



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




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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

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 FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I

Sirach 27: 4-7 \$

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reading II

1 Cor 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye." "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 27

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

Monday, February 28

7:00am Hodes Family, SI
8:00am Jim Bruno

Tuesday, March 1

7:00am Mike Mechler
8:00am Ben Polson

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday

7:00am Tom Majda
8:00am Hodes Family, SI
7:00pm Howard Zinschlag

Thursday, March 3

7:00am Nanette Frericks
8:00am Kay Jacobsmeyer, SI

Friday, March 4

7:00am Alvin Couch
8:00am Hutton Family

Saturday, March 5

7:00am Jim Goeddel
4:30pm Doug Bruemmer, SI

Sunday, March 6

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

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man? Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own? A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...." It is true that donations come to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul because good persons produce goodness from the good in their hearts. God bless you for sharing your goodness!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Feb. 20, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (46)	\$ 3,219.00	\$ 150,906.00
Loose Money	\$ 662.00	\$ 66,331.00
School Support	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,965.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00	\$ 10,505.00
Holy Days	\$ 2.00	\$ 5,180.00
Online Giving (57)	\$ 2,908.00	\$ 92,638.00
St. Louis Review	(\$ 35.00)	
ProLife	(\$ 2.00)	

Grand Total	\$ 6,983.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,948.00	\$ 336,896.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 315,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 2,052.00)</u>	<u>\$ 21,896.00</u>

FYE 2021 (\$ 15,462.00)

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives unique gifts and a unique plan to every person. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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

Lent Begins

On February 18, Major League Baseball announced that it is postponing the start of Spring Training. This annual tradition for baseball fans heralds the end of the long winter break from baseball. It means that spring is coming soon and, with it, baseball games being played.

Thankfully, the Holy Father has not delayed the start of our spring training this year. Our annual spring training, called Lent, begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a time for us to train ourselves for the journey toward Heaven. We do that by trying to live more fully the life of Heaven on Earth.

We fulfill that by denying ourselves something we usually enjoy. This is not to make ourselves miserable but instead to increase our desire for deeper things of the Lord that truly fulfill us.

It is a good practice, then, not just to give something up for Lent, but to fill the room we are making in our lives with a holy practice. This might be prayer, reflection, the practice of virtue, or anything that will help us to receive the life of God even more fully.

Enclosed in the bulletin is our annual Lenten Commitment Card. Please take some time to prayerfully review it and ask yourself what the Lord might be asking you to do this Lent to come closer to Him.

In addition to our own personal efforts, the Archbishop has announced the penances of fasting and abstinence that we will embrace this Lent as a community.

Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
(John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penances for all Catholics, so that we too might have eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022), all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday (April 15, 2022) are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onward. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fast and abstinence are obligatory for those from the ages of 18 to 59. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals, and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation. We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Summer Camp

For many years, Ms. Molly has been the director of our summer camp program here at St. Raphael. With her taking on the additional duties of being the Pre-K Director, she has asked to step down from her role as Director of Summer Camp. Mrs. Hayes and I thank Ms. Molly for her years of dedicated service to our students in this role and her continued service to our school as Pre-K Director and Pre-K "A" Lead Teacher, as well as assisting our Club Tobias Program.

We are currently looking for someone to fill this open position of Summer Camp Director. This is a paid position, with compensation commensurate to one's experience and educational background. The Summer Camp Director handles the registration process, assists the parish office with billing, and helps to develop and implement the camp itself.

Anyone interested in filling this role should apply to Mrs. Julie Hayes at:
hayes@straphaelarchangel.org.

Family Mass Returns!

All are invited to attend and participate in the Family Mass celebrated monthly on Sunday mornings at 10:00am (March 20, April 10, and May 15). Parish families and children (all ages) will participate in a variety of ways during this special liturgy, as greeters, gift bearers, lectors, and more. If interested, please contact Ally Favre at allyfavre@sbcglobal.net or 314.303.8458

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



On the weekend of March 12-13, at the 4:30pm and 10:00am Masses, the music will be a throw-back to the 70s. Strumming guitars and charismatic piano will lead us back to our youth when our biggest problem was what color bell bottom pants best match our beads. Come join us for a little blast from the past.



School Sisters
of Notre Dame

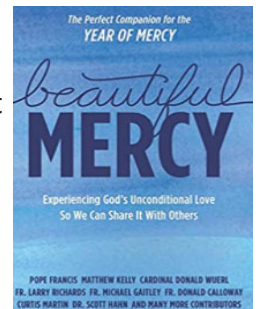
SRA Lenten Project...*Serving Those who Serve Us: School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND)*

At this weekend's Masses, we welcome Sr. Joan Andert, Director of the Ministry Office in the SSND St. Louis location. Sister will be talking about the history of the SSND and its ministries. If you would like to begin donating to the Lenten Project, you will find Lenten Project envelopes in the pews and at the entrances to church. And beginning in next weekend's bulletin, we will share details regarding the service component of this year's Lenten Project. Thank you!

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 live 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 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 of the book is \$3.

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.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday	1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

JANUARY

1st Place \$100	Kathleen Magee
2nd Place \$50	Ken Gabel
3rd Place \$50	Steve Freund

FEBRUARY

1st Place \$100	Ken Gabel
2nd Place \$50	Jean Regan
3rd Place \$50	Ed Yanko

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

Impact on the poor: people in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resources by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.

Care of Our Common Home



LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

MARCH 5 - 6, 2022

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Greg Heuing	Amy Ruggeri	Denise Howard



SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, March 4, 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, March 4, 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.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR FEB. 28—MARCH 6, 2022

Monday, February 28

8:00am	Ava Christlieb	Brandon Young
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Tuesday, March 1

8:00am	Hannah Kratky	Mac Teeter
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Wednesday, March 2

8:00am	Paddy Meier	Addison Pfeiffer
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Thursday, March 3

8:00am	Steven Irons	Susan Irons
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Friday, March 4

8:00am	Frank Koziacki	Ryan Schneider
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Saturday, March 5

4:30pm	James Browning	Jake Anstey
	Matthew Franz	

Sunday, March 6

8:00am	Henry Dirnbeck	Charlie Dirnbeck
	Anna-Grace Guenther	
10:00am	Paddy Meier	Nahima Ramirez
	Dalila Ramirez	

Sat, March 26, 9am-5pm
Cardinal Rigali Center, St Louis

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Monday, February 28

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
6:00pm	Parish Off.	Finance Council
7:00pm	Raphael Rm.	St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday

6:30am	Church	Rosary
7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
7:00pm	Church	Mass

Thursday, March 3

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
2:00pm	Cafeteria	Preschool Dance
3:00pm	Cafeteria	K-5th Gr. Dance
5:00pm	Cafeteria	3rd Gr. Girl Scouts
5:30pm	Gym	Basketball Tournaments
7:00pm	Parish Off.	Lenten Bible Study

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 6

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

HSA Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the Home and School Association is to raise capital through volunteer efforts of school families, parishioners, and faculty and to safeguard and use those funds for the maximum benefit of the children attending St. Raphael the Archangel School. A secondary purpose of the HSA is to grow a sense of community among the families, parishioners, and faculty at SRA. This is achieved by promoting communication between home and school, supporting the faith development in the school, and providing information to aid in education and development of SRA students.

Are you interested in getting involved and helping the school community?

We are excited to accept nominations for the position of: Head Room Parent

We will also start recruiting for a Vice President this fall, with the term starting January 2023.

You can learn more about the opportunities on the SRA website or by speaking with a current member of the HSA Board – link below.

Please send your nominations to caseykleekamp@yahoo.com by April 11. The name will be drawn at the HSA Board Meeting on April 12. The Head Room Parent term begins in June.

HSA Job Descriptions and Leadership | St. Raphael the Archangel School (sraschool.org)



Congratulations to the 2021 SRA Man of the Year, Don Berns!!! Man of the Year is awarded to a member of the Men's Club who has dedicated his time and talents to helping SRA. Don and his wife, Dianne, are long-time parishioners and parents of alums, Mark (1989), Daniel (1991), Maria (1994), and Peter (1998), and in-laws of former upper school math teacher, Laura Berns. In the early 90's, Don and Dianne led the change from the annual dinner dance to what is now the Black and Gold Dinner Auction. The Auction remains the largest fundraiser for our parish and school. Don has served as the Men's Club secretary since 1988.

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!

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

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Please make check payable to SRA HSA,
then send this completed form with your payment by March 14, 2022.
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*Please send a digital copy of your company's logo by March 14, 2022, to
Louise Balicki-Smith at balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org*

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Senior Director of Scholarships
at 314.792.7777

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Name: _____

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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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☐ New Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone#