



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 | SEVENTH 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

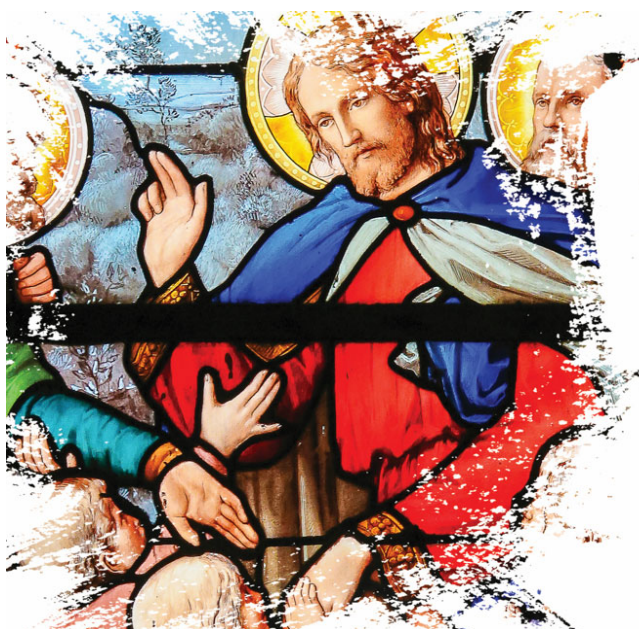
Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am  
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

#### 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



"FOR THE MEASURE  
WITH WHICH YOU  
MEASURE WILL IN  
RETURN BE  
MEASURED OUT TO  
YOU." - LK 6:38

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

#### PARISH CLERGY

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# READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Reading I

**Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

**R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. **R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. **R The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### Reading II

**1 Cor 15:45-49**

Brothers and sisters: It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

### Gospel

**Lk 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 20

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00 Ernie J. Winkelmann

### Monday, February 21

7:00am Bob O'Brien

### Tuesday, February 22

7:00am Oscar and Elsa Straub, SI  
8:00am Harry Toczylowski

### Wednesday, February 23

7:00am Anita Toczylowski  
8:00am Kimling Family

### Thursday, February 24

7:00am Ella Goeppner  
8:00am Kathy Tempe

### Friday, February 25

7:00am Bieki Burley  
8:00am Thomas J. Koehler, Sr.

### Saturday, February 26

7:00am Frank Hauff  
4:30pm Martin Lipic

### Sunday, February 27

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Mary Hiette

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)*

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Let us start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, let us say a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them; it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies...Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." In January and February, through your gifts, our conference for the Society was able to assist numerous families, providing food, utility and rent assistance, and other needs. Thank you!

### Your Contributions to God and Parish

Feb. 13, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (54)</b>	\$ 5,015.00	\$ 147,687.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 65,668.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 20.00	\$ 4,815.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 75.00	\$ 10,500.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,178.00
<b>Online Giving (48)</b>	\$ 2,818.00	\$ 89,730.00
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 105.00)	
<b>St. Louis Review</b>	(\$ 35.00)	
<b>First Offering</b>	\$ 35.00	
<b>New Parishioner</b>	\$ 50.00	
<b>Candle Money</b>	\$ 135.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 9,573.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 9,433.00	\$ 329,948.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 306,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 433.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,948.00</u>

**FYE 2021**

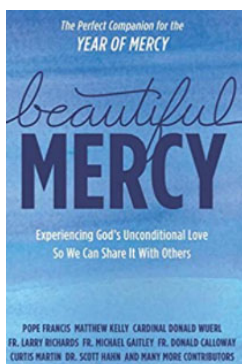
(\$ 15,462.00)

**Congratulations to the SRA Class of 2022!** All of our 8th graders were accepted to their first-choice high schools. Great job, 8th graders!

