

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020

Reading I

Ex. 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Responsorial Psalm

PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. (2) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading II

1 Thes 1:5C-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Gospel

MT 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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."

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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OFFICE HOURS

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Friday 7:30am-12:00pm
School Office Summer Hours

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School Board	Matt Fuhr	314.750.8691
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322
HSA President	Emily Young	314.323.9336

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

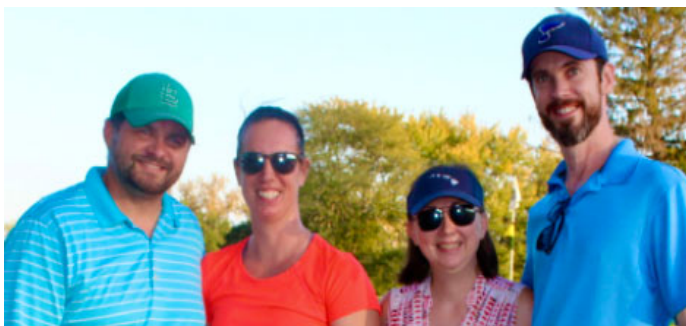
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A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SRA Golf Tournament, held on Sunday, October 11, was a huge success, netting \$8,820! Congratulations to Tim Webers, the winner of the golf cart raffle.





HALLOWEEN HUNT AT HOME



THE SRA CLASS OF 2021 FAMILIES WILL HIDE
24 HALLOWEEN EGGS FILLED WITH CANDY &
GOODIES IN YOUR FRONT YARD FOR YOUR
FAVORITE GHOSTS & GOBLINS TO FIND!



\$20 FOR 24 EGGS DELIVERED

\$10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DOZEN

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED DATE FOR EGG DROP: OCT. 9 OCT. 16 OCT. 23 OCT. 30 

DO YOU WANT US TO EGG SOMEONE ELSE?
 EGG-EE NAME: _____ EGG-EE ADDRESS: _____

HAVE YOU BEEN EGGED? \$5 DONATION TO REVEAL WHO ORDERED YOUR EGGING.

	QUANTITY	TOTAL
 24 HALLOWEEN EGGS - \$20	_____	_____
ADDITIONAL DOZEN EGGS - \$10	_____	_____
FIND OUT WHO EGGED YOU - \$5	_____	_____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SRA. DROP OFF ORDER FORM & PAYMENT TO SRA
 ATTN: HALLOWEEN HUNT 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

LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

Society as a whole must respect, defend, and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Our lives are a gift from God and ultimately belong to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to revere and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child who is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God is not merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. Last month, through your gifts, the Society was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting 12 families, providing \$200 in food, \$1,500 for utility bills, \$800 in rent, a bed, and other household items. Thank you!



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 25

8:00am Kreitler Family
10:00 People of the Parish

Monday, October 26

7:00am Robert Kummer
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, October 27

7:00am Jerry Jeggle, SI
8:00am Pade Liddy

Wednesday, October 28

7:00am Joan Lindsey
8:00am Jost Family

Thursday, October 29

7:00am Matt Held
8:00am Pat Coppinger, SI

Friday, October 30

7:00am Matt Held

Saturday, October 31

7:00am Collin Taaffe
4:30pm Sr. Suzanne Hulford, O.P.

Sunday, November 1

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

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are are gifts from God? The good news is that it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

October 18, 2020

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (68)	\$ 3,762.00	\$ 70,758.00
Loose Money	\$ 380.00	\$ 13,854.00
School Support	\$ 235.00	\$ 2,410.00
Building Fund	\$ 20	\$ 3,005.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 993.00
Online Giving (54)	\$ 2,883.00	\$ 40,373.00

Permanent Diaconate	(\$ 10.00)
Retired Religious	(\$ 20.00)
World Missions	(\$ 358.00)

Grand Total	\$ 7,668.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,280.00	\$ 131,758.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 144,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,720.00)	(\$ 12,242.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

JOIN THE FUN RUN

SRA Giving Thanks 2020 Virtual Run/Walk

Pick anytime or place to complete the distance

The Development Committee is hosting Virtual fun Run/ Walk 5K; It is only \$25 to sign up

You can sign up here to support our school

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/SaintLouis/SRAVIRTUALFUNRUN>

Or

<https://www.facebook.com/SRA-Giving-Thanks-2020-Virtual-Run102103604977599/>

Run the distance anytime from Oct 11th– Nov 30th.

If you have any questions please contact Laura Dougherty at Ljeep524@gmail.com

Every participant will receive a Shirt designed by one of our very own SRA 5th graders.



There is still time to sponsor our new event we will accept sponsors for the shirt until Oct 23rd.
Contact Laura Dougherty for sponsorship ljeep524@gmail.com

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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.bertha@gmail.com

BUTTER BRAID® PASTRIES & ROLLS									COOKIE DOUGH 40 PRE-PORTIONED COOKIES					PIZZAS 2-PACK					TOTAL DUE
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 LOVERS - 2 PACK	SUPREME - 2 PACK	BBQ CHICKEN - 2 PACK	
\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15		\$17	\$17	\$16	\$16	\$16	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$18	
QUANTITY																			
TOTAL																			

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____



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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



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

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

Special Presentation

This Sunday, Fr. John will host a special presentation on some spooky topics! Does the Church believe in ghosts? Are things like demons, witches, and wizards real, and what does the Church say about them? Do I still need to stay away from things that claim to tell my future? These and more topics Fr. John will cover from 5:30-6:30pm. This event will be live in the church for people who would like to attend and also broadcast on our YouTube channel. This presentation might be a bit spooky, so please keep that in mind for our younger viewers.

Development Committee and 8th Grade Activities

Several of the fundraisers we have advertised in our bulletin these past weeks are soon coming to an end. Please take the opportunity to participate in them before they are over!

Support SRA School

This Wednesday, October 28, Pietro's is hosting a special event to support SRA. A portion of the proceeds of the day will go to our school. You can support us however you prefer to get your food...dine-in, carry-out, or curbside pickup. Thank you , Pietro's, for thinking of us in your special 60th anniversary year.

Trick-or-Treat

We will hand out candy at the rectory in a socially-distant manner beginning at 6:00pm on Saturday, October 31.

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 pray 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 remember that we will also offer a 6:30pm Mass that night in church as well as the 10:00pm Mass.

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

Please support
our school
this Wednesday!





IN HONOR OF OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY
**GIVING WEDNESDAYS THIS
FALL AT PIETRO'S
RESTAURANT**

DINE-IN, CARRY-OUT & CURBSIDE PICKUP



**JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY THIS FALL TO
SUPPORT A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OR
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION**

**A PORTION OF THE DAYS PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY
TO THE ORGANIZATION**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OCT. 7 OUR LITTLE HAVEN OCT 14 ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL
OCT. 21 RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
OCT. 28 ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL NOV. 4 ST. AMBROSE
SCHOOL

3801 WATSON ROAD 314-645-9263
WWW.PIETROSDINING.COM

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. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100.