



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 24, 2022 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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

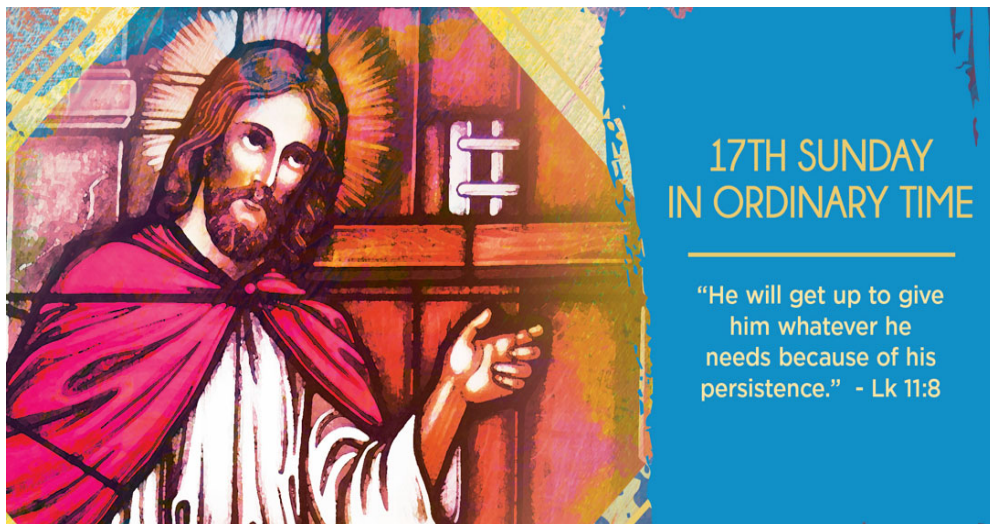
Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

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-2:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give
him whatever he
needs because of his
persistence." - Lk 11:8

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 68 (67): 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Reading 1

Gn 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name. **R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.** Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. **R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand. **R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.** Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. **R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Reading 2

Col 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 24

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Kay Jacobsmeyer

Monday, July 25

7:00am Kimling Family

Tuesday, July 26

7:00am Yvonne Deachan

Wednesday, July 27

7:00am Jost Family

Thursday, July 28

7:00am Roseanne Saracino

Friday, July 29

7:00am Kimling Family

Saturday, July 30

7:00am Harold Cobb
4:30pm Hutton Family

Sunday, July 31

8:00am Robert McLeese
10:00am People of the Parish

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
Luke 11:9*

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

July 17, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (45)	\$ 3,616.00	\$ 14,233.00
Loose Money	\$ 2,126.00	\$ 4,918.00
School Support	\$ 30.00	\$ 235.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,013.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Online Giving (50)	\$ 2,411.00	\$ 8,350.00

Mission Co-Op (\$ 1,888.00)

Grand Total	\$ 10,196.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,308.00	\$ 29,749.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 1,692.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 251.00)</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as parents' love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us unlimited. In the month of July, through your donations, the Society was able to assist many families, providing food vouchers and paying utility and rent bills. Thank you!

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

Message of Pope Francis for the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This year marks the second year for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This day was instituted by Pope Francis to call to mind these persons and our need to care for them. Below are excerpts from his message for this day.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the “throw-away culture”, which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from “them” and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honors the elderly! Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full. This makes it hard to look to the future and discern what direction to take. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot “still bring forth fruit.”

...Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

For this reason, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments, and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children, and our grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and prayers. These things will help us not feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us. Instead, we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord. Like “green olive trees in the house of God,” (cf. Ps 52:10) we can become a blessing for those who live next to us.

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. “The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for concerns, thoughts, and affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations.” This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role.

Our world is passing through a time of trial and testing, beginning with the sudden, violent outbreak of the pandemic, and then by a war that is harming peace and development on a global scale. Nor is it a coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out. These great crises risk anaesthetizing us to the reality of other “epidemics” and other widespread forms of violence that menace the human family and our common home. All this points to the need for a profound change, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers or sisters. We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. This attitude may be mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and the abusive, who will inherit the Earth. (cf. Mt 5:5)

...Many of us have come to a sage and humble realization of what our world very much needs: the recognition that we are not saved alone, and that happiness is a bread we break together. Let us bear witness to this before those who wrongly think that they can find personal fulfilment and success in conflict. Everyone, even the weakest among us, can do this. The very fact that we allow ourselves to be cared for – often by people who come from other countries – is itself a way of saying that living together in peace is not only possible, but necessary.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. “Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words; let us once again take up those taught by the word of God.” Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be “the enduring ‘chorus’ of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life.”

Thank You to Deacon Jerry

Since 1996, Deacon Jerry Geiser has been a staple of the clergy of St. Raphael the Archangel parish. He has been present and ministered at countless Masses, baptized many of our fellow parishioners, and has given much spiritual counsel and encouragement to us over the years. After 26 years of service to our parish, Deacon Jerry has informed me that he would like to retire from ministry.

To thank Deacon Jerry, we want to invite everyone to a celebration for him on August 14. He will be present and minister at the 10:00am Mass. Following Mass, the Parish Council will host a reception for him in the gym. We encourage everyone to come thank Deacon Jerry for his many years of service to our parish community.

Parish Meeting

On August 28, we will have another opportunity to come together as a parish community. At 5:00pm in the gym, we will meet to discuss the state of our parish. At this meeting, members of the Key Parish Leaders will be giving a report on our DMI results, our Finance Council will give an overview at our fiscal year-end of our current financial state, and we will also discuss the 2022-2023 Angel Appeal. Following the meeting, we will have a social. This meeting will also be livestreamed for our parishioners who are unable to join. We encourage everyone to join in person or via the livestream.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Raphael the Archangel Watermelon Festival

Saturday, August 20

Francis Park

(Near the pickleball courts.)

