

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

All Saints Day: November 1, 2020

Reading I

Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, “Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.”

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: “Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, “Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.” He said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

Responsorial Psalm

PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6

R. (see 6) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Reading II

1 Jn 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Gospel

MT 5:1-12A

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
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!

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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.

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!

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS
MASS SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving

7:00am

Immaculate Conception Vigil (December 7)

7:00pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7:00am

8:00am (In school, students only)

7:00pm

Christmas Eve (December 24)

7:00am (In church, no signup required)

4:30pm (In church and gym, signup required)

Christmas Eve (December 24) (Continued)

6:30pm (In church, no signup required)

10:00pm (In church, no signup required)

Christmas Day (December 25)

8:00am (In church, no signup required)

10:00am (In church, no signup required)

Feast of the Holy Family Vigil (December 31)

7:00am

4:30pm

Feast of the Holy Family (January 1)

8:00am

10:00am

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.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3

PHILIPPIANS: LIFE IN CHRIST

All are welcome to join us for this video-based Bible study on the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, directed by Dr. Tim Gray. It is a six-week course and will take place from 7:00pm – 8:00pm on Tuesday evenings in the lower level of the parish office.

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 discussion on what we learned from 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 or to sign up, please call Sue Brandt at 314.704.5304 or sbrandtstl@gmail.com.

The St. Raphael Men's Club has been unable to have its monthly meetings since February because of the effort by the St. Louis Archdiocese to protect those involved in parish activities. In a recent drawing of Youth Club tickets at another location, the following winners were picked for the months from March to December. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you for supporting the work of the Men's Club by buying Youth Club Tickets.

March	August
\$100 Paul Beckerle	\$100 Steve Doss
\$50 Tim Wolf	\$50 Tim Wolf
\$50 D. Powderly	\$50 Chris Murphey
April	September
\$100 Jim Shrewsbury	\$100 Taylor Hiette
\$50 Patrick Jugo	\$50 Don Mitchell
\$50 Larry McLeese	\$50 Marge King
May	October
\$100 Dan Harbaugh	\$100 Bev Raymo
\$50 Mary Warnecke	\$50 Jenny Delf
\$50 Carol Sykora	\$50 Diebold Family
June	November
\$100 Pat Keating	\$100 Mike Huss
\$50 Laura Geiser	\$50 Jerry Geiser
\$50 Pat Keating	\$50 Jim Shrewsbury
July	December
\$100 Mary Ann Winkelmann	\$100 Larreta Divis
\$50 Bart Saracino	\$50 Jerry Geiser
\$50 Dorothy Lawson	\$50 Marie Riley



Support the SRA Home and School Association by purchasing SCRIP gift cards!! By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, November 6, 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, November 13, 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.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! As we place our donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the collection basket, let us please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



RESPECT
LIFE
APOSTOLATE

Men, women, and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the first archdiocesan Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, November 13-15. A trained and compassionate team will lead participants through the steps of healing after abortion and will help them encounter the merciful love of the Lord Jesus. The cost is \$50 for 2 night's lodging, all meals, and materials. Contact stlprojectrachel@archstl.org or 314.792.7565 by November 6. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 1

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00 Gloria Maguire

Monday, November 2

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Matt Dotsey

Tuesday, November 3

7:00am Laurette Muehleisen Kuhl
8:00am Jeff Kreitler

Wednesday, November 4

7:00am Beverly Bunch
8:00am Maryellen Cross, SI

Thursday, November 5

7:00am Robert Althoff
8:00am Fr. Gregory Usselmann, SI

Friday, November 6

7:00am Patty Coppinger, SI

Saturday, November 7

7:00am Ralph Raskas
4:30pm Claire Chambers

Sunday, November 8

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

DAILY READINGS

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| Monday: | Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016 |
| Tuesday: | Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24 |
| Wednesday: | Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33 |
| Thursday: | Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10 |
| Friday: | Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8 |
| Saturday: | Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15 |
| Sunday: | Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13 -18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13 |

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do we respond? Do we become silent? Do we react in anger or do we react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Let's ask a favorite saint for guidance in defending the faith.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

