

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

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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 NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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Reading I

1 Kgs 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading II

Heb 9:24-28

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Gospel

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."



Sunday, November 7

8:00am Roger Kreitler
10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, November 8

7:00am Bryan J. Kreitler
8:00am Margaret Mildred LoBo

Tuesday, November 9

7:00am Pauline Zagroba
8:00am Fr. Robert Liss

Wednesday, November 10

7:00am Michael Adams
8:00am Ann Marie Varrone

Thursday, November 11

7:00am Jost Family
8:00am Ralph Hager and August Saar

Friday, November 12

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Dr. Matt Backer

Saturday, November 13

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 14

8:00am Bernard Abanto
10:00am Louisa Buffa

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point: we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Oct. 31, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (50)	\$ 6,014.00	\$ 76,713.00
Loose Money	\$ 586.00	\$ 14,036.00
School Support	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,276.00
Building Fund	\$ 525.00	\$ 5,314.00
Holy Days	\$ 134.00	\$ 1,1001.00
Online Giving (46)	\$ 1,833.00	\$ 49,239.00
Thanksgiving	(\$ 100.00)	
World Missions	(\$ 115.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 145.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 9,482.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,122.00	\$ 149,705.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 162,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 122.00</u>	<u>(\$ 12,295.00)</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." Ask yourself, "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gifts into the Society's envelope so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

Reflection From Pope Francis from the Synod on the Synod

Finally, discern. Encounter and listening are not ends in themselves, leaving everything just as it was before. On the contrary, whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on a journey. And in the end, we are no longer the same; we are changed. We see this in a Gospel reading. Jesus senses that the person before him is a good and religious man, obedient to the commandments, but he wants to lead him beyond the mere observance of precepts. Through dialogue, he helps him to discern. Jesus encourages that man to look within, in the light of the love that the Lord himself had shown by his gaze, (cf. v. 21) and to discern in that light what his heart truly treasures. And in this way to discover that he cannot attain happiness by filling his life with more religious observances, but by emptying himself, selling whatever takes up space in his heart, in order to make room for God.

Here is a valuable lesson also for us. The Synod is a process of spiritual discernment, of ecclesial discernment, that unfolds in adoration, in prayer, and in dialogue with the word of God. A reading from Hebrews tells us that God's word is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Heb 4:12) That word summons us to discernment and it brings light to that process. It guides the Synod, preventing it from becoming a Church convention, a study group, or a political gathering, a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit. In these days, Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models; and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us in this time. And the direction in which he wants to lead us.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us have a good journey together! May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. Let us not miss out on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening, and discernment. In the joyful conviction that, even as we seek the Lord, he always comes with his love to meet us first.

Weekly Devotion in Honor of the Year of St. Joseph

"There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: it extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard."

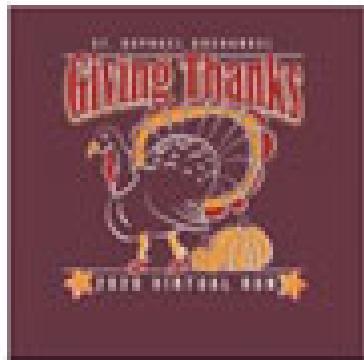
St. Thomas Aquinas

Naming and Commendation Mass November 13

On Saturday, November 13, at 10:00am, we invite parents who have lost a child before birth to a special Mass of Remembrance. As part of the Mass, each family will be called up, be able to name the child, and pray with the community for the soul of the child or children who passed away before birth.

This is open to anyone in the parish, whether the child passed recently or decades ago. Everyone who personally knows this tragic loss can receive great healing from prayer and this Mass.

If you would like your child or children prayed for, please contact the parish office by Wednesday, November 10, so that we can prepare certificates for the Mass.



Join the Fun Run

SRA Giving Thanks 2021 5K Run

This year the Fun Run 5K will have both an in-person and a virtual option.

You can sign up here to support our school:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/SaintLouis/SRAVIRTUAL`FUNRUN>

We will run the distance on November 20, this neighborhood and around our fabulous school.

Every participant will receive a shirt designed by one of our very own SRA students.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Daugherty at:

LJeep524@gmail.com.

***Laudato Si'*: Praise be to you - Care for Our Common Home**

"In the heart of this world, the Lord of Life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us nor leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our Earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!" Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Veterans Day Mass

All veterans are invited to join the school community for a Veterans Day Mass on Thursday, November 11, at 8:00am. Veterans are asked to sit in the front pews on the right-center of church. We look forward to seeing you on November 11!



LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 13 - 14, 2021

4:30pm
Laura Geiser

8:00am
Judy Hof

10:00am
Dennis Matreci

Holiday Update

Please note, due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the November 21 bulletin is due to the publisher on November 15. Therefore, please submit any bulletin items as soon as possible.

Also, the Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 8 - 14, 2021

Monday, November 8

8:00am Charlie Dirnbeck Henry Dirnbeck

Tuesday, November 9

8:00am Jake Anstey Ethan Bradshaw

Wednesday, November 10

8:00am Christian Bernadt Matthew Franz

Thursday, November 11

8:00am Dalila Ramirez Nahima Ramirez

Friday, November 12

8:00am David Hiatt Kallista Hiatt

Saturday, November 13

4:30pm Jake Anstey Paddy Meier
Brandon Young

Sunday, November 14

8:00am Christian Bernadt Ryan Schneider
Mac Teeter
10:00am Ava Christlieb Mateo Switzer
Aidan Switzer

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

Special Indulgence Available

November is a month set aside for praying for the dead. From the celebration of All Saints to All Souls Day, to the readings at Mass focused on the end of time, to the seasons approaching winter—all of these signs point toward death.