Joshua Abbott-SLUH  
Lilly Bick-Bishop DuBourg  
Dylan Bond-Vianney  
Colleen Codada-Bishop DuBourg  
Conor Finan-SLUH  
Ryan Geiser-SLUH  
Anna-Grace Guenther-St. Joseph Academy

David Hiatt-Vianney  
Rosie Hogrebe-Notre Dame  
Mitchell Jugo-Vianney  
Maggie Kleissler-St. Joseph Academy  
Liam McMorrow-Vianney  
Nahima Ramirez-Notre Dame  
Cillian Sheehan-SLUH  
Lauren Stawizynski-Ursuline  
Adam Trachsel-SLUH  
Sophia Villani-Rosati Kain  
Jude Wulf-SLUH

## BEAUTIFUL MERCY - EXPERIENCING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE SO WE CAN SHARE IT WITH OTHERS



Join us for a Lent Book Study that could change the world! In the book, *Beautiful Mercy*, Matthew Kelly poses the question, "It's simple, but imagine how the world would be different if everyone practiced just one work of mercy each day. How would the world be different if these works of mercy defined the way we lived our lives?"

*Beautiful Mercy* is a compilation of stories about many ordinary people who very simply live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that are a treasure of our Catholic faith. It's a quick read, very simply written.

Join us this Lent as we read through the book, share some time for discussion and are inspired to practice the works of mercy as we go through Lent and beyond. Everyone is welcome.

We will meet at 7:00pm in the lower level of the parish office on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7.

Since you will need a copy of the book, please register through Sue Brandt so we will have enough books on hand. Contact Sue at [sbrandtstl@gmail.com](mailto:sbrandtstl@gmail.com) or 314.704.5304. Books will have to be ordered so please respond as quickly as possible so they will arrive in time for the study. The cost for the book is \$3.

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope that you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join where you can meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities at our church. Please join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Linda Kern

Join us to be a witness to life at the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign at Forest Park Planned Parenthood. On Sunday, March 6, the St. Raphael Archangel Parish has signed up to provide prayerful witness to the sanctity of life from 1:00pm-4:00pm that day. Please sign up for a shift at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050945A4AB29A46-spring>. If you have questions, please contact Elena Switzer at 314.920.7851 or [edsqrd@yahoo.com](mailto:edsqrd@yahoo.com).



## Guest Column: “All Things New” By: David Baranowski

Most of us are now aware of the Archdiocese of St. Louis’ new strategic planning initiative called “All Things New: Steadfast in Faith / Forward in Hope.” The goal of the multi-year plan is to better equip ourselves for our mission to evangelize. The three goals are Unceasing Prayer – to lead by the Holy Spirit, Unifying Vision – to empower all Catholics to spread the Gospel message, and Intentional Stewardship – to reallocate our resources to ensure the long-term vibrancy of our Catholic presence.



Since the soft rollout of the plan last fall, many people’s first reaction has been “Will my parish be closing?” The process is in the beginning phase and no decisions have been made regarding our parishes. However, the final plan will affect everyone: parishes, schools, the Seminary, the Curia, and all agencies.

St. Louis loves our “bricks and mortar.” We have many beautiful churches, chapels, and schools built by previous generations. But, times have changed. In a few years we will have fewer diocesan priests than parishes, a structure that doesn’t represent St. Louis’ cultural and demographic shift, and less connection to the Church – more people now claim less religious affiliation.

It is now our generation’s turn to be good stewards of our Catholic faith. This will require a different approach. Notice the order of the goals mentioned previously. The first two goals are prayer and unity. Why is it then that our first thoughts jump to the third goal – our parishes?

Why? Because of our fallen nature, our brokenness. Whenever a significant change is on the horizon, our first reaction is usually, “How is this going to affect me?” Our self-centeredness comes forward, and our God-centeredness and other-centeredness take a back seat.

As good stewards, we recognize that everything is a gift from God. Instead of looking at “All Things New” as a punishment, we should look at it as a gift! It is an opportunity to put our individual pride and ego aside and, under the Holy Spirit’s guidance, discern what is best for everyone. How can we, together, as one Body of Christ, become the Church that God has created us to be? Every day we pray the “Our Father.” Every day we pray “thy (God’s) will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.” This is our chance to really do what we pray for – to live for the greater glory of God and not for our own self interests.

