

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
July 12, 2020

## Reading I

IS 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

## Reading II

ROM 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

## Gospel

MT 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. (Reading continues on page 3)

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CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**CONNECT WITH US!**

<b>Parish Office</b>	314.352.8100
Fax	314.353.6603
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**LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH**

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

**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 - 5:00pm  
Saturday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Sunday 1:30pm - 5:00pm.

**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)

Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them. “But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. “Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

## FR. JOHN’S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

### *Church Hours for Private Prayer*

Due to my going out of town (more about that below), we will begin locking the church at our regular times during the week and on the weekend. These times go into effect this weekend.

- Monday-Friday: Church open for private prayer 7:30am-2:30pm
- Saturday: Church open for private prayer 7:30am-4:30pm
- Sunday: Church open for private prayer between 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. Church closed after 10:00am Mass.

After I come back from vacation, I am more than happy to extend the hours the church will be open if there is sufficient demand. Thankfully, we have not had any issues with the church being left open, but, if people are not around to watch it, we do run the risk of vandalism to the church. I am trying to balance availability of the church and safety in this decision. If there is a desire to leave the church open longer, I will certainly try to honor that.

### *Mass Schedule*

This weekend, we are also resuming our regular Sunday Mass schedule.

- Saturday 4:30pm
- Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

We will continue to monitor attendance at Holy Mass and add additional Masses should attendance increase and necessitate additional Mass times.

### *From the Hip Hip Hooray Department*

Congratulations to John Hannibal, SRA Class of 2016, who graduated with the following honors from St. Mary’s High School: “Dux Esto” Award in Mathematics, Beta Chi Pi, George Washington Carver Award, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society Member, President’s Award for Educational Excellence, St. Mary’s Honors Graduate, Summa Cum Laude, and last, but certainly not least, Cum Laude National Honor Society Member.

That’s a great list! Blessings to you, John, in your future!

Also, congratulations to our church grounds crew for winning the St. Louis Hills best landscaped church award this year! Awesome work! You make our church look so great and we are prouder of our parish because of your hard work!

### *On the Road Again*

I will get away for a few days of (continued on next page)



## PARISH DIRECTORY

We are updating the

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are beginning to work on the newest parish directory. Therefore, we are asking for any updates to your address, updates

to your land line, updates to your cell numbers, and any e-mail updates, etc. Please e-mail your changes to the parish office at [parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org) or call the office at 314.352.8100. We would appreciate receiving this information as quickly as possible. Thank you.

(Fr. John's column continued)

vacation with some good priest friends of mine, beginning after Masses this Sunday until July 23. During this time away, I will be in contact via phone and e-mail and will call in to meetings with the school task force that is helping to develop our plan for the resumption of school.

While I am away, I would like to thank Msgr. Stehly, Joseph our summer seminarian, and the parish and school staff that help to cover things so I can be away for a bit. Know that you will be in my prayers and I ask that you pray for us as well.

*I will see you online and in church! -  
Fr. John #SRAstrong*

## FAITH AND RACIAL EQUITY: EXPLORING POWER AND PRIVILEGE

This is an 8-week module that awakens groups to the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms, and hidden biases that empower some and oppress others. The first half of the module introduces a framework for understanding and recognizing racial disparities in power and privilege. Sessions 5-8 take a deeper dive into specific issues related to power and privilege, including affirmative action, the school-to-prison pipeline, the criminal justice system, and powerful biases in media representation. As with all JustFaith programs, participants will explore how their faith should inform their response to their learning, as well as discern action steps for working toward racial equity in their own communities.

Please note that Faith and Racial Equity is not for the faint of heart! The module is designed for participants who are willing to wrestle with hard questions and take an honest look at their own attitudes, assumptions, and choices. However, through spiritual grounding and community-building, participants find support and belonging throughout their journey to personal transformation and social action.

Please join in this 8-week exploration of Faith and Racial Equity. The class will be offered through Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm - 9:00pm beginning July 28 through September 15. There will be an opening retreat on Thursday, July 23. The cost is \$50.00 and includes all materials for the class.

Questions or more information? Please contact Cris Fischer at 507.269.6268 or [crisfischer@icloud.com](mailto:crisfischer@icloud.com).

