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DECEMBER 29, 2024 THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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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

# HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DEDICATED TO ONE ANOTHER

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#### Fr. Molini's Notes

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Each year on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day, the Church offers us the Feast of the Holy Family for our consideration. Closely connected to the celebration of Christmas and the image of Mary, the Child, and Joseph gathered in domestic harmony, this feast day is both an affirmation and an aspiration. It is an affirmation of the priority of family life and our call to honor the dignity of each member of the family. Whether we are able to recall joyfully a childhood of caring support, or face the recollections of a challenging upbringing, the image of the Holy Family is offered to us as an affirmation of the place the family should hold in our society. It speaks to the home as a place of formation, hope, and love.

The feast is also an aspiration as a call to support the place of family life in our society. If our experience of family was good, then how do we nurture family life? If not remembered fondly, how do I strive to provide the support for which I yearned? No single experience of family life is ideal, but we can all work to support it in our prayer and charity.

Our Church family invites us to reflect on the call to holiness as we observe the Holy Family. What do I bring to my relationships that nurtures the presence of Christ? How do I reflect the prayerfulness of Mary or the stability of St. Joseph to the people in my life? Do I foster holiness in my thoughts, words, and actions?

As we celebrate the Holy Family, may we consider our holiness in connection with others in this family of faith.

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – January 1

The Solemnity of Mary (January 1) remains a holy day and invites us to begin the year with prayers. Masses will be offered as follows:

December 31: 4:30pm at St. Raphael the Archangel 5:00pm at St. Gabriel the Archangel

January 1: 6:00am at St. Gabriel the Archangel
8:00am at St. Gabriel the Archangel
9:00am at St. Raphael the Archangel
10:00am at St. Gabriel the Archangel

#### 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.



Sunday, December 29 9:00am Kathy and Ray Bast

Monday, December 30 8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Tuesday, December 31 8:00am Liddy Family 4:30pm Christine Seger

Wednesday, January 1
9:00am Kris Schneidewind

Thursday, January 2 8:00am Bebe Kennedy, SI

Friday, January 3 8:00am Pete Genovese

Saturday, January 4 7:00am Jerome Mueller 4:30pm Pete Genovese

Sunday, January 5 9:00am Mard Family, SI

#### St. Vincent de Paul

People are going along with their lives, and then they hit that bump in the road: an unexpected job loss, an expensive car repair, or perhaps a shocking hospital bill. For a moment they are all alone in this world. But, as the feast of the Holy Family points out, we all belong to the Holy Family of God, which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. Your prayers and donations help these neighbors in need to feel more of a part of the Holy Family of God.

This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, December 29: Ritual Song: No. 1108 Gospel C No. 1107 Pray Together: Page 54



"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift we received – we are children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members, and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people who are different from you, those you may not like, or those who go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

#### **Your Contributions to God and Parish**

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for December 22 was not available when the bulletin went to print.

Dec. 15, 2024 (Envelopes Used)	This Week		Year-	Year-to-Date	
Regular Env. (43)	\$	5,183	\$	99,205	
Loose Money	\$	929	\$	40,207	
School Support	\$	30	\$	4,110	
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$	1,280	\$	3,570	
Holy Days	\$	210	\$	2,844	
Online Giving (49)	\$	3,112	\$	65,999	
Tithing	(\$	200)			
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	\$	60			
Candle Money	\$	10			
Cardinal Glennon	(\$	2)			
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$	11,016			
Total for Parish	\$	10,814	\$	238,456	
Amount Needed	\$	10,000	\$	250,000	
Difference	<u>\$</u>	814	<u>(\$</u>	11,544)	
FYE 2024			<u>(\$</u>	<u> 17,741)</u>	



**SERVERS FOR DEC. 30 - JAN. 5, 2024** 

Monday, December 30

8:00am Frank Kosiacki Elliot Ottenad

Vivien Smith

**Tuesday, December 31** 

8:00am Lucca LoBello Emma Peters

**Harrison Baker** 

4:30pm 3 Volunteers Needed

Wednesday, January 1

9:00am 3 Volunteers Needed

Thursday, January 2

8:00am Adriana Kurtovic Leo Kurtovic

Francie Berry

Friday, January 3

8:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr

**Lucy Howard** 

Saturday, January 4

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Maizy Magee

Clara Thompson

Sunday, January 5

9:00am Helen Potts Grace Berta

**Jude Potts** 

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9- 10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41- 52
Monday	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11) Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

#### **New Year's Office Hours**

The parish office will be closed on New Year's day. Normal office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2.

#### LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 4 - 5, 2025 LECTORS

4:30pm 9:00am George Kerry Daniel Krus

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

Greg Heuing John Rooney
George Kerry Marilyn Unger
Kevin Liddy Gerry Unger



#### Monday, December 30

8:00am Church Mass

3:30pm Gym Basketball Practices 6:00pm Cafeteria 3rd Gr. Girl Scouts

#### Tuesday, December 31

8:00am Church Mass 4:30pm Church Mass Wednesday, January 1

9:00am Church Mass

Thursday, January 2

8:00am Church Mass

10:00am Gym 4th Gr. Boys Basketball Practice

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

Friday, January 3

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

9:00am Church 1st Friday Adoration 3:30pm Gym Basketball Practices 5:30pm Gym Basketball Games

Saturday, January 4

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Music Ministry Rehearsal

9:00am Gym Basketball Games

4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, January 5

9:00am Church Mass

12:00pm Gym Basketball Games

#### **Faith In Action**

Great work by our SRA basketball teams as they kicked off the Advent Season with various team service projects.

- 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade girls sang Christmas carols to the residents at Mother of Perpetual Help Assisted Living Facility
- 5th grade boys served meals to the unhoused at Sts. Peter and Paul in Soulard
- 5th grade girls honored Dan Harbaugh by serving meals at the Ronald McDonald House
- 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys worked at a food pantry and did some cleanup work at the Claver House







**SCRIP** - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, January 3, and orders should be turned in to the school office. You can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, January 10, 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.

#### **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)

#### January 11 February 8

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.

#### SRA Advent Angel Giving Tree...a BIG Thank you!



Once again, our parish community responded to those in need by supporting our annual Advent Angel Giving Tree. We delivered two full carloads of gifts needed to support the residents and participants in the Peter & Paul Community Services programs at Garfield Place Apartments and through their Positive Directions program. Your gifts are allowing others to live healthy lives and to remain housed, in addition to bringing much needed joy. The program director at Peter & Paul sent this note: "We are so grateful for the care and compassion you show our clients. Thank you so much for your continued support this year in providing Christmas gifts for our clients at Garfield and Positive Directions. They will have a very special day thanks to your efforts!"

Thank you for your on going support - you continue to live out the message of Christ's birth - to bring hope, love and light to others. St. Raphael St. Vincent De Paul Conference





#### **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 Year's 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:		







Saint Raphael the Archangel

Black & Gold Dinner Auction

Saturday February 15th, 2025

All donations must be received by February 10th, 2025

Tickets are on sale now!



## **Donation Form**

Donor		
Contact Name		
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Phone	Email	
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Value of Donation	Donor Signature	
Please arrange for SRA		Item(s) to be delivered to SRA

#### PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL

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For online giving or to purchase tickets, visit the Auction website at https://blackandgold25.givesmart.com

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Auction committee at auction.st.raphael@gmail.com.

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<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.

#### **Luke 18 Retreat 2025:**

"Believe" | April 25 - 27

Team Member (high school teens) registration is now OPEN via the Google Form link. Please read all the required preparation meeting dates and times before registering and contact Sarah with any questions. Google Form Registration:

https://forms.gle/ZkwF9YdUiRwpc7qY6

#### 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 | AYM at Steubenville 2025! | for current 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students | Registration is OPEN!

#### **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 Youth Minister: Sarah Henderson - hendersons@stgabrielstl.org

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Teen Mass & Social Night!	20	21	22	23	24	25
AYM Life Teen Night!	27 Registration Due! Steubenville Luke 18 Team	28	29 AYM R & R Night!	30	31	



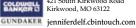
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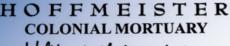
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