October 25, 2020

(Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (53)	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 73,538.00
Loose Money	\$ 719.00	\$ 14,573.00
School Support	\$ 115.00	\$ 2,525.00
Building Fund	\$ 145.00	\$ 3,150.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 993.00
Online Giving (51)	\$ 2,503.00	\$ 42,876.00

Permanent Diaconate (\$ 10.00)

Tithing (\$ 5.00)

Catholic Communications (\$ 5.00)

World Missions (\$ 330.00)

Grand Total \$ 6,612.00

Total for Parish \$ 6,262.00 \$ 138,000.00

Amount Needed \$ 9,000.00 \$ 153,000.00

Difference (\$ 2,738.00) (\$ 14,980.00)

FYE 2020 (\$ 37,795.00)

LAST DAY!

SRA 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

BUTTER BRAID® PASTRIES, COOKIE DOUGH AND PIZZAS.



- Completed order forms with payment (please make checks payable to SRA) can be sent to the Rectory or School Office.
- Order forms must be received by Monday, November 2, 2020.
- Pick-up/delivery will be Friday, November 13, 2020.

For more information or questions contact Cara Berta
314.581.0777 or cara.berta@gmail.com

BUTTER BRAID® PASTRIES & ROLLS								COOKIE DOUGH 40 PRE-PORTIONED COOKIES								PIZZAS 2-PACK								
APPLE	STRAWBERRY CREAM CHEESE	CINNAMON	CHERRY	CREAM CHEESE	RASPBERRY	CARMEL ROLLS (9 ROLLS)	CINNAMON ROLLS (9 ROLLS)	TRIPLE CHOCOLATE	MACADAMIA NUT	CHOCOLATE CHIP	PEANUT BUTTER	SNICKERDOODLE			FOUR CHEESE - 2 PACK	ULTIMATE PEPPERONI - 2 PACK	MEAT LOVER'S - 2 PACK	SUPREME - 2 PACK	BBQ CHICKEN - 2 PACK	TOTAL DUE				
\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$17	\$17	\$16	\$16	\$16			\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18					
QUANTITY																								
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PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SRA 8TH GRADE CLASS MYSTERY TRIP & GRADUATION CELEBRATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____



On the feast day of St. John Paul II (October 22), a group of SRA parishioners consecrated themselves to Divine Mercy after spending 33 days studying, praying, and learning from St. Therese as part of the 33 Days to Merciful Love Retreat.

LAST DAY!!



TIME IS RUNNING OUT
SRA Holiday Wreath Program

The Development Committee is running a Holiday Live Greenery sale to benefit our school.

Any orders that are made online will be shipped directly to the customer.

Parishioners, if you do not have a preferred SRA school family to order from, please contact Laura Dougherty to place your order or to have a brochure sent to you.

To place an order contact:

Laura Dougherty at 314.402.6213 or via email
LJeep524@gmail.com

Or via the online store

<https://giftitforward.com/?SID=63b7dd812c337c639140306da54c44cd>

Use our school code STRAPHMO001

Orders are due no later than November 2. The holiday greenery will be delivered to school the week of December 4.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Dougherty LJeep524@gmail.com or Stacy LoBello stacy.lobello@gmail.com.





Saint Raphael the Archangel

**Black & Gold
Dinner Auction**

**All donations must
be received by
January 25, 2021.**

For more information call
314-352-8100

Ticket Information
Coming Soon!



Donation Form

Donor _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Description (Quantity, Size, Color, Restrictions, Expiration Date, Etc.) _____

Value of Donation _____ Donor Signature _____

_____ Please arrange for SRA to pick up item(s) _____ Item(s) to be delivered to SRA

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL

Saint Raphael the Archangel is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
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QUESTIONS?

Contact the rectory office at 314-352-8100

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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CATALOG ITEM # _____ CATALOG SECTION _____

TO BE PACKAGED WITH _____

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Thank you for your support!



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

Please Contact Me

New Phone/E-mail/Address

Please Do Not Publish #

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

Is It Time?

This week, I read an article written by Fr. James Mason, the President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary here in St. Louis. The article is entitled "Weaning Off the Livestream Mass."

