

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 27, 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




WELCOME!

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

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Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am
Saturday | 3:30pm
Other | By Appointment

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

KINGDOM



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

MATTHEW 16:19

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 86 (85): 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Reading 1

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reading 2

Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel

Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 27

9:00am Alvin Couch

Monday, August 28

8:00am Barbara Joan Moore

Tuesday, August 29

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

Wednesday, August 30

8:00am Ruthann Alberti

Thursday, August 31

8:00am Judy Svetanics

Friday, September 1

8:00am Kimling Family

Saturday, September 2

7:00am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 3

9:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything; He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 20, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (42)	\$ 3,103.00	\$ 33,854.00
Loose Money	\$ 622.00	\$ 8,144.00
School Support	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,130.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 915.00
Holy Days	\$ 346.00	\$ 346.00
Online Giving (57)	\$ 3,696.00	\$ 26,502.00
ProLife	(\$ 115.00)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 20.00	
Candle Money	\$ 153.00	
Grand Total	\$ 8,145.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,030.00	\$ 71,691.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 1,970.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 8,309.00)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, "Whom do you say that I am"? As Vincentians, we make home visits to those who reach out to us in their hour of need. From time to time, Jesus gives us the opportunity to introduce people to Him. Then they, too, know that Christ is the Son of the Living God. Our continued prayers and gifts make all this possible.



SERVICES FOR SEPT. 2 AND 3, 2023

Saturday, September 2

4:30pm To Be Scheduled

Sunday, September 3

9:00am To be Scheduled

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5 -6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17- 29
Wednesday	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11- 12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14 -30
Next Sunday	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm
Linda Hiette

9:00am
Heather Hays

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm
Brian McCarthy
Greg Heuing
Margie Auer

9:00am
Steve Kratky
Linda Saracino
Bart Saracino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 28

8:00am Church Mass
4:00pm Gym Volleyball
5:00pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Volleyball
7:00pm Raphael Rm. St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, August 29

8:00am Church Mass
5:00pm Gym 4th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:30pm Gym 7th Gr. Boys Volleyball

Wednesday, August 30

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
4:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Boys Volleyball
6:00pm Gym 6th Gr. Girls Volleyball

Thursday, August 31

8:00am Church Mass
3:30pm Gym 8th Gr. Girls Volleyball
4:30pm Gym 4th Gr. Girls Volleyball
6:00pm Gym 3rd Gr. Girls Volleyball

Friday, September 1

7:30am Church Rosary
8:00am Church Mass
9:00am Church 1st Friday Adoration
5:00pm Gym Volleyball Games

Saturday, September 2

7:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, September 3

9:00am Church Mass
12:00pm Gym Volleyball Games

Fr. Molini's Notes

Festivals For All

Please keep in mind the coming festivals at our parishes and make plans to support the events. The St. Raphael Picnic begins on the evening of September 22 (Friday) and continues on September 23 (Saturday) into the evening. The St. Gabriel festival is on October 6 (Friday evening) and continues on October 7 (Saturday). Make plans to attend and invite family and friends. More information will be in the parish bulletins available in the churches or online.

Labor Day, September 4

Looking ahead a little, I want to confirm the Mass schedule for national holidays. Mass will be celebrated at St. Raphael at 8:00am on Labor Day.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Gabriel at 9:00am on Labor Day.

I hope you will start your day giving thanks to God for the gift of labor. It is the way we participate in the creative work of God, using our gifts and talents for the good of our families and others. God's work of creation is reflected in our work, our efforts to share His goodness. Let us all, whether young or old, consider our participation in the work of God. All can contribute to the good of others through our efforts.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." Pope John Paul II

Please join us as we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month. First Friday Adoration starts after the 8:00am Mass from June to August. Adoration will conclude at 2:00pm with Benediction. Come at any time to spend quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. You may also wish to bring your own Bible and prayer book. Just as you cannot be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, love, and peace. For more information or to sign up for 30 – 60 minutes, (drop-ins are always welcome), please call Barbara Cramer at 314.797.1463.

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalette, for September 3 through December 2, is 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.

