

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

Reading 1

IS 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

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Reading 2

ROM 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

Gospel

MT 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday at 7:00am
Monday through Thursday at 8:00am (school only)

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on Tuesday,
Thursday, and Saturday
Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm
Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The church is open for private prayer:
Monday-Friday 8:00am –2:30pm,
Saturday 8:00am - 4:30pm,
Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Public praying of the Rosary is suspended.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

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.

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

School Resumes This Week

For this first time since before Spring Break, we will welcome our school children back to school this week. School resumes on Tuesday, August 18. Truly, this will be a unique school year for us.

Families attending our school this year have two options of how their children can attend school. One option is a traditional, in-person model. Students will sit socially distant from one another and, in our larger classes, sit in pods separated by plexiglass dividers. You can see how this looks later on in the bulletin. Daily, students will need to complete a questionnaire and have a temperature check before being admitted. Our staff will clean throughout the day, and nightly our cleaning crew will focus on sanitizing the space so it is safe for the next day. All students from 3rd grade up will be required to wear masks and other grades will be highly encouraged to do so as well.

Families may also choose a virtual option. We will install in each classroom a camera and microphone that will link to the teachers' laptop. From there, the teachers will be able to control the camera and livestream lessons via YouTube to students at home. This will also be a great feature for students at home quarantining due to exposure or who are recovering from illness but feeling well enough to check in for a class.

Our school administration and Coronavirus Taskforce will continue to monitor all developments about the pandemic and how the latest research and decisions impact grade schools and pre-schools in particular. We are committed to keeping our faculty and students safe and complying with any decisions from the St. Louis City Department of Health and the Archdiocese.

Resumption of 8:00am Mass

With all of this in mind, I would like to address how this situation will impact an important part of our students' day: attending 8:00am Mass.

Our plan, built on the best guidance available, rests on keeping the same students together in a socially-distant way. Controlling student interaction in school minimizes the impact should a family or a student become sick with the Coronavirus and the health department subsequently directs us to do contact tracing.

Having our students go to Mass in church right now would break down the barriers we are trying to establish to keep them safe. Our church is a public space and anyone can come into it for Mass. We can-

not adequately screen or protect our students from potential exposure.

We have decided, then, to move all 8:00am Masses to the cafeteria, limited to the school community only. For the first quarter, students in 4th-8th grade will rotate daily and attend Mass live, one class per day. These Masses will be livestreamed via YouTube and the other grades will participate virtually.

We understand that many families choose SRA School because our students attend Mass daily. We will continue to monitor developments and, as soon as it is safe, begin moving back to reestablishing this practice. We are also fortunate that we have a 7:00am Mass as well. Outside of the times of Coronavirus, our servers regularly serve this Mass and then go straight to school. We invite families who want their children to attend Mass live daily, to consider making 7:00am Mass part of their faith life until our school can resume regular attendance at daily Mass together.

Masses will resume at 8:00am on Wednesday, August 19, the first full day of school, with our 8th grade attending that day. Mass intentions for 8:00am will also resume on that day. We understand that your family may not want to celebrate a Mass that you cannot attend in person. If you have an upcoming 8:00am Mass that you would like moved to a different time, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your understanding about this and the many other changes that these times necessitate.

Feast of the Assumption

Saturday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption. Since it occurs on a Saturday, it falls under that Saturday/Monday rule and is not a Holy Day of Obligation (though, due to the Archbishop's dispensation, there are no days of obligation currently). We will celebrate this feast at 7:00am on Saturday.

I will see you online and in church! -Fr. John #SRAstrong

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES



The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for September through November are now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND SRA PARISH COUNCIL

At each of this weekend's Masses, we will hear from a representative of SRA's Parish Council regarding the sharing of time and talent, which is part of our Stewardship initiative. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with SRA committees, there are many to choose from. Please see the parish directory for opportunities.



Thank you.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal is slowly coming to an end. The parish has been extremely generous. At this time, the parish is just short of meeting its "Challenge Goal." If you have not contributed or made a pledge to this important cause, please consider doing so. You can either send a check or a note indicating your pledge to the parish office. The committee will complete a card for you. If you respond directly to the Archbishop's appeal, your contribution will be credited to our parish.

Again, thank you for your very generous support during these difficult times.

The Parish ACA Committee

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN ENDS



The SRA FRIENDS FOR LIFE campaigns ends this Sunday, August 16. As you know, Friends for Life is a program sponsored by the Respect Life Apostolate that helps to support women and their families in crisis pregnancies. In addition, Friends for Life helps to implement programs of the RLA that promote the Culture of Life. If you still wish to contribute, it is not too late. Please place your envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in support of Life - the Lord's greatest gift.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

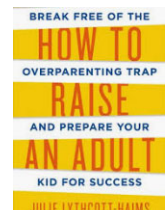
HELLO, SRA BOOK LOVERS!

The HSA is hosting another virtual book club on September 16. We hope you will join us in your living room over a beverage and snacks of your choice!

To sign up, please e-mail Casey Kleekamp at caseykleekamp@yahoo.com by September 4. A zoom link will be sent to attendees before September 16.

