



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 8, 2021 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

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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 | 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 8, 2021

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Reading I

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the Lord came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

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.

Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II

Eph 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice.

And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Gospel

Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."



Sunday, August 8

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, August 9

7:00am Jeanmarie Maher

Tuesday, August 10

7:00am Dolores Stadler

Wednesday, August 11

7:00am Dorothy Coleman

Thursday, August 12

7:00am Barbara Tepe

Friday, August 13

7:00am Don Deachan and Barbara Tepe

8:00AM Cindy R. Henrichs

Saturday, August 14

7:00am Doreen Schutte

4:30pm Thomas Bick

Sunday, August 15

8:00am Joseph Grana

10:00am People of the Parish

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own; we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 1, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (51)	\$ 6,018.00	\$ 23,684.00
Loose Money	\$ 719.00	\$ 3,898.00
School Support	\$ 130.00	\$ 811.00
Building Fund	\$ 715.00	\$ 2,298.00
Holy Days	\$ 55.00	\$ 76.00
Online Giving (19)	\$ 682.00	\$ 12,054.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 115.00	
Tithing	(\$ 15.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,449.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,434.00	\$ 43,737.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 566.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,263.00)</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In this Gospel, the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of bread is self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, and confident in the power of God. During the hot summer months, many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society to bringing respite and hope to them.

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

Ropes in Church

With our students and teachers returning to the classroom this week, we have decided to remove the ropes from the pews in church. Hopefully, this change will allow us to resume having Masses together as a school community.

Now that the ropes are down, we do ask that you continue to socially distance when coming to Mass. For instance, if people are seated in a pew, consider sitting with a pew in between you or, if necessary, sit behind them, but move down the pew away so that you are not directly behind them.

Please remember that everyone coming to Mass has a different comfort level with where people sit. Consider practicing the virtue of charity by asking someone who is already seated if it is okay to sit close to them.

We come to Mass to worship our God together. Let us be united in prayer and in charity by continuing to be conscious of our spacing as we choose where to sit in church.

Mask Mandate

I am aware that there are legal challenges pending to the St. Louis City mask mandate. There are similar challenges pending in court regarding the St. Louis County mask mandate.

As of writing this article on Wednesday morning, the Saint Louis City mask mandate is still in effect, while a judge has issued a restraining order against the enforcement of the mask mandate in the County.

This is a fluid situation with these mandates and things can change rapidly. We do ask, in addition to watching the news, that you keep an eye on Flocknotes as well. I am doing my best to stay on top of the news and will publish updates as soon as I can via Flocknotes should there be a change to the mask mandate in St. Louis City.

Speaking of Flocknote

Please visit our parish website ([www. straphaelarchangel.org](http://www.straphaelarchangel.org)) to sign up for Flocknote. At times, people will have issues getting Flocknote. I try to send out a Flocknote at least once per week. If you do not

think you are getting the notes, please contact the parish office so we can troubleshoot this issue for you. Therefore, you can continue to receive this vital information about what is going on in our community.

8:00am Mass Returns

This Friday, August 13, will be our first 8:00am Mass of the new school year. We will have Mass five days per week at this time. When it is deemed safe for the students to resume prayer services on Fridays, we will go back to daily Mass four days per week.

As was our practice in the fourth quarter of last year, we ask all adults to wear masks when at this Mass. We also ask all those attending Mass who are not in our school community to sit only on the choir side of the church.

There are no plans to livestream this Mass at this time. We encourage all those looking to view Mass online to view our daily 7:00am Mass.

School Resumes

School resumes this Thursday. As I write this column, our enrollment numbers are continuing to adjust, but we look to open with the same or greater enrollment in our kindergarten-8th grade program. Our Pre-K program, in both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs, is completely full and we have a waiting list for both programs. We are truly grateful to God for the gift of a new school year and the many families who are once again putting their trust in our school by sending their children for their religious and academic education to St. Raphael the Archangel.

Please keep our school in your prayers this year that we have another safe, healthy, fun, and (most importantly) educational year!

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

Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

St. Joseph School Prayer

O dearest Saint Joseph, I offer myself to you, that you may always be my father, to protect and guide me. Help me to love holiness and to remain pure in heart. O Blessed Saint Joseph, pray for me, that I may enjoy the gift of a holy life. Amen.



This Sunday is Donut Sunday and Back-to-School Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 8:00 or 10:00am Masses. If you attend 4:30pm Mass, please return on Sunday for a donut and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! This Donut Sunday is hosted by the Men's Club.



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 15 - 22, 2021

Sunday, August 15

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

Monday, August 16

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Dalila Ramirez	Nahima Ramirez

Tuesday, August 17

7:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Matthew Franz

Wednesday, August 18

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Steven Irons

Thursday, August 19

7:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Linus Cyr
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Claire Fuhr

Friday, August 20

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

Saturday, August 21

7:00am	Matthew Franz	Brandon Young
4:30pm	Anna-Grace Guenther	Nahima Ramirez
	Dalila Ramirez	

Sunday, August 22

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Charlie Dirnbeck
	Lucas Feldman	
10:00am	Linus Cyr	Claire Fuhr
	Lydia Eddingfield	

DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday	<i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

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 14-15

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Ron Goedeker	Amy Ruggeri	Heather Hays



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

T-Shirt Forms are Due August 8!!!

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.

Volunteers Needed – All Shifts! Link to Sign-Up Genius
<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

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. If you are not a school family, you will be contacted via email when your shirt is ready to be picked up at the parish office.



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

If 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 = ____



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 AND RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Recently, the Respect Life Apostolate launched its Abortion Healing Ministry, an effort to assist those wounded by abortion. Part of its mission includes the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat that invites men, women, and couples to attend a session of reflection and prayer. One such gathering is scheduled for August 20-22, 2021. The event is set in the St. Louis area, with the exact location shared at registration. The cost is \$50 that includes two nights' lodging, all meals, and all materials. To register by August 16 or for more information, please call 314.406.0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Come and experience the compassion and forgiveness of Our Lord.

The SRA ProLife Committee

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Or visit www.sraschool.org**

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.

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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#