

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

Reading I

Gen. 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading II

Rom. 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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)

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on Tuesday,
Thursday, and Saturday
Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm
Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Two Liturgical Changes

With the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, the Church instituted a change to the opening prayer at Mass. The change is so slight that you may not have heard it yet (or Monsignor or I, out of habit, have not perfectly implemented it yet).

For decades, at the end of the opening prayer, the phrase has been "...one God forever and ever." With the start of Lent moving forward, the one is being dropped, making the end of the prayer just, "...God, forever and ever."

The Church, especially with the revision of the Roman Missal a few years ago, has been trying to bring the English as close to the original Latin as possible. In this endeavor, the point was recently raised in Rome that the original Latin does not have one written in it anywhere at the end of the opening prayer for Mass, but one is said in English. It was decided

that the one in English is incorrect and that it should be dropped. That is the reason for this change.

Another change that we will make beginning this weekend at Masses is reinstating the Sign of Peace.

A few weeks before the lockdown last year, the Archdiocese asked all parishes to exercise the option to omit the Sign of Peace due to the obvious risk of spreading germs. With the Churches reopened, and socially distanced seating instituted, the point has been raised that reinstating the Sign of Peace is possible. The Archdiocese, in consultation with local health officials, agreed with this and has allowed pastors to readopt of the Sign of Peace.

Locally, we have held off on this until I was able to consult with the Coronavirus Task Force, which is made up of medical professionals from our parish community. (Continued on the next page.)

SCHEDULE FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, February 28

- Masses at 8:00 and 10:00am
- Lent Evening Prayer at 5:30pm followed by talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Q&A.

Monday, March 1

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Mass at 8:00am in school for students only

Tuesday, March 2

- Confessions 6:45am-6:55am
- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Mass at 8:00am in school for students only
- Confessions 6:15pm-6:45pm
- Mass at 7:00pm in Church (27.5 minute guarantee!)

Wednesday, March 3

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Mass at 8:00am in school for students only
- Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00-9:00pm in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Thursday, March 4

- Confessions 6:45am-6:55am
- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Mass at 8:00am in school for students only
- Bible Study on Philippians at 7:00pm in the Parish Office

Friday, March 5

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Eucharistic Adoration 7:30am-2:00pm in Church
- Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm

Saturday, March 6

- Confessions 6:45am-6:55am
- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Confessions 3:45pm-4:20pm
- Mass at 4:30pm

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."

Fr. John's Digital Quill (Continued)

They agreed with this assessment and encouraged that we reinstitute the Sign of Peace.

Beginning with the 4:30pm Mass this Sunday, we will begin offering the opportunity to exchange the Sign of Peace at parish Masses only. School Masses will continue to omit the Sign of Peace due to the seating arrangement in the cafeteria.

With the socially distanced seating, we ask that you keep the Sign of Peace to just a wave or a peace sign. Families who live in the same household and are sitting together may exchange the Sign of Peace by a gesture such as a handshake, if they are comfortable doing so.

We continue to carefully monitor the situation with the Coronavirus and continue to do our best to comply with all guidelines from the health department and from the Archdiocese to keep our church a safe place to worship.

Holy Water

As we journey through this Lenten Season, some people may desire to use the sacrament of Holy Water. This reminder of our Baptism is a beautiful sign throughout the year, but especially now during Lent.

Our supply of Holy Water remains available for home use. It is located in the Highfield lobby of church. There is a little door in the wall with the sign "Holy Water." Please feel free to take as much Holy Water as you need for your private use anytime the church is open.

50 and Beyond Committee Update

Recently I met with our 50 and Beyond Campaign Committee to update the members on the status of our campaign and to begin to chart a course to complete the remaining projects.

We have already contracted to have the church roof replaced this spring. We do have the funds on hand to pay for this replacement and to begin to look at contracting for other projects.

To best discern where to go next in our campaign, we will have a number of contracts to look at for the remaining projects to give us up-to-date bids. The committee will then meet again to consult with me as to the best order of project completion.

