



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 3, 2021 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### WELCOME!

#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

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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 OCTOBER 3, 2021

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Reading I

**Gn 2:18-24**

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

**R. (cf. 5) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

### Reading II

**Heb 2:9-11**

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

### Gospel

**Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12**

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.



### **Sunday, October 3**

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Marcia Matreci

### **Monday, October 4**

7:00am Jost Family  
8:00am Marion Byrne

### **Tuesday, October 5**

7:00am Fred Boeckmann  
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

### **Wednesday, October 6**

7:00am John Stewart  
8:00am Herbert Diekemper, Jr.

### **Thursday, October 7**

7:00am Jimmy Feser  
8:00am Russell Weber, Jr.

### **Friday, October 8**

7:00am Michael Schlueter  
8:00am Alice Kerckhoff

### **Saturday, October 9**

7:00am Herman "Bud" Humiston  
4:30pm Collin Taaffe

### **Sunday, October 10**

8:00am Hodes Family, SI  
10:00am People of the Parish

*"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind; it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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

| <b>Sept. 26, 2021</b>     | <b>This Week</b>     | <b>Year-to-Date</b>  |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| (Envelopes Used)          |                      |                      |
| <b>Regular Env. (45)</b>  | \$ 3,420.00          | \$ 54,777.00         |
| <b>Loose Money</b>        | \$ 154.00            | \$ 9,901.00          |
| <b>School Support</b>     | \$ 155.00            | \$ 1,631.00          |
| <b>Building Fund</b>      | \$ 575.00            | \$ 4,209.00          |
| <b>Holy Days</b>          | \$ 0.00              | \$ 696.00            |
| <b>Online Giving (47)</b> | \$ 2,403.00          | \$ 35,754.00         |
| <b>Tithing</b>            | (\$ 110.00)          |                      |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        | \$ 6,817.00          |                      |
| <b>Total for Parish</b>   | \$ 6,707.00          | \$ 108,094.00        |
| <b>Amount Needed</b>      | \$ 9,000.00          | \$ 117,000.00        |
| <b>Difference</b>         | <u>(\$ 2,293.00)</u> | <u>(\$ 8,906.00)</u> |
| <b>FYE 2021</b>           |                      | (\$ 15,462)          |

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." This week, please help the Society to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry.

## Welcome Back, Alumni!

This weekend, our parish and school welcome our alumni back to our campus for Alumni Sunday. We pray that you are blessed as you visit and renewed in your desire to be the faith-filled person we intend our graduates to be.

## Feast of Saint Raphael the Archangel

Last weekend, I preached on the spiritual warfare of the angels and demons and how we are engaged in spiritual warfare as well. I also spoke on how we as parishioners of St. Raphael are called to be part of the healing charism of St. Raphael by receiving healing for our spiritual wounds and by being instruments of healing, especially to those beyond the boundaries of our parish.

In his reflections that helped to spark my homily this weekend, the Archbishop had a particular paragraph that really struck me. It did not fit well into my homily, but I think it good to call attention to it here. Our Archbishop wrote:

One of the key spiritual battles these days concerns a growing and pervasive sense of anxiety and fear which leads to a desire for control. When we give in to that, no matter what we do, our actions help the spirit of anxiety and fear to gain a tighter grip on the world. We fight that by fostering a sense of trust which allows us to surrender situations to God. It's important for us to realize what's going on there — that we're faced with a spiritual battle. When we realize that, we're more likely to fight the battle well — to let the spirit of trust and surrender grow, rather than the spirit of anxiety and control.

I pass along these words as a good examination of life. Am I seeking more control in my life? If so, is it coming from a place of anxiety and fear? How can I choose to surrender to and trust God instead of giving into the fear and anxiety?

## Life Chain

This Sunday, October 3, the Life Chain will link up along Chippewa at Catholic Supply (please do not

line up near Ted Drews), between 2:00 and 3:00pm. This is a silent, prayerful witness to the sanctity of Life, so bring your Rosary or a prayer book. If you need a chair, you may bring one. Signs that explain the Lifechain to passing vehicles are available from the van parked on the Catholic Supply lot. We hope to see you there.

## Pet Blessing

There will be a blessing of pets in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, October 6, at 2:45pm.

## Why Talk About Stewardship?

Last weekend, our parish began our stewardship efforts through our Stewardship Sunday. This weekend, we will hear more about stewardship at Mass and next weekend, we will renew our commitment as stewards for our parish. But why all this talk about stewardship? Dave Baranowski gives some reasons:

First and foremost, because we are disciples of Jesus, we were made in His image and likeness. As Catholics we are called to imitate His life. We are to be His eyes, ears, and voice to build His kingdom on earth. As disciples, we are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to be generous with the "first fruits" of all of our gifts. To give our first and best of everything, not simply what we have "leftover." Second, because we are all stewards of our gifts! Stewardship isn't an exclusive club for a few members. We all have gifts to share. All are invited and all are needed. No gift is too small or insignificant. Stewardship is a lifestyle. It is about putting God first in everything we do. Stewardship is the common thread that links all of our parish ministries together for the good of all. Third, because stewardship is what has built our Church. Gratitude and generosity are fundamental to our Catholic faith.

(Fr. John's Column Continued)

# ST. RAPHAEL FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

LUNCH AT NOON

1:00PM TEE TIME

FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

## REGISTRATION FORM

|   |         |  |
|---|---------|--|
|  PLATINUM SPONSOR  | \$1,000 | TWO TEAMS<br>SIGNAGE AT EVENT<br>SPECIAL RECOGNITION |
|  GOLD SPONSOR      | \$500   | ONE TEAM<br>SIGNAGE AT EVENT<br>SPECIAL RECOGNITION  |
|  TEAM              | \$300   | FOUR GOLFERS   |
|  HOLE SPONSOR      | \$100   | SIGNAGE AT EVENT                                     |
|  INDIVIDUAL PLAYER | \$75    |  |

PRICES INCLUDE GREENS FEES, ALL DAY FOOD AND BEVERAGE, AND AWARDS

 ITEM DONATION PLEASE DESCRIBE ITEMS DONATED:

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PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. RAPHAEL MEN'S CLUB  
MAIL TO BRIAN FISSEL, 6451 WESTWAY ROAD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63109  
(DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>. PAYMENT ENSURES YOUR SPOT.)

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL DAVE WILKINSON 314-458-5831 OR BRIAN FISSEL 312-933-0994

*All monies raised will be used to support the athletic programs,  
school activities and needs, and other parish efforts.*

It is the generosity of past generations that has built our Church. It is now our turn to continue the good stewardship of our gifts. It is our responsibility to pass it on to future generations.

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

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

"St. Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him. He himself told me to recite three prayers [the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be] and the Memorare once every day. He looked at me with great kindness and gave me to know how much he is supporting this work [of mercy]. He has promised me this special help and protection. I recite the requested prayers every day and feel his special protection."

(Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1203)



# DAILY READINGS

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Sunday      | Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12     |
| Monday      | Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37                                  |
| Tuesday     | Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42                            |
| Wednesday   | Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4                                |
| Thursday    | Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13                       |
| Friday      | Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26                     |
| Saturday    | Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28                            |
| Next Sunday | Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 |

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

What is the purpose of our life in this world? What need does the Earth have of us? Our common home, with whom we share our lives, cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods that God has provided. Have we forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the Earth? (Genesis 2:7) Our very bodies are made up of the Earth's elements; we breathe air and we receive life. We are refreshed by Earth's water and develop relationships with God's people.

## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

OCTOBER 9 - 10

### LECTORS

4:30pm      8:00am      10:00am  
 Laura Geiser      Amy Ruggeri      Mary Faith Green

## Respect Life Month

**October is Respect Life Month**, this year celebrating **St. Joseph as Defender of Life**. Today at the entrances to church, please pick up a special prayer card, that depicts Joseph as the loving protector of Jesus and Mary.



The SRA ProLife Committee

## 40 Days for Life

Our parish will participate in the 40 Days for Life prayerful vigil outside of the Planned Parenthood location at 4251 Forest Park Avenue, St. Louis. Our time is on Sunday, October 17, from 1:00-4:00pm. We do need people to signup to prayerfully witness! Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050945a4ab29a46-40days3> to signup or contact the parish office.

## Historical Society

The SRA Historical Society sent its annual newsletter to almost forty parishes in the country named for St. Raphael. The newsletter is intended to spark interest in devotion to our patron, St. Raphael the Archangel, and to provide items of interest about various St. Raphael parishes. Copies of the newsletter are available at the church entrances.



A huge shout out to our own Qi Franz, SRA parishioner and school cafeteria manager, for being named the 2020-2021 Missouri High School Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year. After all of her duties at the school and parish rectory, Qi still finds time to coach the girls' swim team at Cor Jesu Academy and the boys' swim team at DeSmet. Well done, Qi...we are very proud of you!

## New Bible Study Begins October 28

Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm beginning October 28, in the lower level of the parish office, as we make our way through the book of *Acts*.

