

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2020

Reading I

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II

Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel

Lk 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: (Continued on the next page.)

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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.

Gospel (continued)

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.“

Thank you for your support of our seminarians on Christmas Day!

If you have not made a donation to this year’s Seminary Christmas Collection, you can still do so!

Here is how you can donate:

- **Drop the seminary collection envelope into the collection basket**
 - **Give through our online giving website**
 - **Give at kenrick.edu/support**

Thank you for your generous support of our future priests!



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.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS
MASS SCHEDULE

***Vigil - Feast of Mary, Mother of God
(December 31)***

4:30pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1)

8:00am

10:00am

ALUMNI

ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!

SRA is continuing to look for all alumni. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf at alums@straphaelarchangel.org or you can call the parish office at 314.352.8100.

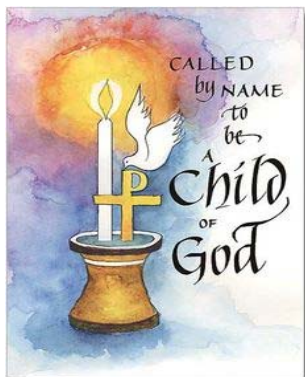


DAILY READINGS

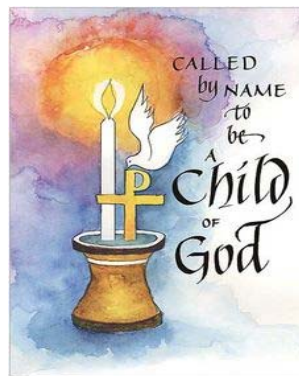
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.” Last month, through your gifts, the Society was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting 19 families, providing \$400 in food vouchers, \$1,400 for utility bills, and \$3,200 for rent. Thank you!



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Patrick Rooney, son of John and Kim Rooney. Patrick was baptized on December 5, 2020. May God always bless the Rooney family.



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Eleanor Curtin, daughter of Rob and Alex Curtin. Eleanor was baptized on December 6, 2020. May God always bless the Curtin family.



Sunday, December 27

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00 Daniel and Pade Liddy

Monday, December 28

7:00am Ella Goepner

Tuesday, December 29

7:00am Rebecca Ng

Wednesday, December 30

7:00am Joan Lorson

Thursday, December 31

7:00am Don Deachan
4:30pm People of the Parish

Friday, January 1

8:00am Sally Bryant
10:00am Lee Roy Borowiak

Saturday, January 2

7:00am Lee Borowiak
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 3

8:00am Peggy Sciaroni
10:00am Hilda Wegman

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's forgiveness. Then, share that gift with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

December 13, 2020

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (59)	\$ 3,406.00	\$ 103,839.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,697.00	\$ 22,661.00
School Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,704.00
Building Fund	\$ 735.00	\$ 5,340.00
Holy Days	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 3,906.00
Online Giving (49)	\$ 2,493.00	\$ 61,218.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 130.00	
Seminary	(\$ 225.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 35.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 10,011.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,751.00	\$ 201,372.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 216,000.00
Difference	\$ 751.00	(\$ 14,628.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for Sunday, December 20, was not available when the bulletin went to print.

PRAYER NETWORK

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

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.”

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to announce Ada Cross as the winner of the quilt and three pillows.

Thank you to all the generous parishioners who helped us realize \$1,361 on our quilt raffle. This check was given to the parish for its needs.

Also, if you need a baby quilt for a Christmas gift or shower gift, we have a number available. If interested, please call Joan Billing at 314.968.1824.



ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL BLACK & GOLD AUCTION FEBRUARY 13, 2021

**DON'T MISS THE 2021 SRA BLACK AND GOLD AUCTION!
IT MAY LOOK DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR'S, BUT IT WILL
CERTAINLY BE A GOOD TIME IN YOUR OWN HOME!**

When: Saturday, February 13, 2021

Where: Online! Join us virtually at 6:30pm

What: Silent Auction with extra goodies such as an Auction Swag Bag for \$75 per household

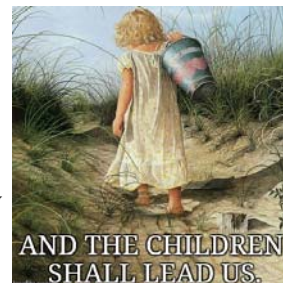
Get your Auction Swag Bag tickets today - limited quantities available!

<https://blackandgold21.givesmart.com>

WINTER OUTREACH A MINISTRY OF MERCY

The following is an excerpt from an email that was received from a "Blessed Baker" that is truly heart warming.

"I want to have my granddaughter help me. We read a book, *"One Boy's Magic."* The week after we read it, she wanted to make cards for the homeless. She is in virtual Kindergarten and comes to my house everyday because I am helping her. She is just learning to write. So she wrote, "You are special. I care." on 9 index cards. Then she put a bottle of water and a snack and one of her cards in separate grocery bags and wanted to go "find some homeless people" to give them to. My husband and I actually drove downtown to where they have set up some tents and gave them these bags. It was very sweet. I know she will want to help me make some food for them."



It is a message like this that continues to energize this ministry, along with all of you who so generously give of your blessings. We continue to fill the homeless shelter with amazing food, coffee, socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothes so that they may help us to help others. As the temperatures begin to drop, they are so grateful to all of you for helping them prepare to open their doors to our homeless brothers and sisters. Thank you for your witness of God's love in the world.

We will once again be at the far end of the OLS parking lot (toward Macklind) to make it easier for drop off.

Casseroles--Baked and Frozen

- Wrap securely in aluminum foil to prevent leakage and freezer burn
- Mark on top what kind of casserole it is & date it January 16, 2021

Desserts--Baked and Frozen

- Make sure they have a secure lid (no plastic lids) so they do not get smashed
- Wrap securely in aluminum foil to prevent leakage and freezer burn
- Mark on top what kind of dessert it is and date it 1/16/21.
- Remember to wear a mask when dropping off your dish...Thank You!

Please give your name to the person who takes your donation, so we know when all dishes have arrived. If anyone needs to drop off or have their donations picked up ahead of time, please call 314.374.1712.

SRA has several very generous families that are participating. Thank you!



LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for November through March 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.



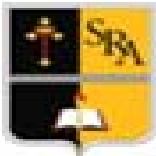
Saint Raphael the Archangel

**Black & Gold
Dinner Auction**

**All donations must
be received by
January 25, 2021.**

For more information call
314-352-8100

Ticket Information
Coming Soon!



Donation Form

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City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Description (Quantity, Size, Color, Restrictions, Expiration Date, Etc.) _____

Value of Donation _____ Donor Signature _____
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QUESTIONS?
Contact the rectory office at 314-352-8100

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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: _____
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