

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
August 30, 2020

## Reading I

JER 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

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## Reading II

ROM 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

## Gospel

MT 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm  
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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.

## GUEST COLUMN: GIFT OF MERCY BY DAVID BARANOWSKI, STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR, ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Most of us don't deserve the mercy God gives us. The punishment we deserve for our sins far outweighs the mercy we receive.

We are called to imitate Christ. We are called to show mercy to others, regardless of how much they have wronged us. Yet, we hand out punishment easily. Our mercy is a different story.

Years ago a promise was made to me that I really wanted. Several years later, the promise turned out to be a lie. I became enraged. What made it worse was that the person who made the promise was someone I considered to be a good friend and a mentor. He was someone that I admired. I carried hate and anger with me for several years. It consumed me. It became my "idol." It gave me my reason to be mean and nasty to others. I felt betrayed and I wanted everyone to know it and also feel the pain.

Through God's grace I eventually recognized my brokenness. I realized I needed to change. I realized I needed God's help and that I couldn't forgive on my own. God opened my eyes to show me that this person I was angry with was actually a gift and not a burden for me to carry around. I felt awful. I was ashamed of all the terrible things I said to my friend. I was ashamed of how I treated others as a result of my anger, especially my family and friends, the people who loved me, even though I was not easy to love at the time.

I went to the sacrament of Reconciliation, and it was life-changing. I asked for and received God's mercy and forgiveness. This is going to sound corny but every time I walk out of the confessional now I hear the first lyric of Amazing Grace playing in my head. "Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

My friend lives out of town, but God's grace contin-

ued. He came back to St. Louis for a visit and we were able to meet. We showed each other mercy and renewed our friendship.

There is a lot of hatred and anger in the world right now. Many are searching for justice and equality. Maybe we need to balance the equation with mercy and compassion.

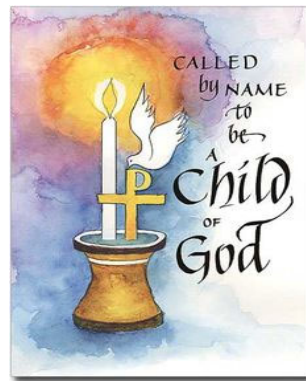
God teaches us that for our sins to be forgiven, we must also forgive those who've hurt us. When hate is in our hearts, there's no room for God's love. How can we expect God to be merciful if we refuse to show mercy? Forgiveness is often easier said than done; only God can give us the strength to forgive through prayer.

So, here's a suggestion. Before we get together to meet on things that divide us, maybe we should spend time together, to pray for and with each other in the sacrament of Reconciliation and at Holy Mass and to ask for God's mercy and guidance. It has been said that you can't give what you don't have. Maybe we need to experience God's mercy and forgiveness before we can give them to others. Maybe we need to change before we can expect others to change. Maybe we all need to become better stewards of the gift of mercy.



### 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.



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Evelyn Simokaitis, daughter of Joseph and Julie Simokaitis. Evelyn was baptized on August 16, 2020. May God always bless the Simokaitis family.

## 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.)

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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, September 4, and should be turned in to the school office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the parish office on Friday, September 11, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).

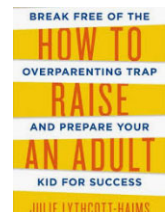
## HELLO, SRA BOOK LOVERS!

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](mailto: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](mailto:caseykleekamp@yahoo.com) or messenger on FB.





**Sunday, August 30**

8:00am Jeff Kreitler  
10:00am Mary Jo Liddy

**Monday, August 31**

7:00am Judy Svetanics  
8:00am Chris Maleas

**Tuesday, September 1**

7:00am Logan Warnecke  
8:00am Carolyn Hager

**Wednesday, September 2**

7:00am Ada Cross, SI  
8:00am James Pree

**Thursday, September 3**

7:00am Don Deachan  
8:00am Lorraine  
Baker - Smith - Kinman

**Friday, September 4**

7:00am Marcella Daus

**Saturday, September 5**

7:00am Richard Santanello  
4:30pm Agnes Hager

**Sunday, September 6**

8:00am Roger Kreitler  
10:00am People of the Parish

**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.

*“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life”? (Matthew 16:26)*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

# DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5  
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 23, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
<b>Regular Env. (54)</b>	\$ 3,062.00	\$ 33,868.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 308.00	\$ 7,986.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ 845.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,640.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 88.00	\$ 457.00
<b>Online Giving (48)</b>	\$ 2,326.00	\$ 20,368.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 5,859.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 5,859.00	\$ 65,344.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	(\$ 3,141.00)	(\$ 6,656.00)
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

## FR. JOHN'S NOTES

### *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.

### *Alumni Day*

Our annual Alumni Day is quickly approaching! We invite all of our alumni to join us at 10:00am Mass on Sunday, September 20. Following Mass, weather permitting, we will have a reception for our alumni and parishioners on the parking lot.

"...TO SERVE THE POOR  
IS TO GO TO GOD..."  
St. Vincent de Paul



### FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go, so God can lead us. Last month, through gifts, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting 12 families with \$600 in food vouchers, \$2,200 for utility bills, and \$1,400 for rent. Thank you!

### 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.

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](http://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:	



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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.*



# FROM ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI'S FIRST HOMILY AS ARCHBISHOP OF ST. LOUIS, GIVEN AUGUST 25, 2020, FEAST OF ST. LOUIS

**Back in late February** - just six months ago - could any of us imagine how within days we would be plunged into the greatest pandemic to affect the human race in over 100 years. As we mourn the passing of tens of thousands of our fellow citizens and offer prayers for the millions among us who are still struggling with the impact of the coronavirus, we share the frustration of its devastating impact on all of our lives, be they physical, emotional or economic.

**But, brothers and sisters**, COVID-19 is not the only urgent cross facing us today. As a nation and, as indeed a church, we find ourselves still struggling with the scars of systemic racism in our society.

**Our civil discourse** these days is not very civil. When a person shares a differing opinion from ours, the tendency is to demonize the other, often in deeply personal ways, eclipsing any type of dialogue, common ground or understanding. As Catholics, as Christians, we need to ask, "Where is God in all of this?"

**You only have** to look into the words of Jesus in today's Gospel - "Love one another as I have loved you." How many times have we heard these words

of Jesus from the Gospel of John? Jesus wanted his own to love one another as He has loved us.

**In the midst of a pandemic**, a societal reckoning on the life issue of race relations and civil discourse and, yes, the often sinful polemics within the church are difficult. Loving one another seems to be a tough thing to do these days.

**Yet, my brothers and sisters**, we are called to be a people of hope. As a community, the church must practice love.

**I am humbly called** to be with you in this ecclesial community of St. Louis. This gateway city provides us rich imagery. In order for us to live out this fundamental command to love one another the command must be carried out in action. We ourselves must be gateways, not gatekeepers. Gateways to healing, to evangelization, to mercy, to compassion. Gateways to listening with the ears of Jesus.

Excerpts of Archbishop Rozanski's homily courtesy of <https://www.masslive.com/living/2020/08/st-louis-archbishop-rozanski-loving-one-another-seems-tough-to-do-these-days.html>

## 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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