

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

Reading I

IS 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man 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.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm

Is. 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Reading II

1 Jn 5:1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Gospel

Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. (Continued on the next page.)

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

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.

Gospel (continued)

I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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

Eucharistic Adoration

This is a reminder that we will have Eucharistic adoration each Wednesday of January from 3:00-9:00pm. Please see the Signup Genius link on Flocknote to sign up or contact the parish office if you would like to sign up for a half-hour or an hour slot to adore the Lord.

We are also still looking for individuals who can adore the Lord on the First Friday of every month, particularly in the morning. Please contact Barb Cramer at 314.406.8699 if you are interested in signing up for a half-hour or hour slot.

Mass Schedule for the Week

Our regular weekly Mass schedule will resume this week. The 7:00am Mass will be celebrated in church and the 8:00am Mass in the school. Both Masses will be livestreamed on YouTube.

In Gratitude

Thank you for supporting our Advent Giving Tree for Sts. Peter and Paul Community Services. We donated \$1,885.00 to them to support the clients they serve. Thank you!

Men’s Club Communion Breakfast

Next Sunday at the 10:00am Mass, we will welcome Fr. James Michler to celebrate this Mass with us. Fr. Michler served in the Archdiocesan Missions in Bolivia for 25 years before recently returning to the Archdiocese.

Following the Mass, Fr. Michler will present a talk to the Men’s Club of our parish.

All members of the Men’s Club are invited to attend the Mass and to remain for the talk. We will also livestream the Mass and the talk should you prefer to attend that way.

The normal breakfast part of our annual program will be postponed due to COVID-19.

Welcoming Committee

Are you looking for an easy way to help SRA? Do you enjoy being an ambassador for our neighborhood and our parish? Are you interested in helping to greet new parishioners to our parish and to our neighborhood?

If so, please consider joining our Welcoming Committee. This committee is currently looking for new members to help greet new parishioners. As people join the parish, you may be asked to contact a family, help prepare a welcome basket, and deliver it safely at a convenient time. Soon we hope, as COVID restrictions alleviate due to the vaccine, we will be able to greet people more personally.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact me. Thank you for our consideration!

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

Weekly Devotional to St. Joseph during the Year of Joseph

Prayer to St. Joseph to Know One’s Vocation
O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me.

Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it.

Obtain for me the light to know God’s Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.

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.



Saint Raphael the Archangel

Black & Gold Dinner Auction

All donations must
be received by
January 25, 2021.

For more information call
314-352-8100

Ticket Information
Coming Soon!



Donation Form

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Value of Donation _____ Donor Signature _____

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QUESTIONS?

Contact the rectory office at 314-352-8100

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Thank you for your support!

JANUARY: PROLIFE MONTH

As the New Year begins, we once again celebrate our commitment to LIFE during this month. We invite you to:

- Experience the **Annual Roe V. Wade Memorial Mass** on **Saturday, January 16, at 10:00am** at the **Cathedral Basilica, celebrated by Archbishop Rozanski**. This event will be livestreamed at cathedral.org.live.
- Join Catholics nationwide to pray for LIFE during the **USCCB 9 Days for Life novena** from **January 21 to 29**. You can sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.
- Participate in the Young Adult ProLife Holy Hour on **Thursday, January 28, at the Cathedral Basilica at 7:00p.m.** This event is for young adults 19 to 39.

Nothing can be more important than our efforts to build a Culture of Life.

The SRA ProLife Committee



**RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE**



Sunday, January 10

8:00am Patricia Corson
10:00 Marcia Matreci

Monday, January 11

7:00am Nino Vitale
8:00am Bud Humiston

Tuesday, January 12

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Steve and Eileen Harbaugh

Wednesday, January 13

7:00am Mary Lou Schicker
8:00am Franco Gaspararo, SI

Thursday, January 14

7:00am Fr. Charles Burgoon
8:00am Pat Goeddel

Friday, January 15

7:00am Logan Warnecke

Saturday, January 16

7:00am Alex Daus
4:30pm Collin Taaffe

Sunday, January 17

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Bill Schicker

Your Contributions to God and Parish

December 27, 2020 (Envelopes Used)		
	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (64)	\$ 4,783.00	\$ 112,272.00
Loose Money	\$ 984.00	\$ 24,639.00
School Support	\$ 290.00	\$ 4,204.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,485.00
Holy Days	\$ 130.00	\$ 5,426.00
Online Giving (54)	\$ 2,691.00	\$ 66,750.00
Tithing	(\$ 110.00)	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 35.00)	
Christmas	\$ 6,167.00	
Seminary	(\$ 1,401.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 16,591.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 15,045.00	\$ 225,647.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 234,000.00
Difference	\$ 6,045.00	(\$ 8,353.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