"...TO SERVE THE POOR  
IS TO GO TO GOD..."  
St. Vincent de Paul



### FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold." All donations, large or small, given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, combine together and produce fruit a hundred-fold. Thank you for caring!

## SRA PRAYER BOOK



There is still time to be part of SRA's Prayer Book by submitting your favorite prayer(s) to the parish office, through the collection basket, or e-mail to prayerbook

[@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:@straphaelarchangel.org). One of the great contributions we can share with our fellow parishioners is to unite us in prayer. We are collecting prayers until the end of July; please include your name with the prayer(s). Thank you.



**Sunday, July 12**  
 8:00am Ralph Raskas  
 10:00am People of the Parish

**Monday, July 13**  
 7:00am Don Deachan

**Tuesday, July 14**  
 7:00am Jost Family

**Wednesday, July 15**  
 7:00am Dennis Wilson

**Thursday, July 16**  
 7:00am Logan Warnecke

**Friday, July 17**  
 7:00am Florence Grady

**Saturday, July 18**  
 7:00am Ramona Horn  
 4:30pm Collin Taaffe

**Sunday, July 19**  
 8:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann  
 10:00am People of the Parish

*“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” (Matthew 13:22)*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of our lives? Are we so caught up in earthly activities that we have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive for on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step farther away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

### Your Contributions to God and Parish

<b>July 5, 2020</b> (Envelopes Used)	<b>This Week</b>	<b>FY to Date</b>
<b>Regular Env. (75)</b>	\$ 5,322.00	\$ 5,322.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 1,231.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Online Giving (51)</b>	\$ 2,956.00	\$ 2,956.00
<b>Cardinal Glennon</b>	(\$ 25.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 10,109.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 10,084.00	
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 1,084.00	\$ 1,084.00
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)
<b>FYE 2019</b>		(\$ 39,072.00)

<b>June 28, 2020</b> (Envelopes Used)	<b>This Week</b>	<b>FY to Date</b>
<b>Regular Env. (55)</b>	\$ 2,619.00	\$ 234,755.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 336.00	\$ 54,217.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,589.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 75.00	\$ 12,236.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,539.00
<b>Online Giving (48)</b>	\$ 2,116.00	\$ 123,120.00
<b>Holy Father</b>	(\$ 425.00)	
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 45.00)	
<b>Cardinal Glennon</b>	(\$ 100.00)	
<b>Catholic Communication</b>	(\$ 25.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 5,991.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 5,396.00	\$ 448,205.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 486,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	(\$ 3,604.00)	(\$ 37,795.00)
<b>FYE 2019</b>		(\$ 39,072.00)





Join in our Golf Cart Raffle to support SRA School! Winner will be announced at the Watermelon Festival in August.

Raffle Tickets are 2 for \$100 or 1 for \$60 and are available for purchase online via [golfcart.givesmart.com](http://golfcart.givesmart.com).

Instructions to ensure your tickets are purchased!

1. Sign in OR sign up for an account (via "Registration" button on top of page).
2. Ensure a Credit Card is on file in your account FIRST. If not, your raffle tickets will NOT be purchased and you will NOT be entered to win. Click on the MY INFO tab to enter your Credit Card. To get to MY INFO tab from the golf cart page, click on back button "View List" at the top of page. This will take you to the main home page. You will then see a tab for MY INFO at the top of the page.
3. After you enter your credit card, then click on the ITEMS tab to get back to the golf cart page to purchase your golf cart raffle tickets. OR click the "View Items" button from the Home page.
4. Once on the Items page, click on the Golf Cart Raffle Ticket. Follow prompts to complete fields. Please be sure to tell us who referred you to our raffle!
5. Click the "Buy" button after you complete all fields. You will receive a message: "All Set!" Click the "OK" button.
6. The site administrator will process your credit card payment.

Your purchase is now complete! Thank you!



## St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School

Formed in faith, Prepared for Life

We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

- Dynamic curriculum to meet the needs of every student
- STREAM approach
- Commitment to faith with daily mass schedule
- School Families to foster a close-knit school community
- Various athletics & extracurriculars

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL 2020

Contact us for an opportunity to discuss what  
St Raphael will offer your family and how you  
can become #SRAstrong with us!



