

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH




JULY 4, 2021 | FOURTEENTH 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 4, 2021

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### READING I

**EZ 2:2-5**

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 123:1-2, 2, 3-4**

**R. (2cd) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven —As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress, So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity on us.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

### READING II

**2 COR 12:7-10**

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

### GOSPEL

**MK 6:1-6**

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



### **Sunday, July 4**

8:00am Ronald Rebore, Sr.  
10:00am Cross and Earnhardt, SI

### **Monday, July 5**

7:00am Dennis McCracken

### **Tuesday, July 6**

7:00am Judy Svetanics

### **Wednesday, July 7**

7:00am Roger Santen

### **Thursday, July 8**

7:00am Steve Whalen

### **Friday, July 9**

7:00am Anson Estrelles DeVera

### **Saturday, July 10**

7:00am Jost Family  
4:30pm People of the Parish

### **Sunday, July 11**

8:00am Pamela Huss  
10:00am Marcia Matreci

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" EZEKIEL 2:2-3*

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are we listening for God's call? When we hear it, do we get on our feet and do the work He asks of us? Let's not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped; he equips the called. Answer His call.

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

<b>June 27, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (52)</b>	\$ 4,723.00	\$ 226,624.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 279.00	\$ 50,157.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 740.00	\$ 9,664.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 505.00	\$ 12,193.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,034.00
<b>Online Giving (50)</b>	\$ 2,441.00	\$ 139,727.00
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	(\$ 440.00)	
<b>Cardinal Glennon</b>	(\$ 175.00)	
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 9,323.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 8,688.00	\$ 452,538.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 468,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 312.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 15,462.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

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

In today's Gospel, the people exclaim, "What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" Because of your gift to the Society many "mighty deeds" are accomplished for the poor. Your kind donation in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope will reach many who are suffering and allow them to be touched by God in a miraculous way.

### Welcome Back!

This is the first weekend since March 14-15, 2020, that it has been obligatory for Catholics to attend Mass in the Archdiocese. If this is your first weekend back, or if you recently returned to Mass, welcome back! I pray that, as you return to Mass, you are truly blessed with a sense of the Lord's presence and feel at home again.

### Change to Streaming Schedule

With the reintroduction of the Mass mandate, we will begin this weekend with our new Mass streaming schedule:

- Monday-Saturday at 7:00am
- Saturday at 4:30pm
- No Masses streamed on Sunday

### Parking Lot Mass this Weekend

This weekend, due to the reinstatement of the Mass mandate, and also to celebrate the 4th of July, we will have a special parking lot Mass at 5:00pm. Come and join us before the fireworks and bar-b-que to thank the Lord for the gift of our country.

### Donut Sunday

Next weekend, on July 11, we will have our first Donut Sunday in many months. Come by the cafeteria to have a great treat and greet some friends you may not have seen in a while.

### How Much Does It Cost?

The weather has certainly been a bit unusual these days! But certainly one feature has been the high humidity. Thank God for the gift of air conditioning and our cooling tower.

But have you ever wondered how much it costs to keep the lights on and the cool air blowing in our church and school?

In the month of May, our power bills were \$685 for the church and \$1,402 for the school.

Your generosity over the summer keeps our electric on and meets our other needs as well. Thank you again for your generosity over these months!

### School and Sports Update

I have received many questions about the school plan for next year. Will students be required to wear masks? Will we have lunch in the cafeteria? Will family groups return? Will we be able to go on the Pro-Life Trip and to camp?

Mrs. Hayes, the taskforce, and I all have as our goal to reopen the school in the fall as normally as is safe for our students and faculty. The exact details of this plan are still unknown.

As happened last summer, we are waiting for guidance from the CDC and then for that guidance to be applied to us by the Archdiocese and the Saint Louis City Health Department. As soon as we have this guidance, Mrs. Hayes and I will meet to discuss our plan with the Coronavirus Taskforce to determine how we will begin in the fall. As soon as these decisions have been made, we will communicate our plan to all of the parents.

One question I can address is that there has been no talk of mandating vaccines for the Coronavirus in the grade schools by the Archdiocese. From speaking to parents, I know this is a weighty decision. Some parents are deciding to get the children vaccinated while others are choosing not to. Since the vaccine has only been cleared down to age 12 as of the writing of this article, we do not foresee a mandate for the vaccine for this upcoming school year.

Our Athletic Association is also gearing up to resume sports for next year under three different scenarios. Similar to our school plan from last year, one plan sees us being able to have sports as we normally would. Another plan sees different restrictions that we would need to enforce, including cleaning in between games, enforcing spectator caps or a screening procedure for persons entering the gym, and enforcing a mask mandate should one come back into effect. A third scenario would be the highly unlikely shutting down of our sports program for a time should there be a sudden surge in the number of Coronavirus cases, or a mandate to shut down our sports programs. Again, we do not anticipate this third scenario, but we always want to be prepared for this possibility after the

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## Church of Saint Raphael the Archangel

### BEFORE YOU COME TO MASS

- Thoroughly wash your hands.
- If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask in church if you choose not to.
- If you are not fully vaccinated, or feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please bring a mask to wear during Mass.
- If you are sick or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and participate in Mass virtually.

### DURING MASS

- Use the provided hand sanitizer as you enter and leave the church.
- Drop off your offertory gift in the basket located at the Highfield and Jamieson entrances.
- Please practice social distancing as you choose where to sit, as you process to receive Holy Communion, and as you enter and leave the church.
- Thank God for the gift of being able to attend Mass.
- Grab a bulletin as you enter or leave the church.

### REMINDERS

- The pews will remain closed off to encourage social distancing. As needed, sections of pews will be opened to accommodate additional congregants.
- Clergy will continue to wear masks during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, including when distributing Holy Communion.
- The pews are sprayed with disinfectant daily and the entire church is mopped as well.
- Twice per week, our cleaning company sprays the church with Virex, a chemical that is certified safe for hospitals and nurseries, but kills all viruses, including COVID-19.

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6a
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/ Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18- 19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39- 40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday	Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

## 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.

## 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.

lockdowns of 2020. Similar to our school plan, these plans will be presented to the Coronavirus taskforce for review and approval, and then announced to our sports teams.

We thank you for your patience as we gather this needed information from the CDC and local health officials so we can put together the best plan to provide the most normal and safest year we can for our students, faculty, and families.

## A Generous Gift

Many of you will remember longtime parishioners Armando and Evelina Pasetti. In the past few years, both have passed away. In their kindness and to honor their parents, the Pasettis are donating their family's piano to St. Raphael.

This piano is a nice upgrade over our current piano and honors their years in our parish community. In particular, Armando was a choir member in our parish choir and sang as a soloist at times.

We look forward to inviting the Pasetti family members to a Mass in the near future to thank them for their generous gift to our parish.

## Happy 4th of July!

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

## Weekly Devotion in Honor of the year of St. Joseph

Joseph most faithful, pray for us.  
Mirror of patience, pray for us.  
Lover of poverty, pray for us.  
Model of artisans, pray for us.



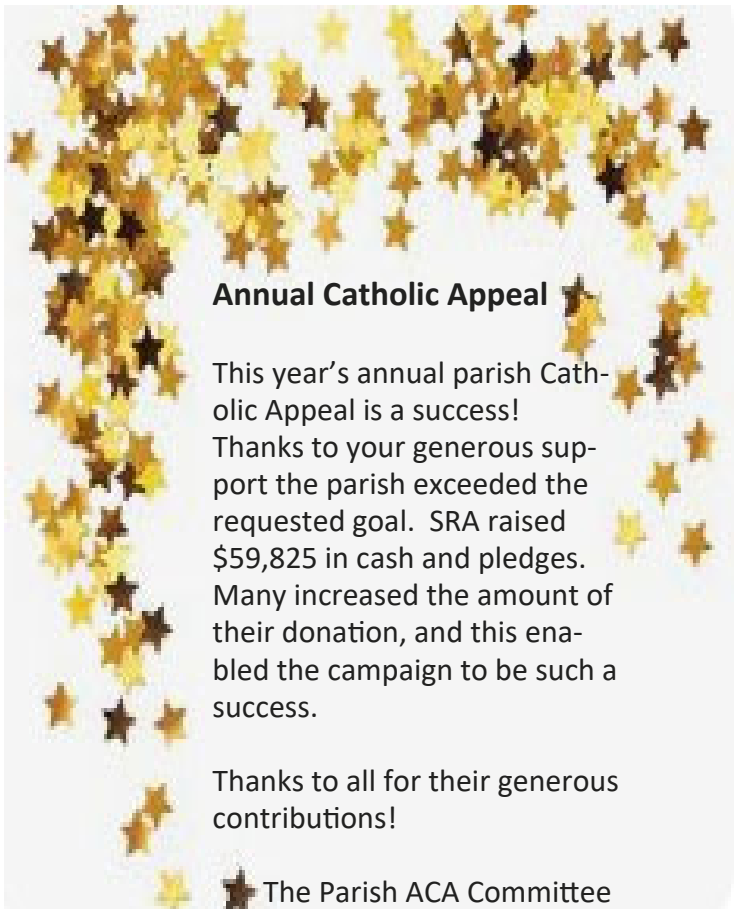
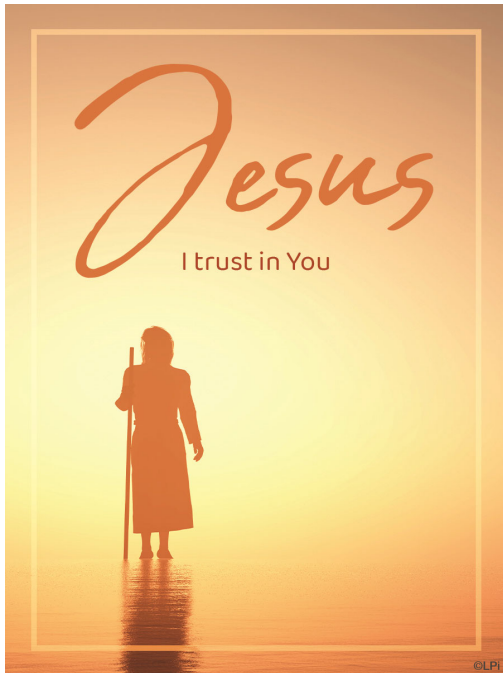
## Troops 500 and 212—the First Crew Out of the Gate at Philmont in 2 Years!





### Independence Day Holiday

Please note the parish office will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

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### Annual Catholic Appeal

This year's annual parish Catholic Appeal is a success! Thanks to your generous support the parish exceeded the requested goal. SRA raised \$59,825 in cash and pledges. Many increased the amount of their donation, and this enabled the campaign to be such a success.

Thanks to all for their generous contributions!

★ The Parish ACA Committee

A shout out of thanks to the Sixth Grade Boy Scouts of Troop 500, under the leadership of Chad Potts, for rebuilding and planting the garden box in front of school, and repairing the lawn around it. Two previous raised beds were in disrepair and removed during renovation of the preschool playground surface. Great job!

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.

### 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.



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*The following prayer was composed by Baltimore Archbishop John Carroll in 1791 for the inauguration of President George Washington.*

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

*Amen.*



### **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#**