



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 1, 2021 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Saint Louis, MO 63109
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Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am

CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before
7:00am Mass
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm
Other | By Appointment

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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READINGS FOR AUGUST 1, 2021

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Reading I

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

R. (24b) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, we will declare to the generation to come: the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent them in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Reading II

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters:

I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



Sunday, August 1

8:00am Cunigunda Gubser
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, August 2

7:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, August 3

7:00am Pearl Pirker

Wednesday, August 4

7:00am Bryan Joseph Kreitler

Thursday, August 5

7:00am Pearl Pirker

Friday, August 6

7:00am Roger Kreitler

Saturday, August 7

7:00am Hutton Family
4:30pm Marianne Burnes

Sunday, August 8

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

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride, and ego lead to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs." Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 25, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (42)	\$ 3,110.00	\$ 17,666.00
Loose Money	\$ 776.00	\$ 3,179.00
School Support	\$ 240.00	\$ 681.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,583.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Online Giving (53)	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 11,372.00
ProLife	(\$ 65.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 175.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 6,961.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,721.00	\$ 35,303.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 2,279.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 697.00)</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, the disciples ask for a sign like the bread Moses had received in the desert. Jesus tells them that He is the true Bread of Life. Through your gift to the Society, you enable the members of the Society to bring bread to the hungry as a sign of God's love.

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

Mask Mandate Returns

On Tuesday, in response to St. Louis City's mask mandate, the Archdiocese instructed all parishes in Saint Louis City to begin to immediately require masking at all Masses and for all other indoor activities happening at our campus. This mask mandate is for all persons, regardless of their vaccination status. This mask mandate will continue until further notice from the City of Saint Louis and the Archdiocese.

I completely understand that the topic of masking is one where people can have strong convictions one way or another. As a public institution inside the City of Saint Louis and as a parish within the Archdiocese, this is a policy we have to follow. I ask for your patience and understanding during this time in wearing masks for Mass and other public events as we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic.

Eucharistic Adoration Returns

Beginning this Wednesday at 3:00pm, we will resume having Eucharistic Adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel in the rectory. The hours for the chapel remain unchanged from 3:00-9:00pm, with half-hour slots for adorers to select. Due to the mask mandate, we are not changing any rules for the chapel; we will still allow only two adorers at any time with everyone required to wear masks. Please contact the parish office or use the Signup Genius if you would like to sign up for a time to visit the chapel.

Parish Council

On Monday, four parishioners from our community will gather with the other members of the parish council to discern if God is calling them to this important leadership committee in our parish. Please keep them and our parish council in your prayers this weekend as we seek the voice of the Holy Spirit calling forth new leadership for our community.

School is Coming

This coming week as well, our teachers will begin to return to the classroom to get ready for the start of our new school year, which begins on August 12. We have several new teachers we are eager to wel-

come to our community as well as many faculty members who have been with us for a while. Please keep them and our students in your prayers as they prepare for another school year.

Our Coronavirus Taskforce continues to meet and we will announce our plan to our school parents soon. Mrs. Hayes, the taskforce, and I remain committed to provide the safest environment possible for our faculty, staff, and students to gather in each day to successfully teach and learn. We continue to follow all of the latest updates, research, guidance, and mandates as we develop and implement our policies to keep our school a safe place to learn during these unusual times.

The End of Summer

With summer drawing to a close, I want to also note with gratitude the number of faithful donors who have helped to sustain us during these summer months. Your generosity is truly a blessing!

As you return to a normal routine from vacation, please do not forget to support our parish community between your bills and other correspondence.

Parish Picnic

Our parish picnic is still on for August 27-28! Please get your sponsorships in, sign up for a slot to work, and make plans to be there for a great celebration for our parish community.

Return from Vacation

Thank you for your prayers and understanding while I was on vacation in Utah. It was a great two weeks away, but it is good to be home after many hours driving!

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

Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

St. Joseph, most just, Foster Father of Jesus, spouse of the Virgin Mary, you are called Comfort of the Afflicted, Hope of the Sick, and Patron of the Dying. During this time of worldwide pandemic, we go to you. We ask for your help. As you protected Jesus and Mary, protect us from this pandemic. Help us to follow your example during these uncertain times. Instill in us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and cordial charity so that we may continue Christ's work of unifying love and reconciliation in our world. Amen. (Sr. Carol Stovall, SSJ)



By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, August 6, and should be turned in to the parish office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, August 13 (second day of school), 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 shop-withscrip.com.



**RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE**

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

It's time again for the **Friends for Life** Campaign, extending from August 1 to August 15. Gifts to **Friends for Life** support families dealing with crisis pregnancies and the programs of the Respect Life Apostolate, including its Post-Abortion Healing Ministry. The work of the Respect Life Apostolate is so important to changing the attitudes of our throw-away society by building the Culture of Life. You will find your **Friends for Life** envelope in the SRA August packet of envelopes. Please place your donation in the collection basket at church or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity to the ProLife movement!

