

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Feast of St. Louis, King of France Commemorated)
August 23, 2020

Reading I

IS 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Responsorial Psalm

PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

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Reading II

ROM 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel

MT 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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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

First Week of School

This week, we welcomed back students to our school. Being able to welcome students into our classrooms in person and virtually has brought some normality to our campus amidst these turbulent times.

Our faculty and staff continue to do a tremendous job to make our school as accessible and robust as possible. Thank you for your selfless and tireless efforts!

We will continue to make improvements to our school and work to deliver on the promises we have made to all of our students. We are committed to making St. Raphael a school where all feel welcome and included in our community.

8:00am Weekday Mass Reminder

Please remember that, even though school is in session, our 8:00am Mass will remain closed to the general public. You may attend this Mass virtually through our YouTube account; find a link posted on our parish and school websites.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes begin on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30pm. We will hold this first meeting in-person in the parish office and also offer the opportunity to join the meeting via Zoom as well. After our first meeting, we will decide a permanent time and method of meeting.

RCIA is the process through which one can join the Catholic Church. We welcome those who are not baptized as well as those baptized in a different Christian tradition. RCIA is also great for Catholics who have not been confirmed and would like to receive this sacrament. Through weekly meetings, we explore the Catholic faith through readings, presentations, and discussions.

If you are interested in joining, please give me a call or send me an e-mail for more information.

Feast of St. Louis, King of France

This weekend, our Apostolic Administrator, Archbishop Carlson, has given parishes permission to

use the prayers at Mass for St. Louis, King of France. While it has become a tradition in our Archdiocese to celebrate our patron on the Sunday closest to his feast, it is of worthy note for two reasons this year.

First, as you may know, there has been a movement to remove the statue of St. Louis in Forest Park. This statue is not only one of the landmarks of our city, but also commemorates a saint. The reasons given for tearing down this statue remind us of who a saint truly is.

When the Church declares a saint, the Church does not say he (or she) lived a perfect life or did everything perfectly. Instead, the Church, through prudent investigation, has found extraordinary holiness of life.

As you enter the Cathedral from Lindell Boulevard and look at the ceiling, you see the life of St. Louis. From these images, we see a man who tried to live his faith. Did he sin? Yes, as we all do. Looking back on his life from our vantage point, do we see sins that shock us? Yes, we do. I am sure from Heaven, seeing His life from God's vantage point, St. Louis would join us in lamenting some of the choices he made. As we remember his failings, though, we also need to recall his life of holiness as well. It is the latter that we focus on as we celebrate him as a saint and humbly acknowledge with him the need for the gift of mercy to bring healing to our city.

This celebration is also of significance because on Tuesday, our new Archbishop, Archbishop-elect Rozanski, will be installed. Certainly, with the many challenges facing our local church, praying for our new Archbishop will undoubtedly be an appreciated gift as we welcome him to St. Louis. This Sunday is also a great time for us to pray in thanksgiving for Archbishop Carlson and his many years of service to our Archdiocese. May the Lord bless our departing and arriving shepherds through the intercession of St. Louis.

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

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.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The parish Annual Catholic Appeal drive is now complete. However, you can still contribute by sending a check or pledge to the parish office and it will be processed. Also, the Archdiocese has sent a mailing to some parishioners with pledge cards. These also can be sent to the parish office to be forwarded to ACA. When the final figures are in, they will be published in the bulletin. The parish has done extremely well in the face of the current difficult times.

Thanks to all who contributed to this important cause!

The St. Raphael ACA Committee

JOIN US FOR A DIVINE MERCY RETREAT!



Based on the book, *33 Days to Merciful Love* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, we will journey into the heart of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's Little Way and uncover the power of trust in the face of personal darkness and times of difficult circumstances. This 5-week retreat involves reading a short daily passage and pondering it throughout the day. An accompanying workbook provides a wonderful guide for reflection and journaling. While most of the retreat is done on your own in your home, you may opt to come to church on Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm, for a small group discussion, with social distancing practices in place. The retreat will begin in church at 7:00pm, Thursday, September 17, with an introduction and the distribution of materials. The retreat culminates in a consecration to Divine Mercy on October 22, the Feast of Saint Pope John Paul II. The cost of the book, *33 Days to Merciful Love*, with companion workbook, DVD, and consecration certificate is \$30.00. Or you may purchase just the book for \$15.00. To reserve your copy, contact Mary Reck at 314.326.6996 by Monday, August 31, to ensure timely shipment. (The book alone is also available used or on Kindle through Amazon, if you prefer to get your own copy.)

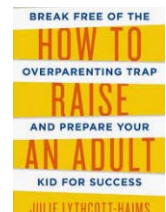
HELLO, SRA BOOK LOVERS!

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.





DAILY READINGS

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

Monday, August 24
 7:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann
 8:00am Kara Cummings

Tuesday, August 25
 7:00am Mary Lou and Bill Schicker
 8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, August 26
 7:00am Cunigunda Gubser
 8:00am Eva Jobst

Thursday, August 27
 7:00am Alma Scheble
 8:00am Sue DeBarry

Friday, August 28
 7:00am Mary Jo Ponder

Saturday, August 29
 7:00am Riegel Family
 4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 30
 8:00am Jeff Kreitler
 10:00am Mary Jo Liddy

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
 Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 16, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (65)	\$ 2,532.00	\$ 30,806.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,086.00	\$ 7,678.00
School Support	\$ 120.00	\$ 795.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,615.00
Holy Days	\$ 263.00	\$ 369.00
Online Giving (46)	\$ 2,646.00	\$ 18,042.00
Pro-Life	(\$ 125.00)	
Tithing for the Poor	(\$ 1.00)	
Latin America Missions	(\$ 35.00)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 35.00	
Seminary	(\$ 1.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 6,994.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,832.00	\$ 59,485.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
Difference	(\$ 2,168.00)	(\$ 3,515.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

PLEASE NOTE

All 8:00am Masses Monday-Thursday will be celebrated in the school cafeteria and attendance will be limited to the school community only, due to the Coronavirus. If you would like to reschedule a Mass intention to one that you and your family can attend, please contact the parish office.

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” (Romans 11:35)

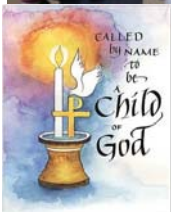
St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through our generous sharing, we just may be the answer to someone’s prayer.

First Day of School!



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. Have we considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Dorothy Chitwood, daughter of Jordan and Katherine Chitwood. Dorothy was baptized on August 15, 2020. May God always bless the Chitwood family.

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.*



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

Think Fall Sale



Welcome fall with beautiful 9” mums for sale at Ascension Lutheran Church’s Mum and Bulb Sale. Preorder is required and orders are due by Thursday, September 10. Ordering is easy and contactless. You can download the order form at ascensionstl.com/plants, or call, text, or e-mail your orders to Karen Hilkerbaumer at 314.378.2977, gbomber@swbell.net, or Julie Headrick at 314.258.2169, hea102@sbcglobal.net. Contactless pick-up will be at the Word of Life school rear entry door in the alley off Loran St. Your order will be brought out and loaded into your vehicle. Please pay with check payable to Ascension Lutheran Church or have exact cash at time of pick-up.

YCM AUDITIONS

The Young Catholic Musicians, now in its 47th year, is holding auditions for new members. Auditions and rehearsals are held in Sts. Peter and Paul Church (enough space for social distancing). For more information, please visit youngcatholicmusicians.org, contact Fr. Bruce Forman at 314.231.7464 or revycm@charter.net, or Mary Smith 314.962.9260, smithycm@sbcglobal.net.



This summer is flying by quickly. Do you have a plan to keep on the right path in this ever-changing world? Listening to Catholic programming on Covenant Network will help keep you focused on your faith. Daily schedule includes Mass, the Rosary, the Angelus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other prayers to remind you of saints and feasts. Call-in shows that answer questions about Church history, Scripture, the lives of the Saints and current events will keep you grounded in the faith. Tune in to AM 1460, or listen on our Covenant Network app on your mobile device or at Our-CatholicRadio.org.

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

Please Contact Me

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