



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Reading I

Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

**R. (9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the LORD because he has heard my voice in supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, And I called upon the name of the Lord, "O Lord save my life!"

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful. The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

### Reading II

Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, " but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

### Gospel

Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."



### **Sunday, September 12**

8:00am Veda Maria Jeggle  
10:00am People of the Parish

### **Monday, September 13**

7:00am Bart Saracino, Sr.  
8:00am Catherine Cowee

### **Tuesday, September 14**

7:00am Don Deachan  
8:00am Caroline Park

### **Wednesday, September 15**

7:00am Patricia Corson  
8:00am Josephine Haig

### **Thursday, September 16**

7:00am Michael Adams  
8:00am Mark Scheetz

### **Friday, September 17**

7:00am Nicole LeBlanc, SI  
8:00am Pearl Pirker

### **Saturday, September 18**

7:00am Ronald Pratzel  
4:30pm Tommy Bick

### **Sunday, September 19**

8:00am Bill Schicker  
10:00am People of the Parish

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his followers can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; and the suffering who hunger and are homeless, but who still trust in God's love. Is there a neighbor or a friend of yours who is in temporary need because of loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message at the parish office for our Society...we want to help!

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

<b>Sept. 5, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (52 )</b>	\$ 5,598.00	\$ 43,231.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 548.00	\$ 8,518.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,291.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 285.00	\$ 3,409.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 10.00	\$ 696.00
<b>Online Giving (54)</b>	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 26,712.00
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
<b>New Parishioner</b>	\$ 10.00	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	\$ 10.00	
<b>Missionary Co-Op</b>	(\$ 120.00)	
<b>Disaster Relief</b>	(\$ 80.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 9,736.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 9,296.00	\$ 84,712.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 296.00</u>	<u>(\$ 5,288.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2021</b>		(\$ 15,462.00)

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34*

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves; rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up the cross" means doing things when someone else needs us and not when it's convenient for us.

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

This weekend marks the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. For many who were alive that day, it remains a day we will never forget.

I was a senior at DeSmet Jesuit Highschool at the time. I remember walking into a National Honor Society meeting and seeing the World Trade Center on fire. I wondered how a plane could fly into a building that big. By the end of the meeting, it was clear this was not one pilot making a mistake.

The rest of the school day passed with a predictable routine. Walk to class, say a prayer, watch the news. I remember the fear of that day, the uncertainty of what would come next, and the unity among 1,200+ other young men as we were transfixed by all that was happening.

An anniversary is a time for us who remember to tell our story. To remember where we were, what we were doing, and how we felt on that terrible morning.

For a few years remembrance is what I thought an anniversary was for. I would tell my story to others. I would watch on news websites on 9/11 the coverage from that day. I would experience some of the same feelings I had on 9/11/01. By the end, I felt I had remembered the day well.

While these activities can be part of an anniversary, they do not exhaust the meaning of the word.

On an anniversary, we remember the event itself. We are also invited to reflect on the time between the event and today to see who we have become since the event.

Fr. Kevin Smith, a priest serving in the New York area, is a chaplain for the Nassau County Fire Department. He was at Ground Zero on 9/11, hearing confessions for the first responders as they went to the site of the disaster. Reflecting on the anniversary, Fr. Smith said, "You wish that some of the lessons we learned from 9/11 would have been passed

on, like reaching out to one another, forgiving one another, and being a little more patient with one another."

After 9/11, there was a unity forged in our country. We knew we were all Americans and needed to work together. Over time, this consensus has broken down. We are more divided now and the issues dividing us are more polarizing. On this anniversary, are we content with this state of affairs?

This time of reflection opens us to the fullest meaning of an anniversary: who will we become? We know the horror of 9/11 and where we have been individually and as a nation over these past 20 years. Where will we go next?

Let us join in this last part of the prayer Pope Benedict XVI offered at Ground Zero in 2008 during his visit to New York.

*God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.*





## Weekly Devotion to St. Joseph

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — as you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen.

## Safe Environment Compliance Information

The Archdiocese's Safe Environment Program requires all adult employees and volunteers who work with or near minors and/or vulnerable adults to comply with the following policy requirements:

- Attend a Protecting God's Children Zoom workshop. For a list of Protecting God's Children workshops offerings, go to: [www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org). If you have previously attended a PGC workshop, the system will find and/or ask you to confirm your previous record of attendance.
- Complete 2 online training modules.
- Understand and sign the Archdiocese's Code of Ethical Conduct for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Working in Ministry.
- Complete a national criminal record check and agree to regular updates.
- Register for the Online Prevent and Protect Program.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mary Steck, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, at 314.352.8100 or [mary.a.steck@gmail.com](mailto:mary.a.steck@gmail.com).

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Carol Braun and Nanette Frericks who were recently buried from St. Raphael the Archangel.

### SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 19 - 26, 2021

#### Sunday, September 19

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot Brandon Young	Jude Potts
10:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck Ryan Schneider	Matthew Franz

#### Monday, September 20

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Jack Delf	Claire Fuhr

#### Tuesday, September 21

7:00am	Steven Irons	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Dalila Ramirez	Nahima Ramirez

#### Wednesday, September 22

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Kallista Hiatt	David Hiatt

#### Thursday, September 23

7:00am	Steven Irons	Jude Potts
8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Linus Cyr

#### Friday, September 24

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	David Hiatt

#### Saturday, September 25

7:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Cillian Sheehan
4:30pm	Brendan Cierpiot Christian Concepcion	Jack Delf

#### Sunday, September 26

8:00am	Matthew Franz Dalila Ramirez	Nahima Ramirez
10:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck Aidan Switzer	Mateo Switzer

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## 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.

## 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.

## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

SEPTEMBER 18 - 19

### LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Ron Goedeker	Judy Hof	Steve Kratky

## CATHOLIC NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

*Living the Gospel by Welcoming the Stranger  
How can I become involved?*

With the crises in Afghanistan and at our southern border, St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Immigration Team invites you to find out more about these by joining us for a virtual presentation. Speakers will share about their work followed by a Q&A and opportunities to get involved in St. Louis and beyond. Handouts will be emailed following the event.

Anita Barker	International Institute
Jessica Mayo	MICA Project
Teresita Costadoat	St. Francis Community Services
Gerry Rauch	Volunteer at Catholic Charities shelter in Laredo, TX

Please register at [eventbrite.com/e/168309529333](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/168309529333) to receive the Zoom link for this event which will be sent just prior to the event. Free and open to all to attend. Please email Pat Dougherty with any questions at [patdougherty48@gmail.com](mailto:patdougherty48@gmail.com).

Date: September 20, 2021

Time: 7:00 – 8:30

# SKA Mum Sale

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(Coming soon!).

Orders are due September 17, 2021 and will arrive September 28th, 2021

## What is the RCIA Anyway?



RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process the Catholic Church has developed for people who are interested in finding out about the Church and might want to become Catholic. Think of it as being similar to purchasing a home. You research homes, prices, neighborhoods, etc., when house hunting and only make a decision to purchase a house after spending a lot of time in preparation and consultation with others. That is what RCIA offers - explanations of what and why Catholics believe and do what we do.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or know someone (a relative, friend, or neighbor) who might be, please join us this fall - there are "no strings attached." We meet at the parish office on Wednesday evenings and will have our "get acquainted" meeting on Wednesday, September 29. For more detailed information, please call Fr. John at the parish office at 314.352.8100 or Dennis Matreci at 314.681.3002.



I, like you, am deeply saddened by the death and devastation that individuals on the island of Haiti are experiencing following the earthquake that struck on August 14, and, three days later, the second wave of destruction dealt by Tropical Storm Grace. In addition to the loss of life, we have seen thousands of homes, businesses, and churches severely damaged or destroyed on an island that was already challenged by social unrest and still rebuilding after a major earthquake in 2010. The impacts will be long lasting. I ask the Lord to carry those who have lost loved ones and those suffering in the aftermath. - Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

**In response to the call of the Archbishop, our parish will take up a special collection for the people of Haiti this weekend, September 11-12. Please use the envelopes at the doors of the church marked "Disaster Relief" for this collection.**



In 2015, Pope Francis released *Laudato Si*, a letter to the worldwide Catholic Church and all people of good will on the importance of caring for our planet: "our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us."

This fall, join Fr. John and fellow parishioners in reading and reflecting on the words our Holy Father offers us in this document. Each Tuesday, beginning on September 14, at 7:00pm, we will gather to discuss one chapter from this document for one hour. Our study will conclude on October 19.

The parish will provide a copy of the Encyclical to all who would like to participate. Also, if you cannot make all of the sessions, you are welcome to participate in the study.

**We are asking that you contact the parish office as soon as possible if you would like to participate at 314.352.8100 or [parish@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:parish@straphaelarchangel.org).** Please respond if you are planning to participate so that we have enough copies of the Holy Father's document for everyone to participate fully in the conversation.



This Sunday is Donut Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 8:00 or 10:00am Masses. If you attend 4:30pm Mass, please return on Sunday for a donut and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! This Donut Sunday is hosted by the Ladies' Club.



## Preschool of Religion

The program returns on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 a.m. mass and return at Communion. If parents could please sit in front of the cry room, it will cause less disruption for the mass.

The classes will take place either on the picnic tables or 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: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions: [terri.borowiak@gmail.com](mailto:terri.borowiak@gmail.com)

Any teens needing Service Hours, please contact Mrs. Borowiak [terri.borowiak@gmail.com](mailto:terri.borowiak@gmail.com) You do not need to be available every week.

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

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindergarten Year:      2021    2022    2023    2024

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

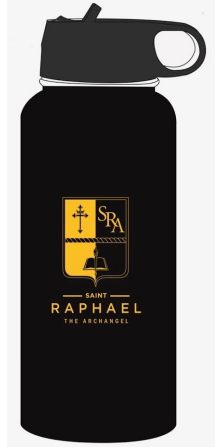
Patron Saint: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ORDER NEW SRA GEAR

Here are the items that are available for purchase



To purchase any of these items, please scan the QR code or contact the parish office.



**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

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