

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

Reading I

Is. 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II

1 Cor 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel

MK. 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

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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)

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 - 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.

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

Advent

This weekend marks the beginning of a new Church Year. Happy New Year!

This Sunday also begins our Advent Evening Prayer and a talk on the Holy Family. Evening Prayer will be held at 5:30pm every Sunday of Advent with a talk immediately following. The prayer and talk should be about 45 minutes in length. We invite you to join us in church or view the service online.

Also, please be aware of the expanded times for confession on the two Saturdays prior to Christmas. These times for confession will be with the parish priests. There will be no face-to-face Confessions - only with the screen - due to the ongoing pandemic.

I pray that this holy season be a retreat for all of us as we prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Online Giving

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish and school throughout the pandemic. I am still humbled to see the envelopes dropped off at the rectory every weekend by families who are still staying away due to the Coronavirus.

In particular, we are grateful for the increase we have seen in online giving. This type of giving is very helpful to us as it helps us to see and budget what we will receive more fully.

Recently, our finance committee has encountered the issue of e-mails not sent out by OSV to the online givers on our committee. This has caused some concern, as people thought their online giving had stopped when in fact it was still ongoing.

If you are a regular online giver, and have not gotten the e-mail notifications, please contact the parish office. We can help direct you to technical support for OSV. This in turn helps us to understand if this is an isolated issue or if it is more widespread needing additional action.

Thank you again for your generosity to us!

First Confessions

Please keep in your prayers our 2nd graders as they make their First Confession on Tuesday evening. Congratulations! May you and your families truly be blessed on this special evening!

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

School News

From Mrs. Lahm, STREAM 4-8

Fourth grade has been learning about the physical features of different species of animals and how specialized structures help animals survive in their environment.

Fifth grade has been studying vertebrates and how scientists classify the vertebrate animals into different classes based on their specific characteristics.

Sixth, 7th, & 8th grade have been learning about matter, atomic theory, atomic structure, electron configuration, and the Periodic Table of the Elements.

From Kindergarten Miss Domijan

The Kindergarten is off to a great start this year. We are reading, doing word work, and making 2D and 3D shapes with play-dough. We are also doing individual center cards using clothespins and putting individual puzzles together.

From First Grade Mrs. Schmidt

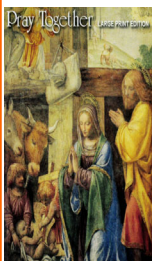
The first grade has had a wonderful week. We just finished learning all the addition strategies and now have moved to subtraction. In science, we learned about the lifecycle of a pumpkin. Each child brought in their own pumpkin and we did different investigations using the pumpkins. We measured how many paperclips went around the pumpkin, what adjectives can describe our pumpkins, whether or not our pumpkins sank or floated, and we weighed our pumpkins. After weighing our pumpkins we weighed ourselves. It was fun to see the big difference between us and the pumpkin. In religion we are studying the Holy Trinity.

From Mrs. Roslawski: Literature & English (6-7-8)

The middle schoolers have been working on revising and editing their memoir pieces. This involved getting feedback from their peers (we did a

writing buffet at Willmore Park to take advantage of the gorgeous weather). Then the students did any finishing touches they deemed necessary before the pieces were assessed. The 8th and the 6th graders created book trailers for *The Outsiders* (8th) and *The Tiger Rising* (6th). The 7th graders are still reading *The Book Thief*. Also, the 8th graders finished their first cooking challenge. The students researched, delegated, and created "authentic" dishes from around the world. The dishes were delicious, and the students had a blast creating them.

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES



The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for November through March are now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Let us start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Let us take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling us right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

ADVENT GIVING TREE



Our Advent Giving Tree this year will once again sponsor Peter & Paul Community Services. In addition to their meal program, P&P offers various supportive services to those

who are homeless, many who are living with mental illness, addiction, or HIV/AIDS. Due to current events, the "gifts" to the Giving Tree will only be monetary. All money collected will be used by P&P to provide those in transitional housing with gift cards to purchase needed household and personal items.

Kindly place your donation in an envelope marked "Peter and Paul Community Services." You can put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the parish office, or mail it to the parish office. Checks should be payable to "St. Raphael" and are due NO LATER than December 16.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, allowing us to provide needed support to this organization that is working hard to improve and change lives for the better. Thank you to all who are able to participate in this Advent Season of giving to those in need.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

As we begin Advent, we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert!" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Our gifts to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 29

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00 David Wimber

Monday, November 30

7:00am Mary Lou and Bill Schicker
8:00am John Bettag

Tuesday, December 1

7:00am Jim Gossrau
8:00am Don Svetanics

Wednesday, December 2

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Delores Mayo

Thursday, December 3

7:00am Roseanne Saracino
8:00am Logan Warnecke

Friday, December 4

7:00am David Ciola

Saturday, December 5

7:00am Frank Cross
4:30pm Mary Jo Granzow

Sunday, December 6

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Logan Warnecke

SUPPORT SRA WHILE YOU SHOP WITH



Did you know that Amazon will donate .5% of every purchase to our school at no extra cost to you? Just shop at [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose St. Raphael the Archangel as your preferred charitable organization.

Prefer to shop in the app? Now your purchases can count too by following these steps!

1. If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, sign up on your web browser.
2. Make sure you have the latest version of the Amazon shopping app. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.
3. Open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Stay safe shopping for Christmas this year AND give back to our school! It's that simple.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information was not available when the bulletin went to print.



Time is running out! This beautiful, handmade quilt will be raffled after the 10:00am Mass next Sunday, December 6. If you still need tickets, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100.



Finish or add to your Christmas shopping and 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, December 4, 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, December 11, 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.

ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL BLACK & GOLD AUCTION FEBRUARY 13, 2021

While we cannot celebrate our Auction in person this year, we still hope to provide a memorable night!

This year, for the purchase price of \$75, your ticket will arrive to your home in the form of our Auction Gift Bag! Each gift bag will include:

An SRA Auction Wine Tote Bag
Two SRA Auction Wine Tumblers
An SRA Auction corkscrew/bottle opener
A cozy, SRA throw blanket
Two bottles of wine (your choice of red or white)

Our auction page will go live very soon so you can customize your package. We will deliver your SRA swag the day of the Auction.

We have an extremely limited amount of this fun SRA gear.
Purchase your package early to join in the fun!



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**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION TEXT OR CALL SHERRI SMITH
(314) 941-7100 OR SHERRILYNN13@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SRA 8TH GRADE CLASS MYSTERY TRIP & GRADUATION CELEBRATION

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.



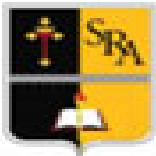
Saint Raphael the Archangel

Black & Gold Dinner Auction

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

For more information call
314-352-8100

Ticket Information
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QUESTIONS?

Contact the rectory office at 314-352-8100

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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

_____ New Phone/E-mail/Address

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