

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

#### JANUARY 5, 2025 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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 1 8:00am-2:00

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:00pm Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

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#### Fr. Molini's Notes

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

With this proclamation to Herod's court, the Magi declare their desire to find the Newborn King. While led by a star, still they seek affirmation of their observations. If asked by others about where to find Christ, how would we respond? Could we speak from the experience of our prayer, the presence of Christ in our community, the witness of Christ found in the forgiveness of sins, the Sacrifice of Christ in the Eucharist? How would we direct those who wish to find Christ?

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the journey of the Three Kings but also calls us to consider our faith in Christ as well. Where is Christ that we may direct others to the Lord? Have our own journeys of faith allowed us to know Jesus? Let us unite ourselves to Jesus in prayer and companionship so we may better increase our awareness of God's presence and better draw others to Christ.

#### **Catholic Schools Week**

Each year we honor Catholic Schools during the last week of January. Our school will host an OPEN HOUSE after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 26. A special invitation is extended to families considering our school for the education of their children. We are proud of the program we offer and are eager to share it with others. Call the school office for more details.

#### 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**

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.



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

Monday, January 6 8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, January 7 8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Wednesday, January 8 9:00am Pade Liddy

Thursday, January 9 8:00am Eileen O'Toole

Friday, January 10 8:00am Liddy Family

Saturday, January 11 7:00am Kris Schneidewind 4:30pm Helen Buffa

> Sunday, January 12 9:00am David Ogle

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

What gifts do we give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – to reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – to represent our daily prayer and adoration of God. Myrrh – to symbolize our daily sacrifices that unite us with Jesus for the sake of others.

### Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for December 29 was not available when the bulletin went to print.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Our neighbors in need have had dreams just as we all do. Often their dreams have been shut down when they experience bad times. It's hard to dream when you have lost your job, or you have to give it up because your loved one needs 24-hour care. There are so many reasons why our neighbors haven't been able to dream. By giving them a helping hand, we are able to give them hope to start dreaming again. Thank you for your donations that make this possible.

#### Youth Club Raffle Winners December 2024

1st Place \$100	Gretchen Nieter
2nd Place \$50	Marge King
3rd Place \$50	Kelly Harbaugh

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of completed adult shawls. The Ministry is completely out.

If you have any or can make some in the near future, please deliver to the parish office.

There are funds available if you need to purchase supplies or if you need to be reimbursed.

This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, January 5: Ritual Song: No. 1110 Pray Together: Page 64



### ALTAR SERVERS

#### SERVERS FOR JANUARY 6 - 12, 2024

Monday, January 6 To Be Scheduled 8:00am

Tuesday, January 7 8:00am To Be Scheduled

Wednesday, January 8 To Be Scheduled 8:00am

Thursday, January 9 8:00am To Be Scheduled

Friday, January 10 8:00am To Be Scheduled

Saturday, January 11 4:30pm To Be Scheduled

Sunday, January 12 9:00am To Be Scheduled

### DAILY READINGS

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		
Monday	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25		
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34 -44		
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52		
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a		
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19- 20/Lk 5:12-16		
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30		
Next Sunday	ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22		

#### LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF **JANUARY 11 - 12, 2025** LECTORS

4:30pm

Ron Goedeker

9:00am Gerry Unger

**Extraordinary Ministers** George Kerry

Mary Steck Elena Switzer

Steve Kratky Rosita Koehler Linda Saracino



#### Monday, January 6

8:00am Church 3:30pm Gym 6:00pm Cafeteria 6:30pm Parish Off. 7:00pm Parish Off. Tuesday, January 7 8:00am Church 3:15pm Cafeteria 6:00pm Parish Off. Wednesday, January 8 7:30am Church 8:00am Church 3:30pm Cafeteria 5:00pm Gym 8:30pm Gym Thursday, January 9 8:00am Church 2:00pm Cafeteria 5:00pm Gym Friday, January 10 7:30am Church 8:00am Church 3:00pm Cafeteria 3:30pm Gym 5:30pm Gym Saturday, January 11 7:00am Church 8:00am Church 8:45am Fireplace Rm. Jonah Prayer Meeting 9:00am Gym 4:30pm Church Sunday, January 12 9:00am Church 10:00am Gym 12:00pm Gym

Mass **Basketball Practices** 3rd Gr. Girl Scouts Cheer Committee Stewardship

Mass 1st Gr. Girl Scouts **Finance Council** 

Rosary Mass 6th Gr. Girl Scouts **Basketball Practices** Old Man Basketball

Mass Dance Class **Basketball Clinic** 

Rosary Mass **Girl Scouts Bop Hop Basketball Practices** Basketball Games

Mass Music Ministry Rehearsal **Basketball Games** Mass

Mass - Donut Sunday 2nd. 3rd. and 4th Gr. Basketball Basketball Games

#### Ladies' Club Christmas Gift Collection - Most Holy Trinity Parish

The SRA Ladies' Club collected gifts, snacks, and supplies for SRA's sister parish, Most Holy Trinity. The gifts and supplies were delivered in mid-December.



#### 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.

#### **Prayer Network**

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

## "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love"

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

### Feb. 28- Mar 2, 2025

FRIDAY 5:00PM - SUNDAY 1:00 PM

- Villa Maria Retreat Center 1903 E Lake 0 Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712 (1.5 hours from STL)
  - \$300 shared room + bath \$350 single room + bath

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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.

Amid the peaceful, beautiful surroundings of the Villa Maria Retreat Center, overlooking Springfield Lake, you will have the refreshing opportunity to pray, to learn about yourself, to deepen your knowledge of the Scriptures and the Catholic faith, to seek God's will for your life, and to experience the tremendous, personal love that Jesus Christ has for you.

#### 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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# Please join us for our annual Black & Gold Auction and stay for live entertainment to celebrate St. Raphael! Saturday, February 15, 202 Doors open at 6:00 pm

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





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