Your Contributions to God and Parish

January 3, 2021 (Envelopes Used)		
	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (40)	\$ 5,278.00	\$ 117,550.00
Loose Money	\$ 3,164.00	\$ 27,803.00
School Support	\$ 450.00	\$ 4,654.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00	\$ 5,540.00
Holy Days	\$ 655.00	\$ 6,081.00
Online Giving (44)	\$ 4,732.00	\$ 71,482.00
First Offering	\$ 360.00	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 245.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 14,939.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 14,694.00	\$ 240,341.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 243,000.00
Difference	\$ 5,694.00	(\$ 2,659.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

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
BLACK & GOLD AUCTION
 FEBRUARY 13, 2021

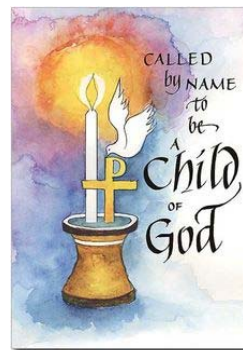
Thanks to our generous sponsors, Schicker Automotive and Bartolino's Osteria, we are proud to announce that with the purchase of your 2021 Black and Gold Auction Swag bag, ***you will also receive a \$50 gift certificate to Bartolino's Osteria to be used at a later date.***

Our 2021 Auction Swag Bag now includes:

- An SRA Auction Wine Tote Bag
- Two SRA Auction Wine Tumblers
- An SRA Auction corkscrew/bottle opener
- A cozy, SRA throw blanket
- Two bottles of wine from Southside Wine and Spirits
- A \$50 gift certificate to Bartolino's Osteria to be used at a later date

The cost of our gift bag is \$75.
 You can only purchase the bag via our website:
BlackandGold21.givesmart.com

Please do not send checks to the parish office or school to purchase the bags. **You can only purchase the bags on our website.** We have a limited quantity of these items. All packages previously purchased will also receive the gift certificate.



Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Clayton Wolf, son of Tim and Juliette Wolf. Clayton was baptized on January 3, 2021. May God always bless the Wolf family.

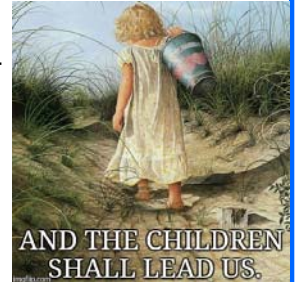


- Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

WINTER OUTREACH A MINISTRY OF MERCY

The following is an excerpt from an email that was received from a "Blessed Baker" that is truly heart warming.

"I want to have my granddaughter help me. We read a book, *"One Boy's Magic."* The week after we read it, she wanted to make cards for the homeless. She is in virtual Kindergarten and comes to my house everyday because I am helping her. She is just learning to write. So she wrote, "You are special. I care." on 9 index cards. Then she put a bottle of water and a snack and one of her cards in separate grocery bags and wanted to go "find some homeless people" to give them to. My husband and I actually drove downtown to where they have set up some tents and gave them these bags. It was very sweet. I know she will want to help me make some food for them."



It is a message like this that continues to energize this ministry, along with all of you who so generously give of your blessings. We continue to fill the homeless shelter with amazing food, coffee, socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothes so that they may help us to help others. As the temperatures begin to drop, they are so grateful to all of you for helping them prepare to open their doors to our homeless brothers and sisters. Thank you for your witness of God's love in the world.

We will once again be at the far end of the OLS parking lot (toward Macklind) to make it easier for drop off.

Casseroles--Baked and Frozen

- Wrap securely in aluminum foil to prevent leakage and freezer burn
- Mark on top what kind of casserole it is & date it January 16, 2021

Desserts--Baked and Frozen

- Make sure they have a secure lid (no plastic lids) so they do not get smashed
- Wrap securely in aluminum foil to prevent leakage and freezer burn
- Mark on top what kind of dessert it is and date it 1/16/21
- Remember to wear a mask when dropping off your dish...Thank You!

Please give your name to the person who takes your donation, so we know when all dishes have arrived. If anyone needs to drop off or have their donations picked up ahead of time, please call 314.374.1712.

SRA has several very generous families that are participating. Thank you!

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Please note, this year we will not be sending out parish-wide contribution forms. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to have yours mailed to you.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. As we make our donations to the Society, we know that we are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and we give them reason to believe and to trust.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021

Looking for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG for elementary and high school scholarships.

Deadline is February 26th, 2021.

Visit ttef-stl.org
for more details
ttef@archstl.org (314) 792-7777

Unified Online Application (Free)



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.

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