

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020

Reading I

WIS 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Reading II

ROM 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Gospel

MT 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

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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

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)

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”



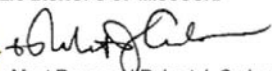
Statement of the Missouri Catholic Bishops on Amendment 2 to Expand Medicaid

We wish to express our support for the current effort to expand the Missouri Medicaid (MO HealthNet) program. MO HealthNet currently provides health coverage to Missouri’s most vulnerable citizens, including the elderly, the disabled, pregnant women, and children. It plays a vital role in sustaining the healthcare delivery system in our state. In our Catholic ministries throughout the state, however, we find that there are still many Missouri citizens who lack access to affordable healthcare coverage that is so necessary for human flourishing. We, therefore, support expanding the program to cover low-income workers, since doing so will help lead to better health outcomes for them and enhance their ability to continue working to support themselves and their families.

We recognize that some may not agree with expanding Medicaid by way of a constitutional amendment or in a manner that bypasses the state legislative process. We offer *our* support for this effort because of the unmet healthcare needs of the working poor and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most through the Missouri healthcare system, including Missouri’s Catholic hospitals. We offer this support understanding that current federal law includes pro-life protections in Medicaid through the Hyde Amendment. We encourage Catholics and others of goodwill to give serious consideration to supporting this effort to expand the Missouri Medicaid program.

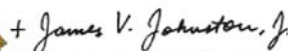
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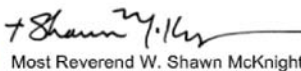
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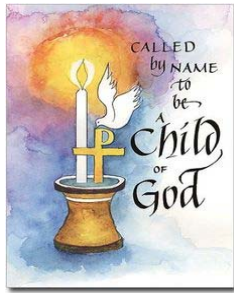
Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight
Executive Chairman
Bishop of Jefferson City





Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Approved October 16, 2019



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Sophia LoBello, daughter of John and Stacy LoBello. Sophia was baptized on July 5, 2020. May God always bless the LoBello family.



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that He will mercifully gather us into His kingdom. This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

**Parish Council Nomination Form
St. Raphael the Archangel**

I would like to nominate the following individuals to serve on the St. Raphael the Archangel Parish Council:

Please return via the Offertory collection or to the parish office. Thank you!

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.



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 19

8:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, July 20

7:00am Dorothy E. Elliott

Tuesday, July 21

7:00am Fred Earnhardt

Wednesday, July 22

7:00am Dennis Delf

Thursday, July 23

7:00am Miriam Deachan

Friday, July 24

7:00am Dorothine Hulford

Saturday, July 25

7:00am Florence Grady
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 26

8:00am Don Deachan
10:00am Joan Slay

*“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”
(Matthew 13:24, 37-38)*

As children of God, we are all “good seeds.” We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity, we are “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 12, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (65)	\$ 6,402.00	\$ 11,724.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,152.00	\$ 2,383.00
School Support	\$ 100.00	\$ 210.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,990.00	\$ 765.00
Holy Days	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Online Giving (47)	\$ 2,656.00	\$ 5,612.00
Cardinal Glennon	(\$ 10.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 105.00)	
Military Services	(\$ 1.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 1.00)	
Peter’s Pence	(\$ 5.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 10,738.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,616.00	\$ 20,700.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,616.00	\$ 2,700.00
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Join in our Golf Cart Raffle to support SRA School! Winner will NOW be announced at the Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 11. Thank you for understanding our need to extend the promotion due to COVID-19.

Raffle Tickets are **2 for \$100 or 1 for \$60** and are available for purchase online via 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, 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 PROGRAM

The Archdiocese's Safe Environment Program requires all adult employees and volunteers who work with or near minors and/or vulnerable adults to comply with the following policy requirements.

1. Attend a Protecting God's Children live workshop and complete online updates as assigned. If a time for a class does not work with your schedule, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100.
2. Understand and sign the Archdiocese's Code of Ethical Conduct for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Working in Ministry.
3. Complete a national criminal record check and agree to regular updates.
4. Complete the Online Prevent and Protect Program
 - All new volunteers who will work around children or vulnerable adults will need to complete all of these requirements before being allowed to volunteer. This includes volunteering in the school, as a coach, as a scout leader, etc. To register, please go to <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>.
 - If you are transferring from another parish or Archdiocesan agency, you may not need to do the first two items. Please contact Mary Steck, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, for more information.
 - If you are transferring from another parish or are a returning volunteer, you must do #3 and #4 before being allowed to resume volunteering to work with children.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mary Steck, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, at 314.352.8100 or parish@straphaelarchangel.org.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN



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, cheer-leading, 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.



We have empty shelves in our food pantry.

St. Patrick Center needs your help stocking its food pantry for people experiencing homelessness. The most-needed items are: canned meats, fruit, pasta and chili; boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper or macaroni and cheese); pancake mix and syrup; and non-sugary cereal. Deliver items to St. Patrick Center's Donation Center (back dock), Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm. For more information, please contact Katie Joseph at 314.802.1976 or kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org.

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.

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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