We thank you for your patience as we have been building back our funds from the restoration of the pews. We look forward to delivering on these projects to provide a beautiful space for our community to gather for worship for years to come.

Lent this Week

We invite you to join us this Sunday at 5:30pm either live in church or via YouTube for our second week of Lenten Evening Prayer and reflection. This Sunday, we will focus on how to make a good Examination of Conscience before going to confession. Please remember to call the parish office or send your questions about the Sacrament of Reconciliation or anything else faith-related to frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org.

Two other changes to our ordinary Lenten calendar this week:

The first is that Eucharistic Adoration this week will go from 3:00-9:00pm. A Signup Genius is available to sign up for a time to adore the Lord or you can call the parish office to sign up for a time at 314.352.8100.

Second, our time for the Stations of the Cross is shifted this week due to Eucharistic Adoration. Instead of praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross at noon, we will do this at 2:00pm. The prayers will be available live or on demand on our YouTube channel.

Early Registration Coupon

The deadline to receive \$100 off your registration fee for school is tomorrow! Please register at sraschool.org today or tomorrow. If you need additional time, please contact the school office.

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

Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

Prayer to St. Joseph for Perseverance

Dear St. Joseph, foster father of our divine Redeemer and spouse of our holy Mother Mary, you lived with them and toiled for them through all the years of the hidden life and you died in their arms. By the love you bear to them and the love they bear to you, pray for us always and guard us. Obtain for us, O patron of a happy death, the grace to live and die in God's love and favor that we may spend our eternity with Jesus and Mary and with you, O dear St. Joseph.

**FEBRUARY YOUTH CLUB
RAFFLE WINNERS**

1st Place \$100	Diane Bentz
2nd Place \$50	Kathy Deachan
3rd Place \$50	Joseph Wright



Sunday, February 28

8:00am Joan Hulford
10:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 1

7:00am Ralph Raskas
8:00am Tom Carril, SI

Tuesday, March 2

7:00am Patricia Corson
8:00am Franco Gaspero, SI

Wednesday, March 3

7:00am Hutton Family
8:00am Jean Carlson

Thursday, March 4

7:00am Ann Varrone
8:00am Doreen Schutte

Friday, March 5

7:00am Cecilia Ternak

Saturday, March 6

7:00am Pat Goeddel
4:30pm Jack and Jane Follen

Sunday, March 7

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker
10:00am People of the Parish

“Here I am!” he answered.” Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy; most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

February 21, 2021

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (50)	\$ 3,008.00	\$ 146,502.00
Loose Money	\$ 107.00	\$ 37,520.00
School Support	\$ 180.00	\$ 5,329.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,730.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,399.00
Online Giving (62)	\$ 3,383.00	\$ 91,439.00
Black & Indian Missions	(\$ 201.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 23.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 6,932.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 6,708.00	\$ 301,639.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 306,000.00
Difference	(\$ 2,292.00)	(\$ 4,361.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

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.

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.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-2; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. There will be a Hospitality Mass to welcome our new members this Sunday at 10:00am. We hope you know that we are there for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join and meet other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities in our parish. Please join us at Mass either online or in person. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more importantly to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call the parish office or ring the office doorbell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. How will you answer? Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

Thomas Mudd and Katherine King
Connor Kaiser and Lizabeth Kaiser
Erica McCarthy and Sean McCarthy
Kathleen Kinast and Christopher Kinast
Benjamin Gormley and Carolyn Gormley
Jennifer Lowery and Michael Lowery
Jen Bahr and Mike Bahr
Jeff Cameron and Bailey Cameron
Daniel Rice and Meghan Rice
Brendan Roberts and Melissa Roberts
Jerry Follen and Sandra Follen
Bernard Powderly and Julie Powderly

Matthew 25 In The Age of COVID: I was hungry, a stranger, ill or in prison... Sacred Heart Valley Park - Lenten Speaker Series 2021 (Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00pm, via Zoom)

March 2 – “Housing Insecurity and Homelessness In Our Midst: An Emerging Crisis” - St. Patrick Center CEO Anthony D’Agostino is the keynote speaker in a discussion around the critical and emerging issue of housing insecurity in our area. The economic impact of the pandemic is threatening many families’ finances for the first time and driving those who had already been struggling deeper into despair. What is the need, and what is our faith-driven response?