**SAFE ENVIRONMENT USER REGISTRATION**

Go to <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Click "Register" below the LOG IN button (image at right).

Enter the passcode **stlprotect** when prompted.

Select the type of location where you are a volunteer or employee

- Parish or Parish School
- Non-Parish School or Program
- Archdiocesan Agency
- Non-Archdiocesan Organization

Select the specific location by name.

Click the roles associated with your employment/service at the parish, school, or agency.

If you are active at only one location, this will be your "primary" location.

If you are active at more than one location, click the ADD PARISH/LOCATION button and repeat the steps above. With more than one location, please click the "This is my main/primary location" circle to indicate where you are employed or, if you are a volunteer, where most of your ministry or service is performed.

Complete your personal information. Please enter your **legal first name** for the purposes of the background screening. *There are no credit checks and no soft hits to credit.*

Create a username, password and password clue.

USERNAME CHOSEN:	_____
PASSWORD CHOSEN:	_____

Agree to the Terms of Use and click SUBMIT.

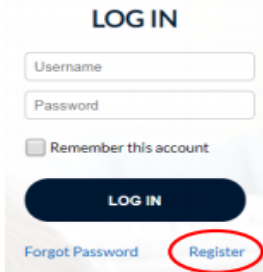
You will then be prompted to submit information for a background screening, register for a Protecting God's Children workshop\*, view two online training modules, and agree to the Code of Ethical Conduct.

\*If you have previously attended a PGC workshop, the system will find and/or ask you to confirm your previous record of attendance. You will not be prompted to register for an upcoming workshop. If, for some reason, it does not match your previous training to this account and you are prompted to register for a class, please register for "PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED-DATE NOT LISTED" and send an email to the address below. We will apply the correct training record to your account.

You may use the links in your approval checklist to access these requirements. These steps may be completed all at once or may be completed separately at your convenience. You will receive an automated email weekly to remind you which requirements are outstanding. When all compliance requirements have been completed, your account will be approved and you will be clear to work with minors and vulnerable adults.

- Register onto the site
- [Submit New Background Check](#)
- Complete "[Protecting God's Children](#)" training
- Complete "[Mandated Reporter](#)" training
- Complete "[Code of Conduct](#)" training
- Sign "[Code of Conduct](#)"

**Should you need any assistance, please contact [ocyp@archstl.org](mailto:ocyp@archstl.org)**



**All volunteers working with young people are reminded that completion of this program is now mandatory in order to continue working with the youth of the parish. Please complete this program as soon as possible!**

**FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**



RESPECT LIFE  
APOSTOLATE

The SRA FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN will extend from Sunday, August 2, to Sunday, August 16. As you know, Friends for Life is a program sponsored by the Respect Life Apostolate that helps to support women and families in crisis pregnancies. In addition, Friends for Life helps to implement programs of the RLA that promote the Culture of Life. You will find your Friends for Life envelope in the August packet of envelopes. Place your gift in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity, especially during this difficult time of COVID-19.

The SRA ProLife Committee

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The Annual Catholic Appeal is slowly coming to an end. If you received your card in the mail, please complete it and turn it in to the parish office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. If you did not receive a letter with a card from either the Archbishop or the parish, please consider making a contribution to this important cause. Either send a check to the parish office or make a pledge by sending a note to the parish office indicating your intention and the pledge amount. The committee will complete a card for you.

Thanks to all for helping this campaign under these difficult circumstances. The Parish ACA Committee

## CAMP CAVALIER



There are still spots left in Bishop DuBourg's athletic summer camps for grades 3-8 in late July and early August! Students of all athletic abilities are invited to join us for soccer, football, cheerleading, baseball, and/or our brand-new speed and agility camp! Our top priority is safety, and we will be following the latest health guidelines to ensure a safe experience for everyone. To learn more about each camp and to register, please visit [www.bishopdubourg.org](http://www.bishopdubourg.org).

## DAILY READINGS

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

## 77th ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

“With Mary on Holy Pilgrimage” will be held each evening starting Tuesday, July 28, through Wednesday, August 5, and begins with Mass at 7:30pm. The Novena also includes special music, prayers, scripture reflections, and praying the rosary. For more information, please call 618.394.6276 or go to [snows.org/novena](http://snows.org/novena).

## 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.

## 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.”*



## 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

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