



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 9, 2017
PALM SUNDAY

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SRA HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2017

*Friends in Christ:
For the five weeks of Lent
we have been preparing
for the celebration of our Lord's suffering
and death.
Today, together with the whole church,
we begin this holy week by welcoming our
Messiah.
So, like the people of long ago,
let us welcome Jesus and follow him to the
cross.*

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Morning Prayer, 7:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14th

Morning Prayer, 7:00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Morning Prayer, 7:00am
Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th

Mass 8:00am & 10:00am

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Robert J. Reiker	Pastor
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, April 10th

3:15 pm - Cafeteria	Girl Scouts
6:30 pm - Church	Arch. Choir Rhsl.
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Cub Scouts
7:00 pm - Conf. Room	R.C.I.A.
7:00 pm - Angel Room	St. V. de Paul
7:00 pm - Tobias Room	Parish Council

Tuesday, April 11th

6:40 am - Church	Confessions
7:30 am - Church	Confessions
8:30 am - Church	Confessions
1:30 pm - Angel Room	Bible Study
5:30 pm - Gym	Softball
7:00 pm - Church	Weekly Rosary Ret.
7:00 pm - Church	Confessions
7:30 pm - Raphael Room	Wild Goose Prst.

Wednesday, April 12th

9:00 am - Quilters' Room	Quilters
3:15 pm - Church	Schola Rehearsal
4:00 pm - Church	Confessions
6:00 pm - Cafeteria	Step Class
6:45 pm - Church	R.C.I.A. Rhsl.
7:00 pm - Church	Choir
7:00 pm - Cafeteria	Boy Scouts
7:30 pm - Raphael Room	Bow Making

Thursday, April 13th

7:00 am - Church	Prayer Service
2:00 pm - School	Dance Class
5:30 pm - Gym	Softball Practice
7:00 pm - Church	Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14th

7:00 am - Church	Prayer Service
3:00 pm - Church	Lord's Passion
7:00 pm - Church	Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15th

7:00 am - Church	Prayer Service
8:00 am - Cafeteria	Step Class
7:30 pm - Church	Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16th-EASTER

8:00 am - Church	Easter Mass
10:00 am - Church	Easter Mass

Bible Study continues on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Parish Office. No need to sign up; just come.

FATHER BOB'S COLUMN

HOLY WEEK – STARTS TODAY WITH PALM SUNDAY!

Today, ***Palm Sunday***, we are schizophrenic liturgically. At the beginning of the Mass, we are waving our palms and singing, “Hosanna, to the Son of David,” Jesus, our Messiah, our hero. A few minutes later, during the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord, we are shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Such is the reality of our human nature. We need redemption!

It's coming; hang in there! By ***Holy Thursday***, the first day of the Sacred Triduum, Jesus graciously gives us an example of humble service by washing the feet of the apostles, and then tells us to do the same. As pastor, at the 7pm liturgy, I will be washing the feet of 12 parish members as a humble sign of my willingness to serve the St. Raphael Parish Family. Then the Lord gives us “the gift that keeps on giving” – the Holy Eucharist – Sunday after Sunday, year after year for almost 2,000 years. We celebrate the Lord's Last Supper with a joyful Mass, at least until the final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the side altar of repose, followed by an opportunity for silent prayer with Jesus. The church will be open for visitation from 8:30pm to midnight. Jesus said, “Can you not pray with me for at least an hour?”

The second day of the Triduum – ***Good Friday***! At 3pm come to church for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion – the exact time of Jesus' death on the cross. This rather somber liturgy includes, besides the reading of the Passion, the very moving Veneration of the Cross by each one present. At this service we have the chance to reflect on how much the Lord Jesus loves each of us, so much that he was willing to give his life for us.

The climax, the final and third act, so to speak, of the Triduum is the ***Easter Vigil*** at 7:30pm on Holy Saturday. This unusually beautiful liturgy is the most exciting celebration of the whole Church Year. It includes listening in a darkened church to the readings from the Old Testament that lay out God's plan of salvation as it developed. Then the lighting of the New Fire and the large Easter Candle, followed by the sung proclamation of the Exsultet, a poetic expression of the Easter event; then the Easter Gospel about the empty tomb and the resurrected Christ. The climax might well be the Blessing of the Water for Baptism, the Baptism of Chrystal Montgomery and the Profession of Faith of Karol Bick. Our two newest members then receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their First Communion. This Easter Vigil is the “full meal deal” of an Easter Mass celebration. Or you can celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at 8am or 10am Easter morning.

