

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2020

## Reading I

SIR 27:30-28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

**R. (8) The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

## Reading II

ROM 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

## Gospel

MT 16:21-27

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' (Continued on Page 3)

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm  
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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

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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.

## Readings (Continued)

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

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

### *Where is Msgr. Stehly?*

You may have noticed through the live-stream or attending Mass daily that you have not seen Monsignor in a couple of days. He is currently away for a few days of vacation! He will be back the latter part of next week. Please keep him in prayer for safe journeys and a good, restful time.

### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes begin this Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30pm at the parish office. We will also offer a way to login virtually to anyone who would like to participate. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about our Catholic faith either by becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation.

### *Alumni Day*

Next weekend, we will welcome our alumni back to our community. At 10:00am next Sunday, we will celebrate our annual alumni Mass. Following Mass, weather permitting, we will have refreshments on the parking lot for anyone attending the 10:00am Mass. All of these events will be held in a socially distant manner. We hope that you will join our alumni in celebrating our great community, through which so many blessings have come.

### *Annual Report to the Community*

Also next weekend, on September 20, we will make our annual report to the parish on our financial situation and our parish community as a whole. We will produce a paper and digital annual report and have a representative of the finance committee speak at all of the Masses that weekend. At 5:00pm on September 20, I will make a more in-depth presentation of the state of the parish, open to anyone to attend, and broadcast on YouTube. The parish leadership and I look forward to sharing the great things that are happening at St. Raphael, even amid the challenging times we are in.

### *A Tweet from Pope Francis*

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, cares with maternal affection and pain also for this wounded world.

On September 8, the Feast of the Birth of Mary, Pope Francis tweeted the above. It gives rich insight into the identity of Mary and her status as a model for us as well.

Mary was born with a specific vocation: to be the Mother of Jesus. On December 8, we remember this vocation did not begin with her birth, but existed even in her conception. Mary was born free from sin and was given every necessary grace to be the Mother of Jesus.

When God made each of us, He had a specific purpose and vocation in mind. While it may take us some time to discover what it is (and we may not have an angel show up to tell us), God has given us the necessary graces to fulfill the vocation He has entrusted to us.

A week after we celebrate Mary’s birth, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The close connection between these feasts highlights the connection between these two identities of Mary. Mary was born not just to be the Mother of Jesus, and once Jesus left home she had no further role to play. Rather, she walked with her Son during His public ministry and was there with Him as He hung upon the cross.

Our vocations will at times bring us into periods of suffering. We may run from it, ignore it, or pretend it is not there. But the suffering has a specific purpose: to help us to grow in our vocation, our God given calling, to become the people He has called us to be.

Without having been there at the cross, part of Mary’s motherhood would be unfulfilled. Often times, after suffering, we find that we would not be the people we are without it.

God does not just let us suffer on our own and hope we make it. He sends us helpers. Among them is our Mother Mary. When suffering comes, may we turn to her, cling to her, and ask her help that we may grow through it!

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL UPDATE

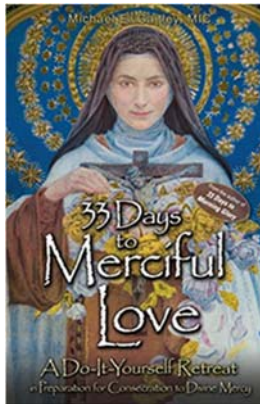
We are happy to announce that we will reopen the Eucharistic Adoration chapel in the basement of the parish office beginning on Wednesday, September 16, at 3:00pm.

The Adoration Chapel will be open on Wednesdays from 3:00-9:00pm. No more than two persons may be in the chapel at any time, except when there is a change in Eucharistic Adorers.

To ensure that only two people are in the chapel adoring the Blessed Sacrament, we will not allow people to drop in at the Eucharistic Chapel. In order to visit, you must sign up for your particular date and time using the Signup Genius. The link for the Signup Genius is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050945A4AB29A46-eucharistic2>. Additionally, you may contact the parish office if you have difficulty signing up.

Hand sanitizer and a spray to clean the kneeler and chair will be available. All shared books, Rosaries, and other prayer materials will be removed to keep the chapel more sanitary. Additionally, all of those visiting the chapel will need to wear a mask.

## JOIN US FOR A DIVINE MERCY RETREAT!



Calling women and men of all ages! Discover God's Merciful Love for you by participating in a do-it-yourself in-home retreat, based on the book, *33 Days to Merciful Love* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Pick up a copy of this book at a Catholic bookstore or through Amazon.com and delve into the power of trust in God's Divine Mercy and Abounding Love. Read a short passage each of the 33 days and learn how St. Thérèse of Lisieux's Little Way can enhance your own spiritual journey. While the retreat may be done in your own home, you may opt to come to the parish office on Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm, September 17 through October 22, for a small group discussion, with social distancing practices in place. For more information, contact Mary Reck at 314.326.6996.

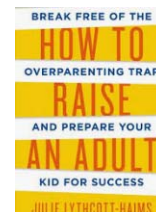
## HELLO, SRA BOOK LOVERS!

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](mailto:caseykleekamp@yahoo.com) ASAP. 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.julielythcottehaims.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](mailto:caseykleekamp@yahoo.com) or messenger on FB.



## 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.



**Sunday, September 13**

8:00am Bart Saracino  
10:00am Don Deachan

**Monday, September 14**

7:00am Jost Family  
8:00am Rosita Koehler

**Tuesday, September 15**

7:00am Edward Henke, Jr.  
8:00am Walter M. Gerau

**Wednesday, September 16**

7:00am Michael Adams  
8:00am Don Svetanics

**Thursday, September 17**

7:00am Ralph Raskas  
8:00am George Sinovcic

**Friday, September 18**

7:00am Nicole Le Blanc, SI

**Saturday, September 19**

7:00am Bill Schicker  
4:30pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 20**

8:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann  
10:00am Marcia Matreci

**PLEASE NOTE**

All 8:00am Masses Monday-Thursday will be celebrated in the school cafeteria and attendance will be limited to the school community only, due to the Coronavirus. If you would like to reschedule a Mass intention to one that you and your family can attend, please contact the parish office.

*“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:8)*

This is the essence of stewardship; everything we are and everything we have are gifts from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything; we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Let us pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling us to live the lives that He intended.

# DAILY READINGS

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

<b>September 6, 2020</b> (Envelopes Used)	<b>This Week</b>	<b>FY to Date</b>
<b>Regular Env. (88)</b>	\$ 6,547.00	\$ 46,025.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 516.00	\$ 9,519.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,635.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 95.00	\$ 2,015.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 16.00	\$ 973.00
<b>Online Giving (54)</b>	\$ 3,016.00	\$ 25,018.00
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 30.00)	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	\$ 5.00	
<b>First Offering</b>	\$ 5.00	
<b>Latin America</b>	(\$ 5.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 10,385.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 85,482.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 1,350.00	(\$ 4,518.00)
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH LIFE CHAIN IS COMING



RESPECT LIFE  
APOSTOLATE

October is Respect Life month, a time that hopes to build a Culture of Life, recognizing the inherent worth of each person. On Sunday, October 4, the Life Chain will form alongside Catholic Supply on Chippewa, from 2:00 to 3:00pm.

Here is an opportunity to stand up for Life - literally - for all to see. This is an in-person activity, not a virtual one, to witness to the sanctity of all human life. Join us as we hold Life signs and pray that all people will recognize how precious Life is. Bring a chair if you want to sit rather than stand. We hope to see you there.

The SRA ProLife Committee

## LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES



The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for September through November 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.



## FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. Is there a neighbor or a friend who is in temporary need because of a lost job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

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](http://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 the 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 complete! Thank you!

# 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.*



## YCM AUDITIONS

The Young Catholic Musicians, now in its 47th year, is holding auditions for new members. Auditions and rehearsals are held in Sts. Peter and Paul Church (enough space for social distancing). For more information, please visit [youngcatholicmusicians.org](http://youngcatholicmusicians.org), contact Fr. Bruce Forman at 314.231.7464 or [revycm@charter.net](mailto:revycm@charter.net), or Mary Smith 314.962.9260, [smithycm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smithycm@sbcglobal.net).

### ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, AND REMARRIED

You are invited to join us at the next meeting of the SCDC on Thursday, September 24, at 6:00pm, at Sylvan Springs Park Artillery Shelter House (across from the JB Cemetery), located near Sherman and Boundary Roads by the playground. There are clean bathrooms and the tables will be socially distanced. We also have access to lights if we need them. Please bring a lawn chair and your own drink and snack.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provide the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people.

For more information, please call Michelle Wack at 314.540.7400 or Bill DeCoursey at 314.894.0733.



**Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment (3RE)**  
7-Session Virtual Enrichment Experience  
Tue / Thur Evenings: Sept 15—Oct 6  
Starting at 7:00 p.m.  
Apply online: <https://stl-wwme.org>  
Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/restore-rekindle-renew-enrichm/289517819094470/>  
More Info Call: 314-649-7317

### 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.

### 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.”*



### 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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