

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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, Thursday, and Saturday
7:30-8:00am
Saturday 3:30-4:20pm

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.

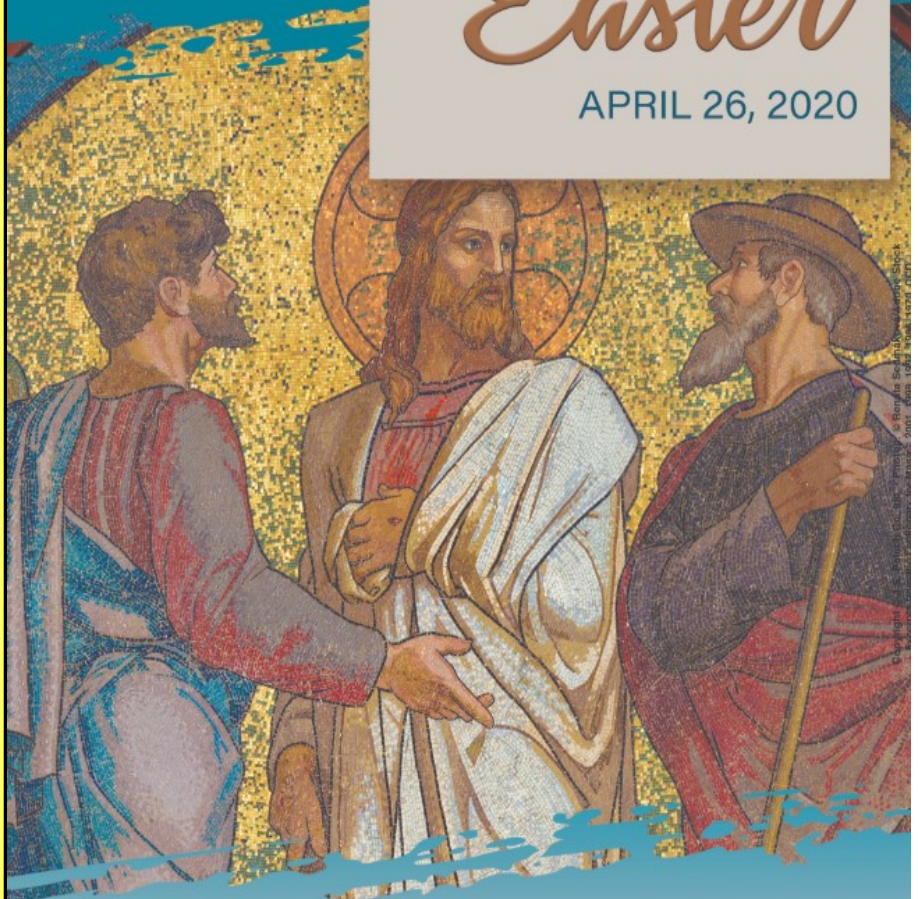
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Please contact the parish office.

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 26, 2020



Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

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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CLERGY & STAFF

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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

CONNECT WITH US!

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LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

Parish Council	Dan Meshoto	314.452.1017
School Board	Todd Berta	314.352.8420
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322
HSA President	Emily Young	314.323.9336

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.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbors is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. We may be wondering how our SVdP conference is "walking with Christ" during this pandemic? Home visits are suspended, so we interview by phone anyone who calls the parish office requesting assistance. With the neighbors in need, we assess their most pressing concerns and help however we can. Currently, the biggest needs are for food and rent assistance. Our donations are allowing us to meet these needs at this time. Thank you!

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

FROM POPE FRANCIS'S *REGINA CAELI* ADDRESS ON MAY 4, 2014

The Gospel from this Sunday, which is the Third Sunday of Easter, is that of the disciples of Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). They were two of Jesus' disciples who, after his death and the Sabbath, left Jerusalem and returned, sad and dejected, to their village named Emmaus. Along the way the Risen Jesus drew near to them, but they did not recognize him. Seeing them so sad, he first helped them to understand that the Passion and death of the Messiah were foreseen in the plan of God and announced in the Sacred Scriptures; and thus he rekindled a fire of hope in their hearts.

At that point, the two disciples experienced an extraordinary attraction to the mysterious man, and they invited him to stay with them that evening. Jesus accepted and went into the house with them. When, at table, he blessed the bread and broke it; they recognized him, but he vanished out of their sight, leaving them full of wonder. After being enlightened by the Word, they recognized the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, a new sign of his presence. And immediately they felt the need to go back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples about their experience, that they had met the living Jesus and recognized him in the act of the breaking of the bread.

