



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 31, 2021 | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME!

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#### 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 OCTOBER 31, 2021

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Reading I

**Dt 6:2-6**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 63**

**R. My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek: O God, you are my God whom I seek: for you my flesh pines, my soul thirsts like the Earth, parched, lifeless, without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in your holy place to see your power and your glory. Your kindness is a greater good than life itself: my lips will glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands I will call upon your name. As with a banquet shall my soul be satisfied; with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

For you have been my help, you have been my help; in the shadow your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand holds me firm; in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**R. My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

### Reading II

**Heb 7:23-28**

Brothers and sisters: The Levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

### Gospel

**Mk 12:28b-34**

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



### **Sunday, October 31**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Jim Schumacher

### **Monday, November 1**

7:00am Tommy Bick

### **Tuesday, November 2**

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

8:00am Gordon Miller

### **Wednesday, November 3**

7:00am Theon Robert

8:00am Phillip Buffa

### **Thursday, November 4**

7:00am Hutton Family

8:00am Sabiha Hanna

### **Friday, November 5**

7:00am Jimmy Feser

8:00am Tom Fournie, SI

### **Saturday, November 6**

7:00am Ruth Raidt

4:30pm People of the Parish

### **Sunday, November 7**

8:00am Roger Kreitler

10:00am Marcia Matreci

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Through your gifts to the Society, you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone, and frightened. Please pray for those struggling to meet the needs of their families and for the Vincentians who try to ease their burden.

*"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)*

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy, and forgiveness.

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

<b>Oct. 24, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>(Envelopes Used)</b>		
<b>Regular Env. (63)</b>	\$ 2,876.00	\$ 70,699.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 686.00	\$ 13,450.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,246.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,789.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 867.00
<b>Online Giving (50)</b>	\$ 2,553.00	\$ 47,460.00
<b>Mission Sunday</b>	(\$ 675.00)	
<b>Missionary Co-op</b>	(\$ 140.00)	
<b>Catholic Commu- nications</b>	(\$ 5.00)	
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 7,205.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 6,365.00	\$ 143,583.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 153,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 2,635.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 12,417.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2021</b>		(\$ 15,462)

## Reflection From Pope Francis from the Synod on the Synod

The second verb is *listen*. True encounter arises only from listening. Jesus listens to that man's question and to the religious and existential concerns that lie behind it. He does not give a non-committal reply or offer a pre-packaged solution; he does not pretend to respond politely, simply as a way of dismissing him and continuing on his way. Jesus simply listens, for whatever amount of time it takes; he is not rushed. Most importantly, he is not afraid to *listen to him with his heart* and not just with his ears. Indeed, he does more than simply answer the rich man's question; he lets him tell his story, to speak freely about himself. Christ reminds him of the commandments, and the man starts to talk about his youth, to share his religious journey and his efforts to seek God. This happens whenever we listen with the heart: people feel that they are being heard, not judged; they feel free to recount their own experiences and their spiritual journey.

Let us ask ourselves frankly during this synodal process: Are we good at listening? How good is the "hearing" of our hearts? Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected, or judged? Participating in a Synod means placing ourselves on the same path as the Word made flesh. It means following in his footsteps, listening to his word along with the words of others. It means discovering with amazement that the Holy Spirit always surprises us, to suggest fresh paths and new ways of speaking. It is a slow and perhaps tiring exercise, this learning to listen to one another – bishops, priests, religious and laity, all the baptized – and to avoid artificial and shallow and pre-packaged responses. The Spirit asks us to listen to the questions, concerns, and hopes of every Church, people, and nation. And to listen to the world, to the challenges and changes that it sets before us. Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another.

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

"If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?"

Ven. Pope Pius XII

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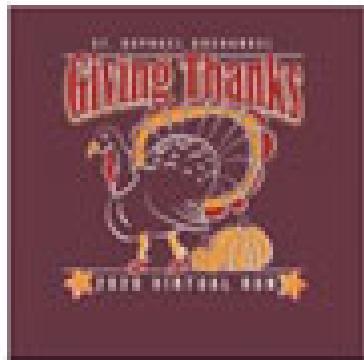
### Naming and Commendation Mass November 13

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.

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# 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](mailto:LJeep524@gmail.com).

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

Aim to develop an “ecological spirituality” which can motivate a more passionate concern for the protection of our world. “When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all His creatures and to worship Him in union with them.” (LS 87) Praised be to you, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth.



**SCRIP** - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, November 5, and should be turned in to the parish office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, November 12, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is [shop-withscrip.com](http://shop-withscrip.com).

### LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 6 - 7, 2021

<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Greg Heuing</b>	<b>Amy Ruggeri</b>	<b>Denise Howard</b>

### OCTOBER YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	Fred Hodes
2nd Place \$50	Mary Stockmann
3rd Place \$50	Leo Micelli

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4- 5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next 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

## ALTAR SERVERS

### SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 1 - 7, 2021

#### Monday, November 1

7:00am Mass Only

#### Tuesday, November 2

8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Liam Feldman
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#### Wednesday, November 3

8:00am	David Hiatt	Kallista Hiatt
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#### Thursday, November 4

8:00am	Addison Pfeiffer	Jack Delf
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#### Friday, November 5

8:00am	Steven Irons	Susan Irons
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#### Saturday, November 6

4:30pm	Lucas Fuhr Brandon Young	Claire Fuhr
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#### Sunday, November 7

8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield Nahima Ramirez	Dalila Ramirez
10:00am	Ryan Schneider Chase Sitzes	Frank Koziacki



**LAST CHANCE**

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CORRECT GOOGLE FORM LINK

## **SRA Holiday Wreath Sale**



The Holiday Greenery Sale is back and better than ever!!!

This year you can order via the paper forms sent home or a new Google form.

<https://forms.gle/Z9VXckG8KLTyZ3jQ7>

There will be order forms in the back of the church as well.

The link to the Google order form is available to anyone and please pass it along to friends and family. All orders made via the Google form or paper form are to be picked up when available.

If you would prefer your items shipped directly to you, please use the link below.

[www.GiftItForward.com](http://www.GiftItForward.com)

code: STRAPHMO001

Orders forms are due no later than Oct 31. The holiday greenery will be delivered to school the week of Nov 29. Please collect money when orders are placed and all checks should be made out to St Raphael or use the electronic payment link.

<https://st-raphael-the-archangel.square.site/>



### **Respect Life Month Ends**

October is Respect Life Month and, as it draws to a close, we remind ourselves of the sacredness of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. Our responsibility is to support Life in every way possible. Abortion advocates remain strong as seen in the U.S. House's passage of the Women's Health Protection Act that establishes the right to abortion at any stage of pregnancy. The Senate version is not expected to pass, and we should pray for that outcome. We are called to oppose abortion by supporting public policy and legislation that upholds the sanctity of Life. May the Lord bless and keep us as we strive to build the Culture of Life.

The SRA ProLife Committee





### 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 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 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](mailto:annabelle_lea@hotmail.com) or Melissa Schneider at [melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com).



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

### *Confirmation and Baptismal Sponsor Forms*

God brings great joy into our lives when a young person asks us to be a Confirmation sponsor or a family we know asks us to be a Godparent. To be more deeply involved in helping another grow closer to the Lord is a good feeling.

Many parishes require a form signed by the pastor of the sponsor or Godparents.

I enjoy being able to have a conversation about these roles in the life of the young person as well as have a discussion about the life of faith of the potential sponsor or Godparents. This is why I ask that the sponsor or Godparents see me after one of our weekend Masses to review and sign the form.

In the next few months, if you are asked to fulfill one of these roles, please bring the form to the weekend Mass you normally attend and I will be happy to sign it after Mass. If you need to make special arrangements due to the situation with Covid, please contact me so we can set a time to talk.

### *Mass Count Report*

Last week, we ran a two-page article on the drop in Mass attendance we have seen in the last decade. If you have not gotten a chance to review it, I encourage you to look online for a copy of last week's bulletin and read it.

My hope is that fruitful conversations and ideas are being lifted up in conversation about attending Mass. Some ideas I have heard include celebrating Family Masses or having more fellowship/faith-formation activities on Sundays. These are all great ideas!

If you have more ideas or would like to volunteer to lead an initiative to increase Mass attendance, please reach out to me or to a member of our Parish Council or Stewardship Committee.

In addition to such ideas, maybe it is just being more aware of inviting others to come to Mass. A friendly, personal reminder to someone whom we have not seen at Mass recently can really help to encourage new routines.

Regardless of what we choose to do individually about Mass attendance, it is up to all of us to make sure the center of our parish community is our Sunday worship.

### *Advent Healing Services*

On the first three Mondays of Advent (November 29, December 6, and 13) at 7:00pm, we will have healing services in church.

Traditionally, when we think of a healing service, we think of a group of people who are ill or advanced in years coming to pray for healing from their infirmities. While a healing service can be such a time of prayer, it is not the exclusive use.

A healing service is a time when the Church, be it a local parish or a group of parishes, or a diocese, comes together to ask for healing from the Lord for things that have happened in the past or attitudes that may be present in a community that are not entirely of the Lord.

You can think of a healing service as a way to spiritually clean out your individual soul or the soul of our parish, removing things we no longer want, that are cluttering up our spiritual space and keeping us from the fullness of life God intends for us.

We will speak more on these prayer services in the coming weeks. For now, please put them on your calendar and prayerfully consider attending, especially if you desire to clean out your soul this Advent season.

### *On the Road Again*

On Monday, November 1, I will leave for my annual retreat. This is one of the very few times during the year that I will be unreachable by phone or by e-mail. I know Msgr. Stehly, Mrs. Hayes, and our great staff will do a fine job running things while I am gone. Things will probably run even a bit better!

Please pray for me and I will pray for everyone here during this time of personal spiritual renewal.

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

# Azalea Brand

## Freshly Shelled Azalea Brand Nuts

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qty.	Item	Price Each	Total Cost
	1 lb. Mammoth-Size Pecan Halve	\$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](mailto: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#