



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 25, 2021 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME!

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### 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 JULY 25, 2021

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Reading I

**2 Kgs 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18**

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

### Reading II

**Eph 4:1-6**

Brothers and Sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

### Gospel

**Jn 6:1-15**

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



### **Sunday, July 25**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

### **Monday, July 26**

7:00am Tommy Bick

### **Tuesday, July 27**

7:00am Connie Bartels

### **Wednesday, July 28**

7:00am Roseann Saracino

### **Thursday, July 29**

7:00am Dolores Stadler

### **Friday, July 30**

7:00am Dolores Stadler

### **Saturday, July 31**

7:00am Patricia Ross

4:30pm Sandra Hernandez

### **Sunday, August 1**

8:00am Cunigunda Gubser

10:00am People of the Parish

*"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many"? JOHN 6:9*

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

## **Your Contributions to God and Parish**

<b>July 18, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<i>(Envelopes Used)</i>		
<b>Regular Env. (44)</b>	\$ 2,803.00	\$ 14,556.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 239.00	\$ 2,403.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 130.00	\$ 441.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,583.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
<b>Online Giving (52)</b>	\$ 2,578.00	\$ 8,797.00
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
<b>First Offering</b>	\$ 2.00	
<b>Candle Money</b>	\$ 696.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 6,579.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 6,559.00	
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 2,441.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 84.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2021</b>		(\$ 15,462.00)

### **From St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations; with a little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor. In June, through your gifts, our Society was able to assist 10 families, providing \$150 in food vouchers, \$1,080 for utility bills, \$1,350 for rent, and \$300 for household goods. God bless you!

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

### July 25 is the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The decision to hold a World Day for Grandparents and Older People has come at a time marked by a pandemic and by the suffering of our older generations in recent months in every part of the world. Reports of elderly people having to die alone and then not even being given a funeral have been a cause of deep pain to the Church.

To be unable to be close to those who suffer is at odds with a Christian's calling to show compassion. This World Day is an opportunity to reaffirm that the Church can never remain distant from those who carry a cross. The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "I am with you always," expresses clearly that, during the pandemic and in the better times that will hopefully follow, every ecclesial community wishes to be with the elderly always.

This first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated midway through the year dedicated to the family by the Holy Father on the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*. This is a deliberate choice that stems from an awareness of how the elderly – all the elderly, including those who are not grandparents – need a family environment in which to live, and also how it is necessary for families to become aware of the role being played by their older members. In a globalized world, the relationship between the elderly and families is no longer taken for granted, but is, on the contrary, constantly being called into question. This is a trend that has different connotations according to a geographical and cultural context, but there are some recurring features that suggest that there may be a crisis underway between the elderly and family, a sign of the times that must be taken into account. Family pastoral work itself, often concerned only with couple relationships and those between parents and children, has difficulty in focusing on the relationship between elderly parents and adult children and between grandparents and grandchildren.

May this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly be filled with the joy of the Gospel for all!

- From <https://www.dosafl.com/2021/07/13/july-25-is-the-first-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

### PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of Your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled, and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the fullest in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that You are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

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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](mailto:stl.scdpsr@gmail.com) or 314.773.3070.

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-
Saturday	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

## JULY YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	Mark Schisler
2nd Place \$50	Beth Eppy
3rd Place \$50	Tom Niebling

## 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 JULY 31-AUGUST 1

### LECTORS

<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Laura Geiser</b>	<b>Mary Reck</b>	<b>Joan Billing</b>

The Resurrection Choir needs more members. What is the Resurrection Choir? A group of singers who sing at parish funerals. This group does not have regular rehearsals but comes to church to provide singing for funerals held at our church. The hymns are well known so that everyone will be familiar with the songs. We need a good-sized chorale so that enough singers will be available for each funeral Mass. Your participation depends on your availability. This is a prime opportunity to support parish members and their families and friends when they are in need of comfort and consolation. Both men and women are eligible for this important ministry. Call the parish office to volunteer: 314.352.8100.

## 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.

# S.T.R.A.P.H.A.E.L.

THE ONE WHEN THEY MOVED THE  
PICNIC  
2021

August 27 & 28

Sponsorship Forms are Due August 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

Are you praying for good weather?

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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA82CA20-parish>

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## Save the Date!



Beginning on Tuesday, September 14, our parish is forming a group to read the Holy Father's much talked about document entitled *Laudato Si*. This document is a reflection on God's gift of the environment and our call from God to care for this environment. Each Tuesday, we will prayerfully reflect on and discuss one chapter from this document for an hour, concluding on October 19. Please prayerfully consider this invitation to reflect on this important document and our call to care for all of God's creation.

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August 27 & 28

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Date Due: Monday, August 2nd

Questions: Terri Borowiak [terri.borowiak@gmail.com](mailto:terri.borowiak@gmail.com)

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### 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 generosity to the Pro-Life movements!

The SRA ProLife Committee

Our Lady of Life is looking for dietary aides to serve our residents in our dining room. Hours Monday thru Saturday are 3:45PM to 7:30pm and on Sunday 9:45am until 1:30pm. We will work with you for scheduling if you have school activities. Uniform is black slacks, white collared shirt (polo), and non-slip shoes. We provide the apron.

Starting pay is \$11.02 per hour.

Please contact Sheba Wade or Vernetta Johnson at 314.968.9447, Ext. 1283, or feel free to stop in and fill out an application.

### SRA GIDE BOOK AND DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

SRA has partnered with Guide Book Publishing for our annual Parish Guide Book and Directory that will be updated and mailed to parishioners' homes. This book will tell the who, what, where, and how of our parish. The book is being provided at no cost to our parish. All costs are incurred through local advertising.

Local business and parishioners are being contacted to advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like information regarding advertising, please contact Marianne Fuhrmann at 314.723.1982 or by email at mkfuhmann4@gmail.com.

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☐ New Parishioner

☐ Please Contact Me

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

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone#