



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

6000 Jamieson Avenue
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Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEK DAY MASS

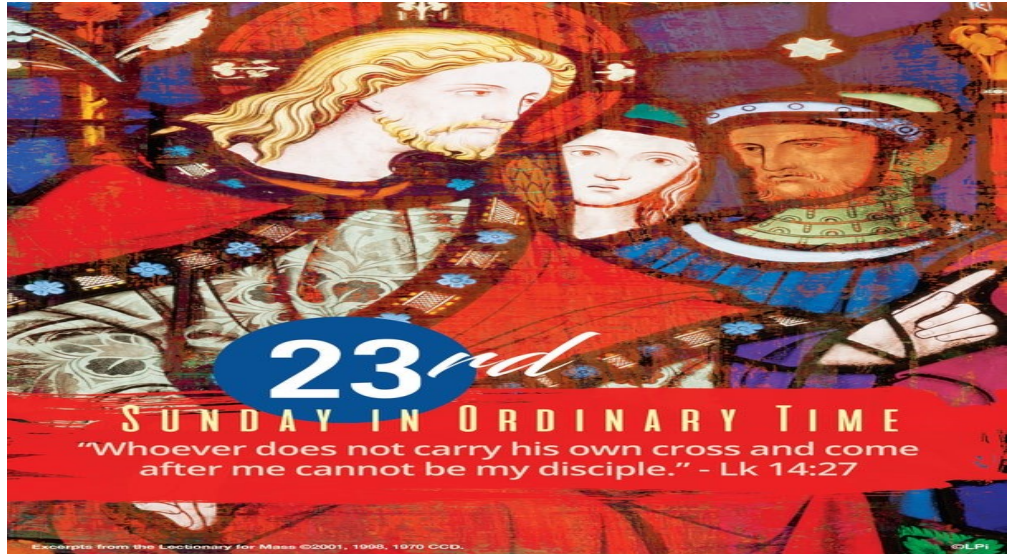
Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

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-2:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 4, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 119 (118): 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Reading 1

Wis 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your Holy Spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading 2

Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the Gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 4

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann

Monday, September 5

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Labor Day; no Mass

Tuesday, September 6

7:00am Carole Reuter
8:00am Hodes Family SI

Wednesday, September 7

7:00am Christine Burne
8:00am Kris Schneidewind

Thursday, September 8

7:00am Agnes Kahn
8:00am Ella Goepner

Friday, September 9

7:00am Joseph F. & Kathryn H. Darpel

Saturday, September 10

7:00am Jeff Kreitler
4:30pm Hager and Saar Grandparents

Sunday, September 11

8:00am Bryan Kreitler
10:00am People of the Parish

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

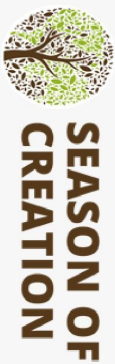
Aug. 28, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (42)	\$ 3,174.00	\$ 40,202.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,124.00	\$ 11,328.00
School Support	\$ 355.00	\$ 2,235.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,551.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 2,774.00	\$ 25,768.00

ProLife	(\$ 300.00)
Tithing	(\$ 30.00)
Candle Money	\$ 342.00

Grand Total	\$ 8,099.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,769.00	\$ 84,788.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 2,231.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 5,212.00)</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ." Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society? Call the parish office and one of our members will return your call.



INVITATION TO JOIN SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the Oikos of God.

The Season "Celebration" begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Following the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we begin the Season of Creation "Preparation" to reach local leaders and call our communities to participate actively by raising awareness of the theme, and how to respond to the cry of creation where the Lord calls us in our diverse contexts.

2022 THEME

This year we will unite around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

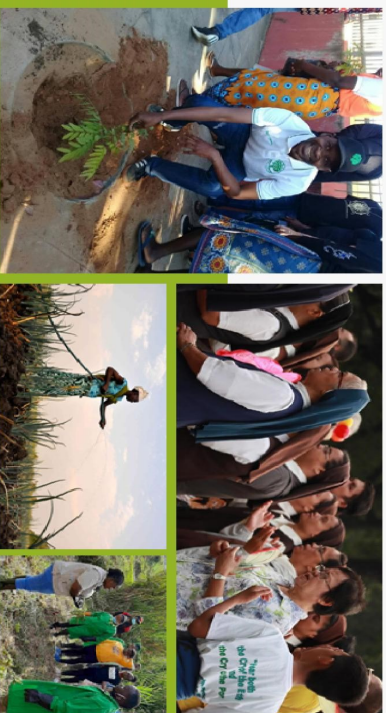
During the COVID-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being muted in conversations. Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. The 2022 Season of Creation theme raises awareness of our need to listen to the voice of creation.

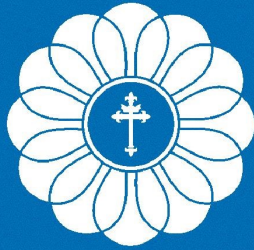
The Psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world;" (19: 1-4) Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we listen?

