. Louis Hills neighborhood (St. Gabriel & St. Raphael). <u>AYM</u> is open to <u>all high school teens</u>. No sign-up necessary and teens do not need to be from the St. Louis Hills parishes to participate. High school teens can attend on a regular basis or drop in as it fits their schedules.

Weekly **Sunday Life Teen Nights** (6:45-8:30pm in Gabriel House) include snacks, socializing, games, talks, and discussions.

Wednesday R&R Nights (7-8:30pm in Gabriel House) are unstructured evenings for teens to hang out (recharge & reconnect). See the AYM calendar for specific dates.

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY!

*Thursday, December 5, from 6-9:00pm - We will be babysitting for any moms who want to attend Women at the Well's Advent Gathering in SGA church. Pizza will be provided for teens before the kids arrive at 6:45pm. I need to know how many sitters we'll have so I know how many kids we can take. We will be in Gabriel House utilizing the Notre Dame Chapel and Holy Spirit rooms with different activities in each (similar to what we did last year). Please let me know NOW if you want to help! Contact Youth Minister: Sarah Henderson - hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

LOOKING AHEAD

- *April 25 27 | <u>Luke 18 Retreat!</u> | for 8th graders, led by high school teens | Registration and more information to come.
- *July 18 20 | <u>AYM at Steubenville 2025!</u> | open to current 8th 12th grade students | Registration and more information to come.

STAY CONNECTED with AYM

Follow us on Instagram @archangelym; Like our Facebook Group: Archangel Youth Ministry; Join the SGA or SRA Flocknote Group: Youth Ministry; Visit the Youth Group page on the SGA parish website; Contact Your Minister: Sarah Henderson - hendersons@stgabrielstlorg.

WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings, "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable," many parish communities are committed to making St. Louis Winter Outreach a faith-filled Ministry of Mercy. "As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me." MT 25:31-46

As winter approaches, our homeless "brethren" will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, we are asking for help in providing meals to an overflow shelter.

DATES: SATURDAYS (1:00pm Dropoff)

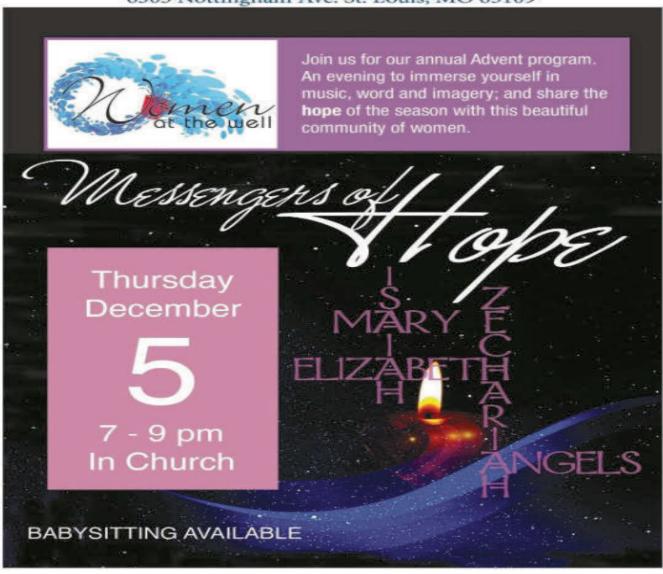
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Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

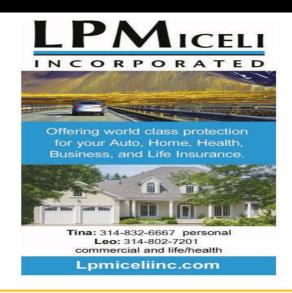
9x13" Casserole: meat, fish, veggie, or breakfast Cookies, cupcakes, breads: (12 to 24 servings)

Prepared food should be baked, frozen, wrapped, and marked. Donations are to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot at 1:00pm. If needed, other arrangements can be made. For more information or if you would like to share a dish, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller: 314.374.1712 or email maryem@brick.net.

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