“All Things New” really centers on our own personal, interior transformation of heart and not our physical, exterior transformation of parish boundaries. It’s similar to when Jesus healed people’s physical needs and then He told them not to tell anyone. Why? Because Jesus wanted people to love Him for who He is and not for what He can do for them. “All Things New” centers on the “why” – our relationship with God and others and less on the “what” – the structure of the Archdiocese.

“All Things New” also means that as parish communities we shouldn’t take the next two years off and sit on our hands and wait to see what happens. We should increase our efforts to be joyful, bold, and creative disciples, stewards, and evangelizers in bringing the Gospel message to others. We are a people of hope! We believe in things that can’t be seen. We believe that God is always with us. We believe God always has a better plan! So, please participate in the upcoming surveys and listening sessions. Let your voice be heard and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join in.

Pope Benedict XVI said, “Man was created for greatness – for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched....” As we go through the “All Things New” planning process, let’s stretch our hearts, let’s go for greatness! We were made for more. We were made for God!

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday	Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday	Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

## **Laudato Si' - "Praise be to You" Care for God's Creation**

We Are All Connected: we are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.

Care of Our Common Home



### **Presidents' Day**

Please note the parish office and school will be closed on Monday, February 21, in honor of the Presidents' Day holiday

## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 26 - 27, 2022

**4:30pm**  
**Matt Fuhr**

**8:00am**  
**Mary Reck**

**10:00am**  
**Frosty Hodes**



This Sunday is Donut 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society.

# ALTAR SERVERS

## **SERVERS FOR FEB. 21 - 27, 2022**

### **Monday, February 21 - No School**

#### **Tuesday, February 22**

8:00am Ryan Schneider Brandon Young

#### **Wednesday, February 23**

8:00am Lydia Eddingfield Clara Thompson

#### **Thursday, February 24**

8:00am Ethan Bradshaw Hannah Kratky

#### **Friday, February 25**

8:00am Matthew Franz Jack Delf

#### **Saturday, February 26**

4:30pm James Browning Jake Anstey  
Brendan Cierpiot

#### **Sunday, February 27**

8:00am Christian Bernadt Claire Fuhr  
Lucas Fuhr  
10:00am Jude Potts Helen Potts  
Cillian Sheehan

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

### All Things New

As I promised at our All Things New meeting on January 27, I have met with the All Things New Key Parish Leaders and the heads of the Men's Club, Ladies' Club, and the HSA. By the time you read these words, all of these groups will have met as well.

These few meetings are certainly not the only times I want to meet with parishioners about thoughts, ideas, and concerns related to All Things New. If you would like to meet with me or any of our key parish leaders about All Things New, be that as an individual, as a family, or as an informal or formal group, please reach out to me or to one of our leaders. Communication and transparency are keys right now to this time of change in our parish and Archdiocesan culture, concerning evangelization and living the faith in an authentic way.

As we look forward to Lent in a few weeks, we have an important opportunity to make our voices heard on All Things New. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Disciple Maker Index will be available for all parishioners to complete. This survey will take in your satisfaction with the parish, gather information about how you interact with the parish, and also get your views on faith and your practice of it. This survey is essential as we look to reshape life in our parish and in our area for a greater spirit of evangelization.

At the same time of the Disciple Maker Index, our school families will receive a survey which will also be used by All Things New as they look at schools in the Archdiocese. If you are a school family, we ask that you complete both the Disciple Maker Index and the school survey.

Thank you in advance for filling out these surveys that impact the future of our community.

### On the Road Again

I will leave after Masses this Sunday for a few days away before Lent and return on Friday. I will be available via phone or e-mail should the need arise.