Book Club Details:

- **The Book:** *How to Raise an Adult* (perfect for BTS!) (Julie Lythcott-Haims)
- **Book Details:** <https://www.julielythcotthaims.com/how-to-raise-an-adult>
- **Book Club Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 16, 6:00-8:00pm
- **Discussion:** We will prepare questions to discuss. Bring along any that you have as well!
- **Questions?** Please contact Casey via e-mail at caseykleekamp@yahoo.com or messenger on FB.





Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 16
 8:00am Craig Biesterfeld
 10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, August 17
 7:00am Kimling Family

Tuesday, August 18
 7:00am Mary Lou and Bill Schicker

Wednesday, August 19
 7:00am Walter Hulford
 8:00am Cramer Family

Thursday, August 20
 7:00am Gregory A. Vogelweid
 8:00am Joseph Judge

Friday, August 21
 7:00am Agnes Cross

Saturday, August 22
 7:00am Roger Kreitler
 4:30pm Conrad Hager

Sunday, August 23
 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:00am Ralph Raskas

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God directs, then some part of His work will be left undone.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 9, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (66)	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 28,274.00
Loose Money	\$ 633.00	\$ 6,592.00
School Support	\$ 40.00	\$ 675.00
Building Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,465.00
Holy Days	\$ 60.00	\$ 106.00
Online Giving (49)	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 15,396.00
Pro-Life	(\$ 315.00)	
Tithing for the Poor	(\$ 65.00)	
Latin America Missions	(\$ 250.00)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 70.00	
Grand Total	\$ 9,084.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,454.00	\$ 52,653.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
Difference	(\$ 546.00)	(\$ 1,347.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

School News



We are so excited to share photos of the new plexiglass dividers. Some classrooms display examples of social distancing without dividers. The Reopening School Task Force met on Thursday, August 6, to finalize details for the reopening of school on Tuesday, August 18.



Join in our Golf Cart Raffle to support SRA School! Winner will NOW be announced at the Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 11. Thank you for understanding our need to extend the promotion due to COVID-19.

Raffle Tickets are **2 for \$100 or 1 for \$60** and are available for purchase online via golfcart.givesmart.com.

Instructions to ensure your tickets are purchased!

1. Sign in OR sign up for an account (via "Registration" button on top of page).
2. Ensure a Credit Card is on file in your account FIRST. If not, your raffle tickets will NOT be purchased and you will NOT be entered to win. Click on the MY INFO tab to enter your Credit Card. To get to MY INFO tab from the golf cart page, click on back button "View List" at the top of the page. This will take you to the main home page. You will then see a tab for MY INFO at the top of the page.
3. After you enter your credit card, click on the ITEMS tab to get back to the golf cart page to purchase your golf cart raffle tickets. OR click the "View Items" button from the Home page.
4. Once on the Items page, click on the Golf Cart Raffle Ticket. Follow prompts to complete fields. Please be sure to tell us who referred you to our raffle!
5. Click the "Buy" button after you complete all fields. You will receive a message: "All Set!" Click the "OK" button.
6. The site administrator will process your credit card payment. Your purchase is complete! Thank you!

ST. RAPHAEL "FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT"

Tournament Date: Sunday, October 11, 2020
Lunch at Noon
1:00pm Tee Time
Forest Park Golf Course
4 Person Scramble

Registration Form

Platinum Sponsor	\$1,000 2 Teams	Signage at Event Special Recognition
Gold Sponsor	\$ 500 1 Team	Signage at Event Special Recognition
Team	\$ 300 4 Golfers	
Hole Sponsor	\$ 100 Signage at Event	
Individual Player	\$ 75	
Price includes green fees, food and beverages all day and awards		
Item Donation	Please describe items donated:	



Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Player 1 _____ Player 3 _____

Player 2 _____ Player 4 _____

Please make check payable to St. Raphael Men's Club
Mail to Brian Fissel, 6451 Westway Road, St. Louis, MO 63109
(Deadline is October 5. Payment ensures your spot.)

Questions, please call Dave Wilkinson at 314.458.5831 or Brian Fissel at 312.933.0994

*All monies raised will be used to support the athletic programs,
school activities and needs, and other parish efforts.*



**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF
ST. ALPHONSUS**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS HITS HOME

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Friday, August 28, 9:00am - 1:00 p.m.

This year's conference will focus on the topic of "From Isolation to Inclusion." Kar Wolf, MD, and Brittany McCrady, LCSW, are the presenters. The cost is \$15.00, IL CEUs —\$10.00. Registration is required. For more information, please call 618.394.6281 or go to snows.org/illness.



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds. With love for our neighbors who have nothing, let's look around our houses to see what furniture, household items, and clothing we no longer use, and give them to the Society. Also, let's shop at one of the SVdP Thrift Stores for great bargains.

PSR REGISTRATION

Registration for 2020-2021 South City Deanery PSR year will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish Center on Monday, August 17, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm and Sunday August 23, from 11:00am - 1:00pm. The \$35.00 registration fee is due when you register. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate for our records.

SCD PSR program provides formal Catholic religious education (Pre K to Confirmation Prep) for the children in parishes of the South City Deanery. Sessions are Monday evenings, September through May, from 6:20 - 7:40 p.m. For more information, please contact Deacon George Watson at stl.scdpsr@gmail.com or call 314.773.3070.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."



WELCOME TO THE ST. RAPHAEL PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/E-mail/Address

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