

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are currently celebrated privately by the priests of the parish due to the coronavirus. They offer Mass at the following times:
Monday-Saturday at 7:00am
Sunday at 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7:30-8:00am; 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday 7:30-8:00am; 3:45-4:20p

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The church is open for private prayer:
Monday-Saturday 8:00am-7:00pm
Sunday 9:00am-6:00pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Public celebration of these devotions is suspended.

ROSARY

Public praying of the Rosary is suspended.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

Easter

SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020



This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

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.”

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Monday and Tuesday 7:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am - 12:00pm

School Office Closed due to Coronavirus

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FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing in the resurrection that comes to us through our lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people! Whenever we donate to our St. Raphael Society, know that we are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and we give Easter hope and joy. God bless us all!



In light of the impact Coronavirus is having on our lives and in our communities, we are going to extend the Golf Cart Raffle through August 2020. We appreciate and understand that there is a lot we each need to focus on right

now, priority number one being our families' health. We hope that by extending the raffle, parishioners (and their friends, families, and co-workers) will still be able to support SRA School, via this fundraiser, in the coming months. If you bought a ticket already, thank you! You are still entered in the raffle.

We will announce the winner at the Watermelon Festival, Saturday, August 22. Tickets can still be purchased any time at www.golftcart.givesmart.com. Any questions? Contact developmentgroup@straphaelarchangel.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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

How This Easter is Like the First Easter

This Easter will be unlike any other that we can remember. We will not be gathering in church together to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. We will probably have smaller family gatherings or virtual ones. Easter Egg hunts that are usually so much fun for our kids will be smaller or canceled all together. Perhaps even the meal that we share on Easter will be simpler than we are used to on this joyous day.

In truth, this Easter will have many more parallels with the first Easter than any we have celebrated in a long time:

- The first Easter began in sorrow. Jesus was still dead, as far as His disciples knew. We may be in sorrow as we begin this day for what we are missing this year, or because a family member or friend is sick.
- The first Easter was uncertain. The disciples began the day not knowing what was next. Today we are a bit uncertain as to what the future holds and when life will return to normal.
- The first Easter was confused. Women saying Jesus had been raised and finding an empty tomb, and disciples running back in the night to say they met Jesus, all of this must have been confusing. We might also be a bit confused as to how much our world has changed in just a short time.
- The first Easter featured Jesus arisen, appearing to His disciples. This brought a joy to them they had never known. In our longing for Jesus this day, He desires to come to us in a new, amazing, and joyous way.
- The first Easter had stubborn, doubting Thomas. Where was He when Jesus arose from the dead and appeared to the apostles? He did not believe their reports, no matter how much they tried to convince him. Maybe someone I know or even I am struggling this Easter to believe in Jesus' Resurrection. Be like Thomas and confront your doubts so that you may believe!

This Easter is different, but is like the First Easter in many ways. May we celebrate it with the fervor a First Easter deserves!

Schedule for the Week (Accurate as of April 1, 2020)

Easter Sunday (April 12)
Holy Mass Streams at 8:00am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Streams at 3:00pm
Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions Stream at 4pm
SRA Live! Debuts at 7:00pm with an hour of "Stump the Priest"
Church open 9:00am-6:00pm

Easter Monday-Easter Saturday
Holy Mass Streams at 7:00am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Streams at 3:00pm

Easter Wednesday
Parish Holy Hour 7:30-8:30pm livestreamed on Youtube

Text-to-Give Now Here at SRA!

Our parish is now offering text-to-give. Simply text how much you would like to give to 314.325.1374 and follow the instructions. We hope this is an easy way to continue to support our parish during this challenging time.

Easter Greetings

On behalf of myself, Monsignor Stehly, Deacon Jerry, Mrs. Hayes, and our entire parish and school staff, we wish you and your families a truly blessed celebration of Easter this year. May your families really experience what this verse from *The Exsultet* proclaims:

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

- Fr. John #SRAstrong

The Archdiocese announced the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Drive is postponed because of the virus problem. The parish ACA committee will wait until the Diocese decides when to start.

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

- From <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/dms>

A great prayer to pray each day this week.

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.*

*The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.*

*Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.*

*Tell us, Mary: say
what thou didst see upon the way.*

*The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as He rose!*

*The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*Christ, my hope, has risen:
He goes before you into Galilee.*

*That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious King, Thy mercy show!
Amen. Alleluia.*



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

**UPDATED GUIDELINES ON
MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, April 6, we began celebrating the intention for the 7:00am Mass as we stream our Masses online. This will be for the weekday and Saturday Masses only; on Sunday we will celebrate a Mass for the People of the Parish.

All intentions for Saturday evening, Sunday morning, and the weekday 8:00am Masses will continue to be moved to later in the year. If you would like to assist the parish office in choosing a date for a Mass to be celebrated for you or for your loved one, please contact the parish office at 314.352.8100.



“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:2)

Do we put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, our priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God; you shall not have any strange gods before me.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

- Sunday, April 12**
8:00am People of the Parish
- Monday, April 13**
7:00am Don Deachan
- Tuesday, April 14**
7:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann
- Wednesday, April 15**
7:00am Georgia Nichalaison
- Thursday, April 16**
7:00am Frank Dillman
- Friday, April 17**
7:00am Marie Mudd
- Saturday, April 18**
7:00am Marian Deloge
- Sunday, April 19**
8:00am People of the Parish

March 29, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (39)	\$ 3,824.00	\$ 169,622.00
Loose Money	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,619.00
School Support	\$ 370.00	\$ 5,224.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,653.00
Holy Days	\$ 35.00	\$ 6,197.00
Online Giving (43)	\$ 1,988.00	\$ 90,371.00
ProLife	(\$ 40.00)	
Concern for the Poor	(\$ 65.00)	
Catholic Relief	(\$ 75.00)	
Lenten Project	(\$ 300.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 50.00)	
Holy Land	(\$ 60.00)	
 Grand Total	 \$ 6,857.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,267.00	\$ 336,286.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 369,000.00
Difference	(\$ 2,733.00)	(\$ 32,714.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

CALENDAR UPDATES	
Sunday, April 12	Canceled - Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday, April 14	Postponed - Confirmation
Thursday, April 16	Postponed - Ladies' Club Qtr. Auction
Saturday, April 18	Canceled - Progressive Dinner
Sunday, April 26	Postponed - First Holy Communion



For more information, please contact Miss Molly at indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org.

ST. LOUIS HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for the 2020 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 Friday, April 17, and requires submission of a 3rd quarter/ 2nd trimester report card.

The applicant must be an eighth-grade student, the daughter/son/legal dependent of a St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association member living within the boundaries of St. Louis Hills. The applicant's family must have a current history of membership in SLHNA including 2020. The scholarship award is for the freshman year of high school only; it is non-renewable. For more information and an application, please go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.

THE SAINTS TEACH US ABOUT EASTER

"Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth her song begin:
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen
Our joy that hath no end."
- *Saint John of Damascus*

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages." (St. John Chrysostom, [Easter Homily](#))

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: *Who will contend with me? Let him confront me.* I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ. Come, then, all you nations of men, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.
- St. Melito of Sardis

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

- *Pope St. John Paul II*

The Lord's triumph, on the day of the Resurrection, is final. Where are the soldiers the rulers posted there? Where are the seals that were fixed to the stone of the tomb? Where are those who condemned the Master? Where are those who crucified Jesus? He is victorious, and faced with his victory those poor wretches have all taken flight. Be filled with hope: Jesus Christ is always victorious. (St. Josemarie Escriva, *The Forge*, 660)

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble.* That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.— From an Ancient Easter Homily

"Those to whom Christ has given light as He has risen, to them He has appeared spiritually, He has been shown to their spiritual eyes. When this happens to us through the Spirit He raises us up from the dead and gives us life. He grants us to see Him, who is immortal and indestructible. More than that, He grants clearly to know Him who raises us up (Eph. 2:6) and glorifies us (Rom. 8:17) with Himself, as all the divine Scripture testifies. These, then, are the divine mysteries of Christians. This is the hidden power of our faith, which unbelievers, or those who believe with difficulty, or rather believe in part, do not see nor are able at all to see."
St. Symeon the New Theologian



SAFE ENVIRONMENT USER REGISTRATION

Go to <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Click "Register" below the LOG IN button (image at right).

Enter the passcode [stlprotect](#) when prompted.

Select the type of location where you are a volunteer or employee

- Parish or Parish School
- Non-Parish School or Program
- Archdiocesan Agency
- Non-Archdiocesan Organization

Select the specific location by name.

Click the roles associated with your employment/service at the parish, school, or agency.

If you are active at only one location, this will be your "primary" location.

If you are active at more than one location, click the ADD PARISH/LOCATION button and repeat the steps above. With more than one location, please click the "This is my main/primary location" circle to indicate where you are employed or, if you are a volunteer, where most of your ministry or service is performed.

Complete your personal information. Please enter your **legal first name** for the purposes of the background screening. *There are no credit checks and no soft hits to credit.*

Create a username, password and password clue.

Agree to the Terms of Use and click SUBMIT.

USERNAME CHOSEN: _____ PASSWORD CHOSEN: _____
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You will then be prompted to submit information for a background screening, register for a Protecting God's Children workshop*, view two online training modules, and agree to the Code of Ethical Conduct.

*If you have previously attended a PGC workshop, the system will find and/or ask you to confirm your previous record of attendance. You will not be prompted to register for an upcoming workshop. If, for some reason, it does not match your previous training to this account and you are prompted to register for a class, please register for "PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED-DATE NOT LISTED" and send an email to the address below. We will apply the correct training record to your account.

You may use the links in your approval checklist to access these requirements. These steps may be completed all at once or may be completed separately at your convenience. You will receive an automated email weekly to remind you which requirements are outstanding. When all compliance requirements have been completed, your account will be approved and you will be clear to work with minors and vulnerable adults.

- Register onto the site
- [Submit New Background Check](#)
- Complete "[Protecting God's Children](#)" training
- Complete "[Mandated Reporter](#)" training
- Complete "[Code of Conduct](#)" training
- Sign "[Code of Conduct](#)"

Should you need any assistance, please contact ocyp@archstl.org

As you are completing tasks during this time of social distancing, please take time to complete the new Safe Environment Program, "Prevent and Protect." This program is required for anyone who works with children or vulnerable adults in our parish or anywhere in the Archdiocese. You have until the summer to complete it, but why put it off? Take an hour and complete it today!



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: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

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