All in all, I cannot stress enough how spiritually uplifting it is for a Catholic to celebrate all three parts of the Sacred Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. So do it!!! Why not???



SPECIAL CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

You can receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at these times:

- + Tuesday, 6:40-6:55am (before Mass); 7:30-7:50am (between Masses); 8:30am (after Mass);
and 7:00-8:00pm.
- + Wednesday, 4:00-6:00pm.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK: Mon.-Wed. 7 & 8am Masses as usual
Thurs.-Sat. 7am Morning Prayer (NO Mass)

FOR EASTER WEEK: NO 8am Mass on Monday & Tuesday, April 17 and 18

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Holy Thursday – collection for the needy
Good Friday – collection for the Holy Land – for the upkeep of the Shrines by the Franciscans
Easter – extra envelope for the care of the retired priests of the Archdiocese

SERVERS FOR APRIL 10 - APRIL 16

Monday –Tuesday April 10/11

7:00 am Seamus Baur Annie Baur
8:00 am Joseph Cyr Henry Cyr

Wednesday April 12

7:00 am Grace Goeddel Anna Mersinger
8:00 am Cate Guenther Ellie Guenther

Thursday April 13

7:00 pm Addison Berta Thad Berta
Kristin Nienhaus K. Videmschek
Spencer Willmann Joe Cyr
Henry Cry

Friday April 14

3:00 pm Lydia Bick Andrew Borowiak
Flora Borowiak Jane Dubbert
7:00 pm Joe Cyr Henry Cyr
Sean Madden

Saturday April 15th

7:30 pm Ellie Guenther C. Concepcion
Joe Cyr Henry Cyr
Cate Guenther Abby Stein
Will Hotze

Sunday April 16

8:00 am Jacob Kellar Andrew Kellar
Isabella Pfeiffer

10:00 am Madelene Cierpiot Sam Schicker
Mateo Switzer Billy Madden

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 9th

8:00 am Ralph G. Raskas
10:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, April 10th

7:00 am Robert Gage
8:00 am Erna Sinovcic

Tuesday, April 11th

7:00 am Anita I. McCarthy
8:00 am Genevieve Geisel

Wednesday, April 12th

7:00 am Dennis M. Beaver & Family
8:00 am Don Deachan

Thursday, April 13th

7:00 am Morning Prayer

Friday, April 14th

7:00 am Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 15th

7:00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday, April 16th

8:00 Jane Bottini
10:00 Winkelmann Family

WEEKEND OF APRIL 15 & 16

7:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am

LECTORS:

Dennis Matreci Lorraine Gurley Kevin Liddy
Mary Reck
Linda Hiette
Ron Goedeker
George Kerry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Helen Doyle Lorraine Gurley Mary Dupske
Bob Ahrens Sue Lawton Rosemary Phelan
Maureen Ahrens Vicki Winter Tom Yehlen
George Kerry Amy Ruggeri Dennis Matreci
Margie Auer Rosita Koehler Carolyn Skidmore
Tony Mariani Greg Divis
Karen Divis

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 1/2 2017

Sunday Collection	\$6,852.00
Online Giving	\$1,232.00
Weekly Total Collection	\$8,084.00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,000.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 5.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date	\$299,570.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Goal	\$320,000.00

Online Giving: To access our Online Giving Portal, go to straphaelarchangel.org/give/online-giving.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their crosses of suffering and pain.



St. Raphael the Archangel Holy Week - Paschal Triduum

RECONCILIATION (*Confession*)

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6:40-7:00 AM; 7:30-8:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Open ended), & 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:00-6:00 PM



HOLY THURSDAY

April 13, 2017
 7:00AM Morning Prayer (NO MASS)
 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:30 PM-12:00 AM Adoration at the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2017
 7:00 AM Morning Prayer (NO MASS)
 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL

April 15, 2017
 7:00 AM Morning Prayer (NO MASS)
 7:30 PM Easter Vigil Service and Mass



EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017
 8:00 AM Easter Mass
 10:00 AM Easter Mass



BLEST ART

Blest Art will be visiting SRA on Saturday & Sunday, April 22/23 after each Mass. Blest Art helps struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork. On hand will be hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and other pieces of olive-wood art. Cash, checks, and major credit cards are accepted. For more information, please visit BlestArt.org.



NEEDED: RIDES TO CHURCH

We have received several requests from parishioners who are looking for a way to get to Sunday Mass. Are you willing to occasionally help a neighbor by providing a ride? You don't need to commit to every week and we need drivers for all three weekend Masses. If you are interested and willing to help your fellow parishioner get to Mass to share in the celebration of the Eucharist with our parish community, please let us know. You can call the rectory or call/email Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for considering this very meaningful service opportunity.



SCHOOL OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Formed in Faith, Prepared for Life

FAITH – St. Raphael the Archangel School guides its students as they form their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their love for Jesus Christ, in an environment that promotes compassionate hearts through habits of personal prayer, reflection, and community service.

CHARACTER – Our school and parish community endeavor to develop each student’s character by modeling and practicing the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. We nurture our students’ perseverance, sense of gratitude, leadership, and ability to make informed moral choices.

ACADEMICS – We utilize a rigorous, measurable academic program that develops critical thinking skills, promotes imagination, celebrates individual gifts and talents, and fosters a life-long love of learning.

Small Design, BIG Results

THIS WEEK IN THE CAFETERIA

Mon., April 10	Tues., April 11th	Wed., April 12th	Thurs., April 13th	Fri., April 14th
Hot Italian Sub	Taco Tuesday	Ham & Cheese Croissant	Noon Dismissal	No School

DONATIONS NEEDED

If you would like to donate small-sized candies, new stuffed animals or toys for prizes, these can be dropped off at the rectory. Thank you!



EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Raphael is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 16, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Easter Bunny will lead the children from the back of church across to the front lawn of school to begin the hunt. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be in the school gym. Don’t forget your Easter basket to collect your eggs.

St. Raphael will be having Summer Camp. Registration has begun and the St. Raphael community has until April 15th to register. After the 15th we will be accepting applications from all our other summer camp friends. So if you would like to join us, please go to the web site, look over the camp weeks, and join us for some summer fun!!

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

I hope you are all making plans to attend the Holy Week Triduum Masses and Services at St. Raphael; the experience of attending all of these Masses is powerful and moving. While it might be difficult for very young children, these are certainly important liturgies for all school-aged Catholic children in order to see their Catholic faith come alive. As a Catholic school community, it is of utmost importance that our students see these traditions at home as well as at school!

Thanks to so many families who have completed their school registration for 2017-2018! If you have not yet registered, you will be hearing from the school office, if you have not already. We would really benefit from having solid registration numbers as soon as possible. We will be making many decisions about teacher assignments, teacher aides, and the ordering of books, supplies and technology items. Without solid registration numbers, it is very difficult to make sound spending decisions. We completely understand what a sacrifice you are making to send your children to St. Raphael, and we are most grateful that you give us the honor of educating your children. Please try to understand our position from the business perspective and assist us in making responsible financial decisions by getting your registration completed as soon as you are able. Thank you!

Some of you have asked about how we will go about hiring any new teachers that we might need for 2017-2018, given that St. Raphael will have a new principal. This is what that process looks like. First of all, we don't officially know all of the teaching positions we will have open for the next school year. Teachers have received their contracts and have until the 1st of May to sign and return them. Once we know for certain that there will be an opening, the position is posted on the Archdiocesan website. The new principal for St. Raphael will have been hired and announced by then; the new principal and I will work together to hire any needed teachers for next school year. Both of our perspectives will be necessary for this search process, and we will work together to make the best possible hiring decisions for St. Raphael School. And again, I will make those announcements as appropriate. You are always welcome to ask questions, and I hope this helps you to know what to expect.

Enjoy this sometimes crazy spring weather in St. Louis, and please keep our students and teachers in your prayers.

Peace,

Kim Vangel
Principal



We are starting to work on this year's SRA Phone Directory. Please let the Parish Office know of:

- Any telephone number changes
- Any e-mail address changes
- Any address changes

SRA, you got music? Come and be part of the SRA Choir Team!



Prayerfully consider joining the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in church. The choir ministers at the 10:00 weekend liturgies from September through May. Please contact Nancy Deacon at 314.352.8100, Ext. 220 or musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org for more information.



Upcoming Events
Mark your calendar

Sun. April 9	1st Communion Bow Sunday
Thurs. April 20	Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Sat. April 22	Disc Golf Tournament
Sun. April 23	Confirmation Bow Sunday And Donut Sunday
Wed. April 26	Confirmation
Sun. April 30	1st Communion

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Do you know of a neighbor or parishioner who is physically unable to receive the sacraments due to an inability to physically attend Mass? If so, please contact us with a name or the name of a caregiver so we can reach out to help. Please respond by calling the parish office, or by calling or emailing Mary Faith Green at 314.832.3310 or greenfamily7@sbcglobal.net.

**St. Raphael Ladies Club
Quarter Auction**

**Thursday,
April 20**

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
6000 Jamieson, St. Louis, MO 63109
Auction will be held in the school gymnasium

DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.
AUCTION STARTS AT 7 P.M.

Auctioneer: Michael Flavin

GRAB YOUR QUARTERS AND YOUR GIRLFRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR THE LADIES CLUB'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER!

Open seating, no reservations needed. Bidding paddles are \$5 each. Concessions available for purchase. Outside snacks and beverages welcome.

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Buy-a-Van

St. Raphael's Parish and School 2017 Lenten Project For Queen of Peace Center

GOAL: \$20,000

COLLECTED AS OF APRIL 2: \$7,857

Time is getting short to make a donation for our Lenten project, Buy-A-Van for Queen of Peace Center. We will only meet our \$20,000 goal if everyone donates, large or small; please help us to aid the ladies and children of Queen of Peace Center (QOPC). This week, we are introducing you to Amanda, a QOPC mom. A couple of us from St. Raphael had the pleasure to meet Amanda and her six-month old son, Camden; and what a delight it was to spend time with them both of them. One year ago, Amanda, a thirty-something heroin addict, found herself at Barnes Hospital where she was told that she was pregnant. At the urging of the Barnes emergency room staff, she found herself at Queen of Peace Center, very scared and alone. Fast forward one year, she is now a drug-free woman with a second chance at life and ready to move forward. Camden, born while Amanda was in the QOPC treatment program, is now a healthy six-month old. Both Amanda and Camden reside at one of the QOPC's houses, but Amanda is currently looking for a job and ready to get her own apartment. What a blessing QOPC has been to both Amanda and Camden.

Please donate. We are a generous and caring parish; let's share that with Queen of Peace Center.

SECOND ANNUAL SRA DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pack 500, through the SRA Men's Club, is running the Second Annual SRA Disc Golf Tournament at Willmore Park on April 22. Here is the website for registration - <https://sites.google.com/site/sradiskgolf/>. In addition, if you are interested in being a Tournament and/or a Hole sponsor, here are the available levels:



- Hole sponsor: \$100 (18 available, ad in program and sign at hole)
- Silver sponsor: \$500 (ad inside cover, sign at registration, 4 discs and one team registration)
- Gold sponsor: \$1000 (ad on back cover, sign at registration and hole 8, 4 discs, two team registrations)

Checks can be made to Pack 500 and given to Tom Finan. Registration for the tournament is open now. Please spread the word by sending the link to anyone outside of the parish who might be interested. Last year's event was a blast; let's make this one even more successful.

*St. Louis Hills
Neighborhood Association*

Saturday, April 15, 2017

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children of all ages can participate. There are designated areas broken down by age group where the kids can gather eggs filled with candy and prize coupons. Children in 4th to 8th grades will search an extended area to find four prize eggs with a \$25 prize in each.

The Easter Bunny's helpers will be on hand for photo opportunities with the little ones.

In addition, representatives from St. Louis Children's Hospital will be selling and fitting bicycle helmets. Adults and children may bring their own helmet to be fitted for free or purchase a new one for \$11.00 per helmet. The child must be present to purchase a helmet.

Bicycle helmet sale/fitting - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11:00 am

Francis Park

Near the playground area

This is a free event and there is no need to register.



Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Please join us this Wednesday, April 12th, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we prepare to enter into this holiest week of the year. We will "watch & pray" in anticipation of the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

COVENANT NETWORK

For inspiration during the Lenten season, listen to AM 1080 WRYT, Catholic radio. Hear the Holy Week Retreat with Fr. Pablo Straub, Lenten Reflections, and the Stations of the Cross. Plus, hear daily Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314.752.7000.

ST. LOUIS HILLS SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for the 2017 SLHNA Student Award for scholarship, leadership and service in school, church and community. Three one-time scholarships in the amount of \$600 will be awarded. The application deadline is Monday, April 24, and requires submission of a 3rd quarter/ 2nd trimester report card. For more information and an application, go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.



We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own community, too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit cricebowl.org for more information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Permanent Deacons, in conjunction with the Respect Life Office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults as part of an Archdiocesan service project. The Diaper Drive runs from April 1 & 2 through April 15 & 16. Last year we collected over 125,000 diapers for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. Diaper donations should be placed at the entrances to Church. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish. To learn more, visit stlouisreview.com/article/2017-02-16/deacons-diaper-drive.