March 9 – “The Beatitudes for Climate Change” Benjamin de Foy, PhD, Banpu Chair in Sustainability and Professor of Atmospheric Science, Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Saint Louis University, will challenge us to ask, “What if we turned to the Beatitudes to help us think about climate change?” We all use different frames to understand issues. Sometimes this leads to creative problem solving. From the basic science to current scientific debates, and from personal choices to community action, the Beatitudes can help us better understand what is at stake and move forward productively and joyfully!

To register, please go to <https://sacredheartvp.org/> and click on the “Lenten Speaker Series” banner ad.


School News

From Mrs. Liz: Pre-School B/Prekindergarten
We've been busy in Preschool B. We learned about the letter O this week and made letter projects turning our O into an octopus. We're focusing on letter sounds and practicing our zoo phonics song each day, saying an animal's name and the sounds for each letter. We are little mathematicians and are practicing our number skills using a number line and estimation each day. We have new center rotations happening each week and our current favorite center is the writing desk. The children love writing their friends letters and delivering them to their cubbies.

Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks
Second grade has had a busy beginning to the New Year. In math, we are working with money and are excited to apply our money knowledge to our classroom store. In science, we are studying the kingdoms of living organisms and learning so much about the world around us. Second graders are eagerly awaiting the beginning of our Sacramental preparation for First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as we continue into our third quarter.

From Mrs. Dana Lahm: Science/STREAM (4-8)
Fourth grade has been studying how the processes of weathering, erosion, and deposition are constantly changing Earth's landforms.
Fifth grade has been learning how to use physical properties in order to classify the different states of matter. Additionally, students are studying how phase change provides evidence of atomic theory.
Sixth, 7th, and 8th grade have been studying cell theory, cell structure and function, and the biological levels of organization in living organisms

By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, March 5, and should be turned in to the school office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the parish office on Friday, March 12, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.



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



FISH FRIES

St. Matthias
Fridays, through March 26
4:00 - 7:00pm
To Go Orders Only
796 Buckley Road
314.544.2162 or
saintmatthiasfishfry@gmail.com

Epiphany of Our Lord
Fridays, through March 26
Online Orders
4:30 - 7:00pm
6596 Smiley Avenue
314.781.1199

St. James the Greater
Fridays, through March 26
Curbside Pickup
4:30 - 7:00pm
1360 Tamm Avenue
314.645.0167

St. Joan of Arc
Fridays, through March 26
Carryout
4:00 - 7:00pm
5821 Pernod Avenue
314.832.2838

CHICKEN DINNER

St. John's Gildehaus Villa Ridge
Sunday, March 14
10:30am - 6:00pm
Drive Through Service Only
Hwy. V at Hwy. 100 & St. John's Rd.
636.583.2488

THINK SPRING PLANT SALE!



Mark your calendars; Ascension Lutheran Church plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 24. Annuals, perennials, and yard art will be for sale. Items will be pre-ordered and prepaid and pickup will be contactless. More details, order form, and list of sale items will be available after March 1, on Ascension's web site: ascensionstl.com. If you have questions, please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer at gbomber@swbell.net or 314.378.2977.

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN



RESPECT LIFE
APOSTOLATE

The **LifeLine Coalition** is a group of Catholic social service agencies and ProLife caregivers who are committed to assisting women and their families in crisis pregnancies. The **LifeLine Coalition Campaign** is an annual drive to provide practical assistance that includes medical expenses, food, clothing, housing, counseling, adoption services, and spiritual guidance. **All proceeds** from this campaign go directly to women in need. The SRA campaign will extend from March 7 to March 21. Look for your envelope in the March packet of envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!
The SRA ProLife Committee



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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