

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020

Reading I

Is. 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

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The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reading II

ROM 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

MT 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

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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

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

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

We are so grateful to so many families that trust St. Raphael the Archangel School for the education of their children. I am also aware that some families have chosen to send their child to a public or charter school that may not necessarily have a faith background. In these cases, families often send their students to a Parish School of Religion Program (PSR).

St. Raphael the Archangel is a partnering parish in the South City Deanery PSR Program at St. John the Baptist. I also respect those families that have chosen to be part of the PSR Program at Epiphany Parish.

If you are a parishioner of St. Raphael the Archangel and plan on sending your child(ren) to a PSR program for the 2020-21 school year, I ask that you meet with me by October 15 of this year. This meeting is so we can touch base on where your child is in faith formation and how the parish can serve your family. I believe this meeting is so essential that any parish portion of program fees for your chosen PSR Program will be withheld until this meeting takes place.

Parents are the first educators of their children, and I in no way want to infringe on this parental obligation. I simply want to be sure that all of our young people are learning the faith and all of our families feel welcomed and involved in the life of the parish.

From the Watermelon Festival Committee

The St. Raphael Watermelon Festival has been a long-standing tradition for our church and school community that welcomes the new academic year. The 2019 festival introduced an inflatable obstacle course for the kids, a bags tournament for the adults, and experienced unprecedented attendance. Organizers have discussed plans for 2020 for months and had those plans change and change again with the fluid nature surrounding local health guidelines. Given the uncertainty of how these guidelines will fluctuate between now and late August, the difficult decision was made to cancel this year's festival. SRA Men's Club and our Home and School Association want to thank all of those who have added input on how best to make this year's festival occur and look forward to planning future social events.

From the Hip-Hip Hooray Department

This Sunday at noon, we will honor the accomplishments of the St. Raphael the Archangel School Class of 2020 with a special Mass and graduation ceremony. We are honored to have such a distinguished

class of graduates, and we pray for a happy and blessed transition to high school in just a few weeks.



Congratulations to Jordan Chitwood (center). Last Sunday, we celebrated his decision to enter the Catholic Church and his reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Jordan's sponsor was Dan Queathem (right). We also want to thank Dennis Matreci (left) for his leadership of our RCIA program.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office. Classes will start in September.

We also want to congratulate the newest Troop 500 Eagle Scout, Jake Kellar, SRA 2017. His Eagle Project was a needed overhaul of the ball room in our gym. Great job, Jake, and thank you for your contributions to our community!



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

DERBY PARTY CANCELLATION

Out of concern for the health and safety of our SRA community, we will sadly not hold the Kentucky Derby party this year on September 5. Following increased and overwhelming concerns about the COVID-19 virus, we feel this is the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented situation. While we are very disappointed that we are unable to hold this event to support SRA, we know it is the right decision based on the information we have today.



If you still wish to support the school and turn your party ticket(s) into a Fund-a-Need donation (new school roof), please e-mail the Auction Committee at auction@straphaelarchangel.org as soon as possible. If you wish to cancel the donation and receive a refund, we will process refunds through the Givesmart web site the first week of August.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding! #SRASTRONG

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN



RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE

The SRA FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN will extend from Sunday, August 2, to Sunday, August 16. As you know, Friends for Life is a program sponsored by the Respect Life Apostolate that helps to support women and families in crisis pregnancies. In addition, Friends for Life helps to implement programs of the RLA that promote the Culture of Life. You will find your Friends for Life envelope in the August packet of envelopes. Place your gift in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity, especially during this difficult time of COVID-19.



Support the SRA Home and School Association by purchasing SCRIP gift cards!! By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, August 7. You can pick up the cards at the parish office on Monday, August 17. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the parish office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.

The SRA 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 2

8:00am People of the Parish
 10:00am Marcia Matreci
 12:00pm SRA Class of 2020

Monday, August 3

7:00am Jost Family

Tuesday, August 4

7:00am Mary Feser

Wednesday, August 5

7:00am Jeff Kreitler

Thursday, August 6

7:00am Roger Kreitler

Friday, August 7

7:00am Martin Schutte

Saturday, August 8

7:00am Elmer Tucker
 4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 9

8:00am Joe and Rita Fernandez
 10:00am Jane Ellen Brady

“Jesus said to them, ‘ There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves’.” Matthew 14:16)

This is what Jesus said right before he fed five thousand people. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We must believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 26, 2020
 (Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (61)	\$ 3,136.00	\$ 17,977.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,426.00	\$ 5,116.00
School Support	\$ 100.00	\$ 410.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6.00
Online Giving (47)	\$ 2,291.00	\$ 10,534.00
Tithing for the Poor	(\$ 110.00)	

Grand Total	\$ 7,063.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,953.00	\$ 34,843.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Difference	(\$ 2,047.00)	(\$ 1,157.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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 now complete! Thank you!

ST. RAPHAEL'S ST. VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE UPDATE

This year we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of the SVdP Society in the United States. Did you know that the national headquarters are right here in St. Louis? Throughout all these years, the members of each parish conference have relied upon the generosity of its parishioners to meet the needs of countless people.

As you can imagine, the current pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable especially hard. We are so grateful to all of you here at St. Raphael for your continued donations, which allow us to serve in this ministry and help our neighbors in need.

We want to provide a quick recap of how we have been able to help during the first half of the year (January through June 2020):

Calls Received for Assistance: 85
Rent: \$11,297
Food Vouchers: \$1,250
Utilities: \$3,913
Thrift Store Vouchers: \$215
Other Miscellaneous: \$750
Products Delivered: Cleaning supplies, diapers, and/or paper products

We sincerely thank you for exemplifying the love that Christ asks us to extend to others. Please know that as we pray for those we help, we also pray for each of you.

May God bless you with hope, patience, and good health.

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.*



FIFTY PLUS CLUB

Please be aware, due to the current Archdiocesan guidelines, the Fifty Plus Club luncheons are postponed until further notice.

**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.



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, Jesus says: “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves,” and taking five loaves and two fish, he blessed them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd. Know that your gift to the Society to help those living in poverty touches many lives, just like the loaves and fishes.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal is slowly coming to an end. If you received your card in the mail, please complete it and turn it in to the parish office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. If you did not receive a letter with a card from either the Archbishop or the parish, please consider making a contribution to this important cause. Either send a check to the parish office or make a pledge by sending a note to the parish office indicating your intention and the pledge amount. The committee will complete a card for you.

Thanks to all for helping this campaign under these difficult circumstances. The Parish ACA Committee

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 to 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 on Monday evenings, September through May from 6:20-7:40pm. For more information, please contact Deacon George Watson at stl.scdpsr@gmail 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

Please Contact Me

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