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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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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Fr. Molini's Notes

Presentation of the Lord

While always celebrated on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord may not be familiar to many since it only occasionally falls on a Sunday. This ancient feast honors the fulfilment of an obligation placed upon all first-born sons at the time of Jesus to be presented to the Lord, ideally at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Gospel shows the Holy Family doing so, and the remarkable events surrounding the Presentation. Simeon, an elder, holds the child and speaks to the "…Light to the Nations" that Jesus will bring. It is from this practice that the Church traditionally blesses the candles used at Mass, drawing on the image of Jesus as the LIGHT. Later in the visit, Anna the Prophetess, speaks to the gift that Jesus is to the nation.

How very necessary is the reminder of Jesus as the LIGHT in this natural season of darkness (winter) and in our lives as we confront the darkness of sin and temptation. Into this shade advances the promise of salvation, a light to guide our path, an offer of hope in what otherwise may be a time of coldness and fear. Jesus remains our LIGHT. Let us allow Him to guide us more intentionally on this journey of life and faith.

Buildings and Campus

Just to keep you apprised, we are still gathering information on a number of projects around the parish campus. The two largest, and most impactful projects, are the church building and the parking lot.

The church building issues, in order of being addressed, are:

- The windows: Single-paned, wood frame windows in need of repairs and painting, again. We are considering replacing them with double-paned windows that will perform better, endure longer, and maintain the architectural appearance so important to our building.
- Exterior painting, interior plaster repair and painting: Along with the need to paint, some soffits are in need of repairs as are a few places of interior plaster that remain after the roof replacement a few years ago. We are not planning any significant changes to current color palettes.
- Flooring: The carpet is in serious need of replacement and we are discussing different flooring options for the sanctuary. Under all the carpet is bare concrete so carpet in the aisles remains the best option.

The Parking Lot:

- Clearly the lot is in need of repair, probably a complete redo, given its condition.
- Since the parking lot needs to be addressed, the long-considered play area for the school is a part of the conversation. This would be a section of artificial turf offering a safer play area, especially for our younger students.
- Parking needs are a primary concern as is the use of the lot during the picnic. All is being considered. I wish to thank the Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee who have taken the lead in these conversations and will help with the final decisions when we get there. I just want to keep everyone informed of the conversations as we proceed.

Lent is coming...although later than usual

Because the date of Easter moves each year, sometimes we find ourselves almost wondering if Lent will begin... and it will. Just later this year. Ash Wednesday is on March 5, so plan now to attend Mass and make your Lenten intentions.

Congratulations, Fr. Lawson

Fr. Lawson will receive the St. George Emblem on Religious Awards Sunday, February 2, at the Cathedral Basilica. I want to share with his parish communities that he is receiving this honor. All are welcome to attend and support him. The ceremony starts at 2:30pm. Please feel free to share this information as you see fit. If you have contact information for any scouting leaders at St. Gabriel or St. Raphael, please let Patrick Jugo know so I can share this with them as well.



Sunday, February 2 9:00am George Sullens, Jr.

Monday, February 3 8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, February 4 8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Wednesday, February 5 9:00am Dolores Stadler

Thursday, February 6 8:00am Ely and Ray Guzman

Friday, February 7 8:00am SRA/SGA Priests and SRA Parish Staff

Saturday, February 8 7:00am Liddy Family 4:30pm Ray and Mary Anne Braun, SI

Sunday, February 9
9:00am SRA Choir Members and Families

St. Vincent de Paul

This year marks the St. Vincent de Paul Society's 180th Anniversary in the United States. It is a milestone that highlights its enduring legacy of compassion and commitment to serving those in need. It began with humble yet impactful origins in St. Louis in 1845, just 12 years after its inception in Paris. Its mission, rooted in personal service to the poor, resonated deeply in our burgeoning city and spread across the nation. Your dedication to prayers and donations keeps this legacy strong and thriving to serve those who need a helping hand.

