



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 22, 2021 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

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

WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

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 22, 2021

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Reading I

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it"? Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave"? Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."



Sunday, August 22

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Tommy Bick

Monday, August 23

7:00am Rose Vogel
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, August 24

7:00am Kara Cummings
8:00am Michael Schlueter

Wednesday, August 25

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker
8:00am Tommy Bick

Thursday, August 26

7:00am Cunigunda Gubser
8:00am Genevieve Holland

Friday, August 27

7:00am Ruthann Alberti
8:00AM Fr. Bob Reiker, SI

Saturday, August 28

7:00am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.
4:30pm Sam and Dorothy Lawson

Sunday, August 29

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker
10:00am People of the Parish

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of His love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us, and call us to hear the cries of the poor? Last month, through your gifts, the Society was able to hear the cries of the poor by assisting 13 families: providing \$350 in food, \$898 for utilities, \$1,005 for rent, and \$150 for a bed and sofa from the Thrift Store. God bless you!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 15, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (36)	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 30,915.00
Loose Money	\$ 897.00	\$ 4,983.00
School Support	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,021.00
Building Fund	\$ 175.00	\$ 2,574.00
Holy Days	\$ 470.00	\$ 616.00
Online Giving (46)	\$ 2,293.00	\$ 18,701.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00	
ProLife	(\$ 100.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 25.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 6,788.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,663.00	\$ 59,860.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 2,337.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 3,140.00)</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works, and generously supports the local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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

Missionary Co-Op Appeal and Collection

This weekend, Fr. John Hanson from the Society of Our Mother of Peace will be visiting our parish. He is part of the Missionary Co-Op appeal program that is run in all parishes throughout the summer months. He will be speaking to us on his order's particular mission and asking for spiritual and financial support for its work. Here is a letter of introduction from him:

Our Community, The Society of Our Mother of Peace, was founded in 1966 by Fr. Placid Guste, SMP. Our mission is to be free for God. This focus is lived out in the context of substantial time for prayer devoted to being alone with God plus communal prayer. This prayer-life bears the fruit of reaching out invitingly to others to be drawn to and/or to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Holy Catholic Church through door-to-door evangelization, a private retreat program, a Lay Associate Program, spiritual direction, and conferences on the spiritual life.

We have two foundations in Missouri (one near St. Louis and the other in Springfield), one

foundation in the Philippines, and two in Nigeria. With no set income, we live by donation (God's Providence). Since we live a simple life, financial assistance for our missions abroad is so greatly appreciated. God bless you for your kind consideration of our need!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John Hansen, SMP

Major Superior of the Sons of Our Mother of Peace

There will be envelopes at the doors of the church this weekend that you can use for this collection or you can use your own envelope marking your contribution "missionary co-op."

We will see you online or in church this weekend and at the picnic next weekend! - Fr. John
#SRAstrong



Ride Wristbands

Name: _____

Email: _____ (you will receive an email confirmation)

Cell Phone: _____

Pre-Event Purchase

1-Day Wristband \$35 (used **either** Friday or Saturday)

2-Day Wristband \$55

Number of Bands: ____ X \$35 = \$ ____

Number of Bands: ____ X \$55 = \$ ____

Total Bands: _____ **Total \$** _____

Checks made to: St. Raphael the Archangel
wristbands will increase in price by \$5 day of the event
This must be returned to SRA by Friday, August 20th

Weekly Devotion to St. Joseph

"In human life, Joseph was Jesus' teacher in their daily contact, full of refined affection, glad to deny himself to take better care of Jesus. Isn't that reason enough for us to consider this just man, this holy patriarch, in whom the faith of the Old Covenant comes to full fruition, as a master of interior life? Interior life is nothing but continual and direct conversation with Christ, so as to become one with him. And Joseph can tell us many things about Jesus. Therefore, never neglect devotion to him—Ite ad Ioseph: 'Go to Joseph'—as Christian tradition puts it in the words of the Old Testament." (Gen 41:55)

St. Josemaría Escrivá

WEDDING BANNERS

There is a promise of marriage between Katherine King and James (Tom) Mudd to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Encounter with Christ

Have you been wanting to go deeper into your relationship with Christ? Are you looking for a small faith community to help you grow in your love for Christ and the Church? Come and learn about the Regnum Christi model of a weekly "Encounter with Christ" for women at an informational meeting on Sunday, August 29, at 4:00pm in the parish office basement. If you have questions or want more information, please email Elena Switzer at edsqrd@yahoo.com.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN



**RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE**

The Friends for Life Campaign for 2021 is over. Many thanks to all who donated to this important effort that supports the work of the Respect Life Apostolate. Because each life is so important, because each one of us is a child of God, redeemed by Jesus and loved beyond measure, we need to help pregnant women give birth to the precious children they carry. If you still wish to donate to the campaign, mark an envelope with Friends for Life and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory office. It is never too late. May the Lord bless all of you who donated to this important campaign.

The St. Raphael ProLife Committee

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday, August 29

8:00am	Nahima Ramirez Brandon Young	Dalila Ramirez
10:00am	Ethan Bradshaw Jude Potts	Lucas Feldman

Monday, August 30

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Clair Fuhr	Ryan Schneider

Tuesday, August 31

7:00am	Brendon Cierpiot	Linus Cyr
8:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Matthew Franz

Wednesday, September 1

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt

Thursday, September 2

7:00am	Steven Irons	Brandon Young
8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Ryan Schneider

Friday, September 3

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Ryan Schneider	Jude Potts

Saturday, September 4

7:00am	Dalila Ramirez	Nahima Ramirez
4:30pm	Christian Concepcion Anna-Grace Guenther	Cillian Sheehan

Sunday, September 5

8:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck Lydia Eddingfield	Matthew Franz
10:00am	Claire Fuhr Aidan Switzer	Mateo Switzer

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

AUGUST YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	Paul Beckerle
2nd Place \$50	Lucy Meisser
3rd Place \$50	Julia Rapisando

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 28-29

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Greg Heuing	Mary Reck	Frosty Hodes

SRA SVdP Food and Household Items Needs

Greetings to all - what a joy to see so many parishioners back, celebrating Mass in person. Throughout the last 16 months, our SVdP Conference has been especially busy assisting our neighbors with rent, utility, medical, and food expenses. Throughout our region, the need for food and basic household items has grown substantially. As our Mass attendance grows, we want to remind everyone that we continue to accept donations - which can be dropped into the bins at church. All items collected are delivered to neighboring food pantries, to whom we refer our neighbors when they have needs.

During the academic year, our school children hold a monthly food drive in unison with the parish so our donations are more abundant. Needless to say, we miss their contributions during the summer months. Please consider donating during this time. We, and our local food pantries, could especially use the following items:

- Protein-rich foods such as:
 - Peanut Butter
 - Tuna
 - Canned Meat
 - Beans
- Coffee
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Paper Items
 - Toilet Paper
 - Paper Towels
 - Diapers
- Personal-care Items, including
 - Shampoo and Conditioner
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Dish Soap
 - Bar Soap

We ask for your continued prayers for our neighbors in need and again want to express our gratitude for always answering the call.

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Please Join Us!

Friday, August 27 5 – 10 p.m.

"Rumors" – Live Music 7-10 p.m.

Uniform Resale Booth 5 – 10 p.m.

View the Cub Scout Pinewood Cars 5 – 10 p.m.

Saturday, August 28 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Outdoor Mass 10 a.m.

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 12 p.m.

Petting Zoo 1 – 4 p.m.

"Home Remedy" – Live Music 3 – 5 p.m.

Hodak's Chicken "Box Dinner" 4 – 7 p.m.

"The Good Time Boys" – Live Music 6 – 9 p.m.

50/50 Drawing – 9 p.m.

Presale Ride Wristbands; \$35 1-Day / \$55 2-Day, Following Masses on Sunday, August 22

Ride Wristbands August 27 & 28 - \$40 1-Day & \$60 2-Day

Picnic Updates!

Donation – Coke products (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite) are needed! Please drop off 12 packs or cases on Thursday or Friday.

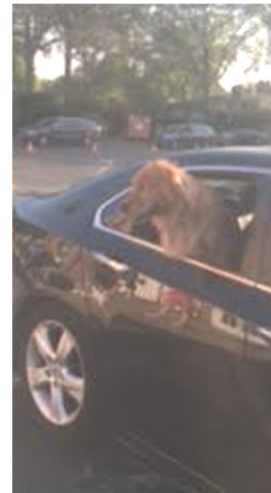
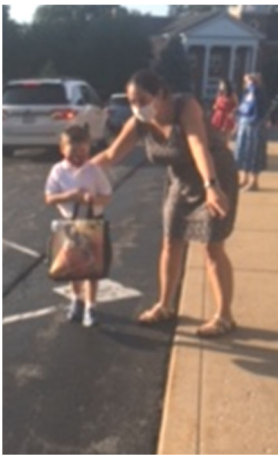
Pre-purchased wrist band must be purchased by August 22 to receive the \$5 discount.

BBQ will be available the entire time.

Hodak's Chicken Dinners will be "boxed" with homemade sides and will be served under the tent.

50/50 Chances can be dropped off at the Main Booth.

The Committee has worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Changes are due to the pandemic and the closing of our former ride company. Please be patient and continue to pray for good weather.



**SMALL DESIGN
BIG RESULTS
BRIGHT FUTURE
#SRASTRONG**



**SAINT RAPHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRE K - 8TH GRADE**

What is the RCIA Anyway?



RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process the Catholic Church has developed for people who are interested in finding out about the Church and might want to become Catholic. Think of it as being similar to purchasing a home. You research homes, prices, neighborhoods, etc., when house hunting and only make a decision to purchase a house after spending a lot of time in preparation and consultation with others. That is what RCIA offers - explanations of what and why Catholics believe and do what we do.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or know someone (a relative, friend, or neighbor) who might be, please join us this fall - there are "no strings attached." We meet at the parish office on Wednesday evenings and will have our "get acquainted" meeting on Wednesday, September 29. For more detailed information, please call Fr. John at the parish office at 314.352.8100 or Dennis Matreci at 314.681.3002.

ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY



Recently, the Respect Life Apostolate launched its **Abortion Healing Ministry**, an effort to assist men, women, couples, and families wounded by abortion. The ministry uses an integrated approach to healing, combining both psychological and spiritual resources. The **AHM's** network of specially-trained caregivers, including clergy, lay staff, mental health professionals, and spiritual directors, work as a team to provide care to those touched by abortion loss. This program enables the suffering to grieve, to develop a personal relationship with Christ, and to be united with the Church through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you are in need, please contact the website: archstl.org/hope-healing. If you feel a deep, personal loss due to an abortion, please reach out to the **Abortion Healing Ministry**.

The SRA ProLife Committee



In 2015, Pope Francis released *Laudato Si*, a 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, join Fr. John and fellow parishioners in reading and reflecting 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 document for everyone to participate fully in the conversation.

Safe Environment Compliance Information

The Archdiocese's Safe Environment Program requires all adult employees and volunteers who work with or near minors and/or vulnerable adults to comply with the following policy requirements:

- Attend a Protecting God's Children Zoom workshop. For a list of Protecting God's Children workshops offerings, go to: www.preventandprotectstl.org. If you have previously attended a PGC workshop, the system will find and/or ask you to confirm your previous record of attendance.
- Complete 2 online training modules.
- Understand and sign the Archdiocese's Code of Ethical Conduct for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Working in Ministry.
- Complete a national criminal record check and agree to regular updates.
- Register for the Online Prevent and Protect Program.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mary Steck, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, at 314.352.8100 or mary.a.steck@gmail.com.

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.

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.



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#