

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am - 4:00pm  
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Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information was not available when the bulletin went to print.



**FIFTY PLUS CLUB**

Due to current events, the Fifty Plus Club meeting for April is canceled. Please watch the bulletin for information regarding the May meeting.



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](http://www.golftcart.givesmart.com). Any questions? Contact [developmentgroup@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:developmentgroup@straphaelarchangel.org).

**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

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

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

### *Palm Sunday*

Today at the 8:00am Mass, Monsignor Stehly and I will bless the palm branches for our parish for this year. We will have these at the doors of the church through Wednesday evening for anyone who would like to pick them up for their use at home.

The crowds on this Sunday, as Jesus processed into Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, did not pick up palm branches just because they were lying around. They picked them up for a reason.

First, palm branches are raised at a victory parade. We are greeting Jesus, our King, who will reign triumphant on the cross.

They also speak about us. Palms are carried typically by martyrs. The word martyr means witness. As we lift our palm branches this year, we are called to be witnesses for Christ.

How is Jesus calling us to be witnesses as we socially isolate?

One way is through joy. This is Holy Week, the week that is at the center of our faith! Jesus is accomplishing the great work of our redemption. Let us allow this thought to raise our spirits this week.

Another way is through mercy. As Jesus carries His cross and dies, can I see Jesus suffering and dying for me? Can I allow Jesus to die for my sins? As Jesus dies for me, can I die to anger or hatred or a grudge I have been holding for a time, maybe one that no one else knows about?

A final way is through hope. This Holy Week will be a challenge since we can not experience it as we normally do and would like to. But the cross stands as a reminder that Jesus is with us and will never leave us. He went to the cross to bring us the glory of Easter! In the cross we carry this week, can we see that God will fulfill His promises to us?

### *Holy Week Schedule*

Our Holy Week schedule is posted on the doors of the church as well as in the packets at the doors of the church. We invite you to participate as fully as you can in this Holy Week and make it memorable, impactful, and truly Holy!

I will see you online!

- Fr. John #SRAstrong

### UPDATED GUIDELINES ON MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning tomorrow, Monday, April 6, we will begin 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.



#### **Sunday, April 5**

8:00am People of the Parish

#### **Monday, April 6**

7:00am Joe Cross

#### **Tuesday, April 7**

7:00am Tony Tepe

#### **Wednesday, April 8**

7:00am Chris Cross

#### **Thursday, April 9**

7:00pm Logan Warnecke

#### **Friday, April 10**

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### **Saturday, April 11**

8:00pm Frank Daus

#### **Sunday, April 12**

8:00am People of the Parish

## CALENDAR UPDATES

Saturday, April 11	Canceled - Chalk the Walk
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

### 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.

*"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27:32)*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events; they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry groceries or holding the door open. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.



**PALM SUNDAY**  
— HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST —

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

### ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!

SRA is continuing to look for all alumni. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf at [alums@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:alums@straphaelarchangel.org) or you can call the parish office at 314.352.8100.



For more information, please contact Miss Molly at [indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter/ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.