This video series presented by Dr. Mary Healy, entitled "*Lectio Evangelization, Unveiling Scripture & Tradition*," combines insightful Biblical study with Church teaching and practical advice to show how modern Catholics can effectively impact their world for Jesus Christ. She explores topics such as the call of Jesus to evangelize, the power of the Sacraments, the role of charisms for building up the Body of Christ, techniques from St. Paul for reaching a secular culture, and more.

Dr. Healy is professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an international speaker on topics related to Scripture, evangelization, healing, and the spiritual life.

Using the *Lectio Divina* approach of reading, reflecting, responding, and contemplating, the accompanying workbook presents classic artistry, penetrating questions, and personal reflection to take the teachings to a deeper level.

Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can order enough workbooks (\$10 each). The workbooks need to be ordered as soon as possible so that they will arrive in time for the study.

Contact Sue Brandt, [sbrandtstl@gmail.com](mailto:sbrandtstl@gmail.com) or 314.704.5304 to sign up or order your workbook.

## 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.

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2021

### Monday, October 4

|        |                     |             |
|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| 7:00am | No Servers Required |             |
| 8:00am | Ethan Bradshaw      | Paddy Meier |

### Tuesday, October 5

|        |                     |                |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|
| 7:00am | No Servers Required |                |
| 8:00am | Hannah Kratky       | Dalila Ramirez |

### Wednesday, October 6

|        |                     |             |
|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| 7:00am | No Servers Required |             |
| 8:00am | Christian Bernadt   | David Hiatt |

### Thursday, October 7

|        |                     |                |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|
| 7:00am | No Servers Required |                |
| 8:00am | James Browning      | Kallista Hiatt |

### Friday, October 8

|        |                     |                |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|
| 7:00am | No Servers Required |                |
| 8:00am | Brendan Cierpiot    | Henry Dirnbeck |

### Saturday, October 9

|        |                                   |                  |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 7:00am | Lydia Eddingfield                 | Mac Teeter       |
| 4:30pm | Henry Dirnbeck<br>Cillian Sheehan | Charlie Dirnbeck |

### Sunday, October 10

|         |                                   |              |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 8:00am  | Brendan Cierpiot<br>Lucas Feldman | Liam Feldman |
| 10:00am | Lucas Fuhr<br>Anna-Grace Guenther | Claire Fuhr  |

## 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.

## Stewardship Sunday

Congratulations to Carolyn Skidmore who won the \$100 gift card for participating in Stewardship Sunday. Below are some photos from the event.



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### 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.





**Saturday, October 23**

**SRA Parking Lot**



**Food (Chili, Hot Dogs, Nachos) and drinks available for purchase**

**Prizes for Best Costume and Best Decorated Car**

**\* A Fundraiser for the SRA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class \***

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children Participating \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit Form and Payment to School Office by 10/21. Checks Payable to SRA.*



*There is an easy way to get  
involved with our wonderful school.*

**We are looking for sponsors for our 5K race this year  
The SRA Giving Thanks 2021 5K Fun Run/Walk**

**Companies and Families welcome to participate**

**Bronze Level Sponsorship Level: \$25**

Bronze level will receive your name on the back of our Virtual Run shirt designed by one of our very own SRA students. Your name will also be on our 5K Fun Run Webpage and Facebook pages.

**Silver Level Sponsorship Level: \$50**

Silver level will receive your name on the back of our Virtual Run shirt designed by one of our very own SRA students, and 1 signage along the race route this year. Your name will also be on our 5K Fun Run Webpage and Facebook pages.

**Gold Level Sponsorship Level: \$100**

Gold level will receive a large company logo on the back of our 5K race shirt designed by one of our very own SRA students. Our goal is to reach the running community in St Louis via the local run shops promotional event calendars. Your logo would also be on our 5 K Fun Run Webpage and Facebook pages.

**Platinum Level Sponsorship Level: \$150**

Platinum level will receive a large company logo on the back of our 5K race shirt designed by one of our very own SRA students and signage in 2 places along the race (at a water station and at the starting or ending point ). Our goal is to reach the running community in St Louis via the local run shops promotional event calendars. Your logo would also be on our 5 K Fun Run Webpage and Facebook pages.

<https://runsignup.com/CreateRaceSponsor/98464/t/shAlm0ZyK9ZEKIP7jNOVOMO4lb57DZmk>

**Please reach out to Laura Dougherty at [LJeep524@gmail.com](mailto:LJeep524@gmail.com) to secure your spot on the back of the shirt by no later than October 15th 2021.**



**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#