

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021

Reading I

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

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He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.

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Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.

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Reading II

1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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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)

CONFESIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on Tuesday,
Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCARISTIC 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

Returning to Mass

We are all at a different comfort level when it comes to the Coronavirus. Some of us have been working in our workplaces the entire pandemic. Others are beginning to be called back now or look to be in a few short weeks. Perhaps we are now feeling more comfortable going to a store or even out to a restaurant than we were just a few weeks or months ago.

While not adding any additional pressure or guilt to anyone, a good question to ask ourselves, as we consider the workplace or the store, is: when will we again go to church in person?

Everyone has a different comfort level when answering that question. No answer is right or wrong; the response is particular to the unique situation in life. The point is that we need to have this conversation in our families and have a plan that we hold ourselves accountable to. When will we return to Sunday Mass?

It is great to attend Mass online. It is even better to attend in person and to receive the Eucharist. When will that Sunday be for me and for my family?

Parish Picnic News

Although we can hold Masses in a safe and socially-distant way, we are concerned that we will not be able to do the same with the parish picnic in May this year. Please see this announcement from the School Picnic Committee:

Due to the pandemic, the picnic, which is usually held on the weekend of Mother's Day, has been canceled. We hope that the rollout of the vaccines will allow us "possibly" to have some type of picnic/celebration in the late summer or in the early fall. The kids, parents, teachers...everybody needs to come out and play!

Let's keep our masks on

and our fingers crossed. The final decision will have to be made by the Archdiocese; we will keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Mayo, Terri Borowiak,
Dave Wilkinson, Paul Beckerle
School Registration Update

Thank you for so warmly welcoming our stewardship speakers last weekend who spoke about our school. Everyone's continued interest in the school truly makes our school community stronger.

Our school registration is currently open! This year for the first time, we are offering all of our school registration forms online. To register, please visit <https://sraschool.org/admissions/forms>.

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our community in the past couple of years, our school is in a good place financially. We are happy to share that we are not raising tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year. To further enhance our program offerings, we are initiating a new technology fee that will fund the ongoing purchase of new Chromebooks for our students.

Please continue to speak positively about our school, and, if families are looking for a school community to send their children to, please mention SRA!

Black and Gold Auction

A friendly reminder that our Black and Gold Auction is next weekend! Please check later in the bulletin for more information!

Season of Lent

We are just a couple of weeks away! Lent begins this year on February 17.

We will have our usual schedule of Masses, with a 7:00am, 8:00am, and 7:00pm Mass in church on Ash Wednesday. Our students will attend Mass at 8:00am in the school.

At the recommendation of the Archbishop and the Office of Worship, ashes will not be imposed on our foreheads. Instead, the priest will sprinkle ashes on our heads. We will give more specific instructions on Ash Wednesday at Mass, but please be assured we will take all precautions to make sure everyone can receive ashes safely.

This Lent, we will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lenten reflection book, as well as our Lenten reflection series on Sunday evenings, will concentrate on this topic.

Also, during Lent on Tuesdays, we will have a special time for confessions and Mass in the evenings. Confessions will be heard from 6:15-6:45pm on Tuesday evenings, followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

On Wednesdays, we will have time with the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel in the parish office from 3:00-9:00pm each week, except for Ash Wednesday.

If you want a Bible study, we are offering one on the Letter to the Philippians on Thursday nights.

The parish leadership has also selected a worthy cause for our Lenten Project. Details about the project will be coming soon.

On the Road Again

I will step away for a couple of days this week, from after Mass Wednesday to Saturday mid-day. I will be available via e-mail and phone during this time. I want to thank Monsignor Stehly and our parish and school staffs for helping to cover things while I am away.

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

Matthew 25 In The Age of COVID: I was hungry, a stranger, ill or in prison... Sacred Heart Valley Park - Lenten Speaker Series 2021 (Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00pm, via Zoom)

- February 23 – “Supporting the Dignity of Life in the Age of COVID: A Catholic Response” - Representatives from Catholic Charities and their agencies will explore Catholic Teaching and moral principles related to supporting the dignity of life from conception to natural death. What are the realities and hurdles facing the most vulnerable in our midst and those who seek to minister to them? How are we as Catholics called to help?
- March 2 – “Housing Insecurity and Homelessness in our midst: An Emerging Crisis” - St. Patrick Center CEO Anthony D’Agostino is the keynote speaker in a discussion around the critical and emerging issue of housing insecurity in our area. The economic impact of the pandemic is threatening many families’ finances for the first time and driving those who had already been struggling deeper into despair. What is the need, and what is our faith-driven response?
- March 9 – “The Beatitudes for Climate Change” Benjamin de Foy, PhD, Banpu Chair in Sustainability and Professor of Atmospheric Science. Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Saint Louis University, will challenge us to ask, “What if we turned to the Beatitudes to help us think about climate change”? We all use different frames to understand issues. Sometimes this leads to creative problem solving. From the basic science to current scientific debates, and from personal choices to community action, the Beatitudes can help us better understand what is at stake and help us move forward productively and joyfully!

To register, email name & phone to peaceandjustice@sacredheart-vp.com.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18 PHILIPPIANS: LIFE IN CHRIST

All are welcome to join us for this video-based Bible study, directed by Dr. Tim Gray, on the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. It's a six-week course and will take place from 7:00pm – 8:00pm on Thursday evenings in the lower level of the parish office from February 18 - March 25.