In this article, Fr. Mason makes very clear his respect and concern for those who have serious health or other reasons that preclude them from attending Mass during the pandemic. I share those same sentiments with him. From here, he goes on to ask some challenging questions that may be good for some reflection:

- Are my kids back in school, and am I delighted that they have that opportunity? Are they involved in sports, and have I been very creative to ensure that they have that outlet? Have we exhibited the same delight and creativity when it comes to attending the Mass in person?
- Do we venture out to restaurants? Are we taking trips on a plane? Where, then, does attending Mass in person fit into my priorities?

I do not believe Fr. Mason or I know if there is a "right answer" to these questions. They are valid, though, and worthy to consistently ask ourselves during this time of the pandemic. Where is my comfort level with attending Mass?

If you ask these questions and do not believe that the time is right, that is fine! Set a time, though, in a few weeks to review them again as a family and see if the time is right then.

In the meantime, Fr. Mason has some great ideas to help begin to move us back toward Mass:

- Before viewing the Mass, take time to shower and dress as if you were going to Mass. Perhaps even consider starting to observe the hour fast before Communion again.
- Sit in a straight-back chair that is more like a pew than other chairs in your home.
- Begin to sit, stand, and, if you can do so safely, kneel with the congregation.
- Speak the responses to the Mass out loud.

Our faith is incarnational and meant to be experienced whether we are at home or at church. Taking some small steps can make the Mass feel more alive and prepare you for when you do start coming back to Mass.

Development Committee and 8th Grade Activities

Several of the fundraisers we have been running in our bulletin these past weeks are coming to an end very soon. Please take the opportunity to partici-

pate in them before they are over!

Election Eve and Election Day Events

On Election Eve (November 2), we will have a special Mass at 7:00pm to pray for our nation on the eve of the election. Per my previous sermon, this will not be a partisan event but a prayerful Mass to ask for the Holy Spirit to guide our nation through the election.

On Election Day (November 3), we will leave the Highfield door open the entire time the polls are open 6:00am-7:00pm. Due to Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday and Friday, we will not schedule any special times of Adoration, but you are more than welcome to come and pray for our nation on such a momentous day.

Election Resources

There are some great online resources you can check out to learn more about forming your conscience before the election.

- <https://www.archstl.org/faithful-citizenship>
 - This website includes an extended interview with the Archbishop on voting.
- <https://www.archstl.org/serve-the-lord-with-gladness-were-called-to-form-our-conscience-in-accord-with-catholic-teaching-5755>
 - This website presents the article I quoted during my talk on voting.
- <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>
 - This website contains the full document from the bishops on voting.

4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve

As has been advertised for the last few weeks, our most popular Mass of the year, 4:30pm, will be open to attendance by reservation only. We will have two Masses at the same time: one in the church and one in the gym.

To sign up to attend either of these Masses, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100 or parish@straphaelarchangel.org. Signups will be conducted on a first come, first served basis. When the church and gym have reached their capacity, we will start a waiting list to fill any cancellations. Please also remember that we will also offer a 6:30pm Mass that night in church as well as the 10:00pm Mass.

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From the ACA Committee

This year parishioners contributed/pledged \$56,858 for this year's campaign. The parish met its Challenge Goal despite these very difficult times. The contributions will fund the immediate needs of a variety of ministries of the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your generosity.

The Parish ACA Committee

Fred Hodes, George Kerry, Ed Reck, Mary Steck

Annual Archdiocesan Adoption Mass

Please make plans to attend the Adoption Mass on Sunday, November 15, 2020, at 10:00am at the Cathedral Basilica. Most Reverend Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, will be the celebrant. This annual Mass, sponsored by the Respect Life Apostolate, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services and Office of Natural Family Planning, is a celebration of all whose lives have been affected by adoption, whether directly or indirectly.

A special invitation is extended to parents who have made an adoption plan for their child and families who have adopted or who are in the process of adoption. Adoptive individuals and families are invited to sit in reserved seating in the front/middle pews. For more information, contact the Respect Life Apostolate at prolife@archstl.org or 314.792.7555.

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

PS: The rectory will hand out candy in a socially-distant way after the 4:30pm Mass on Halloween. Hope to see you and to hear some good jokes!



This beautiful, handmade quilt will be raffled after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 6. Be sure to watch your mail for ticket information. Or, if you need tickets, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100.