

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021

Reading I

Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

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Reading II

1 Cor. 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

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.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 by Mr. David Baranowski, Director of Stewardship Education, Archdiocese of St. Louis

Freedom and discipleship sound like contradictory terms to many people. Today, freedom is seen as the lack of obeying any laws, the ability to do what you want, when you want. Discipleship is seen as a very restrictive lifestyle filled with laws. When, in fact, the opposite is true. Discipleship leads to freedom. Jesus said, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)

The “Decalogue” of the Ten Commandments means “ten words.” These “ten words” were written by “the finger of God.” Do you want to know the truth? Do you want to be set free? Then follow the Ten Commandments. That’s right, include the Ten Commandments in your daily prayers. Meditate over them – think deeply about how you may or may not be following them. Contemplate them – listen in silence how God may be talking to you and responding to your prayers. Spend time praying over the Ten Commandments and go beyond the obvious.

For example:

- First Commandment – You shall not have other gods before Me. It’s true that you don’t have idols of Roman gods in your backyard that you sacrifice to, but has the pursuit of power, money, and prestige become your prime objective?
- Third Commandment – Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day. Surely, you go to church every Sunday, but do you take a little nap during the homily and deliberately fail to pay attention?
- Fifth Commandment – You shall not kill. You have not actually committed murder, but have you ever gossiped about someone?
- Seventh Commandment – You shall not steal. You have never stolen a car, but do you spend money beyond your means or deprive others by spending too little?
- Ninth Commandment – You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. You’ve never committed adultery, but do you tell dirty jokes or start impure conversations with your friends’ spouses?

The Catechism says the Ten Commandments are a gift from God himself and his holy will (CCC 2059). They are the covenant between God and his people (CCC2058). The Ten Commandments free us from becoming slaves to our own sin, pride, and ego. They open our hearts for a relationship with God and each other. They provide the foundation to become the person that God intended each of us to be.

Pope Francis says, “Some people think they are free if they can avoid God; they fail to see that they remain orphaned, helpless, and homeless. They cease being pilgrims and become drifters, flitting around and never getting anywhere.”

Dr. Edward Sri adds, “When I train myself in the name of my personal freedom to pursue what I want, when I want it, how I want it, as often as I want it, I’m actually not free. I’m a slave. I become a slave to my interests. In the end, the modern notion of freedom trains us to become slaves to our own selfishness.”

So, starting today, begin incorporating the Ten Commandments into your daily prayers. Discover the freedom they provide you on your path to holiness.

The following prayer is “Be Not Afraid” by St. Francis de Sales.

“Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life in fear; rather look to them full of hope that, as they arise, God will deliver you out of them. He has kept you up to now; do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand, He will carry you in His arms. Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.”



Saint Raphael the Archangel

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January 25, 2021.**

For more information call
314-352-8100

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QUESTIONS?

Contact the rectory office at 314-352-8100

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**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:

- 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*.
- Reflect on these words of Pope Francis: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable - the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor - are masterpieces of God's creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."



**RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE**

We must continue to build a Culture of Life. The SRA ProLife Committee



Sunday, January 24

8:00am John Gubser
10:00 Pat Goeddel

Monday, January 25

7:00am Earlyn Bahr
8:00am Bud Humiston

Tuesday, January 26

7:00am Pat Goeddel
8:00am Harry and Anita Toczyłowski

Wednesday, January 27

7:00am Pat Goeddel
8:00am Riegel Family

Thursday, January 28

7:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Friday, January 29

7:00am Hutton Family

Saturday, January 30

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker
4:30pm Vickie Tornetto

Sunday, January 31

8:00am Jost Family
10:00am People of the Parish

*“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”
Mark 1:17*

Jesus’s call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedules and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

January 17, 2021

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (59)	\$ 4,822.00	\$ 128,850.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 29,710.00
School Support	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,879.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00	\$ 5,790.00
Holy Days	\$ 45.00	\$ 6,368.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 2,856.00	\$ 77,266.00
St. Louis Review	(\$ 530.00)	
First Offering	\$ 130.00	
Grand Total	\$ 9,738.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,208.00	\$ 260,224.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 261,000.00
Difference	\$ 208.00	(\$ 776.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

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>

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 RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
BLACK & GOLD AUCTION
FEBRUARY 8, 2020

Our deadline for auction contributions is fast approaching! If you are making any last-minute purchases to contribute to the silent auction, or are holding on to a class basket contribution, **please drop it off to the parish office by January 25, 2021.** If you need to schedule a pickup or make special arrangements, please contact us at: katiemeier82@gmail.com.

The parish office hours are as follows:
Monday-Thursday 7:30a-4:30p
Friday 7:30a-12p

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on Earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values. Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Call the parish office for more information.

BOOK CLUB

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.

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 TFEF-STL.ORG for elementary and high school scholarships.

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