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CATHOLIC CHURCH

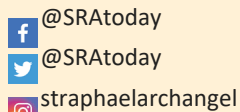
AUGUST 29, 2021 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 29, 2021

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Reading I

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

R. (1a) The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reading II

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."



Sunday, August 29

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

Monday, August 30

7:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann
8:00am Theresa Rose Miller

Tuesday, August 31

7:00am Judy Svetanics
8:00am Joan Theby

Wednesday, September 1

7:00am Ada Cross, SI
8:00am Thomas Scott Tempel

Thursday, September 2

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Louise Doetsch

Friday, September 3

7:00am Marcella Daus
8:00am Hugh Bergman

Saturday, September 4

7:00am Sam and Dorothy Lawson
4:30pm Agnes Hager

Sunday, September 5

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

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law? Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others. As we give our gifts to the poor through the Society, in our hearts we also will find the good news of God's love.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 22, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (48)	\$ 3,035.00	\$ 33,950.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,594.00	\$ 6,577.00
School Support	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,051.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,624.00
Holy Days	\$ 70.00	\$ 686.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 2,770.00	\$ 21,471.00
ProLife	(\$ 20.00)	
Altar Flowers	\$ 5.00	
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 795.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,369.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,554.00	\$ 67,414.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 1,446.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 4,586.00)</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

We are so grateful to so many families that trust St. Raphael the Archangel School for the education of their children. I am also aware that some families have chosen to send their children to a public or charter school that may not necessarily have a faith background. In these cases, families often send their students to a Parish School of Religion Program (PSR).

St. Raphael the Archangel is a partnering parish in the South City Deanery PSR Program at St. John the Baptist. I also respect those families that have chosen to be part of the PSR Program at Epiphany Parish.

If you are a parishioner of St. Raphael the Archangel and plan on sending your child(ren) to a PSR program for the 2021-22 school year, I ask that you meet with me by October 15, of this year. This meeting is so we can touch base on where your child is in faith formation and how the parish can serve your family. I believe this meeting is so essential that any parish portion of program fees for your chosen PSR Program will be withheld until this meeting takes place.

Parents are the first educators of their children, and I in no way want to infringe on this parental obligation. I simply want to be sure that all of our young people are learning the faith and all of our families feel welcomed and involved in the life of the parish.

Becoming a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor?

Another sign of life beginning to return to normal is that many more people are wanting to have their children baptized or to be a Confirmation sponsor for someone out of town. Many parishes are now asking that candidates for these roles have a form signed by the pastor of their parish to certify that they are suitable candidates for this role, especially by practicing their faith through regularly attending Sunday Mass.

With the reinstatement of the Sunday Mass obligation, I would ask that if you have one of these forms to be signed by me that you see me after a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass to have the form signed. This is so that I can get to know you better and to verify that you do meet the qualifications to serve as a Godparent or a Confirmation Sponsor.

Thank you for your help in this matter and for serving as a great mentor to our young people!

8:00am Mass Changes in Schedule

We are all so grateful that our students can again join us in church for Mass each day. Not only is it a marker of returning to normal, this tradition is also part of our school's Catholic identity.

Due to this Mass being primarily for the students in our school, whenever school is out of session, this Mass will be canceled. This includes all civil holidays the school observes as well as other days when the students are not at school.

Please keep an eye on the Mass intentions each week. When an 8:00am Mass is not listed there, the students are off from school and there will be no 8:00am Mass that day.

Thank you for your understanding and for your desire to support our students by attending Mass with them.

The 20th Anniversary of 9/11

In just a couple of weeks, we will remember as a country the 20th anniversary of 9/11. This day has dramatically changed our nation and people still talk about it as one of those moments where you remember where you were when it happened.

To remember this day as a parish community, the 10:00am Mass on September 12, will be especially dedicated to the memory of 9/11. We invite all of our first responders, those in law enforcement, veterans or current active-duty or reserve members of the military, or anyone who remembers that day and desires to pray for our nation to attend the 10:00am Mass that day. Following the Mass, there will be a reception with coffee and donuts. (Continued on page 9.)



Weekly Devotion to St. Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector St. Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief.

Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you and humbly beg of you. O do not look away from my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.



By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, September 3, 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, September 10, 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.

WEDDING BANNS II

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 5 - 12, 2021

Sunday, September 5

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

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

7:00am	No Servers Required	
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Tuesday, September 7

7:00am	David Hiatta	Kallista Hiatt
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Lucas Feldman

Wednesday, September 8

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Brandon Young

Thursday, September 9

7:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Linus Cyr	Jude Potts

Friday, September 10

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Claire Fuhr	Charlie Dirnbeck

Saturday, September 11

7:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Matthew Franz
4:30pm	Christian Concepcion Ryan Schneider	Steven Irons

Sunday, September 12

8:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther Jude Potts	Claire Fuhr
10:00am	Ethan Bradshaw Lucas Feldman	Jack Delf

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/ Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for mid-August through November 27, 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.

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

SEPTEMBER 4 - 5

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Laura Geiser	Barb Cramer	Denise Howard

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.

Guest Column: Obligation vs. Love

David Baranowski, Director of Stewardship Education, Archdiocese of St. Louis

I am sixty-one years old. For forty-seven years I went to church because our first grade teacher at St. Andrew grade school, Sister Josephita, told us that if we didn't go to Sunday Mass every week we would end up going to "H-E-double toothpicks." Years later, I went on a White House Jesuit Retreat and met Jesus. Now, I attend Sunday Mass because I love spending time with Him. I love Him.

I think many people attend Sunday Mass out of obligation not love. Attending Sunday Mass out of obligation is a good start, but you really don't get to experience the full love, joy, and peace of our Catholic faith. Think of anything you do out of obligation versus love. Obligation is more of a legal requirement. Love is something I really want to do. When obligated, my needs are usually the center of my attention. When in love, the other person (or God in this case) is the center of my attention.

Obligation implies that we do the minimum required. We do just enough to pass. It's like taking a class and shooting for a "C" grade instead of trying for an "A." Obligation suggests that we count the minutes until it's over because our hearts really aren't in it. We really don't want to be there. Obligation suggests that we don't like talking about it, unless it is to complain, and we may even feel embarrassed being part of it.

Love, on the other hand, is different. With love, there are no limits. You want to spend as much time as you can with the other person. You try to stay in constant communication. You can't wait to see the other person again. You plan for the next time you will be together. When you are in love, you are willing to give everything you have for the other person. When you are in love, you want to tell the whole world about it!

Now, I am not blaming St. Josephita for my immature faith life; that's on me. God was always there talking to me; I was just too self-centered to listen. When I think of her now, I am grateful that she cared for the welfare of my soul! I am glad that she talked to me in a way that I could understand as a first grade student.

Just like our human relationships, our relationship with God will take time to grow and deepen. And, just like our human relationships, if we want to become friends with others, we have to take time to talk with them and get to know them. This is the same for God. To grow in love and friendship requires patience and humility on our part. (And, more than one hour a week at Sunday Mass.)

Pick a couple of family members, friends, or neighbors who may have stalled in the obligation phase of their faith life and share your God-story with them. You'll help them grow in friendship with God and with each other. In our parish communities, maybe it's time to reorganize our structures, processes, and ministries to help people take those small, incremental steps on their path to holiness.

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.



I, like you, am deeply saddened by the death and devastation that individuals on the island of Haiti are experiencing following the earthquake that struck on August 14, and, three days later, the second wave of destruction dealt by Tropical Storm Grace. In addition to the loss of life, we have seen thousands of homes, businesses, and churches severely damaged or destroyed on an island that was already challenged by social unrest and still rebuilding after a major earthquake in 2010. The impacts will be long lasting. I ask the Lord to carry those who have lost loved ones and those suffering in the aftermath.

-Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

In response to the call of the Archbishop, our parish will take up a special collection for the people of Haiti the weekend of September 11-12. Please use the envelopes at the doors of the church marked "Disaster Relief" for this collection.



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.

Fr. John's Column (Continued)

Annual Report to the Community

On the weekend of September 18-19, our parish leadership and I will present to the parish our annual report to the community. As traditional, we will provide this report in three parts:

- A paper report is in production at this time and will be available on our website as well as at all of the doors of the church in hard copy that weekend.
- A member of our parish finance committee will speak at all Masses that weekend to give highlights of the annual report to the community.
- We will have a special meeting at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 19. This half-hour meeting will give even more detail about the annual report from our parish leadership and from me. There will also be time for questions on the annual report.

We are so grateful for your generosity to our community and are looking forward to this opportunity to discuss our progress regarding our financial goals as a community.

***Laudato Si* Reading Group**

As has been running in the bulletin these last weeks, we will have a reading group this fall to discuss *Laudato Si*. This document of the Holy Father is a beautiful reflection on our obligation to be good stewards of the environment through our daily choices.

This reading group will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, beginning on September 14.

Unlike other study groups here, we will provide the text to everyone who attends, so we need to have an accurate count.

If you are interested in attending this reading group, please contact the parish office no later than September 7. If you cannot make it one or two weeks, that is fine; please still let the office know you will be attending so we can order a book for you.

RCIA

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Have you missed some of your sacraments and would like to complete your initiation into the Church?

If you answered yes to either of those questions, then RCIA is the place for you. Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group is forming right now. If you are interested in joining, please contact me.

This process is informal, with a class each week. There is a short pamphlet to read before each class and questions and concerns are always encouraged.

We look forward to the opportunity of going on a journey of faith with you this fall!

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

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.

Think Fall Sale

Add a pop of fall color to your landscape while also supporting the capital campaign and youth ministries at Ascension Lutheran Church, 5347 Donovan Avenue. Our annual **Think Fall Sale** is September 18, from 9:00am – 12:00 pm. Enjoy a selection of beautiful mums, ornamental kale, and winter-hardy pansies. Pre-orders, along with payment, must be submitted prior to September 8. Ordering is easy and pickup is contactless. Pickup will be accessible from the alley off Loran Street, behind the school and church. Your order will be brought to your car and loaded for you. To download an order form, go to Ascension Lutheran Church – St. Louis, MO (ascensionstl.com). Any questions, please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer at 34.378.2977 or gbomber@swbell.net.



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PHILL KOSTA W/ GUEST BEN ALLEN
CHURCH OF THE MAGDALEN
SEPT. 8 | 7:30 PM

Free event! All ages welcome.
Please bring a lawn chair.

Concert is on patio between church and the parish hall
4924 Bancroft Ave | St. Louis, MO 63109



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#