The SRA ProLife Committee

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR AUGUST 7 - 13, 2021

Saturday, August 7

7:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Charlie Dirnbeck
4:30pm	Brendan Cierpiot	Jack Delf
	Christian Concepcion	

Sunday, August 8

8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Nahima Ramirez
	Dalila Ramirez	
10:00am	Ryan Schneider	Brandon Young
	Volunteer Needed	

Monday, August 9

7:00am	No Servers Required	
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Tuesday, August 10

7:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Cillian Sheehan
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Wednesday, August 11

7:00am	No Servers Required	
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Thursday, August 12

7:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt
8:00am	Dalila Ramirez	Nahima Ramirez

Friday, August 13

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	School Selection	

Saturday, August 14

7:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Brandon Young
4:30pm	Ethan Bradshaw	Jack Delf
	Cillian Sheehan	

Sunday, August 15

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Jude Potts
	Brandon Young	
10:00am	Lucas Feldman	Mateo Switzer
	Aidan Switzer	

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-1
Wednesday	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Saturday	Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
Next Sunday	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Our 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.

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

AUGUST 7-8

LECTORS

4:30pm 8:00am 10:00am
George Kerry Barb Cramer Mary Faith Green

The Resurrection Choir needs more members. What is the Resurrection Choir? A group of singers who sing at parish funerals. This group does not have regular rehearsals but comes to church to provide singing for funerals held at our church. The hymns are well known so that everyone will be familiar with the songs. We need a good-sized chorale so that enough singers will be available for each funeral Mass. Your participation depends on your availability. This is a prime opportunity to support parish members and their families and friends when they are in need of comfort and consolation. Both men and women are eligible for this important ministry. Call the parish office to volunteer: 314.352.8100.

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.

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.

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THE ONE WHEN THEY MOVED THE PICNIC 2021

August 27 & 28

Sponsorship Forms are Due August 1st!!!

Are you praying for good weather?

High School and College Aged Parishioners are needed as Ambassadors – Add your name to Sign-Up Genius. Great time to see old friends, help SRA, and get service hours.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA82CA20-parish>



In 2015, Pope Francis released Laudato Si, a long letter to the worldwide Catholic Church and all people of good will on the importance of caring for our planet: "our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us."

This Fall, our parish will take time to read and reflect on the words our Holy Father offers us in this document. Each Tuesday, beginning on September 14, at 7:00pm, we will gather to discuss one chapter from this document for one hour. Our study will conclude on October 19.

The parish will provide a copy of the Encyclical to all who would like to participate. Also, if you cannot make all of the sessions, you are welcome to participate in the study.

We are asking that you contact the parish office if you would like to participate at 314.352.8100 or parish@straphaelarchangel.org by September 7. Please respond if you are planning to participate so that we have enough copies of the Holy Father's Encyclical for everyone to participate fully in the conversation.

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THE ONE WHEN THEY MOVED THE
PICNIC
2021

August 27 & 28

Sponsorship:

Gold: \$500 - Includes business name and logo in **large print** on t-shirt & 5 t-shirts

Black: \$250 - Includes business name and logo in **medium print** on t-shirt & 5 shirts

Family: \$100 - Includes **Family Last Name** & 5 t-shirts

All sponsors will appear on back of t-shirts & on main booth banner

Name: _____

Level of Sponsorship: _____

Name/Business to appear on t-shirt/banner: _____

Is logo on file? _____

Thank you so much for your support!

Please consider purchasing a \$10 t-shirt. Show your support for St. Raphael - and the picnic!
Return to the Parish Office: 6047 Bishops Place, St. Louis, MO 63109 by **Monday, August 9th**.
Choose color (grey or white) and size below, make checks out to St. Raphael.



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

School Family - Grade of the Oldest Child: _____

Size	CXS	CS	CM	CL	CXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	AXXL	AXXXL	AXXXXL	
Grey													
White													

Total Shirts ____ x \$10 = ____



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RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Men, women, and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, August 20-22, 2021. Rachel's Vineyard, offered by the Archdiocesan Abortion Healing Ministry, provides a comfortable and prayerful setting in the St. Louis area - exact location shared at registration. The cost is \$50 that includes two night's lodging, all meals, and all materials. To register by August 16 or for more information, contact 314.406.0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org. All inquiries are kept confidential.

The SRA ProLife Committee



South City Deanery PSR Registration

South City Deanery PSR provides formal Catholic religious education (Grade 1 to Confirmation prep) for the children in parishes of the South City Deanery. Sessions are on Monday evenings, September through May, from 6:20-7:40pm. Our program continues and supplements the religious formation from parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We assist families in the areas of knowledge of the faith, beliefs and Christian life skills and religious practices, and strengthening the growing relationship with Jesus and his Church. Registration for 2021-2022 South City Deanery PSR year will be held on:

August 15 (Sunday) from 11:00am to 1:00 pm in the Cafeteria at St. John the Baptist Parish

August 23 (Monday) from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the St. John the Baptist Parish Center

First Reconciliation and First Communion are usually done as part of the 2nd grade curriculum. We also have preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for students grades 3-8 **Students must be in the PSR program for two years in order to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion.**

Confirmation is usually done in the 8th grade and above. **Students must be in the PSR program for two years (Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes) before being confirmed.** For more information on the program or registration, contact Deacon George Watson at stl.scdpsr@gmail.com or 314.773.3070.



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

☐ Please Contact Me

☐ New Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone#