

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Easter Sunday  
April 4, 2021

## Reading I

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps. 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

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

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

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

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

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

## Reading II

**Col 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

## Gospel

**Jn 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm  
Friday 7:30am-12:00pm  
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<b>Parish Office</b>	314.352.8100
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS**

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday through Friday at 7:00am

Monday through Thursday at 8:00am (school only)

**CONFESIONS**

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by appointment.

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION**

The church is open for private prayer:

Monday-Friday 8:00am - 2:30pm.

Saturday 8:00am - 4:30pm,

Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am.

**PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

**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.

**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.

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

*Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!"—“He is truly risen!”*

*Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out, “Christ, my hope, has arisen!” (Easter Sequence)*

*This is a different “contagion,” a message transmitted from heart to heart—for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope; “Christ, my hope, is risen!” This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not “by-pass” suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good; this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.*

*The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds, wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity.*

- From Pope Francis's *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing, Easter 2020

### Confirmation

I ask that you keep our 7th graders in prayer this week as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Rozanski on Tuesday. May the Holy Spirit truly visit their hearts with the gifts and fruits He wants to bestow upon them in abundance.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

This week, we will continue praying the Novena for Divine Mercy.

Today on Easter Sunday, we invite you to pray this day of the novena in private. From Monday to Saturday after the 7:00am Mass each day, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the prayer intentions for the day.

These days of preparation will culminate in the Great Feast of Mercy next Sunday. I invite you to join us at one of our Masses that day at 8:00am, 10:00am, or a special outdoor Mass at 5:00pm, weather permitting. Also, weather permitting, we will have drive-through confessions on the parking lot from 3:30-4:30pm.

Jesus came to suffer and die for us on the cross. Today, Easter Sunday, is proof of this great victory. Join us to receive the fruits of this victory next Sunday, for the feast of Divine Mercy.

### School Enrollment

A reminder that open enrollment for the 2021-2022 academic year is ongoing. If you are interested in touring our pre-school or our grade school, please call the school office at 314.352.9474.

*On behalf of Msgr. Stehly, Deacon Jerry, and our entire parish and school staff, we pray that the power of the Resurrection will continue to bear fruit in the life of your family today and always.*

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

*Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph*

*Memorare to St. Joseph*

*Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted.*

*Full of confidence in your power, I fly unto you and beg your protection.*

*Despise not, O Guardian of the Redeemer, my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me.*

*Amen.*



## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS



We extend a very special welcome to our friends and visitors who have come to pray with us during the Easter Holy Days. Whether you are just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, we are happy to have you here. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to all and hope that you find a warm, welcoming community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the parish office, 314.352.8100, for more information.

## DAILY READINGS

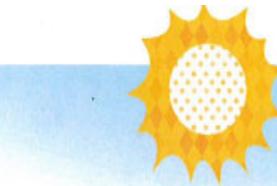
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

### FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today, as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice, which brings new life to others. As we place our donations in the Society's envelope, we know that we are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and we give them Easter hope and joy. Thank you and God bless you.

### WEDDING BANNS II

There is a promise of marriage between Laura King and Nicholas Janson to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, April 17, 2021.



### Come join us for SRA summer camp

Have fun playing with our experienced staff.  
Join us for swim days, field trips, science and many more activities !

June 7th—July 23rd  
Visit the SRA web site or  
Contact Molly Indelicato  
[indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org)



### WEDDING BANNS I

There is a promise of marriage between Taylor Zinser and Kyle Bialczak to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, April 24, 2021.



# Mass INTENTIONS

## Sunday, April 4 - Easter

8:00am Agnes Cross  
10:00 People of the Parish

## Monday, April 5

7:00am Hutton Family

## Tuesday, April 6

7:00am Harry and Anita Toczyłowski  
8:00am Sam and Dorothy Lawson

## Wednesday, April 7

7:00am Tony Tepe  
8:00am David Gudermuth

## Thursday, April 8

7:00am Laura Majac  
7:00pm Edmond Knowles

## Friday, April 9

7:00am Chris Cross, SI  
8:00am Ronald Stillman

## Saturday, April 10

7:00am Mamie O. Orth  
8:00pm Hager Family, SI

## Sunday, April 11

8:00am Jack and Jane Follen  
10:00am People of the Parish

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose, and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen to how God is calling each of us to use our gifts joyfully to fulfill His plan of salvation.

## 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.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for Sunday, March 28, 2021, was not available when the bulletin went to print.

### March 21, 2021

(Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
<b>Regular Env. (27)</b>	\$ 1,868.00	\$ 163,235.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 596.00	\$ 40,198.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 30.00	\$ 5,954.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 65.00	\$ 8,7285.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,399.00
<b>Online Giving (53)</b>	\$ 2,888.00	\$ 102,606.00
<b>Catholic Relief</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$ 50.00	
<b>ProLife</b>	(\$ 25.00)	
<b>Lenten Project</b>	(\$ 460.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 3,402.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 2,897.00	\$ 332,720.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 342,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	(\$ 6,103.00)	(\$ 9,280.00)
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

## 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.

# 2021 Lenten Project

Thank you to all of the volunteers who so generously gave of their time to work on the grounds at Father Dickson Cemetery on March 15! Thank you, too, to all who have donated so generously to our Lenten Project as well. We look forward to future times at Father Dickson Cemetery to complete our Lenten Project.



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## THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO SRA!!!

The SRA Parish and Home and School Association have partnered to welcome the Easter Bunny in a socially-distant manner. We won't be hunting for eggs this year, so come snap a pic with the Easter Bunny and receive a goodie bag after 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday.

**When: Sunday 4/4, 11:15am-11:55am**

**Where: Portico at the Jamieson/Highfield corner of church**

\*Please maintain an appropriate distance between families in line while waiting to take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Masks are required to be worn while in line and when taking pictures. Goodie bag contents are allergy friendly.\*

### 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."*



# The Baked Bear Comes to SRA!

Wednesday, April 7

5-6:30pm Pick up on the school parking lot



- Cost: \$25/kit (\$5 goes to SRA to help purchase new playground & recess equipment)
- Each kit contains 2 pints of ice cream (you pick the flavors) + dozen delicious cookies perfect for ice cream sandwiches
- Orders must be placed ahead of time and paid for via Venmo or PayPal - more details to come!
- Questions? Email Meredith Winters at [meredith.a.winters@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.a.winters@gmail.com)

**Kit includes:**

- 3 gooey butter cookies
- 3 chocolate chip cookies
- 3 funfetti cookies
- 3 cookies 'n cream cookies

<https://www.thebakedbear.com/st-louis/>

**Choose 2 ice cream flavors:**

- Vanilla
- Blue Bear Batter
- Chocolate Chip
- Cookie Dough
- Cookies & Cream
- Salted Caramel Fudge
- Dark Chocolate



## 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  
 New Phone/E-mail/Address

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