



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 16, 2023 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!


VISIT OR CONTACT US


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Saint Louis, MO 63109

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straphaelarchangel.org

Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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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 | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Thur. | 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-2:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am

SOWN



“The seed sown on rich soil is
the one who hears the word
and understands it.”

MATTHEW 13:23

PARISH CLERGY

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17 (16): 15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Reading 1

Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. **R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.** Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield. **R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.** You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. **R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.** The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy. **R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Reading 2

Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel

Mt 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 2, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (49)	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 5,260.00
Loose Money	\$ 399.00	\$ 399.00
School Support	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
Building Fund	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Online Giving (50)	\$ 3,286.00	\$ 3,286.00

Cardinal Glennon	(\$ 10.00)
Holy Father	(\$ 910.00)
Mission Coop	(\$ 200.00)

Grand Total	\$ 10,515.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,395.00	\$ 9,395.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 605.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 605.00)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Sower. We know that some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit thirty, sixty, or a hundred-fold. Through your gifts to the Society, you are sowing seeds that go to the less fortunate. Many times, your generosity makes it possible for them to either keep their jobs or have the means to become employed. Bus passes and car repairs can make all the difference in their lives. Your seeds can multiply many times over.

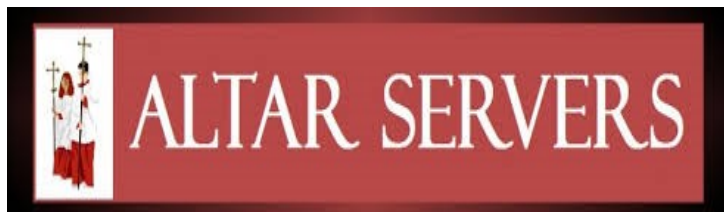
"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."
Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of our lives? Are we so caught up in earthly activities that we have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should practice on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step farther away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 9, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (43)	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 8,835.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,448.00	\$ 1,847.00
School Support	\$ 70.00	\$ 205.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00	\$ 440.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Online Giving (54)	\$ 3,684.00	\$ 6,970.00
European Church	(\$ 53.00)	
First Offering	\$ 2.00	
Tithing	(\$ 25.00)	
Cardinal Glennon	(\$ 25.00)	
Candle Money	\$ 385.00	

Grand Total	\$ 9,392.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,289.00	\$ 18,684.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 711.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,316.00)</u>
FYE 2023		<u>\$ 5,826.00</u>



SERVERS FOR JULY 22 AND 23, 2023

Saturday, July 22

4:30pm James Browning Ava Christlieb
Isa Hogrebe

Sunday, July 23

8:00am Christian Bernadt Dalila Ramirez
William Schneeberger

10:00am Henry Dirnbeck Charlie Dirnbeck
Anna Wright

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,
Friday	Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 22-23

LECTORS

4:30pm George Kerry 8:00am Matt Maxfield 10:00am Heather Hays

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30 pm Margie Auer Christy Connor Mary Faith Green
Kevin Liddy Lisa Murphy John Rooney
George Kerry Mary Steck Elena Switzer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 17

7:00am Church Mass
7:00pm Parish Office School Board

Tuesday, July 18

7:00am Church Mass
5:30pm Parish Office Finance Council
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club

Wednesday, July 19

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:30pm Gym Men's Club Basketball

Thursday, July 20

7:00am Church Mass

Friday, July 21

7:00am Church Mass
7:30am Church Rosary

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

8:00am Church Mass
10:00am Church Mass

This Sunday!!!!

St. Raphael's Ladies' Club Uniform Exchange

What: We will sell gently used uniform shirts, pants, shorts, leggings, sweatshirts, jumpers, skirts, preschool items. Also, child and adult spirit wear...

When:

Sunday, July 16, 9a-12p in cafeteria

Sunday, August 13, 9a-12p in cafeteria

Thursday, August 24, during SRA Curriculum Night in cafeteria

Cost: \$1 for shirts and \$5 for everything else. Cash, check, and PayPal accepted.

Benefits: Proceeds benefit the SRA Ladies' Club that sponsors teacher appreciation events, parish clubs, school/cafeteria expenses, and much more...

Donations: Accepting clean and gently used items through 8/23/23. Dropoff boxes are located outside the Jamieson Preschool/Summer Camp entrance and inside the school entry vestibule.

Questions: Contact Ladies' Club President, Krissy Sullivan, at 314.608.9983 or krissysullivan72@gmail.com

Monthly Meetings: Ladies' Club meetings are held at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the school cafeteria. Please join us for our Back-to-School Meeting on 8/17!

Friends For Life Campaign

It's that time of the year again, time for the **Friends for Life Campaign**, from August 6 to August 20, that benefits the work of the Respect Life Apostolate. As you know, the Respect Life Apostolate supports women who are experiencing crisis pregnancies and their families. This life-giving assistance helps to prevent abortion and its serious, long-lasting effects.



In addition, the RLA offers an Abortion Healing Ministry to aid those who have been affected by abortion. The program includes a Weekend of Hope and Healing for women, men, and couples, followed by up to six weeks of additional care. The program also presents a Day of Hope and Healing for women in need. Look for the Friends for Life envelope in the **August SRA packet of envelopes**. You can also donate on-line. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in support of this important effort.

The SRA ProLife Committee



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 16

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, July 17

7:00am Jost Family

Tuesday, July 18

7:00am Hodes Family, SI

Wednesday, July 19

7:00am Fred Dayton

Thursday, July 20

7:00am Hutton Family

Friday, July 21

7:00am Greg Westrich

Saturday, July 22

7:00am John and Ellen O'Keefe

4:30pm John Aggeler

Sunday, July 23

8:00am Mark Niebling

10:00am People of the Parish

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. The Archbishop has sent a letter with a pledge card to all who have contributed during the last five years. You can fill out the pledge card and send it directly to the ACA office, you can place the card in the parish Sunday collection, or drop it off at the parish office. Also, there is the option to contribute without a pledge card. One can contribute online. One can Text to Give, Scan to Give, or Give Online.

If you do not have a pledge card and want to donate, please contact the parish office or call Fred Hodes at 314.752.8742.

Thank you for your generous support in the past. Last year your contributions showed a significant increase over previous years. Please consider a generous contribution to this year's appeal.

SRA ACA Committee



New and Expectant Parent Network (N.E.X.T.)

The SRA New and Expectant Parent Network (N.E.X.T.) exists to support parents who are expecting or have recently given birth to or lost a child. The Network is always willing to accept new members and referrals or requests for our support. This includes meal delivery for about four to six weeks, prayers, and any baby supplies needed for the family. We are also in contact with our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity, to offer the same support to members in need at this parish as well. Thank you.

Text
"ACA" to **243725**  **TEXT TO GIVE** 



 **SCAN TO GIVE**

aca.archstl.org  **GIVE ONLINE**

THANK YOU for your support to the Annual Catholic Appeal!

THANK YOU
Fr. John & Msgr. Stehly!!!

Please join us for an

**APPRECIATION
CELEBRATION**

**In honor of FATHER JOHN &
MONSIGNOR STEHLY**

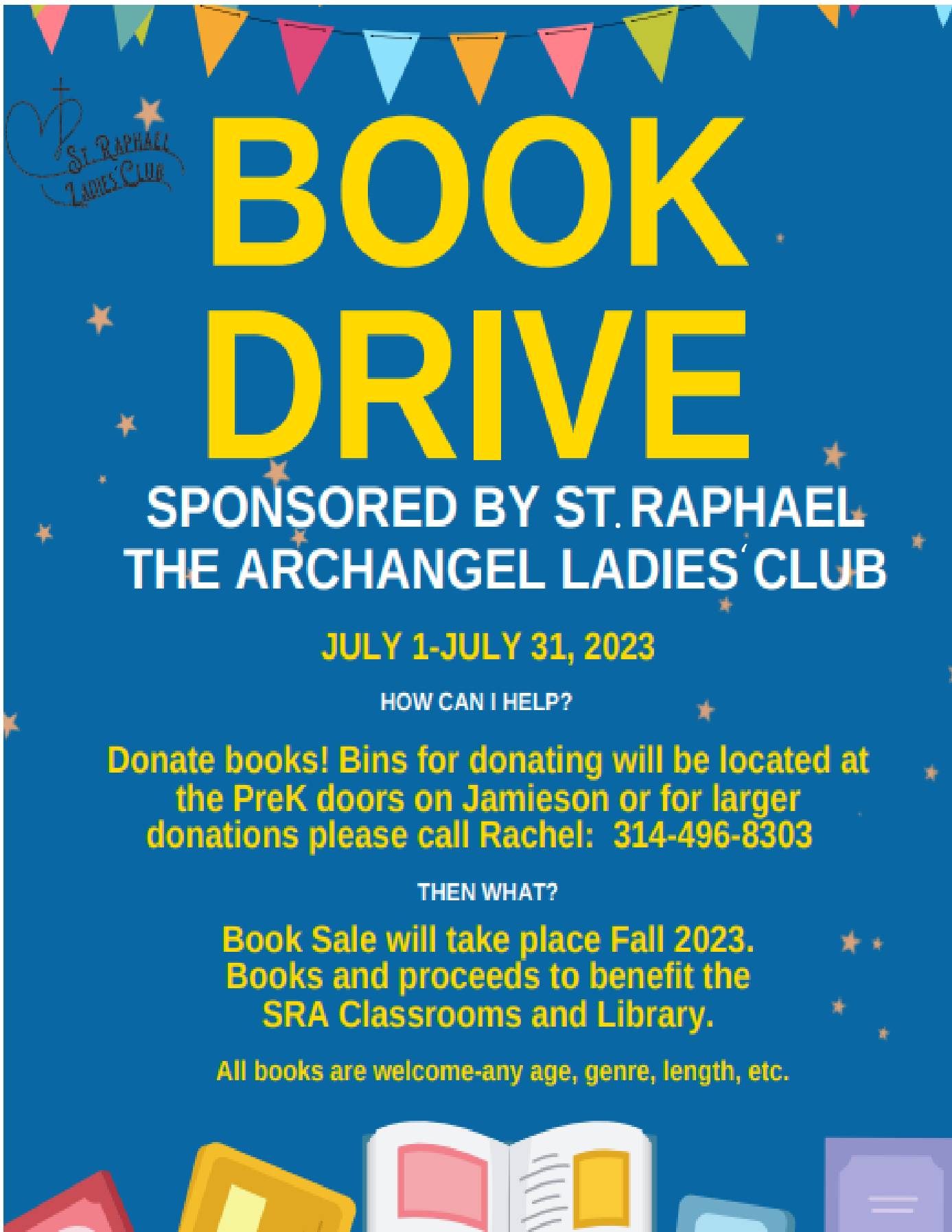
SATURDAY, JULY 29; 5:45PM TO 8:00PM

SRA SCHOOL GYM

**You are invited to a
celebratory evening/dinner (complimentary)**

**Please RSVP by July 17 to the parish office:
call 314.352.8100 or email**

**parish@straphaelarchangel.org
with name and number attending**





Save the Dates: September 22 and 23

- Please save Happy Meal toys (Donation boxes will be at the church entrances)
- Grow house plants for Christy Connor's Booth (Drop off on September 22)
- Pray for good weather (Every evening!)
- **Schedule of Events and Signups soon to follow!**



Saint Raphael the Archangel
Watermelon Festival
Francis Park
Saturday, August 19, 2023

Event Schedule Coming Soon:
Pickleball | Drinks | Food | Kids Activities | Fun & More!

Questions: Derek Winters @ d winters21@gmail.com

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS OR
ANYONE LOOKING FOR A WEEKEND JOB

CYC NEEDS REFS

Be a referee for CYC Soccer this fall!

**REFEREE CLINIC ON
JULY 18TH, 2023 6:30-9PM
AT ST. GABRIEL'S GYM**

VISIT FOR MORE INFO:

teamsideline.com/sites/archstl/content/17/officials

PAY SCALE

K-2ND: \$20
3RD-4TH: \$25
5TH-6TH: \$35
7TH-8TH: \$40

RETENTION BONUS AVAILABLE
AT THE END OF THE SEASON

Questions? Email Erin Boxdorfer at
srasoccer@straphaelarchangel.org



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 E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone #