

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2020

## Reading I

EZ 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## Reading II

ROM 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

## Gospel

MT 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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

**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm  
Friday 7:30am-12:00pm

**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

**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

### *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.

### *Alumni Day*

We cordially invite our alumni back to St. Raphael on Sunday, September 20. We will have our Alumni Mass that day at the 10:00am 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*

On September 20 as well, 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.

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

Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes begin on 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 by either becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation.

### *On Labor Day*

This Monday, September 7, 2020, our nation will observe Labor Day. Traditionally known as the unofficial end of summer, Labor Day celebrates the contributions workers have made to better our country and our world.

To observe this day, our parish office and school will be closed. Additionally, we will have only one Mass at 7:00am. This Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

*From the Labor Day Statement by the USCCB by Archbishop Paul Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City*

(Each year, one of the bishops of the United States writes a letter to mark Labor Day. This paragraph, the lead paragraph for this year, summarizes well the current theme.)

This Labor Day is a somber one. The COVID-19 pandemic goes on. Economic circumstances for so many families are stressful or even dire. Anxiety is high. Millions are out of work and wondering how they will pay the bills. And for workers deemed “essential” who continue to work outside the home, there is the heightened danger of exposure to the virus. Yet, as Pope Francis points out in a set of beautiful and challenging reflections on the pandemic, “In this wasteland, the Lord is committed to the regeneration of beauty and rebirth of hope: ‘Behold, I am doing something new: right now it is sprouting, don’t you see it?’ (Is 43:19) God never abandons his people; he is always close to them, especially when pain becomes more present.” As God declares to John in Revelation: “Behold, I make all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) God knows the challenges we face and the loss and grief we feel. The question to us is this: will we pray for and willingly participate in God’s work of healing the hurt, loss, and injustice that this pandemic has caused and exposed? Will we offer all we can to the Lord to “make all things new”?

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

## 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.

## 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 most of the retreat is done on your own in your home, you may opt to come to church 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, please contact Mary Reck at 314.326.6996.

## **PROJECT RACHEL DAY OF REFLECTION**



**RESPECT LIFE  
APOSTOLATE**

Project Rachel, an abortion healing ministry of the St. Louis Archdiocese, will offer a Day of Reflection for any woman wounded by abortion. The event will be held in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Marisol Pfaff, spiritual director, Fr. Thomas Pastorius, pastor of St. Joseph in Manchester, and Cynthia Haehnel, RLA director, will help participants realize the hope, love, and mercy of Jesus.

Make your reservation by calling 314.792.7565 or emailing [stlprojectrachel@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectrachel@archstl.org).

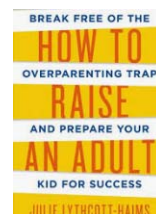
## **HELLO, SRA BOOK LOVERS!**

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.julielythcotthaims.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.





**Sunday, September 6**  
8:00am Roger Kreitler  
10:00am People of the Parish

**Monday, September 7**  
7:00am Walter Hulford

**Tuesday, September 8**  
7:00am Hutton Family  
8:00am Virginia Bettlach

**Wednesday, September 9**  
7:00am Helen Grego  
8:00am Cramer Family

**Thursday, September 10**  
7:00am Gary Mockler  
8:00am Joe Cross, SI

**Friday, September 11**  
7:00am Veda H. Jeggle, SI

**Saturday, September 12**  
7:00am Alma Scheble  
4:30pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, September 13**  
8:00am Bart Saracino  
10:00am Don Deachan

### 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.

*“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” (Ezekiel 33:7)*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

## DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911  
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

### Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 30, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
<b>Regular Env. (74)</b>	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 39,478.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 1,017.00	\$ 9,003.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,485.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 280.00	\$ 1,920.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 500.00	\$ 957.00
<b>Online Giving (44)</b>	\$ 1,634.00	\$ 22,002.00
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 65.00)	
<b>Candle Money</b>	\$ 107.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 9,853.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 9,788.00	\$ 75,132.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 81,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 788.00	(\$ 5,868.00)
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)





**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Is there a family who needs assistance? Please have the family call the parish office for referral to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help them know that indeed “God is in the midst of them.”

**ALUMNI**

**ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!**

SRA is continuing to look for all alumni. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf at [alums@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:alums@straphaelarchangel.org) or you can call the parish office at 314.352.8100.

**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.



**REMEMBER TO SUPPORT SRA!**

1. You visit [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
2. You select St. Raphael the Archangel as the organization you will support.
3. You make your purchase as normal.
4. We receive a percentage of your purchase.
5. You feel good for helping us while making a purchase!

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](https://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 [youngcatholic-musicians.org](http://youngcatholic-musicians.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).

## NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Training to be held on Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 – 7:00pm at the Shrine’s Guild Center. Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to “question, persuade, and refer” someone to help. Registration is required due to space limitations.

Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide\*\*  
Wednesday, September 9, 7:30 – 8:00pm in the Shrine’s Lourdes Grotto.

Registration: Go to QPR training/Candlelight Vigil at [SNOWS.ORG/Vigil2020](http://SNOWS.ORG/Vigil2020) or call 618.394.6281.

\*\* COVID guidelines are in place. Masks and social distancing are required for both events.



## 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



This summer is flying by quickly. Do you have a plan to keep on the right path in this ever-changing world? Listening to Catholic programming on Covenant Network will help keep you focused on your faith. Daily schedule includes Mass, the Rosary, the Angelus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other prayers to remind you of saints and feasts. Call-in shows that answer questions about Church history, Scripture, the lives of the Saints and current events will keep you grounded in the faith. Tune in to AM 1460, or listen on our Covenant Network app on your mobile device or at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

## 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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