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we center the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Listening to the voice of creation offers members of the Christian family a rich entry point for interfaith and interdisciplinary dialogue and practice. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans from all cultures and sectors of life can be joined in our vocation to care for our common home (oikos).

May this 2022 Season of Creation renew our ecumenical unity! And may this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth!





ALL THINGS NEW

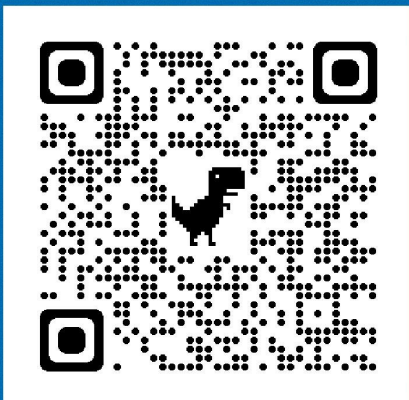
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

YOUNG ADULT SURVEY

Young adults ages 18-39, single or married, with or without children are invited to take the young adult survey. Take this opportunity to inform the church in St. Louis about your experience, hopes and needs!

**Submit by Monday,
September 12, 2022**

Scan the QR code to take the survey



Alpha

From where does evil come? Does the devil really exist? How are we to remain strong in the face of temptation, evil, and strife? Come to our open forum to discuss the topic, "How Can I Resist Evil?" at our next Alpha gathering, Friday, September 9. Dinner is served at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria, followed by a short video and small group discussion. All are welcome; we don't judge! No cost and no reservations needed.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in celebration of Labor Day. The office will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 6.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-3
Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2022

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
George Kerry	Suzy Ferrenbach	Linda Hiette

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 5

7:00am Church Mass

Tuesday, September 6

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Mass

Wednesday, September 7

6:30am Church Rosary

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Mass

3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration

3:15pm Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts

5:00pm Cafeteria 3rd Gr. Brownies

6:30pm Parish Off. RCIA

8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, September 8

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church Mass

5:00pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Girl Scouts

Friday, September 9

7:00am Church Mass

8:00am Church 1st Friday Adoration

6:30pm Cafeteria Alpha

Saturday, September 10

7:00am Church Mass

4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, September 11

8:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday

10:00am Church Family Mass - Donut Sunday

11:00am Cafeteria Bible Storytime after Mass

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

For women, men, and couples wounded by abortion, there is support through the third annual Archdiocesan Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend, scheduled for September 16—18. The retreat is set in the St. Louis area, with Covid-19 restrictions in place, at a location that is revealed at registration. The cost is \$100.00 for two nights' lodging and all meals and materials. To register by September 6, or for more information, contact 314.406.0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org. All inquiries and information are kept confidential.



The SRA ProLife Committee

Saint Raphael the Archangel Church *Family Mass*

SUNDAY 10 AM

9/11, 11/20

1/8, 3/26

All parish families and children are invited to engage in this special liturgy as greeters, gift bearers, lectors and more.



Contact Ally Favre to participate: 314-303-8458

UPDATES, PLEASE...

DELIVER PLANTS FRIDAY
AFTERNOON OR SATURDAY
MORNING TO THE PLANT
BOOTH

DONATE CANNED COKE/
SPRITE ON FRIDAY AFTER-
NOON TO BEVERAGE BOOTH

DONATE CAKES & CUPCAKES ON SATURDAY
MORNING TO CAFETERIA

RETURN 50/50 TICKETS



RIDE BRACELETS WILL BE SOLD AT DONUT SUN-
DAY, SEPTEMBER 11, & AT 7:30AM EACH MORN-
ING SEPTEMBER 12 – 16 AT THE SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 5—SEPTEMBER 11

Monday, September 5

Holiday

Tuesday, September 6

8:00am	Jack Delf	Cillian Sheehan
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Wednesday, September 7

8:00am	Henry Dirnbeck	Charlie Dirnbeck
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Thursday, September 8

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Hannah Kratky
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Friday, September 9

8:00am	No Mass	
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Saturday, September 10

4:30pm	Mark Boeckmann	Caroline Fissel
	Adriana Kurtovic	

Sunday, September 11

8:00am	Linus Cyr	Xavier Cyr
	Dalila Ramirez	

10:00am	Claire Fuhr	Lucas Fuhr
	Aidan Switzer	



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is committed to preventing abuse and assisting those who are affected by incidents of abuse. For this reason, all employees, volunteers, religious, priests, and deacons working in the schools, parishes, and agencies of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are required to support this policy and comply with the procedures developed to implement this policy. This includes minors who are serving our parish in one of these volunteer or employee roles at SRA. The St. Raphael Parish Child Safety Coordinator is Pam Hager; Pam can be reached at 314.239.1221 or at hager@straphaelarchangel.org.

