

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Feast of St Raphael the Archangel Observed
September 27, 2020

1st Reading

Tobit 12: 1, 5-15, 20

Tobit called his son Tobiah and said to him, "Son, see to it that you give what is due to the man who made the journey with you; give him a bonus too." So he called Raphael and said, "Take as your wages half of all that you have brought back, and go in peace."

Raphael called the two men aside privately and said to them: "Thank God! Give him the praise and the glory. Before all the living, acknowledge the many good things he has done for you, by blessing and extolling his name in song. Honor and proclaim God's deeds, and do not be slack in praising him. A king's secret it is prudent to keep, but the works of God are to be declared and made known. Praise them with due honor. Do good, and evil will not find its way to you. Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than abundance with wickedness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life; but those habitually guilty of sin are their own worst enemies. I will now tell you the whole truth; I will conceal nothing at all from you. I have already said to you, 'A king's secret it is prudent to keep, but the works of God are to be made known with due honor.' I can now tell you that when you, Tobit, and Sarah prayed, it was I who presented and read the record of your prayer before the Glory of the Lord; and I did the same thing when you used to bury the dead. When you did not hesitate to get up and leave your dinner in order to go and bury the dead, I was sent to put you to the test. At the same time, however, God commissioned me to heal you and your daughter-in-law Sarah. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord."

"So now get up from the ground and praise God. Behold, I am about to ascend to him who sent me; write down all these things that have happened to you."

Responsorial Psalm

PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reading 2

PHIL 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, (reading continued on the next page)

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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.

Readings (Continued)

coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

MT 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?' They answered, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.'

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

Stewardship of Prayer

Hopefully, your household has received a copy of our stewardship mailing for this year, our Parish Prayer Book, and you have had a chance to review it. We pray that it has been uplifting to your life of prayer.

This weekend, Msgr. Stehly and I will be preaching on the topic of prayer. Next weekend, we will be committing as a parish to a deeper practice of prayer in the upcoming year. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord may be calling you to grow closer to Him in prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Speaking of our commitment to prayer, our Eucharistic Adoration chapel is open once again. A schedule was sent out earlier this week to sign up. Please consider spending some time with our Eucharistic Lord soon.

Bow Sunday

Also this weekend, at the 10:00am Mass, we will celebrate Bow Sunday for our 2020 First Communion class. Please pray for these young people as they make final preparations to receive their First Holy Communion on October 4.

Pro-Life Month

Please also remember that October is a special month as we remember the cause of life in a particular way. Each week, beginning this week, we will present an excerpt of a summary of St. John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*. Consider taking some time with these reflections as we work to further the Gospel of Life in our world today.

Pet Blessing

Due to the Coronavirus, our pet blessing this year will be slightly different. We will have two times available for a drive-thru/walk-by pet blessing. These will be on

- Thursday, October 8 3:30-4:00pm
- Saturday, October 10 9:30-10:00am

Just as we did for the blessing for frontline and healthcare workers, I will stand at one of the entrances to the parking lot. Simply drive up on the parking lot or walk by on the sidewalk and I will bless your pet! Hope you will make time for this annual blessing.

Trunk or Treat

This annual event to benefit our 8th grade is always a great time for both parents and children. After reviewing this event with the 8th grade, however, it has been determined that it will need to be canceled this year due to the COVID restrictions.

The 8th graders have put together a great new event advertised on the last page of the bulletin. We hope that you consider it fun for your family as well as a great way to benefit our 8th graders!

Amazon Smile

Thank you for continuing to support St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church on Amazon Smile. We received \$118.37 from Amazon thanks to people purchasing on smile.amazon.com.

Please remember that the only difference between the regular Amazon website and Amazon Smile is that we get a small percentage of most sales. There is no change in the price to you, and you can continue to use your prime member benefits fully. Please consider switching to Amazon Smile if you have not already.

*I will see you online and in church –Fr. John
#SRAstrong*



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, October 2, 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, October 9, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words." As you put your gift in the Society's envelope, know that you are putting your faith into action. Consider joining our team of volunteers! For more information, please call the parish office.

LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

In honor of the 25th anniversary of Pope Saint John Paul's encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), the U S Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced a summary of the document. This work should deepen our understanding of the Church's teachings on the sacredness of human life that are at the heart of Jesus' entire Gospel message. The content should help us to live the Gospel of Life by serving Mothers in Need. Watch the SRA bulletin for segments of this encyclical that will appear on succeeding weekends, starting today.

The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The SRA Historical Society sent its annual newsletter to almost forty parishes in the country named for St. Raphael. The newsletter is intended to spark interest in devotion to our patron, St. Raphael the Archangel, and to provide items of interest about St. Raphael parishes. Copies of the newsletter are available at the church entrances.

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 Chipewewa, 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.



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 27

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

Monday, September 28

7:00am Richard Cross, SI
8:00am Rhonda Pritts

Tuesday, September 29

7:00am Angelo Ruggeri
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, September 30

7:00am Robert Elsperman
8:00am Genevieve Leifield

Thursday, October 1

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Ursula Milla

Friday, October 2

7:00am Bertram Liddy

Saturday, October 3

7:00am Nancy Geiser
4:30pm Wayne Prenger

Sunday, October 4

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

*“Do nothing out of selfishness, rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...”
(Philippians 2:3)*

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize as gifts all the people that God has put into our lives! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Let’s pray every day for the people in our lives: our families, our friends, and even those who make us angry.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

September 20, 2020

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (71)	\$ 2,193.00	\$ 50,940.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 11,242.00
School Support	\$ 145.00	\$ 1,830.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,280.00
Holy Days	\$ 5.00	\$ 978.00
Online Giving (54)	\$ 2,851.00	\$ 30,105.00
Tithing	(\$ 40.00)	
Peter’s Pence	(\$ 5.00)	
Catholic Comm.	(\$ 5.00)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 5.00	
Latin America	(\$ 5.00)	
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 5.00)	
Cardinal Glennon	(\$ 5.00)	
ProLife	(\$ 5.00)	
Disaster Relief	(\$ 75.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 6,779.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,634.00	\$ 97,677.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 108,000.00
Difference	(\$ 2,366.00)	(\$ 10,323.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



St. Raphael Boy Scout Troop 500 cleaned up the Council Ring in Willmore Park, which had gotten a little crazy with branches, ashes in the pit, and trash. The Scouts spent Saturday morning, September 19, cleaning and also cutting wood.

Front Row: Jack Stein, Gavin Smith, Conor Finan, Cillian Sheehan, Charlie Dirnbeck
Back Row: Tom Finan, Thad Berta, Sean Madden, Christian Concepcion, Andrew Kellar

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!

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.

LAST CALL!!!

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.*





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
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DO YOU WANT US TO EGG SOMEONE ELSE?

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ADDITIONAL DOZEN EGGS - \$10	_____	_____
FIND OUT WHO EGGED YOU - \$5	_____	_____

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ATTN: HALLOWEEN HUNT OR EMAIL ORDER FORM TO SHERRILYNN13@SBCGLOBAL.NET

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