

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2020

Reading I

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

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Reading II

1 Thes. 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel

MT 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. 'After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant (continued)

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School Office Summer Hours

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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)

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.

Gospel (continued)

and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

We want to congratulate Miss Jaynie Chatman of our parish for winning second place in the Annual Catholic Appeal essay competition. Here is her award-winning essay:

A Community that Thrives

When I was younger, I learned the importance of fueling our bodies with nutrient-rich foods when visiting my grandma. She has a giant garden filled with tomatoes, zucchini, squash, peppers, and cucumbers, so I quickly learned that these vegetables help me grow and allow my body to thrive. Just like how foods filled with nutrients help our bodies stay healthy and strong, the ACA gives those in St. Louis the resources and aid they need in order to flourish.

Without the ACA, my community at Rosati-Kain High School would be completely different. Many students receive financial aid from the ACA and would not be able to attend Rosati without it. I would not have had the opportunity to work on projects with some of my peers and play sports with many of my teammates without the help of the ACA. My classes would be less cheerful. The hallways would not be as bright. Practices would seem longer. I cannot begin to imagine how different my experience at R-K would be without the faces of many.

The ACA not only impacts my community at Rosati-Kain, it greatly affects the wider community of St. Louis. Without the ACA, there would be more people without a home, more children who go to sleep hungry, and more people who die from drugs or alcohol. The ACA contributes to Peter and Paul Community Service to make sure that those who are homeless have a bed and the support they need. By aiding the St. Louis Natural Family Planning office, the ACA changes the lives of those who want to have children but may be struggling to do so.

Through the Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, many couples are able to adopt to create a family of their own. Overall, the ACA changes many peoples' lives by providing opportunities. Opportunities that make someone a better person, opportunities to become sober, opportunities to receive a warm meal and sleep in a comforting bed, and opportunities to re-enter society after being incarcerated. The list goes on and on. Through the charities and organizations the ACA makes contributions to, many

people learn or continue to thrive.

It is extremely important for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to come together and participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal each year because helping others for the greater good is what we, as Catholics, are called to do. Our mission is to serve others, and by participating in the ACA, we are serving our community. Why wouldn't we want St. Louis to thrive? To correlate, Catholics in St. Louis can be compared to the aspects that help a person's mental and physical wellbeing. Foods, such as apples and broccoli, provide nourishment to a toddler and help him or her grow. Exercise allows our bodies to become stronger and more powerful. Sleep enables our minds and bodies to relax and reenergize for the following day. Just like these key factors allow humans to thrive, Catholics in St. Louis provide aid and support to their community through participating in the ACA. Their participation allows members of the community to prosper and receive the assistance they need, just like nutrition, exercise, and sleep allow humans to be the best they can possibly be. Just like we are stewards of their health, we are also called to be stewards of our community by aiding the ACA. Additionally, Catholics in the Archdiocese should participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal to make sure that the ACA can continue to change lives. I know that others around me and I have been positively affected by the ACA, and I want to make sure that others in my community are also able to experience the ACA's generosity. No one can succeed alone; a community is needed to provide support and services. As members of the Body of Christ, people in the Archdiocese need to come together and contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal because it is what we are called to do as Catholics and because it helps make a positive impact in St. Louis.

Lastly, for myself, stewardship means to be caring. Stewardship means to care for all of creation: our neighbors, strangers, the environment and more. Overall, being a steward is being considerate for our earth and all that God has created. Stewardship means going a little out of my way in order to help the earth and others around me. For example, although it may be easy to throw a piece of paper in the trash can next to me, being a steward of the earth means walking

Spirit Night

Tuesday, November 17, 4-7 pm

Join us for food and fun. Come support St. Raphael the Archangel and up to 15% of sales will be donated accordingly.



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All you need to do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. When you give the furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, you are sharing God's extravagant love.



This beautiful, handmade quilt will be raffled after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 6. If you need additional tickets, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100.

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.



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 15

8:00am Henry Tepe
10:00 People of the Parish

Monday, November 16

7:00am George Sullens
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, November 17

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Nancy Geiser

Wednesday, November 18

7:00am Evelyn Cuba
8:00am Bertram Liddy

Thursday, November 19

7:00am Bart Saracino
8:00am Ted Federer

Friday, November 20

7:00am Ralph Raskas

Saturday, November 21

7:00am Matt Held
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 22

8:00am Lee Roy Borowiak
10:00am Anita S. Groi, Mary Knight,
Marian Goldkamp

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard his gifts. He expects us to grow our talents, use them wisely, and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

November 8, 2020

(Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (70)	\$ 4,457.00	\$ 85,764.00
Loose Money	\$ 113.00	\$ 15,412.00
School Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,860.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,785.00
Holy Days	\$ 490.00	\$ 1,858.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 3,121.00	\$ 48,240.00

Retired Religious (\$ 250.00)

Catholic Campaign -Human Dev. (\$ 60.00)

ProLife (\$ 1.00)

Black and Indian Missions (\$ 1.00)

Tithing (\$ 20.00)

Grand Total \$ 8,638.00

Total for Parish \$ 8,306.00 **FY 2020** \$ 158,284.00

Amount Needed \$ 9,000.00 **FY 2020** \$ 171,000.00

Difference (\$ 694.00) **FY 2020** (\$ 12,716.00)

FYE 2020 (\$ 37,795.00)

DAILY READINGS

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EXCEEDED 2019-2020 GOAL!

The Development Committee recently wrapped up the 2019-2020 school year with the golf cart raffle in October. We exceeded our goal of \$10K, ending with \$11,207! That's an extra \$1,207 for our children - thank you to our awesome community! Given Covid and continued restrictions on live events, \$10K is our goal again for this school year (2020-2021). To date we have already raised over \$3K via the Virtual Give Thanks Run, the wreath program, and our dress-down day in October. Thank you for your continued support of St. Raphael school. We look forward to exceeding our goal again this year with your help! If you have ideas for future events, please email developmentgroup@straphaelarchangel.org.

Freshly Shelled Azalea Brand Nuts

Benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Raphael Parish

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Qty.	Item	Price Each	Total Cost
	1 lb. Mammoth size Pecan Halves	\$12.00	
	1 lb. Pecan Pieces	\$11.00	
	1 lb. English Walnuts	\$8.00	
	1 lb. Gourmet Mix (pecans, cashews, brazil, hazel & almonds)	\$10.00	
	1 lb. Toasted, Salted Cashews	\$10.00	
	12 oz. Deluxe Praline Pecans	\$9.00	

Total Amount of Order (Enclosed): _____

Some Pecans will be available prior to Thanksgiving. If interested in this early opportunity to make a Turkey Day Pecan Pie, please contact Patti Webers at 314.496.8836 or you will be notified when nuts are available for pick-up in St. Raphael's parish office. If questions, please contact Patti Webers.

Please include payment with order. Checks may be made out to St. Raphael the Archangel
Order Deadline: November 22

Thank you for your Support!

ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

BLACK & GOLD AUCTION

FEBRUARY 13, 2021

We are so excited to announce our Black and Gold Cozy Auction at Home!

While we all won't be gathered in the gym like always, we are working toward a very fun event that spreads beyond our school walls. Ticketing information is being finalized now and we will have an announcement on our options for this year in the coming weeks.

If you have an item to contribute to our silent auction, please feel free to drop it off at the Parish Office at your convenience. There is a Donation Form to fill out on the SRA Home Page to attach to your item, so we have the appropriate description and value for our website. Extra forms are available at the Parish Office as well.

If you have any questions, please contact us! Our email address is katiemeier82@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

WINTER OUTREACH A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable," many parish communities are committed to St. Louis Winter Outreach as a Ministry of Mercy. "As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me." (MT 25:31-46)

As winter approaches, our homeless "brethren" will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, we ask your help in providing meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals at 1:00pm to Americorps Shelter (1315 Ann Street) on the following days.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 12, 2020 JANUARY 16, 2021 FEBRUARY 13, 2021

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

9 x 13 Casserole (Meat, Vegetable or Breakfast) Dessert (12 to 24 Servings)

All dishes must be brought baked, frozen, wrapped and marked, and may be store-bought. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot at 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to pick up from your home ahead of time. For more information, to share a dish and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email maryem@brick.net.





A Sprinkle from Kris Kringle

JUST IN TIME FOR CELEBRATING ST. NICK'S DAY! THE SRA CLASS OF 2021 FAMILIES WILL DELIVER TO YOUR DOOR ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, A FESTIVE BOX OF 6 PRE-BAKED COOKIES WITH ICING & SPRINKLES GALORE, HOT COCOA, AND CANDY TREATS ALONG WITH THE STORY OF ST. NICK.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Allergies/Special Requests: _____



SPRINKLE FROM KRIS KRINGLE BOX - \$20

QUANTITY

TOTAL

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SRA. DROP OFF ORDER FORM & PAYMENT TO SRA
ATTN: KRIS KRINGLE OR EMAIL ORDER FORM TO SHERRILYNN13@SBCGLOBAL.NET

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