This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, February 2: Ritual Song: No. 1296 Pray Together: Page 83 "Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time we experience suffering, let us talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, and he understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only he can fill the holes in our hearts.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Jan. 26, 2025 (Envelopes Used)	This	Week	Year-	to-Date
Regular Env. (31)	\$	2,550	\$	125,285
Loose Money	\$	777	\$	62,467
School Support	\$	235	\$	6,048
Building Fund	\$	0	\$	5,515
Holy Days	\$	60	\$	9,119
Online Giving (49)	\$	2,651	\$	89,276
Tithing	(\$	30)		
First Offering	\$	280		
St. Louis Review	(\$	160)		
Grand Total	\$	6,743		
Total for Parish	\$	6,553	\$	306,961
Amount Needed	\$ 2	10,000	\$	310,000
Difference	<u>(\$</u>	<u>3,447)</u>	<u>(\$</u>	3,039)

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(\$ 17.741)



SERVERS FOR JAN. FEB. 3 - 9, 2024

Monday, February 3

8:00am Paddy Meier Elliot Ottenad

Sean Meier

Tuesday, February 4

8:00am Henry Dirnbeck Lucas Kuenzel

Mollie Dirnbeck

Wednesday, February 5

8:00am Caleb Bernadt Delilah Gore

Christian Bernadt

Thursday, February 6

8:00am Ava Christlieb Kate Ilg

Maizy Magee

Friday, February 7

8:00am Adriana Kurtovic

Samantha Zouglas

Saturday, February 8

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Clara Thompson

Leo Kurtovic

Genevieve Montoya

Sunday, February 9

9:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr

Joseph Sullivan

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Mal 3:1/4;Heb 2:14-28/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Monday	Heb 11:32-40/PS 31:20, 21, 22, 30, 24/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Heb 12:1/4Ps 22-26b-27, 28 and 30, 31 -32/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:407, 11015/Ps 103: 102, 13014, 17018a/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 708 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1 -11

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 8 - 9, 2025 LECTORS

4:30pm 9:00am

To Be Scheduled

Extraordinary Ministers

To Be Scheduled



Monday, February 3

8:00am Church Mass

3:30pm Gym Basketball Practices 6:00pm Cafeteria 3rd Gr. Girl Scouts 7:00pm Parish Off. Stewardship

Tuesday, February 4

8:00am Church Mass

3:15pm Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts 3:30pm Gym Basketball Practices

Wednesday, February 5

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

5:00pm Gym Basketball Practices 8:30pm Gym Old Man Basketball

Thursday, February 6

8:00am Church Mass 2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class

5:30pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts

6:30pm Cafeteria 7th Gr. Confirmation Parent Mtg.

Friday, February 7

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, February 8

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Music Ministry Rehearsal

9:00am Gym Basketball Games

4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, February 9

9:00am Church Mass

10:00am Gym 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Gr. Basketball

12:00pm Gym Basketball Games



SRA Friends,

SRA's biggest fundraiser, The Black & Gold Auction, is just a few weeks away. We have some exciting new items this year which we will be "previewing" shortly. While the attire is formal, the atmosphere is as exciting as you want it to be. We have a delicious dinner catered by Bartolino's, an open bar, and live music until midnight, so we assure you that you won't be hungry, thirsty, or bored!

The funds raised from the auction help bridge the gap between what tuition covers and what the school's total expenses amount to. The "Fund-A-Need" will be directed toward a new playground area and improvements to the parking lot. This event plays an integral role in ensuring our school and children continue to thrive, and we ask that you consider participating. Individual tickets are available, so you don't need to fill up a table, just show up. If you are new to the community, this is a great way to meet new families.

Auction and raffle tickets can be purchased through https://blackandgold25.givesmart.com or by check delivered to the parish office.

Thank you,

Mark Pfeiffer – 2025 Auction Chairperson auction.st.raphael@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Congratulations to the SRA District Free Throw Champs:

Max W., Grace B., and Thomas W., accompanied by Mr. Foley.



Event Sponsorship

Event sponsorship includes your logo projected on our "Sponsor Big Screen", printed acknowledgement on tournament brackets and will be viewed by 64 teams and more than 500 individual participants.

