

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021

Reading I

Dt. 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II

1 Cor. 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

CLERGY & STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm
Friday 7:30am-12:00pm
School Office Monday-Friday

CONNECT WITH US!

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| Parish Office | 314.352.8100 |
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LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

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| Parish Council | Dan Meshoto | 314.452.1017 |
| School Board | Matt Fuhr | 314.750.8691 |
| Finance Council | Joseph Cyr | 314.335.7322 |
| HSA President | Emily Young | 314.323.9336 |

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

Catholic Schools Week Begins

This week, our parish school will join with other Catholic schools throughout the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Locally, we will celebrate by honoring those who make our school possible: our parents, grandparents, teachers, and students.

Every year we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I am grateful for the gift of our school. This year in particular, I am grateful for three reasons:

1. God's generosity to us in the midst of the pandemic. Our school has weathered some difficult times these past months. Beginning at Spring Break last year, our school went completely online in response to the pandemic. Our entire community pulled together well in trying to support one another to provide the best possible learning environment for our students in unprecedented times. Over the summer as more about the Coronavirus became clear, a Coronavirus Task-force was formed to help guide the reopening of our school to in-person learning. Through its efforts, as well as that of our administration, faculty, and staff, we reopened on time with both in-person and online classes available. Through the months of the first semester, we grew in confidence that we could safely teach our students in person amidst these times. We have and continue to remain in-person four days a week with in-person learning and a growing distance learning plan for Fridays.
2. The strength of our community. Three years ago, we met as a community to discuss the future of our school. Regularly, we ran a monthly deficit and our financial reserves were at a point that the path we were on could not continue. Our families came together to help our school from accepting a tuition increase to supporting our Angel Appeal to backing fundraisers like our Black and Gold Dinner Auction. Today, I am happy to report that, due to increased enrollment and strong monetary support, our school is in a healthy spot financially and we are growing in strength and viability.
3. No tuition increase this year. I know the pandemic has hit every family in some way. Some have dealt with the virus directly, while others have suffered an interruption of employment. Going into this tuition-setting cycle, it was important to me and to our parish leadership to do all we could to support our families during this pandemic. Thanks to the strong financial support we have received and our growing enrollment, we were able to approve a provisional budget without a

tuition increase. This budget is balanced and will keep us on the path toward greater financial strength.

The pandemic has caused an acceleration in changes to learning. Our classrooms are becoming more dependent on technology for everything from textbooks, to homework assignments, to teacher instruction. In keeping up with these trends, we have instituted a technology fee. This fee is less than \$150 per family at its highest rate for a family with three or more children. This money will go into a dedicated fund to purchase new technology for student learning. We hope, as we look to next year, to use these funds to purchase new Chromebooks for our early childhood program, which only has one cart of 25 Chromebooks currently.

While our school is not hosting a traditional Open House this year due to the pandemic, we do have private tours available for families at mutually agreeable times for both our pre-k and grade school programs. Please call our school for more information 314.352.9474.

Eucharistic Adoration

Our Eucharistic Adoration schedule for Wednesdays is out for February! Please sign up on the Signup Genius link or contact the parish office.

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

Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

O most powerful patriarch, Saint Joseph, patron of that universal Church which has always invoked thee in anxieties and tribulations, from the lofty seat of thy glory lovingly regard the Catholic world. Let it move thy paternal heart to see the mystical spouse of Christ, the Church, and His vicar, the Pope, weakened by sorrow and persecuted by powerful enemies. We beseech thee, by the most bitter suffering thou didst experience on earth, to wipe away the tears of the revered pontiff, to defend and liberate him, and to intercede with the Giver of peace and charity, that every hostile power being overcome and every error being destroyed, the whole Church may serve the God of all blessings in perfect liberty. Amen.

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>

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.



By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, February 5, 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, February 12, 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.

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, January 31

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

Monday, February 1

7:00am Kimling Family
8:00am Robert Bertani

Tuesday, February 2

7:00am George Sullens
8:00am Mildred Howard

Wednesday, February 3

7:00am Ralph Raskas
8:00am Phyllis Scott

Thursday, February 4

7:00am Mary Ann Yuan
8:00am Jean Kolde

Friday, February 5

7:00am Samuel Forder

Saturday, February 6

7:00am Helen Bozzay
4:30pm Evelyn Loubek

Sunday, February 7

8:00am Eileen Cognata
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.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give us everything we want, but He will provide everything we need. In the future, let's try this: use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry." Then we will pray for things instead of worrying about them.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

| January 24, 2021 (Envelopes Used) | This Week | FY to Date |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Regular Env. (58) | \$ 2,473.00 | \$ 131,323.00 |
| Loose Money | \$ 124.00 | \$ 29,834.00 |
| School Support | \$ 75.00 | \$ 4,954.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 60.00 | \$ 5,850.00 |
| Holy Days | \$ 3,170.00 | \$ 6,399.00 |
| Online Giving (55) | \$ 3,170.00 | \$ 80,436.00 |
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| St. Louis Review | (\$ 240.00) | |
| Seminary | (\$ 10.00) | |
| Tithing | (\$ 20.00) | |
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| Grand Total | \$ 6,203.00 | |
| Total for Parish | \$ 5,933.00 | \$ 266,157.00 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 270,000.00 |
| Difference | (\$ 3,067.00) | (\$ 3,843.00) |
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| 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."



STEWARSHIP WEEKEND...SRA SCHOOL BOARD

At each of this weekend's Masses, we will hear from a representative of the SRA School Board regarding the sharing of time and talent, which is part of our Stewardship initiative. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with SRA committees, there are many to choose from; please see the parish directory for opportunities. Thank you.

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

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| | 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 | Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Address: _____ |
| | Drawing will be held during our virtual auction! | | *Return ticket(s) and payment to the parish office by 2/12/21. |
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JANUARY: PROLIFE MONTH ENDS

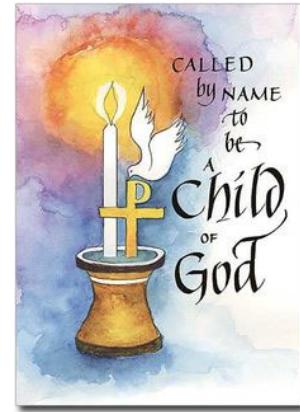
From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. Although each season of life brings challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God. Today the gift of Life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than being protected, are all too often regarded as burdens or as expendable. Because new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to grow despondent, but Christ offers us unfailing hope.



May we allow Christ to renew and strengthen us, that He may work through us to support Life each moment of every day. (From the USCCB ProLife Committee.)



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Roman Roberts, son of Brendan and Melissa Roberts. Roman was baptized on January 24, 2021. May God always bless the Roberts family.



DAILY READINGS

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| Monday: | Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20 |
| Tuesday: | Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32] |
| Wednesday: | Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thursday: | Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13 |
| Friday: | Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29 |
| Saturday: | Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34 |
| Sunday: | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39 |

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, we read that, because Jesus spoke with authority, his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action by helping the poor and suffering. This month, through our gifts, the Society was able to assist many families, providing food and paying for utilities, rent, and other bills. God bless you!



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 TTEF-STL.ORG for
elementary and high school scholarships.***

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.



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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

City, State, Zip:

E-mail:

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