Dr. Gray is a very dynamic, inspirational, easy to understand, Bible scholar who can unpack the mysteries of the Bible in a way that will make you say, “I never knew that!” and will have you yearning for more.

The evening consists of a video segment between 25 - 30 minutes long and then shared discussion on what we learned in the video.

Everyone is welcome, but if possible, please call ahead to let us know you are coming so we can set up the room for proper social distancing. Face masks are required. For more information, please call Sue Brandt, at 314.704.5304 or sbrandtstl@gmail.com.



***SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
DRIVE-THRU-ONLY
FISH FRY @ SRA***

***Conducted with the approval of the Archdiocese and in
compliance with local health guidelines***



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 7

8:00am Eileen Cognata
10:00 People of the Parish

Monday, February 8

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Patricia Uxa

Tuesday, February 9

7:00am Pat Goeddel
8:00am Sherry Day

Wednesday, February 10

7:00am Ella Goeppner
8:00am Mary Ann Gaal

Thursday, February 11

7:00am Jost Family
8:00am Eileen Maue

Friday, February 12

7:00am Don Deachan

Saturday, February 13

7:00am Jules Zimmerman
4:30pm Pat Goeddel

Sunday, February 14

8:00am Bill and Mary Ann Schicker
10:00am People of the Parish

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.

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

January 31, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (60)	\$ 3,618.00	\$ 134,941.00
Loose Money	\$ 735.00	\$ 30,569.00
School Support	\$ 40.00	\$ 4,994.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 6,375.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,399.00
Online Giving (48)	\$ 1,831.00	\$ 82,267.00
St. Louis Review	(\$ 70.00)	
Candle Money	\$ 144.00	
First Offering	\$ 180.00	
Grand Total	\$ 7,143.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,073.00	\$ 273,230.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 279,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,927.00)	(\$ 5,770.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

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."

JANUARY YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100 Chad Potts
2nd Place \$50 Pat Copinger
3rd Place \$50 Tommy Stockmann

Following Jesus in Freedom and Love is a retreat offered by Fr. James Mason as a Lenten study, designed to help form individuals and parishes in this understanding of one's identity and mission. The virtual platform of this retreat allows the faithful to participate at home, as a parish mission, or in private groups. The videos in this series, with accompanying study guides, are designed to help one grow in one's relationship with Christ and understand our own personal, unique mission to walk with Christ in an apostolic age. In this, we can have trust, joy, and great hope.

Following Jesus in Freedom and Love

Part I – Love: *Hearing the Heartbeat of Jesus*
Part II – Relationship: *Living in Freedom*
Part III – Identity: *Our First Vocation*
Part IV – Mission: *Leaving the Empty Tomb*

This retreat can be conducted in the following ways:

- In the Parish (on a weekly Mission or as a Day of Recollection)
 - In Small Groups (at home or video conferencing)
 - At Home (as a family, spouses, or individually)
- All retreat content will be available online soon. For more information, please call 314.792.7438.

DAILY READINGS

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

WEDDING BANNS I

There is a promise of marriage between Jennifer Carter and Michael Yanko to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

SRA SCHOOL BOOK FAIR



Our Scholastic Book Fair is online January 29-February 11! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25. Let's instill a love of reading through great books!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/straphael>



SRA HSA is planning its next Book Club!

Date: Tuesday, February 23
Time: 7:00pm
Book: *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert

Want to sign up? If so, please email Casey at caseykleekamp@yahoo.com.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then go out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and the suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. Please pray, too, for our Society members that we may meet their needs and ease their hardship.

FAQ's



Where do I pick up my Auction gift bag?
We will deliver it to you on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

Where can I bid? When will bidding open and close?
Bidding will open mid-morning on February 13. It will close at 9:30pm that evening. Please visit our website, BlackandGold21.givesmart.com to bid. We will not have a live auction this year, so all of our items and baskets will be a part of the silent auction.

Where can I watch the video presentation on auction night?

We will go live on the parish YouTube page, where Masses are livestreamed, at 6:30pm on February 13, with Fr. John and Mrs. Hayes. We will highlight some awesome silent auction items, announce our Fund a Need causes, show a brief video, announce the winner of the 50/50, and much more! We will be live for about an hour. Join us!

How do I pick up the items I purchase at the auction?

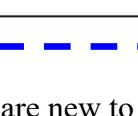
We will set up a Sign Up Genius for curbside pickup after Masses on Sunday, February 14.

50/50 News

We will close ticket sales on February 12, at 12:00pm. If you would like to buy tickets before then, please see the list of tickets on the next page of the bulletin and turn them in to the parish or school office by February 12!

A flyer for scholarships available starting January 11, 2021. It features a blue and yellow design with a graduation cap icon. Text includes: "SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021", "Looking for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year?", a list of eligible schools, "Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG for elementary and high school scholarships.", "Deadline is February 26th, 2021.", "Visit ttef-stl.org for more details", "ttcf@archstl.org (314) 792-7777", and logos for Today & Tomorrow, Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of Catholic Education and Formation, and Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri.

Our 50/50 will benefit the Teacher Reimbursement Fund! Thank you for your support!

 St. Raphael the Archangel Black and Gold Dinner Auction <i>Saturday, February 13, 2021</i>	50/50 Raffle Ticket \$20 per ticket or sheet of 8 for \$125 Drawing will be held during our virtual auction!	Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Address: _____ <small>*Return ticket(s) and payment to the parish office by 2/12/21.</small>
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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: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

- New Parishioner New Phone/E-mail/Address

Please Contact Me Please Do Not Publish #