#### Monday, February 21

7:00am	Church	Mass
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
7:00pm	Tobias Rm.	School Board

#### Tuesday, February 22

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
7:00pm	Raphael Rm.	Knights of Columbus

#### Wednesday, February 23

6:30am	Church	Rosary
7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
9:00am	Quilters' Rm.	Quilters
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
6:30pm	Parish Off.	RCIA
7:30pm	Church	So. City Men's Recollection

#### Thursday, February 24

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
2:00pm	Cafeteria	Preschool Dance
3:00pm	Cafeteria	K-5th Gr. Dance
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments

#### Friday, February 25

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments

#### Saturday, February 26

7:00am	Church	Mass
7:30am	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
4:30pm	Church	Mass

#### Sunday, February 27

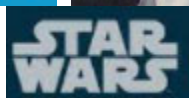
7:30am	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
8:00am	Church	Mass
10:00am	Church	Mass

I am deeply grateful to Monsignor Stehly and to all those on our parish and school staffs who will step up in many ways so that I can spend these days away.

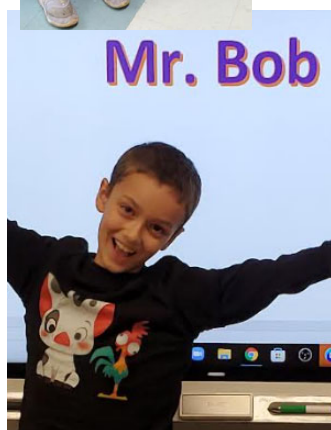
I will see you online or in Church! - Fr. John  
#SRAstrong



# Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30–February 5



Teacher Dress Alike and  
Trivia



Mr. Bob



Congratulations to Our 2022 Spelling Bee  
Winners!

First Place - Linus Cyr  
Second Place - Clara Thompson

Wow, this competition went right down to  
the wire!



Favorite Movie Characters

It's that time of the year again, time for the **LifeLine Coalition**. **LifeLine Coalition** is a group of Catholic and ProLife social service agencies that help women and their families with unplanned pregnancies. The agencies helped by your donations are: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund, Birth-right, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, Haven of Grace, Mary Queen of Angels, and Our Lady's Inn. Thousands of women, men, children, and families are helped each year through this campaign. Help spread love and life through **LifeLine**. Look for your envelope in the SRA March packet of envelopes.

The SRA ProLife Committee







**St. Raphael the Archangel Annual Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night**  
**Saturday, March 26, 2022**  
**EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

Your sponsorship includes your logo projected on our "Sponsor Big Screen," printed acknowledgement to be viewed by trivia participants, and posted on social media advertising and promotions.

The Annual Marcia Matreci Trivia Night is hosted by the SRA Home and School Association and benefits the students and teachers of St. Raphael the Archangel school.

**THANK YOU!**

I would like to sponsor at the level of:     ☐ \$100 (A Shared Round)     ☐ \$200 (Entire Round)

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Covid precautions will be in place, but in the event of cancellation:**

☐ I would like to make my sponsorship a donation to the school.

☐ I would like my donation returned.

*In the event of cancellation, the Home and School Association will proudly advertise your name through social media and flyers in gratitude for your support.*

St. Raphael the Archangel is a 501(C)(3) Non-Profit. Federal Tax # 43-0653561 NCEA 246242

Please make check payable to SRA HSA,  
then send this completed form with your payment by March 14, 2022.  
St. Raphael Archangel \* 6000 Jamieson Ave \* St. Louis, MO 63109 \* 314.352.9474

*Please send a digital copy of your company's logo by March 14, 2022, to  
Louise Balicki-Smith at [balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org)*

# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

**STARTING JANUARY 18, 2022**

**Looking for a scholarship for the  
2022-2023 school year?**

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- All Catholic high schools
- Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

**Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG**

**Deadline is February 28th, 2022.**

**Go to: [ttef-stl.org](http://ttef-stl.org)**  
or call Laura George,  
Senior Director of Scholarships  
at 314.792.7777

**Free Online Application**



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*Plan with heart. Invest for good.*

## 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#