



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | 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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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



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READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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Reading I

Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading II

Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Gospel

Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" — that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



Sunday, September 5

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

Monday, September 6

7:00am Michael J. Wanner

Tuesday, September 7

7:00am May English
8:00am Shirley Hocter

Wednesday, September 8

7:00am Hodes Family, SI
8:00am Bob Bentz

Thursday, September 9

7:00am Jost Family
8:00am Jeff Kreitler

Friday, September 10

7:00am Hodes Family, SI
8:00am Shirley Bush

Saturday, September 11

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

Sunday, September 12

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

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the Gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known, especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the found of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

August 29, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (42)	\$ 3,683.00	\$ 37,633.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,393.00	\$ 7,970.00
School Support	\$ 155.00	\$ 1,206.00
Building Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,124.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 686.00
Online Giving (46)	\$ 2,271.00	\$ 23,742.00
ProLife	(\$ 100.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 30.00)	
Mission Co-Op	(\$ 675.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,807.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,002.00	\$ 75,416.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 81,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 998.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 5,584.00)</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are more important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than to receive.

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

Thank You!

Thank you to the many participants and volunteers who spent so many hours here last weekend for our 2021 parish picnic. As many people commented to me, it just felt good and normal to see the community together. I think it is something we all needed to see and to experience. Thank you for all you did last weekend to make it so special.

A special thanks to our picnic committee: Paul Beckerle, Matt and Terri Borowiak, Qi Franz, and Dave Wilkinson. They had been working many months behind the scenes to make sure our picnic could happen so smoothly. Thank you!

Labor Day

The plight of our brothers and sisters who work hard but struggle to make ends meet calls us to reflect in a special way this Labor Day. Today, we read in St. Luke's Gospel how Jesus, upon returning home to Nazareth, read from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue declaring, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Sadly, in our times too many people are excluded, marginalized, and politically and economically disenfranchised. The struggle of working people, of the poor, as Pope Francis reminds us, is not first a "social or political question. No! It is the Gospel, pure and simple." There has been some notable progress in our economy in recent years, but it is also apparent that it is not where it should be for many, and we can all play a productive role in making sure it is a system that upholds the dignity of all people. - From the 2018 USCCB statement on Labor Day

This Monday, our nation will celebrate Labor Day. It is a day that we are off and serves as an end to summertime. More importantly, we are called to reflect on the dignity of all workers, recommitting ourselves to strive for a time when all workers are treated with dignity and respect in the workplace.

Our parish will remember this special day by having a 7:00am Mass on Monday morning. There will

be no 8:00am Mass, as school is canceled for the holiday. Additionally, the parish office will be closed as well.

The 20th Anniversary of 9/11

This coming weekend, we will remember as a country the 20th anniversary of 9/11. This day has dramatically changed our nation and people still talk about it as one of those moments where you remember where you were when it happened.

To remember this day as a parish community, the 10:00am Mass on September 12 will be especially dedicated to the memory of 9/11. We invite all of our first responders, those in law enforcement, veterans or current active-duty or reserve members of the military, or anyone who remembers that day and desires to pray for our nation to attend the 10:00am Mass that day. Following the Mass, there will be a reception with coffee and donuts.

Collection for Haiti

Please see the announcement later in the bulletin about the collection for disaster relief in Haiti. The collection will be taken up next weekend (September 11-12). Please give through one of the envelopes at the doors or mark your donation "disaster relief."

Annual Report to the Community

On the weekend of September 18-19, our parish leadership and I will present to the parish our annual report to the community. Traditionally, we will provide this report in three parts:

- A paper report is in production at this time and will be available on our website as well as at all of the doors of the church in hard copy that weekend.
- A member of our parish finance committee will speak at all Masses that weekend to give highlights of the annual report to the community.
- We will have a special meeting at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 19. This half-hour meeting will give even more detail about the

Weekly Devotion to St. Joseph

"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard



In honor of the Labor Day holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6. Have a great holiday weekend!

Labor Day Prayer

Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope that you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join where you can meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities at our church. Please join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

William and Connie Boston
Brian and Mary Jaboor
Jonah and Ellen Richardson

WEDDING BANNES III

There is a promise of marriage between Katherine King and James (Tom) Mudd to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 12 - 19, 2021

Sunday, September 12

8:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Claire Fuhr
	Jude Potts	
10:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Jack Delf
	Lucas Feldman	

Monday, September 13

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

Tuesday, September 14

7:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Brendan Cierpiot
8:00am	Charlie Dirnbeck	Matthew Franz

Wednesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 16

7:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Dalila Ramirez
8:00am	Anna-Grace Guenther	Jude Potts

Friday, September 17

7:00am	No Servers Required	
8:00am	Linus Cyr	Charlie Dirnbeck

Saturday, September 18

7:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Cillian Sheehan
4:30pm	Ethan Bradshaw	Lucas Feldman
	Lydia Eddingfield	

Sunday, September 19

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday	Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for mid-August through November 27, are now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

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 11 - 12

LECTORS

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
George Kerry	Mary Reck	Dennis Matreci

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. 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.



We'd like to thank all who attended and volunteered for the 2021 Parish Picnic. A special thank you to the parish teens who served as Ambassadors! Our young people helped with the game booths, carried endless boxes, transported the chicken dinners, and emptied MANY trash cans. Tip of the cap to their parents; we are blessed to have such great teens in our parish!

Congratulations to the winners of the Picnic Raffle:

1st Place	Linda Hiette	\$1,442
2nd Place	Rolan Mask	\$ 300
3rd Place	Gen Bradshaw	\$ 150



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 the weekend of 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 if you would like to participate at 314.352.8100 or parish@straphaelarchangel.org by September 7. 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.

annual report from our parish leadership and from me. There will also be time for questions about the annual report.

We are so grateful for your generosity to our community and look forward to this opportunity to discuss our progress regarding our financial goals.

***Laudato Si* Reading Group**

As has been running in the bulletin these last weeks, we will have a reading group this fall to discuss *Laudato Si*. This document of the Holy Father is a beautiful reflection on our obligation to be good stewards of the environment through our daily choices.

This reading group will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, beginning on September 14.

Unlike other study groups here, we will provide the text to everyone who attends, so we need to have an accurate count.

If you are interested in attending this reading group, please contact the parish office no later than September 7. If you cannot make it one or two weeks, that is fine; please still let the office know you will be attending so we can order a book for you.

RCIA

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Have you missed some of your sacraments and would like to complete your initiation into the Church?

If you answered yes to either of those questions, then RCIA is the place for you. Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group is forming right now. If you are interested in joining, please contact me.

This process is informal, with a class each week. There is a short pamphlet to read before each class and

questions and concerns are always encouraged.

We look forward to the opportunity of going on a journey of faith with you this fall!

Calling for Photos

We have grown into a society where taking photos is more and more a part of our life. These photos record those moments of our lives that we can fondly recall.

The Marketing Committee has set up an e-mail account to which parishioners can send photos of events in the parish or school. Please forward all photos you would like to share with the community to socialmedia@straphaelarchangel.org. We will use these in the bulletin, online, or in other promotional materials.

Thank you for sharing the moments that make our parish such a special community!

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



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.

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.

Think Fall Sale

Add a pop of fall color to your landscape while also supporting the capital campaign and youth ministries at Ascension Lutheran Church, 5347 Donovan Avenue. Our annual **Think Fall Sale** is September 18, from 9:00am – 12:00 pm. Enjoy a selection of beautiful mums, ornamental kale, and winter-hardy pansies. Pre-orders, along with payment, must be submitted **prior to September 8**. Ordering is easy and pickup is contactless. Pickup will be accessible from the alley off Loran Street, behind the school and church. Your order will be brought to your car and loaded for you. To download an order form, go to ascensionstl.com. Any questions, please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer at 314.378.2977 or gbomber@swbell.net.



**PHILL KOSTA W/ GUEST BEN ALLEN
CHURCH OF THE MAGDALEN
SEPT. 8 | 7:30 PM**

**Free event! All ages welcome.
Please bring a lawn chair.**

Concert is on patio between church and the parish hall
4924 Bancroft Ave | St. Louis, MO 63109



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#