

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021

Reading I

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-8. 8-9, 10

R. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading II

1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher — "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

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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

Where are we as a nation today?

The day after the event at the capital that shocked the nation on January 6, I preached on the events of that unforgettable day. Since then, tensions only seem to rise with concerns of armed protests, talk of impeachment, and more suspicion in our public discourse.

Continually, as I observe these events, I am reminded of the words of Archbishop Rozanski before the election. I am reprinting these words he wrote on October 5. They are truly prophetic:

What I notice is this: The way we talk to one another makes me uneasy. How we form our relationships before the election makes a big difference in whether or not we're going to be able to work together after the election. For many years now, we haven't been doing such a good job.

What I want to encourage is this: Let's talk to one another differently in the coming month. Let's listen to each other more deeply — to the reasons, the hurts, and the hopes. Yes, the election really matters! But some things matter more — our shared identity in Christ and our shared mission to serve the Gospel.

Our culture is drifting ever farther from the Gospel — and by that very fact becoming more and more in need of it. We have too much work to do together to let the powers of the world alienate us from one another.

These words from our Archbishop remind us first of the power of words. Words are powerful, be they words spoken by our political leaders, by commentators in the media, or even by someone on social media. How have my words, both publicly and privately, helped or hindered the beginning of reconciliation?

The Archbishop reminds us, too, of the need to listen to other people and other view points. Do I do this? When someone who disagrees with me speaks or comes on my social media page or on the

radio, do I immediately tune out or do I take the time to listen? Do I listen not just to what is said but to where it comes from? Do I respect each person as a beloved son or daughter of the Father?

Lastly, the Archbishop reminds us that our culture is drifting farther away from the Gospel. Which priority is first in my life? Are my political views first or are they the values of Christ and of the Church? When I speak to another about our nation or politics, do I speak as a person of faith?

We pray this week for a peaceful Inauguration Day and a new beginning to our civic dialogue from the past couple of weeks. For these prayers to be most effective, we have to first be open to change in ourselves. The wider culture is reflective of the people who live in that culture. If we desire a change in the wider culture, let that change begin in me.

Men's Club Communion Breakfast

We welcome this Sunday to our parish Fr. James Michler. Fr. Michler served in the Archdiocesan Missions in Bolivia for 25 years before recently returning to the Archdiocese. Father is visiting us this weekend to celebrate the 10:00am Mass and to give the Men's Club Communion Breakfast talk following the Mass to the Men's Club members and to their families.

All members of the Men's Club are invited to attend the Mass and to stay after the Mass for the talk. We will also livestream this Mass and Fr. Michler's talk should you prefer to attend that way.

The normal breakfast part of our annual program will be postponed due to COVID-19.

Eucharistic Adoration

A reminder that we will have Eucharistic adoration each Wednesday of January from 3:00-9:00pm. Please see the Signup Genius link on Flocknote to sign up or contact the parish office if you would like to sign up for a half-hour or an hour slot to adore the Lord.

We are also still looking for individuals who can help adore the Lord on the First Friday of every month, particularly in the morning. Please contact

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.

Barb Cramer at 314.406.8699 if you are interested in signing up for a half-hour or hour slot.

Welcoming Committee

Are you looking for an easy way to help SRA? Do you enjoy being an ambassador for our neighborhood and our parish? Are you interested in helping to greet new parishioners to our parish and to our neighborhood?

If so, please consider joining our Welcoming Committee. This committee is currently looking for new members to help greet new parishioners. As people join the parish, you may be asked to contact a family, help prepare a welcome basket, and deliver it safely at a convenient time. Soon we hope, as COVID restrictions alleviate due to the vaccine, we will be able to greet people more personally.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration!

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

Weekly Devotional to St. Joseph During the Year of Joseph

St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family, patron of the Church, hear our prayer for peace. St. Joseph, a man of peace and wisdom, teach us the way of peace. Protect us from the hatred and the evil that breeds anger and hatred and justifies it. Heal the brokenness that remains in many hearts. Release us from the bondage of fear and distrust of neighbor, especially the neighbor who is a stranger in our midst. Gentle St. Joseph, help us to be strong in defense of justice and care for the poor. Help our Church to be a prophetic leader in the struggle for world peace. Help us to be generous and constant in praying for this peace.

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.

JANUARY: PROLIFE MONTH

As the New Year begins, we once again celebrate our commitment to LIFE during this month. We invite you to:

- Join Catholics nationwide to pray for LIFE during the **USCCB 9 Days for Life novena** from **January 21 to 29**. You can sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.
- Participate in the Young Adult ProLife Holy Hour on **Thursday, January 28, at the Cathedral Basilica at 7:00p.m.** This event is for young adults 19 to 39.
- Pray for peace and an end to division in our nation. Perhaps you can use the "For Peace in the World" prayer on p. 41 in the SRA *Parish Prayer Book*.

Nothing can be more important than our efforts to build a Culture of Life.

The SRA ProLife Committee



**RESPECT LIFE
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Sunday, January 17

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00 Bill Schicker

Monday, January 18

7:00am Yolanda Downey
8:00am Tom Carroll

Tuesday, January 19

7:00am Delores Mayo
8:00am Margaret Carroll, SI

Wednesday, January 20

7:00am Neil and Judy Svetanics
8:00am Kathy Harbaugh Fitzgerald

Thursday, January 21

7:00am Marie C. Winkelmann
8:00am Joan Feldmann

Friday, January 22

7:00am Hilda Wegman

Saturday, January 23

7:00am Cramer Family
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 24

8:00am John Gubser
10:00am Pat Goeddel

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’”
John 1:38*

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

January 10, 2021

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (66)	\$ 6,478.00	\$ 124,028.00
Loose Money	\$ 732.00	\$ 28,535.00
School Support	\$ 75.00	\$ 4,729.00
Building Fund	\$ 220.00	\$ 5,760.00
Holy Days	\$ 242.00	\$ 6,323.00
Online Giving (53)	\$ 2,928.00	\$ 74,410.00
St. Louis Review	(\$ 375.00)	
Seminary	(\$ 3.00)	
Catholic Communi- cations	(\$ 30.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 45.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 11,128.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,675.00	\$ 251,016.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 252,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,675.00	(\$ 984.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)









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.”

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

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

Thanks to our generous sponsors, Schicker Automotive and Bartolino's Osteria, we are proud to announce that with the purchase of your 2021 Black and Gold Auction Swag bag, **you will also receive a \$50 gift certificate to Bartolino's Osteria to be used at a later date.**

Our 2021 Auction Swag Bag now includes:

- An SRA Auction Wine Tote Bag
- Two SRA Auction Wine Tumblers
- An SRA Auction corkscrew/bottle opener
- A cozy, SRA throw blanket
- Two bottles of wine from Southside Wine and Spirits
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The cost of our gift bag is \$75.
 You can only purchase the bag via our website:
BlackandGold21.givesmart.com

Please do not send checks to the parish office or school to purchase the bags. **You can only purchase the bags on our website.** We have a limited quantity of these items. All packages previously purchased will also receive the gift certificate.

We are almost sold out! Only 60 gift bags remain. You don't want to miss this chance for some fun SRA gear!



INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Please note, this year we will not be sending out parish-wide contribution forms. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to have yours mailed to you.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for"? Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that, when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy. As we make our donations to the Society, know that we are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and that we give them reason to believe and to trust.

DAILY READINGS

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021

Looking for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.

Visit ttef-stl.org
for more details
ttef@archstl.org (314) 792-7777

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Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/E-mail/Address

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