As the new school year begins and sports activities are starting back up again, please contact Pam if coaches, gym monitors, referees, officials, etc., are added to or removed from your activity rosters. Pam will work with you to determine who is in compliance, who might need training, or who needs an ethical conduct form, such as minors who volunteer. Thank you.

Faith Alive

I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me..." John 10:14

Welcome to this month's "Faith Alive" early childhood program focusing on:

Jesus, The Good Shepherd

Sunday, September 11, after the 10:00am Mass in the school cafeteria. Children between two and a half and five years of age along with their parents and siblings are invited to attend our 30-minute lesson. The "Faith Alive" program supports parents by teaching basic Catholic concepts to their young children through developmentally appropriate stories, songs, prayers, and play.

Questions? Mary Reck 314.326.6996

Serve The Lord With Gladness: Reprint of August 18, 2022 Column

By Archbishop Rozanski

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, this is providential.

We celebrate the feast of St. Louis, King of France on August 25. And on the feast day, we begin to read St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians — we'll continue to read it for three more weeks.

One of the principal themes of 1st Corinthians is divisions within the community. Some claim to belong to Paul; others claim to belong to Apollos; still others claim to belong to Peter.

To all of this Paul says very clearly: No! All of us belong, first and foremost, to Jesus Christ. Paul's opening greeting in the letter mentions the name of Jesus Christ nine times! He then mentions it once more — bringing it up to the symbolic 10 times — before turning to the problem: "It has been reported to me that there are rivalries among you."

In other words, even before naming the problem, he presents the solution: everyone who proclaims the Gospel and works for the Gospel — Paul, Apollos, Peter and anyone else — points to Jesus, not to themselves. "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Paul did a great deal of work in the community. Still, he knew that, like John the Baptist, he had to step back to keep the emphasis on Christ.

Why is it providential that the feast day and the reading go together? Because, on the patronal feast of the archdiocese, St. Paul is describing a key aspect of the situation facing us as we go through All Things New. Through the decades, we've done a great job promoting parish and school identity. And I can say without hesitation: that has been good in many ways.

At the same time, parish and school identity have sometimes been promoted to the point of unhealthy rivalry. Like the Corinthians, we need to ask ourselves: to whom do we really belong?

As things shift in the coming years, we have two options. If we cling to our rivalries, we can only end up weaker in the midst of change. If we identify with a particular parish — "I belong to St. X" or "I belong to St. Y" — we run the risk of losing our identity. If we cling to the real source of our life and unity — Jesus Christ — then we will end up stronger because our core identity will not change when other things do.

Everything that our parishes and schools do — or are supposed to do — points to Jesus, not to ourselves. If we've forgotten that, we need to hear St. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians!

This week we also celebrate the Queenship of Mary (Aug. 22). She is the queen of all of us, because Jesus is the king of all of us. (In the ancient world, the queen was the king's mother, not his wife. This was because the king might have many wives, but only one mother.) Let's pray that, in the midst of rivalry and change, Mary will help us the same way St. Paul helped the Corinthians: to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ.



ALL THINGS NEW

Friends for Life Campaign Ends

Many, many thanks to all of you generous SRA ProLifers who donated to the Friends for Life Campaign. At this time of dissension and discord, after the overturning of Roe v Wade, you have chosen to uphold the Culture of Life. May the Lord bless you! As Pope Benedict XVI reminds us: "The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right - it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society."

Thank you for your **outstanding** generosity.

The SRA ProLife Committee



Preschool of Religion

The program returns on September 11. All children potty-trained through kindergarten are invited. The teachers, helpers, and students will be masked. Everyone will gather at the beginning of 10:00 am Mass and return at Communion. If parents could please sit in front of the cry room, it will cause less disruption at Mass.

The classes will take place either on the picnic tables or in the rectory basement. We will be using the SEEDS program, with supplemental materials from Catholic Moms. At this time, there will not be classes on the following dates in 2022: September 25, October 9, October 23, November 27, December 25, and January 1, 2023.

If you have questions: terri.borowiak@gmail.com. Any teens needing Service Hours, please contact Mrs. Borowiak terri.borowiak@gmail.com. You do not need to be available every week.

Please complete the information below to allow for the proper number of class supplies.

Child's Name: _____

Kindergarten Year (circle): 2022 2023 2024 2025

Parent Name: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate of Child: _____ Patron Saint: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Please leave in the mailbox at the parish office, the offertory basket, or with the school secretary.



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

QPR Suicide Prevention Training; Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 – 7:00pm – Shrine's Guild Center (near Shrine Church); Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to "question, persuade, and refer" someone to help. Registration is required due to space limitations.

Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide; Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 – 8:00pm – Shrine's Lourdes Grotto

Registration: QPR training/Candlelight Vigil at [SNOWS.ORG/Vigil](https://www.snows.org/Vigil) or call 618.394.6281.



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 E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone #