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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



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The ministry of reconciliation

St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that "...whoever is in Christ is a new creation." This new identity is found through the ministry of reconciliation that flows to us from God through His Son, Jesus Christ. We share this gift through the ministry of reconciliation among ourselves as members of Christ's Body.

What a remarkable gift we have been given, but a gift given to be shared. As we see in the Gospel of the forgiving father who strives so hard to remain in right relationship with his sons. To the point of diminishing his personal wealth and standing before others, he seeks to show his younger son his love who initially fails to see the gift the father has made, so grounded is the son in self-absorption. When he comes "...to his senses..." indicating a right mindset, he returns penitent to his father who welcomes him back. Still, he must engage his older son who now feels slighted and alienated by his own pride. Even so, the father lifts the ministry of reconciliation as the greater good, holding it as the path to unity and family concord.

What a message of hope for us in this Lenten season...to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. With whom do I need to come to my senses and minister to them in an act of reconciliation and forgiveness? Do I need to forgive or do I need to seek forgiveness? Both require humility and a willingness to be newly created in Christ.

Let us use this holy season to honor the redemption offered by Christ through His act of sacrifice, and share in His ministry of reconciliation with others.

NB: If you attend the 9:00am Mass, you will hear the gospel of the "Man born blind" from the "A" cycle. This difference is to emphasize "opening the eyes of faith" of those at that Mass who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Laetare Sunday – a day to rejoice

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is viewed with an eye toward Easter. We are halfway through the Lenten Season, and the Church feels the anticipated joy that builds. Even the vestments of "rose" are a softening of the Lenten purple and lifts our spirits as we await the Resurrection. The old term for this Sunday, "Laetare," means "rejoice" and comes from the antiphon for the Mass.

Confessions and Holy Week

We continue to hear confessions at 7:30am each weekday morning and Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm. Two evenings of confession are also scheduled to help us all make a good Lenten confession:

Tuesday, April 8 at St. Gabriel 7:00pm until all are heard Thursday, April 10 at St Raphael 7:00pm until all are heard

The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) will be celebrated at both churches:

St. Raphael the Archangel St. Gabriel the Archangel Holy Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday, April 17 7:00pm 7:00pm Church will remain open until Midnight Church will remain open until Midnight Good Friday, April 18 5:30pm Good Friday, April 18 3:00pm Holy Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday, April 19 8:00pm 8:00pm 7:00am and 9:00am Easter Sunday 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am Easter Sunday

and yes, 5:30pm Mass on Easter

I hope as many as possible will make every effort to join us for some of the Triduum, significant days in the Church's calendar and celebrations of the redemptive act of Jesus Christ, our Savior.



Sunday, March 30 9:00am Dan Harbaugh

Monday, March 31 8:00am Eva Ruggeri

Tuesday, April 1 8:00am Liddy Family

Wednesday, April 2 8:00am Kris Schneidewind

> Thursday, April 3 8:00am Sue Royer

Friday, April 4 8:00am Mike Lane

Saturday, April 5 7:00am Kris Schneidewind 4:30pm Tom O'Shea and Collin Taaffe

Sunday, April 6 9:00am Ernest A. Winkelmann

St. Vincent de Paul

Our neighbors in need want a better life for their children, but they have hit some rough times. It is so difficult for them to not know where their next meal will come from, or if they will get to stay in their homes. We have seen the anguish in the parents' eyes when their children witness them reaching out for help. They are so desperate that they can no longer hide the situation from them. It is then we call upon Jesus to help us comfort and show His love during this most stressful time. Thank you for always being there for us with your prayers and donations as we help the poor and those excluded from society.

This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Sunday, March 30:

Ritual Song: No. 1127
Pray Together: Page 116
Gospel from the "A" Cycle No. 1125

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years, but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 23, 2025 (Envelopes Used)	This Week		Year-to-Date	
Regular Env. (34)	\$	2,553	\$	157,834
Loose Money	\$	1,217	\$	80,255
School Support	\$	50	\$	7,233
Building Fund	\$	800	\$	7,195
Holy Days	\$	0	\$	9,137
Online Giving (47)	\$	2,668	\$	113,394
Easter Flowers	\$	10		
ProLife	(\$	85)		
Catholic Relief	(\$	20)		
European Churches	(\$	20)		
Lenten Project	(\$	2,750)		
Black/Ind. Miss.	(\$	50)		
Tithing	(\$	30)		
Altar Flowers	\$	25		
Grand Total	\$	10,278		
Total for Parish	\$	7,323	\$	381,852
Amount Needed	\$	10,000	\$	390,000
Difference	<u>(\$</u>	<u>2,677)</u>	<u>(\$</u>	8,148)
FYE 2024			<u>(\$</u>	<u> 17,741)</u>