The Logan Warnecke Memorial 3rd & 4th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament, Saturday, February 16th - Sunday, March 9th 2024



The Basketball Tournament is an annual event, hosted by the St. Raphael Men's Club and Athletic Association. The tournament benefits the students of St. Raphael the Archangel school. The tournament is named in memory of one of our alums, Logan Warnecke, class of 2012. Logan was a constant figure as a referee at the tournament, often driving in from MIZZOU to ref for the weekend. His smile was infectious. He was never too busy to shoot around with the scorekeepers & always took time to explain a call to the young tournament players.

We invite you to #LoganUp by sponsoring this event.

THANK YOU!

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Charitable Tax Statements

The 2024 donation tax statements have been mailed. If you do not receive yours, please call the parish office and we will print another copy for you.

Youth Club Raffle Winners January 2025

1st Place \$100 Dennis O'Connor 2nd Place \$50 Steve Doss 3rd Place \$50 Kathleen Magee



SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, February 7, and orders should be turned in to the school office. You can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, February 14, 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) 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.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

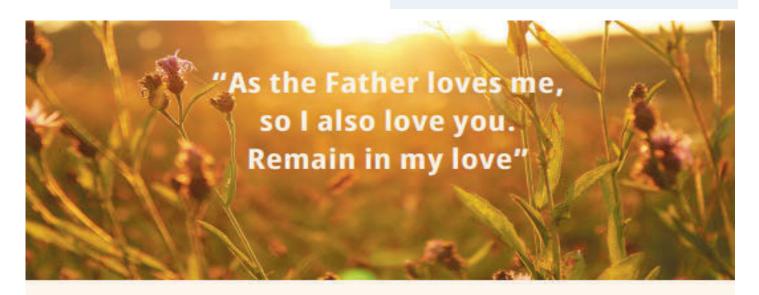
Please join us as we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month. First Friday Adoration starts after the 8:00am Mass. Adoration will conclude at 2:00pm with Benediction. Come at any time to spend quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. You may also wish to bring your own Bible 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.

Flu Season

Because of flu season, please do not leave any personal items, i.e., tissues, in the pews, and, especially, not in the missalette holders. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available in the parish office. Please call the office or stop by Monday through Thursday, 7:30am until 4:00pm, and Friday 7:30am until noon, with your Special Intention or Repose of the Soul intention requests. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass intention. If needed, you can pick up a card to send to the family when you drop off your offering.



WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Feb. 28- Mar 2, 2025

- FRIDAY 5:00PM SUNDAY 1:00 PM
- Villa Maria Retreat Center 1903 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712 (1.5 hours from STL)
- \$300 shared room + bath \$350 single room + bath

Retreat given by: Fr. Russell Ward LC





For more information, contact Maria Rivero stlouis@regnumchristi.org | 610-717-8678 Come away from the busyness of life for a silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

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What is included in the retreat?

Daily Mass - Directed Meditations - Spiritual Guidance - Sacrament of Reconciliation -Practical Talks - Eucharistic Adoration -Time for personal prayer

What is included with my registration fee?

The fee includes a spacious room with private bath, individually controlled heating and air conditioning, towels, linens, snacks, meals, and retreat materials.

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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 signup 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- *February 10 | Service Night at Sts. Peter and Paul Meals for the Homeless | Contact Sarah ASAP if you want to volunteer.
- *April 14 | Silhouette Stations of the Cross | 8th-12th graders | Registration will be February 10 through March 3.
- *April 25 27 | <u>Luke 18 Retreat!</u> | for 8th graders, led by high school teens | Registration for 8th graders will be February 10 through March 3.
- *July 18 20 | AYM at Steubenville 2025! | 8th-12th graders

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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AYM Life Teen Night!	3	4	5 AYM R & R Night Recharge & Reconnect	.6	7	8
NO AYM Super Bowl Sunday	AYM Service Night Sts. Peter & Paul Meals	n	12	13	VALENTINES ONLY	15
AYM Life Teen Night!	Presidents Day	18	AYM R & R Night Recharge & Reconnect	20	21	22
Z3 Teen Mass & ocial Night!	24	25	26	27	28	



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