

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020

Reading I

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Responsorial Psalm

PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Reading II

ROM 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Gospel

MT 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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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.



Medicaid Expansion and the Hyde Amendment

"...with abiding trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, ...[w]e must make decisions based on what we currently know to be true."

- Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, January 31, 2020

Some pro-life advocates have raised a concern that expanding Missouri's Medicaid program could result in more abortions being performed in our state in the future, in the event that federal law were to change. While acknowledging this concern, the Missouri Catholic Conference is supporting the Medicaid expansion ballot initiative because current federal law prohibits Medicaid funds from being used for abortion through the Hyde Amendment.

The Hyde Amendment was first included in the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) budget bill, which funds Medicaid, in 1976. It has been included in the HHS appropriation bill each year since then, enjoying bipartisan support. Only in recent years has the Democratic Party included repeal of the Hyde Amendment as a goal in its national party platform.

Recent public polling reveals that the majority of Americans do not support public funding of abortion. A 2019 National Tracking Poll, for example, indicated more Americans oppose federal funding of abortion than those that support it by a margin of 17 percent.¹ In addition, polls conducted between 2016 and 2019 show that the average gap between those opposing public funding of abortion and those supporting it was 19 percent.² We believe public opinion on this issue would have to dramatically change for the Hyde Amendment to be repealed.

In addition to the federal prohibition on public funding for abortion, in recent years, the Missouri General Assembly has prohibited any state funds from being used for abortion procedures or going to any abortion facility. This provision has resulted in Missouri effectively defunding abortion providers like Planned Parenthood in our state.

Too many Missouri citizens, including many who are working to support themselves and their families, lack access to affordable healthcare coverage. Missouri's hospitals also depend upon Medicaid reimbursements to help their bottom line. Providing greater access to health coverage by expanding the Medicaid program will save lives, ensure better outcomes for our most vulnerable families, and is consistent with the bishops' commitment to life.

1. *National Tracking Poll #190618, Politico/Morning Consult, June 07-09, 2019*

2. *W. Saletan, "Abortion Funding Isn't as Popular as Democrats Think," Slate, June 12, 2019*

SRA PRAYER BOOK...LAST CALL!



This is the last call for your favorite prayer(s) to be added to the SRA Prayer Book. You may put a copy in the collection basket, drop a copy off at the parish office, or send it via email to prayerbook@straphaelarchangel.org. Please be sure to include your name with your prayer. Thank you.

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.

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



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our lives primarily searching for the kingdom of God. Are we seeking a way to help bring the kingdom of God to people here and now? Consider joining our Society. Call the parish office for more information about this beautiful ministry.

HELLO, SRA BOOK LOVERS!

The HSA is hosting another virtual book club on September 16. We hope you will join us in your living room over a beverage and snacks of your choice!

To sign up, please e-mail Casey Kleekamp at caseykleekamp@yahoo.com by September 4. A zoom link will be sent to attendees before September 16.

Book Club Details:

- **The Book:** *How to Raise an Adult* (perfect for BTS!) (Julie Lythcott-Haims)
- **Book Details:** <https://www.julielythcotthaims.com/how-to-raise-an-adult>
- **Book Club Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 16, 6:00-8:00pm
- **Discussion:** We will prepare questions to discuss. Bring along any that you have as well!
- **Questions?** Please contact Casey via e-mail at caseykleekamp@yahoo.com or messenger on FB.



Sunday, July 26
 8:00am Don Deachan
 10:00am Joan Slay

Monday, July 27
 7:00am Msgr. Adolph Schilly

Tuesday, July 28
 7:00am Roseanne Saracino

Wednesday, July 29
 7:00am Tom Majda

Thursday, July 30
 7:00am Anna Ussellmann

Friday, July 31
 7:00am Ralph Raskas

Saturday, August 1
 7:00am Cunigunda Gubser
 4:30pm George Gray

Sunday, August 2
 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:00am Marcia Matreci

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

Do we really trust God? Do we really believe that God will provide all that we need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different from what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God; His plan is always better.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 19, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (65)	\$ 3,117.00	\$ 14,841.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 3,690.00
School Support	\$ 100.00	\$ 310.00
Building Fund	\$ 35.00	\$ 800.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6.00
Online Giving (49)	\$ 2,631.00	\$ 8,243.00
Bishop’s Overseas Aid	(\$ 5.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 7,195.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,190.00	\$ 27,890.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,810.00)	\$ 890.00
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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!

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.

ST. RAPHAEL "FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT"

Tournament Date: Sunday, October 11, 2020

Lunch at Noon

1:00pm Tee Time

Forest Park Golf Course

4 Person Scramble

Registration Form

Platinum Sponsor	\$1,000 2 Teams	Signage at Event Special Recognition
Gold Sponsor	\$ 500 1 Team	Signage at Event Special Recognition
Team	\$ 300 4 Golfers	
Hole Sponsor	\$ 100 Signage at Event	
Individual Player	\$ 75	

Price includes green fees, food and beverages all day and awards

Item Donation Please describe items donated:



Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Player 1 _____ Player 3 _____

Player 2 _____ Player 4 _____

Please make check payable to St. Raphael Men's Club
Mail to Brian Fissel, 6451 Westway Road, St. Louis, MO 63109
(Deadline is October 5. Payment ensures your spot.)

Questions, please call Dave Wilkinson at 314.458.5831 or Brian Fissel at 312.933.0994

*All monies raised will be used to support the athletic programs,
school activities and needs, and other parish efforts.*

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."



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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 17, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since 1956, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has sent over 45 archdiocesan priests to serve the people of Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America. This year, we offer praise and thanks to our Lord, as Fr. Patrick Hayden and Fr. James Michler continue to serve in the Latin America Apostolate, each with over 25 years of missionary service to the apostolate. Their perseverance and endurance, especially in the midst of the recent crisis in Bolivia, is an outstanding testimony to their faith and to the support and encouragement they receive through the faithful of our local archdiocese.

All of us are facing unprecedented challenges because of the pandemic. Pope Francis reminds us,

"Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (*Meditation in Saint Peter's Square*, 27 March 2020).

Right now, we have the opportunity to come together. We are the Body of Christ and are called to live this reality; comforting one another. One of the ways we can do this is through the support of our Latin America Apostolate. Our brothers and sisters in Bolivia are, too, suffering the effects of the pandemic. Without the prayers and sacrifices of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Latin America Apostolate could not offer pastoral care, formation, catechesis, and social services to the parish community of Maria Reina. Ask God how He is calling you to participate in this mission financially. Please pray for our Latin America Apostolate, missionaries, and all involved with this ministry. The annual collection for our Latin America Apostolate will take place in all parishes during the weekend of August 1st & 2nd.

I am asking God's blessings on you and your families, and am grateful for your support of our Latin America Apostolate.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
 Apostolic Administrator
 Archdiocese of St. Louis



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

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