



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




WELCOME!


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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

GRATEFUL & GENEROUS



"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

PARISH CLERGY

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READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I

Tobit 12: 1, 5-15, 20

Tobit called his son Tobiah and said to him, "Son, see to it that you give what is due to the man who made the journey with you; give him a bonus too." So he called Raphael and said, "Take as your wages half of all that you have brought back, and go in peace." Raphael called the two men aside privately and said to them: "Thank God! Give him the praise and the glory. Before all the living, acknowledge the many good things he has done for you, by blessing and extolling his name in song. Honor and proclaim God's deeds, and do not be slack in praising him. A king's secret it is prudent to keep, but the works of God are to be declared and made known. Praise them with due honor. Do good, and evil will not find its way to you. Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than abundance with wickedness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life; but those habitually guilty of sin are their own worst enemies. I will now tell you the whole truth; I will conceal nothing at all from you. I have already said to you, "A king's secret it is prudent to keep, but the works of God are to be made known with due honor." I can now tell you that when you, Tobit, and Sarah prayed, it was I who presented and read the record of your prayer before the Glory of the Lord; and I did the same thing when you used to bury the dead. When you did not hesitate to get up and leave your dinner in order to go and bury the dead, I was sent to put you to the test. At the same time, however, God commissioned me to heal you and your daughter-in-law Sarah. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord." "So now get up from the ground and praise God. Behold, I am about to ascend to him who sent me; write down all these things that have happened to you."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. (9a) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, yet who can detect failings?

Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me. Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Reading II

James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance. (Gospel reading on page 4.)



Sunday, September 26

8:00am Pearl Pirker
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, September 27

7:00am Schicker Family, SI
8:00am Prayer Chain Members

Tuesday, September 28

7:00am Richard Cross, SI
8:00am Jerry Carlson, SI

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Tom and Shirley Long,
68th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, October 1

7:00am Charles "Dutch" Giudici, Sr.
8:00am H. Meade Summers, Jr.

Saturday, October 2

7:00am Dolores Stadler
4:30pm Bertram Liddy

Sunday, October 3

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

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27, the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor; they are among the first to know their real needs. Please consider joining our team of Vincentians. Come to a meeting to learn how we serve the poor. You will reap the reward of many graces!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

Sept. 19, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (45)	\$ 4,485.00	\$ 51,357.00
Loose Money	\$ 629.00	\$ 9,747.00
School Support	\$ 135.00	\$ 1,476.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,634.00
Online Giving (51)	\$ 2,558.00	\$ 33,351.00
Disaster Relief	(\$ 100.00)	
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 3.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 20.00)	
Candle Money	\$ 261.00	
Grand Total	\$ 8,204.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,081.00	\$ 101,387.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 108,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 918.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 6,613.00)</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462)

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When we look at others, do we see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at us, do they see the face of Jesus in us? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

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

Annual Catholic Appeal-Thank You!

The Archdiocese is wrapping up the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. For this year's appeal, we raised \$60,847. This is an approximate \$4,000 increase over last year and easily exceeded our Challenge Goal.

A special thanks to the 73 parishioners who generously raised their contributions and helped us to smash through our goal. But most importantly, thank you to everyone who participated in the appeal in any way to help us meet and exceed our goal.

I would like to personally recognize and thank our parish ACA Committee who worked so hard to make our parish more aware of the appeal. Please help me in congratulating and thanking Fred Hodes, George Kerry, Mary Steck, and Ed Reck for all of their hours of work on the appeal this year. May God reward you!

Stewardship Weekend this Weekend

After the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses, we invite everyone to join us outside under the portico. In addition to having coffee and donuts, we will also have opportunity boards with cards available. These boards list different ways to get more involved in our community. We invite you to take one or more cards that sound interesting to you.

A special incentive to participating is, if you take an opportunity card, you can enter a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card. The drawing for this card will take place after the 10:00am Mass.

We hope that many people will take the time to

come check out the boards, enjoy a sweet treat, and hopefully win some money as well!

50 and Beyond Campaign Update

Thank you for your continued generous support of our 50 and Beyond Campaign. Here are just some of the ways the campaign has impacted our community:

- Total of \$1,006,519.59 in Gifts & Pledges
- Impact to Date:
 - Parish Share Distributions - \$590,332.71 - distributed to be spent according to the Parish case statement
 - Beyond Sunday Scholarships - \$71,250.00 - awarded to 15 students in our Parish
 - Beyond Sunday Grants - \$30,450.00 - granted to our school and \$22,420 in collaboration with other schools and programs

We have just a few more months to make pledges for the capital campaign. We greatly appreciate your continued support by fulfilling these pledges!

Amazon Smile

Thank you for continuing to visit smile.amazon.com before making your Amazon purchases. In the last quarter, we received \$180.71 from Amazon.

Before you check out from Amazon, visit smile.amazon.com and make sure you have us selected as your charity of choice. You can then check out

through this website. It costs nothing extra to you while Amazon gives us a small donation for each purchase. Thank you!

RCIA Begins this Week

The 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.

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, beginning this Wednesday, September 29. - there are "no strings attached."

For more detailed information, please call Fr. John at the parish office at 314.352.8100 or Dennis Matreci at 314.681.3002.

Life Chain

On October 3, our community will begin its commemoration of Respect Life Month by participating in the "Life Chain." The chain meets from 2:00-3:00pm at Catholic Supply and will spread out along Chippewa, while not blocking Ted Drewes.

This is a silent, prayerful, and peaceful witness. I personally like to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Others bring a prayer book or Scripture. However you choose to pray is up to you. Bring a chair if you need one.

The goal is to pray for an end to abortion and all offenses against life while standing in witness for the cause of life.

Alumni Sunday

Next Sunday, we will also celebrate Alumni Sunday at the 10:00am Mass. We invite all alumni of our school to join us for this special celebration. Following Mass, we will have a reception in the cafeteria

for our alumni.

Pet Blessing

Pet blessing will be on Wednesday, October 6, at 2:45pm.

The Feast of Saint Raphael the Archangel

This Sunday, our parish community will celebrate our patronal feast day at all of the Masses. The official feast day of St. Raphael is September 29, which is this coming Wednesday.

As we remember the healing mission of St. Raphael, let us pray in particular for the intercession of St. Raphael in ridding our world of the pandemic and healing the divisions in our community and nation as well:

Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or sea or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobiah on his travels. Because you are the "medicine of God," I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body. I especially ask of you the favor (here mention your special intention), and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Weekly Devotion to St. Joseph

"St. Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather, by the constant practice of ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all the other saints."

St. Joseph Marelllo

SCRIP - By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, October 1, 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, October 8, 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 shopwithscrip.com.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next 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

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 and He does not 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*

SEPTEMBER YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	John Connor
2nd Place \$50	Baby Regan
3rd Place \$50	Sue King

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

OCTOBER 2-3

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Greg Heuing	Barb Cramer	Kevin Liddy

Respect Life Month

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



The SRA ProLife Committee

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.



Welcome back to our
Preschool of Religion!



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 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.

THIS IS STILL THE CURRENT SERVER SCHEDULE. THE NEW SCHEDULE IS BEING FINALIZED FOR THE WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 4.

SERVERS FOR SEPT. 26 - OCT. 3, 2021

Sunday, September 26

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

Monday, September 27

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Dalila Ramirez	Nahima Ramirez

Tuesday, September 28

7:00am	Steven Irons	Cillian Sheehan
8:00am	Jude Potts	Ryan Schneider

Wednesday, September 29

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Steven Irons	Brandon Young

Thursday, September 30

7:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Matthew Franz
8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Jack Delf

Friday, October 1

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Charlie Dirnbeck

Saturday, October 2

7:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Jude Potts
4:30pm	Ryan Schneider Christian Concepcion	Steven Irons

Sunday, October 3

8:00am	Linus Cyr Lydia Eddingfield	Cillian Sheehan
10:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck Claire Fuhr	Matthew Franz

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.



*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/shAlm0ZyK9ZEKIP7iNOVOMQ4Ib57DZmk>

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

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sabiha Hanna who was recently buried from St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in the peace of Christ. Amen.



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 8th Grade Class ***

Family Name _____

Phone # _____ # of Children Participating _____

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

Preschool of Religion

The program returned on September 19.

All children potty-trained through kindergarten are invited. The teachers, helpers, and students will be masked. Everyone will gather at the beginning of 10:00am 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 parish office 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, October 24, November 28, and December 26.

If you have questions: terri.borowiak@gmail.com. Any teens needing service hours, please contact Mrs. Borowiak at 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: _____

Parent's 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.



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#**