Pickleball tournament, food, drink, and kids' activities!
Keep watching the bulletin for
more information.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-
Next Sunday	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVICES FOR JULY 30 - 31, 2022

Saturday, July 30

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Dalila Ramirez
Brendan Cierpiot

Sunday, July 31

8:00am Jake Anstey Lucas Feldman
Liam Feldman

10:00am James Browning Aidan Flavin
Matthew Franz

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

JULY 30 - 31, 2022

4:30pm 8:00am 10:00am
Laura Geiser Amy Ruggeri Suzy Ferrenbach

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 25

7:00am Church Mass
7:00pm Raphael Rm. St. Vincent de Paul
7:00pm Tobias Rm. School Board
7:00pm Gym Basketball

Tuesday, July 26

7:00am Church Mass
6:00pm Parish Off. Finance Council
7:00pm Raphael Rm. Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, July 27

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
7:30pm Church So. City Men's Recollection
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, July 28

7:00am Church Mass

Friday, July 29

7:00am Church Mass

Saturday, July 30

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

Sunday, July 31

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



SEPTEMBER 23 & 24 PICNIC SPONSORSHIP

- ☐ **GOLD \$500** – Business Name or Logo in **large print** on back of t-shirt & 5 **soft** t-shirts
- ☐ **BLACK \$250** – Business Name or Logo in **medium print** on back of t-shirt & 5 **soft** t-shirts
- ☐ **Family \$100** – **Family Last Name** on back of shirt & 5 **soft** t-shirts

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name of Business to appear on t-shirt & Banner: _____

Is logo on file from 2021? _____ If not on file, please email to terri.borowiak@gmail.com

School Family – class of the oldest child: _____

Thank you for your support!

Size	YXS	YS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXXL	AXXXL	AXXXXL	TTL
Grey													
White													
TTL													

Date Due: Monday, August 29, 2022

Drop off or mail form & check to the Parish Office 6047 Bishops Place, St. Louis, MO 63109

Checks payable to St. Raphael the Archangel

Questions? terri.borowiak@gmail.com

Friends for Life Campaign

We give thanks to God for the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v Wade, but our work is not finished. There will still be women and families in need of help due to a crisis pregnancy. The **Friends for Life Campaign** gives us that opportunity. The campaign will extend from August 1 to August 14. Your gift will support the work of the Respect Life Apostolate and the ProLife agencies that aid those in need: Our Lady's Inn, Birthright, Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, and the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund. Look for your envelope in the August packet of envelopes. We are so grateful for your outstanding generosity!



The SRA ProLife Committee

WE'RE HIRING!

For the 2022-2023 School Year



First Grade Teacher

\$1000 SIGN-ON BONUS

**SEND COVER LETTER & RESUME TO:
HAYES@STRAPHAELARCHANGEL.ORG**

Annual Catholic Appeal Reminder

If you have not yet made your Annual Catholic Appeal contribution/pledge, please do so now. You can return your pledge/contribution to the rectory or place it into the Sunday collection basket. Also, you can contribute directly to ACA by following the directions given in the Archbishop's letter. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Fred Hodes, Parish ACA chairperson, at 314.752.8742 or fhodes@msn.com.

Thanks to all who have been so generous to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Annual Catholic Appeal Committee

'Help us to be totally free to follow wherever you lead us...'

From ALL THINGS NEW prayer.

"GOD HAS THIS" BRACELETS
#SRAstrong

"Cast all your cares on
Him because He cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7

Bracelets are available at the church entrances on Highfield and Jamieson. Your donation of \$1.00 each goes to the SRA St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Rosary

Every Wednesday in church, we will pray the Rosary at 6:30am for the church community. Please plan to attend.



Catholic Faith Story Time for Young Children

- Who? Two and a half to 5-year-olds and their parents; siblings are welcome.
What? Developmentally appropriate activities covering such topics as the Holy Family, the Good Shepherd, Thankfulness, the Christmas story, and the Feeding of the 5,000.
Where? Saint Raphael Archangel school cafeteria
When? One designated Sunday a month for 30 minutes at 11:00am.
Why? To support families by teaching basic Catholic concepts to their young children.

Please join former early childhood teachers, Mary Reck (314.326.6996) and Mary Steck (314.229.0910) for Catholic Faith Story Time for Young Children at 11:00am for 30 minutes on Sunday, August 7, as we introduce the HOLY FAMILY in story, song, play, and prayer.



St. Raphael the Archangel Spirit Wear 2022 Online Store

<http://straphael2022.itemorder.com>

Represent your favorite parish!

Attire for parishioners, school-uniform-approved items, and soccer fan shirts.
Online Store Deadline – Friday, August 12 (11:59pm)

order online **today!**

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box. School supplies delivered directly to your home address – **it doesn't get any easier!**

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School Name:

**St. Raphael The Archangel School
Saint Louis, MO**

Ordering Available:

Beginning June 8th

Allow 10 days for processing.

Kindergarten - \$79.46
1st Grade - \$113.65
2nd Grade Last Names A-L - \$106.60
2nd Grade Last Names M-Z - \$105.85
3rd Grade - \$123.04
4th Grade - \$110.13
5th Grade - \$108.10
6th Grade - \$104.73
7th Grade - \$103.61
8th Grade - \$103.61
Art - \$24.27

Visit schooltoolbox.com to place your order today!

Please consider supporting this fundraiser for the Home and School Association. It makes back-to-school shopping much easier and supports our HSA as well!



Green Thumbs Needed!

Please start dividing your **HOUSE PLANTS**...the **PLANT BOOTH** with Christy Conner has returned to the picnic.

Donations Accepted on Friday, September 23rd

Save the Dates: September 23rd & 24th



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 #**