The road to Emmaus thus becomes a symbol of our journey of faith; the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the indispensable elements for encountering the Lord. We too often go to Sunday Mass with our worries, difficulties and disappointments.... Life sometimes wounds us and we go away feeling sad, toward our "Emmaus," turning our backs on God's plan. We distance ourselves from God. But the Liturgy of the Word welcomes us; Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope, and in Communion he gives us strength. The Word of God, the Eucharist. Read a passage of the Gospel every day. Remember it well, and on Sundays go to Communion to receive Jesus. This is what happened to the disciples of Emmaus: they received the Word, they shared the breaking of bread, and from feeling sad and defeated they became joyful. Dear brothers and sisters, the Word of God and the Eucharist fill us with joy always. Remember it well! When you are sad, take up the Word of God. When you are down, take up the Word of God and go to Sunday Mass and receive Communion, to participate in the mystery of Jesus. The Word of God, the Eucharist: they fill us with joy.

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AFTER HOURS	M-F 5:30PM-8:30PM SAT 9:00AM-1:00PM
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314-849-0311

Dr. Brian Fissel, Parishioner

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Anyone can win – this is open beyond SRA Parish and School Families.
Proceeds benefit SRA School.



CALENDAR UPDATES

Sunday, April 26
Friday, May 8
Friday - Saturday,
May 8 and 9

Postponed - First Holy Communion
Last Day of School

Postponed - Parish Picnic

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF ST. ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT SRA!

1. You visit smile.Amazon.com.
2. You select St. Raphael the Archangel as the organization you will support.
3. You make your purchase as normal.
4. We receive a percentage of your purchase.
5. You feel good for helping us while making a purchase!



Mass INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 26

8:00am People of the Parish

Monday, April 27

7:00am Logan Warnecke

Tuesday, April 28

7:00am John Hogan

Wednesday, April 29

7:00am Mary Mahoney

Thursday, April 30

7:00am Katherine Odean

Friday, May 1

7:00am Mary Ellen Cross, SI

Saturday, May 2

7:00am George Gray

Sunday, May 3

8:00am People of the Parish

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to and helping each other. Let's take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

April 19, 2020

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (31)	\$ 2,582.00	\$ 182,410.00
Loose Money	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,619.00
School Support	\$ 55.00	\$ 5,314.00
Building Fund	\$ 585.00	\$ 8,548.00
Holy Days	\$ 1,672.00	\$ 10,324.00
Online Giving (51)	\$ 2,473.00	\$ 98,620.00
Lenten Project	(\$ 20.00)	
Catholic Home Missions	(\$ 55.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 285.00)	
Holy Land	(\$ 130.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 7,857.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,367.00	\$ 362,435.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 396,000.00)
Difference	(\$ 1,633.00)	(\$ 33,565.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

YOU ARE CALLED TO JOIN

Catholics everywhere are uniting May 16-24 to take the next steps in our groundbreaking journey toward better care of creation. This year is the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si'. In the five years since its publication, thousands of people in dioceses, parishes, religious communities, lay networks, schools, and healthcare centers have taken its teaching to heart. Catholic institutions and individuals have embraced Laudato Si' as a contemporary expression of ancient values. The encyclical teaches us how to answer the call to love one another in the midst of an ecological catastrophe. Laudato Si' has been welcomed as a document of deep and abiding beauty, and it has prompted people around the world to reflect more deeply on the Creator and creation. Its vision of integral ecology, which sees connections between how we treat God, nature, and each other, offers simple but profound truths about the conversation that is needed to overcome ecological sin.

[See the Holy Father's Invitation](#)

8 SCRIPTURE VERSES ABOUT EASTER

He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8)

And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (Mark 8:31)

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." (Mark 16:5-7)

And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that

he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

"[God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:4-5)

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:16-19)

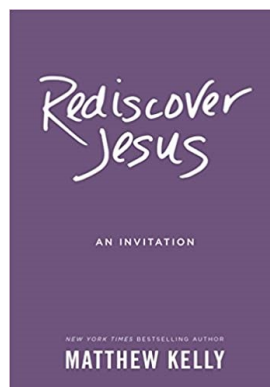
Use one or two of these this week for a prayer starter!

Scriptures from: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/about-easter>

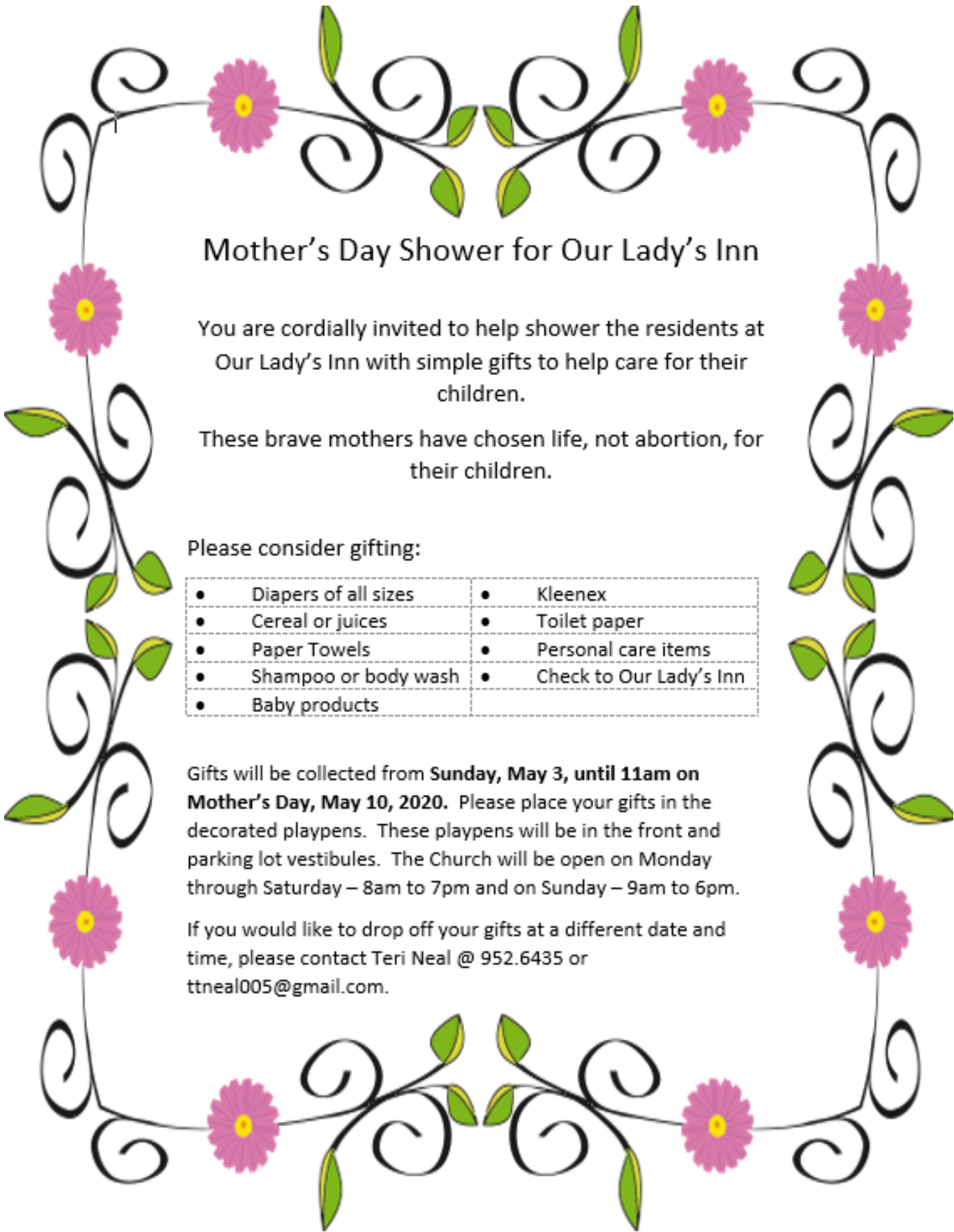
BAKED GOODS DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME

Bridge Bread is a non-profit organization that employs individuals struggling with homelessness and trains them as bakers. They sell their breads, rolls, bagels and sweets in the St. Louis area. Like all small businesses, they have had to be creative to stay afloat during these challenging financial times. They have gone to a delivery service. Deliveries are free for orders greater than \$20.00. Order online. P.S. The Cinnamon rolls are amazing.

[Delivery | Bridge Bread](#)



Pick up a copy of *Rediscover Jesus* from the doors of church sometime this Easter! It is divided into short chapters for you to read and slowly pray over. We hope it will help you to connect anew with the risen Lord this Easter season!



Mother's Day Shower for Our Lady's Inn

You are cordially invited to help shower the residents at Our Lady's Inn with simple gifts to help care for their children.

These brave mothers have chosen life, not abortion, for their children.

Please consider gifting:

• Diapers of all sizes	• Kleenex
• Cereal or juices	• Toilet paper
• Paper Towels	• Personal care items
• Shampoo or body wash	• Check to Our Lady's Inn
• Baby products	

Gifts will be collected from **Sunday, May 3, until 11am on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020**. Please place your gifts in the decorated playpens. These playpens will be in the front and parking lot vestibules. The Church will be open on Monday through Saturday – 8am to 7pm and on Sunday – 9am to 6pm.

If you would like to drop off your gifts at a different date and time, please contact Teri Neal @ 952.6435 or ttneal005@gmail.com.



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.

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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.

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_____ New Phone/Email/Address

_____ Please Contact Me

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