Thankfully, Christ rose from the dead, transforming death as not the end but a new beginning. We anticipate that new beginning each time we pray for the dead.

Normally, there is a special indulgence available for visiting a cemetery during the days of November 1-8. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Vatican has extended this special indulgence throughout the month of November.

This is a great time to visit the graves of our loved ones to pray for them, as well as to receive the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Confession, and to pray for the intentions of our Holy Father.

Even if we know our loved ones are in Heaven or we have prayed for them for quite some time, we are still invited to remember them. Trust that these prayers are never wasted.

Advent Healing Services

Last week, I wrote about how our Advent Healing Services will be different from other healing services we have attended. Traditional healing services focus mainly on prayers for the sick. The services we will have this Advent will deal primarily with emotional, psychological, and spiritual wounds, both personal and communal.

Sometimes a person does a hurtful thing. This wound may be deep, touching on the deepest parts of our being. While we want to “just get over it,” we cannot.

Jesus came to be our savior and our redeemer. He saved us from sin by dying on the cross and redeemed us from the sins and hurts that we have inflicted and the wounds others have caused as well. This means Jesus has already taken the hurt we have in our hearts and entered into it through His passion, death, and resurrection.

A healing service, then, allows us to enter more deeply into this mystery of Jesus' redeeming

the hurt. We do this through scripture, asking for God's mercy, and extending the peace we receive from God. Through our prayers, we turn the hurt and pain over to God and allow the Divine Physician to treat our wound to bring healing to our lives.

Are you looking for healing in your life? Are you wanting to pray for a deeper healing in the life of our community? If so, please consider attending one or more of these Advent services.

Veterans Day

We invite our Veterans to Mass on Thursday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day. The 5th grade will still host the Mass to honor our Veterans, but the reception in the cafeteria has been canceled. Instead, the 5th-grade class will stay in church after Mass with the Veterans as they share their rich experiences. Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving 5k

The SRA Thanksgiving 5k is next weekend! I hope to see you there for a fun time and a way to support our school.

On the Road Again

This weekend, I will be with our community spiritually as I am still on my annual retreat. I will begin traveling back to St. Louis on Tuesday and will be back Wednesday afternoon.

I am so grateful to Msgr. Stehly and Mrs. Hayes as well as to the many great people on our faculty and staff who make this time away possible.

While it is in Canon Law that a priest must go on an annual retreat, it is something that I yearn to do as well. I desire to remain spiritually grounded for our community to try to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus as authentically as I can. Please pray for me and I will be praying for everyone here during this time of personal, spiritual renewal.

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

Save the Date! Advent by Candlelight, Presented by SRA Ladies' Club, Sunday, December 5

Do you want to be refilled and reset as we await our Savior's birth? Do you want to be prepared to celebrate Advent fully? Come and be blessed at the Saint Raphael the Archangel Advent by Candlelight, the second week of Advent. Of course, things will be different this year, but we are grateful to be able to be refreshed together. We will gather in our beautiful church for a service full of prayer, readings, music, and speakers. Although we are unable to have table hostesses with food and drink this time, we are looking forward to a special evening in church. All ladies are welcome and are encouraged to invite family and friends. Doors open at 6:00pm and service begins at 6:30pm on Sunday, December 5, 2021. More details to follow.



For more information, please contact Anne Browning at annabelle_lea@hotmail.com or Melissa Schneider at melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com.

**SRA LADIES CLUB INVITES ALL LADIES TO OUR
1ST ANNUAL**

wine tasting

with Nick Denietolis, Sommelier at Vicia

Thursday, November 18 at 7 PM
St. Raphael Cafeteria

Cost: Suggested \$20 donation to cover wine
tasting & Ladies Club Adopted Christmas
Family

RSVP MEREDITH WINTERS AT (314) 541-5547
MEREDITH.A.WINTERS@GMAIL.COM
BY NOVEMBER 15

Agenda:

7:00pm: St. Raphael School Update & Tour, Julie Hayes
8:00pm: Wine Tasting, Nick Denietolis



Please plan to wear a mask during this event unless you are eating or drinking.

HSA Presents 2021 Christmas Kits!

In lieu of Cookies with Santa this year, Home and School will be selling Christmas Kits...

- **Pickup on the School Parking Lot** *(just show your square receipt)*
- **Sunday, December 5**
- **After 10am mass until 12pm**

**Please place your order by Friday,
November 19, via the SRA Square site:**

Home | St. Raphael the Archangel
(square.site)

Two options to choose from:



Christmas Cookie Kit - \$20

- Decorate your own cookies
- Hot chocolate
- Peppermint spoon



Allergy Free Christmas Kit - \$10

- Christmas craft
- Christmas surprise



Questions? Contact caseykleekamp@yahoo.com

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Qty.	Item	Price Each	Total Cost
	1 lb. Mammoth-Size Pecan Halves	\$12.00	
	1 lb. Pecan Pieces	\$11.00	
	1 lb. English Walnuts	\$8.00	
	1 lb. Gourmet Mix (pecans, cashews, brazil, hazelnuts & almonds)	\$10.00	
	1 lb. Toasted, Salted Cashews	\$10.00	
	12 oz. Deluxe Praline Pecans	\$9.00	

Total Amount of Order (Enclosed): _____

Nuts are unconditionally guaranteed fresh. Shelled nutmeats have a shelf life of three months. Freezing is recommended for longer storage of up to two years. An excellent source of protein, fiber, and vitamins!

We expect delivery in late November. You will be notified when nuts are available for pickup in the St. Raphael parish office. If you have questions, please call Patti Webers at 314.496.8836 or email pwebers@sbcglobal.net.

Please include payment with order. Checks may be made out to St. Raphael the Archangel

Order Deadline: Nov. 15, 2021

Thank you for your support!

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.



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#