Interested In Becoming Catholic?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, know someone who may be, or would like to learn more about the faith (and haven't registered yet), please contact Fr. Mark at 314.353.6303, Ext. 123, or email him at markmadden@archstl.org. All one needs to register is a valid phone number and email address to get access to the schedule. There is no cost to register. Registration also includes the books we will use for the sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark.

Thank You

The officers of the St. Raphael Ladies' Club would like to shout out a big **Thank You** to everyone who donated items, volunteered, and shopped at our Uniform Exchange and Used Book Sale. Both events were a huge success!

Thank you again!

SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, September 1, 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 school office on Friday, September 8, 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.

Calling: House Plants

Do you propagate house plants?
Start growing them to donate to our plant booth
at the parish picnic in September!

Drop off 9/22/23



Catholic Climate Covenant

Care for Creation.

Care for the poor.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

The ecumenical Season of Creation will be celebrated by parishes and faith communities around the world from September 1 to October 4.

The Season of Creation theme for 2023 is "Let justice and Peace Flow," drawn from the cry of the prophet Amos: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24)

As people of faith, we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

There will be Global Prayer Celebrations on September 1 and October 4. Links for these events with prayers, will be posted on the Season of Creation website. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Preschool Religion

The program returns on October 1st – May 5th

All children potty-trained through kindergarten are invited.

Everyone will gather at the beginning of 9:00 a.m. mass and return at Communion. If parents could please sit in front rows of church, it would cause less disruption for the mass.

The classes will take place either on the picnic tables or in the rectory basement. We will be using the SEEDS program, with supplemental materials from Catholic Moms.

At this time, there will **not** be classes on the following dates: December 24th, December 30th, March 10th, and March 17th.

If you have questions: terri.borowiak@gmail.com

Any teens needing Service Hours, please contact Mrs. Borowiak terri.borowiak@gmail.com You do not need to be available every week!

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Please complete the information below to allow for the proper number of class supplies.

Child's Name: _____

Kindergarten Year: 2023 2024 2025 2026

Parent Name: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate of Child: _____

Patron Saint: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Parent Cell#: _____

Please leave in the mailbox of the parish office, the offertory basket, or with the school secretary.

Congratulations!

SRA's second-grade boys were undefeated in the St. Paul Tournament in Fenton. Hooray!



Youth Club Raffle Winners August, 2023

1st Place \$100

Dan Wright

2nd Place \$50

Robin Beckerle

3rd Place \$50

Maureen Ahrens



Ride Bracelets - Early Sale

Sunday, September 10th at Donut Sunday, following 9 a.m. Mass.

Monday, September 11th - Friday, September 15th – 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. during drop-off on parking lot

Cash or Check Only

\$40 - 1 Day (Friday or Saturday)/\$60 - 2 Days

The last Day of the Early Sale is Friday, September 15th.

Purchase at the picnic for \$45 and \$65

Keep Growing Plants for Christy Connor's Plant Booth

Please donate; Coke Products, Desserts for Dinner, Plants, Cakes for Cake Walk – September 22nd

Return 50/50 to either Parish Office or School Office

Quilt Chances – Pink Papers attached to Father John's Letter

General Volunteers - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA82CA20-20231>

School Booth Volunteers - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ada82ca20-2023#/>

Keep Praying for Good Weather 😊

Please scan the QR codes for picnic volunteer opportunities.



Saint Raphael the Archangel The Big Order



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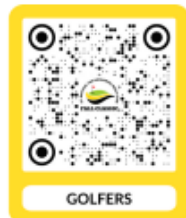
FALL CLASSIC

OCTOBER 1ST

FOREST PARK
GOLF COURSE

*Register to play or
volunteer today!*

GOLFER REGISTRATION
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GOLFERS



VOLUNTEERS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BRIAN FISSEL AT (312)933-0994 OR FISSELB@GMAIL.COM

Ascension Lutheran Church's Annual

THINK FALL PLANT SALE

Friday 9/22 4-6 pm &
Saturday 9/23 9 am-12 pm

- Large mums in five colors, ornamental kale, pansies & spring bulbs
- Pre-orders required and due by 9/7

<https://www.ascensionstl.com/plants>



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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 E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone #