

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020

Reading I

IS 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. (18a) The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

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Reading II

PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel

MT 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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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

Alumni Day

This Sunday at the 10:00am Mass, we welcome our alumni back to St. Raphael for our annual Alumni Day-COVID edition. We begin today at 10:00am Mass and then, as a community, we will have a socially-distanced gathering on the parking lot. Thank you for being with us today and know of our prayers for you!

Annual Report to the Community

You will have received through Flocknote a copy of our annual report. Digital copies are also available on the parish and school websites. A limited supply of hard copies are also available on the tables near the Highfield door. Please take some time to review it to see where we are as a community at the beginning of this new fiscal year.

At all of the Masses this Sunday as well, Thad Neal, from our parish finance committee, will make a presentation to highlight some aspects of the report.

Lastly, on Sunday evening at 5:00pm in church, I will give an approximately half-hour presentation on where we stand as a parish and our vision for the upcoming year. This presentation will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

We hope that you will find these presentations and the publication helpful to know more about what is currently happening in our parish and school community.

Fifty and Beyond Campaign Update

Thank you to all those who continue to support our Fifty and Beyond Capital Campaign by fulfilling their pledges. We received \$23,509.99 from your campaign pledges. Thank you!

I am especially grateful for your support during this time as we have rebuilt the funds in our account after refinishing the pews and terrazzo floors in church. Last week, I signed the contract on our next project to be completed: the roof of the church complex.

The church roof will be completely replaced. In its place will be new shingles as well as a venting system that will help the shingles breathe better. This venting system is necessary due to the gypsum decking on our roof that does not allow modern roof shingles to breathe as they are designed to. This promises to give our roof maximum life as well as warranty coverage.

Following this effort, we will start investigating our next project. Since I arrived here, I have been convinced that the way to complete much of the work on the church is a top-down approach, beginning with the roof, moving to the painting, and then working on the floor. Following the completion of the church roof and paying all bills, we will begin a process of looking at the painting of the church, including repairing any plaster that has been damaged over the years.

CYC/Judge Dowd Fall Sports Update

Traditionally, fall is not only a return to school, but to sports as well. Unfortunately this season, St. Raphael will not sponsor any teams that will play competitively. The central concern in each of the conversations about soccer or volleyball is the Coronavirus. Some teams may decide to continue to practice, but unfortunately, there can be no formal games. Let us continue to pray for a lessening of this pandemic so our lives and those of our children can return to normal.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is not too late to join our RCIA classes for this year! If you are interested, please contact me at the parish office at 314.352.8100 or frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org.

Next Weekend

Next weekend, our First Communion class celebrates Bow Sunday at the 10:00am Mass. This past Thursday, the children had their activity day. Please keep our 3rd graders in prayer as, at long last, they look to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL UPDATE

Our Eucharistic Adoration chapel is now open on Wednesdays!

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.



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

On September 27, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

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. PLEASE BRING A MASK.

The SRA ProLife Committee

LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis calls Catholics and all people of good will to unite in caring for the future of our planet.

Join us as we learn how to advocate in our homes, parishes, schools, and legislatures for the care of our common home. This panel discussion will include a welcome from Archbishop Rozanski and presentations from a climate scientist, a student activist, an ecumenical partner, lay parish leaders and a religious sister.

October 1, 2020 @ 7:00pm – via Zoom

For details and/or to RSVP, please go to archstl.org/laudato-si or call James Fowlkes-Comminellis at 314.792.7177.

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 20

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

Monday, September 21

7:00am Kimling Family
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, September 22

7:00am James Sullentrup
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, September 23

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Kimling Family

Thursday, September 24

7:00am Rosie Daus, SI
8:00am Rose Mummert

Friday, September 25

7:00am Riley T. Callahan

Saturday, September 26

7:00am Victor Clavenna
4:30pm Saar & Hager Grandparents

Sunday, September 27

8:00am Eva Ruggeri
10:00am People of the Parish

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.

*“So the last will be first and the first last.”
(Matthew 20:16)*

You’ve heard the saying “It’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives, not “self-centered” ones.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Your Contributions to God and Parish

September 13, 2020

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (48)	\$ 2,722.00	\$ 42,200.00
Loose Money	\$ 308.00	\$ 9,311.00
School Support	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,535.00
Building Fund	\$ 245.00	\$ 2,165.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 973.00
Online Giving (42)	\$ 2,236.00	\$ 24,238.00
Tithing	(\$ 100.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 5,661.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 5,561.00	\$ 80,693.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 99,000.00
Difference	(\$ 3,439.00)	(\$ 9,307.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

Please see Archbishop Rozanski's letter below and be informed that, on the weekend of September 26/27, there will be a special collection for the devastation of Hurricane Laura and the wildfires out west. Envelopes will be on the table at the Highfield entrance. If you attend Mass via live stream, you may mail your donation to the parish office. Checks should be made out to the parish but designated for hurricane/wild fire.



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September 9, 2020

Dear Father,

I, like you, am deeply saddened by the death and devastation that individuals in Louisiana and surrounding states are experiencing in the aftermath of Hurricane Laura and the wildfires in California. Besides the loss of life, we have seen thousands of homes, businesses and churches severely damaged or destroyed. The impacts will be long lasting. I ask the Lord to carry those who have lost loved ones and those suffering in the aftermath.

To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those recovering from these disasters, I am asking our nearly 185 parishes in 11 counties to participate in a second collection at all Masses during a weekend later this month or in early October. The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the office relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church. We join other dioceses across the country in this response for support to help with water, food, shelter, and medical care, along with long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. The funds will be distributed where they are most needed.

We recognize that parish and diocesan activities have been severely impacted by COVID-19 and the local capacity for fund-raising may be more challenging than with past emergency collections. However, we know people are generous in time of need. If we all give a little, it can make a huge difference.

I will be offering a Mass for those who died in these tragedies, as well as their loved ones who are mourning and recovering. Please pray for our neighbors who must now rebuild their lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell T. Rozanski".

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

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.

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.*



The SRA Golf Cart Raffle is ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, AT NOON. Winner will be announced on Sunday, October 11, at the SRA Men's Club Golf Tournament. You do NOT need to be present to win.

Raffle Tickets are **2 for \$100 or 1 for \$60** and are available for purchase online via 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!



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

Please Contact Me

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