SERVERS FOR MARCH 31 - APRIL 6, 2025

Monday, March 31

8:00am Hannah Kratky Lucas Kuenzel

William Schneeberger

Tuesday, April 1

8:00am Adriana Kurtovic Leo Kurtovic

Magdalena Niemira

Wednesday, April 2

8:00am Helen Potts Isaac Potts

Joseph Sullivan

Thursday, April 3

8:00am Paddy Meier Sean Meier

Archie Geisz

Friday, April 4

8:00am Elle Anstey Jake Anstey

Emma Peters

Saturday, April 5

4:30pm Katelyn Feldman Lucy Howard

Lucas Feldman

Sunday, April 6

9:00am Linus Cyr Grace Berta

Xavier Cyr

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8- 14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17- 30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40- 53
Next Sunday	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 5 - 6, 2025 LECTORS

4:30pm 9:00am Kevin Liddy Heather Hays

Extraordinary Ministers

Pam Hager Rosita Koehler
Brian McCarthy Bart Saracino
Mary Steck Linda Saracino
Craig Thompson Amy Schisler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 31

8:00am Church Mass

6:00pm Cafeteria 3rd Gr. Girl Scouts 6:00pm Conf. Room Cheer Committee

Tuesday, April 1

8:00am Church Mass

3:15pm Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 2

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

6:30pm St. Gabriel Talks on the Creed 7:00pm Gym Basketball Practice

Thursday, April 3

8:00am Church Mass

2:00pm Cafeteria Dance Class

5:30pm St. Gabriel Women at the Well

Friday, April 4

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

9:00am Church First Friday Adoration

9:30am Church K - 3rd Gr. Stations of the Cross 12:45pm Church 4th-5th Gr. Stations of the Cross 2:45pm Church 6th-8th Gr. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Café/Gym Day of Reflection

4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, April 6

9:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday9:00am Cafeteria Lenten Basket Assembly

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming Easter holy days, the bulletin publisher has 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.

Youth Club Raffle Winners March 2025

1st Place \$100 Elaine Chura 2nd Place \$50 Linda Saracino 3rd Place \$50 Joe McBryan

Parish Vocational Chalice

Interested in praying for an increase in vocations? Beginning the week after Easter Sunday, the Parish Vocational Chalice will be shared with our SRA parishioners on a weekly basis. Please consider volunteering to host the Vocational Chalice in your home for a week and pray for vocations. You may contact Fr. Lawson at robertlawson@archstl.org to get on the rotation schedule. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 20, after the 9:00am Mass. The children will meet outside of church and be escorted to the grass area in front of school.

The Easter Bunny will be there, too!!! Hope to see you!

Donations

SRA is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. The committee is asking for the following donations:

Individually-wrapped candy, baskets, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, coloring books, stickers, crayons, kites, etc.

Items can be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you.



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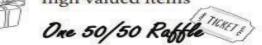




90+ prizes are on display. Hold up your paddle to bid on items. If your number is called, you win!

Exquisite Raffle

Purchase special raffle tickets for high valued items



Attendees most be 18+ years old Bring your own food and drinks!



Payments

Use PayPal for table reservations @sraladiesclub *Square will be available at event*

Paddle Options:

"All In" paddle is \$30 — You are in EVERY Raffle.

-or-

"Basic" paddle is \$10 and add a quarter to bid on an item/s.

Table Options:

"All In" table of 8 for \$240 Includes 8 "All In" paddles -or-

"Basic Table" of 8 for \$80
Includes 8 "Basic" paddles.

**Individuals can upgrade to
"All In" paddle for \$20 at the door**

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Walk in...at your own risk!

To reserve a table, pay and email:

ladies@straphaelarchangel.org

SRA LADIES' CLUB QUARTER AUCTION APRIL 11, 2025

The Club is soliciting <u>new or unused</u> items. Below are some donation suggestions. Please deliver any items to the parish office.

Margarita Basket
Beer Basket
Board Games
Car Care Items
Electronics
Camping Equipment
Outdoor Décor/Items
Gift Certificates
Event Tickets
Lottery Scratch-off Tickets
Purses
Jewelry
Beauty/Healthcare Products
Self-care Items



Organization Tools
Memberships/Passes
Outdoor Games
SRA Branded Items
Sport/Exercise Equipment
Sports Memorabilia
Wine, Beer, Spirits
Kitchen Items/Small Appliances
Water Bottles/Thermal Cups
Home Goods/Decorations
Electronics
Holiday Décor/Items
Glassware/Barware
Non-perishable Food Baskets







SRA DAY OF SERVICE SATURDAY, APRIL 26



Parishioners are welcome to join any of our three service opportunities and stay for as long or as little as you are able.

MOST HOLY TRINITY 9 AM-12 PM

The day begins with 9 AM Mass and donuts at our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity. Adult volunteers will be doing yardwork and property upkeep. Children volunteers will be working on a special art project. This event is open to volunteers of all ages. Contact Brian Klos 314-482-8559 with questions.

ST. MARY'S H.S. 8:30-11 AM

In partnership with the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry, volunteers will serve as welcome ambassadors by hosting a fun and inclusive soccer clinic. The day will begin with a light breakfast, prayer and introductions, followed by skill-appropriate drills and mini scrimmages. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship on the field! This event is open to adult volunteers and children volunteers in 1st Grade and above. Contact Ally Favre 314-303-8458 with questions.

ST. RAPHAEL 10 AM-2 PM

Volunteers will be doing yardwork and property upkeep along the school grounds. Divided plants or plants that need a new home are welcome. Meet at the preschool entrance on Jamieson. This event is open to volunteers of all ages. Contact Krissy Sullivan 314-608-9983 with questions.

Use this SignUpGenius to volunteer:

https://bit.ly/DaysofService2025

Or scan the QR code.







SRA Lenten Project...Our Lady's Inn and Prison Ministries

Please contribute to this year's Lenten project that benefits two charities: Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home in St. Louis (Dutchtown), and the prison ministries in both the Pacific Correctional Center and the Residents Encounter Christ retreat program.

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home helps those moms who may have been homeless or experienced housing insecurity
and are making life-affirming decisions for their child. Our Lenten project will help these women and their children
by providing laundry baskets and goodie bags with much needed necessities. Items needed are:

Shower gel or body wash

Household supplies/paper products Baby shampoo/lotion/baby wash

Adult coloring books or journals and colored pencils Individual snacks for lunches

Gift cards to Walmart or fast food places

Hairbrushes/combs
Boxes of cake and brownie mix
Kitchen and hand towels
Individual snacks for lunches
Laundry detergent



Everything is greatly appreciated; however, there are some items needed more at this time and they are in bold above. There are baby gift bags in Church, one under the Blessed Mother statue and one under the St. Joseph statue; please put any of these donated items in the bags now and up through Sunday, April 6, 9:00am Mass.



- Through our financial donation given to the Pacific Correctional Center and the Residents Encounter Christ retreat program, we are helping those who are conducting retreat programs and administering the Sacraments to those incarcerated. The incarcerated will personally encounter Jesus Christ from those who visit. We have been told that these encounters are "...beneficial to the incarcerated and a blessing to their families."
- Envelopes for this portion of the Lenten project are included in the pews (cash or checks); envelopes can be put in the collection basket or taken to the SRA parish office. If you prefer online giving, look for "Lenten Project" as a donation option.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100. By your support, we are practicing three of the Corporal Works of Mercy (sheltering the homeless, visiting those in prison, and giving alms to the poor) that we as Catholics are called to do...a work of justice that is pleasing to God. Thank you for your generosity; to date, financial donations total \$6,513.00.



Hunger Relief in the United States

Your donation to CRS Rice Bowl helps provide lifesaving support to more than 200 million people in more than 120 countries. But did you know your support also helps your local diocese? Twenty-five percent of every donation stays in your community to fight hunger and poverty, while 75% supports Catholic Relief Services programming around the world. Working together we make a difference! We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join where you can meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. Please join us at Mass and we hope you will consider joining us in future church activities. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

James and Karen Peissig

Jeff and Cheryl Chisholm



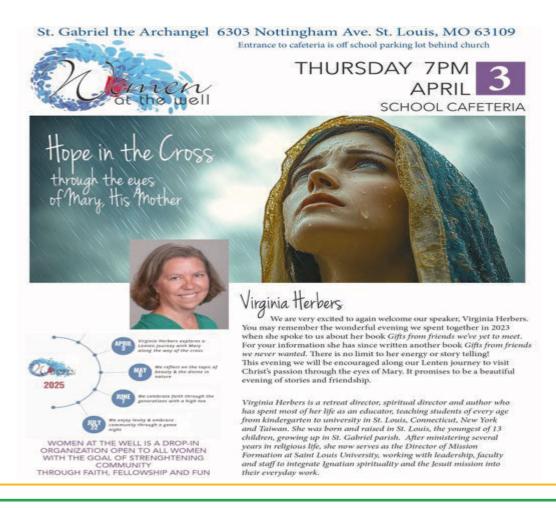
SRA STUDENT MASS ATTENDANCE CONTEST!

Classes are competing to see which can average the highest attendance at weekend Mass during Lent!



PARENTS! Scan here to register your student's attendance at SRA or any other parish!





ARCHANGEL YOUTH MINISTRY (AYM)!

AYM covers the parishes of St. Gabriel and St. Raphael in the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood and is open to ALL high school teens. No signup necessary! High school teens can attend on a regular basis or drop in as it fits their schedule!

We are currently preparing for the Luke 18 Retreat so our Life Teen (Sunday) and R&R (Wednesday) nights will be on hold for the months of March and April, but we look forward to welcoming everyone back in May.

LOOKING AHEAD

- *April 16 | AYM leads Silhouette Stations of the Cross at SGA church
- *April 17 | Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to area churches
- *April 19 | St. Louis Hills Easter Egg Hunt in Francis Park (Service hour opportunity.)
- *April 25-27 | Luke 18 Retreat! | for 8th graders, led by high school teens
- *May 4 | Life Teen Nights Return!
- *June 14 | SGA Block Party! (Service hour opportunity.)
- *July 18-20 | AYM at Steubenville 2025!

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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