

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
March 14, 2021-Readings for 4:30pm and 8:00am Masses ONLY
10:00am Mass-Please see separate handout for readings

Reading I

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading II

Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved — raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

Gospel

Jn. 3:14-21

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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.

Gospel (Continued)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.



SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, March 14

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

Monday, March 15

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- No 8:00am Mass all week due to Spring Break

Tuesday, March 16

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

Wednesday, March 17

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00pm-9:00pm in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Thursday, March 18

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

Friday, March 19

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm

Saturday, March 20

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

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.”

We are pleased to announce to you this week the schedule for Holy Week, 2021, and the Easter Octave.

All of the Masses and services will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel except for the following:

- 7:00pm Mass on March 30
- Eucharistic Adoration on March 31
- Eucharistic Adoration on April 1
- 10:00pm Night Prayer on April 1
- “Were You There” on April 2, at 7:00pm
- Noon Mass on Easter Sunday from the parking lot
- 5:00pm Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday from the parking lot

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us live or via YouTube for one or more of these special Masses and services!

Sincerely,

Fr. John, Msgr. Stehly, and Deacon Jerry

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OCTAVE SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 28

- Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am
- Evening Prayer at 5:30pm followed by a reflection on Divine Mercy

Monday of Holy Week, March 29

- Masses at 7:00am and 8:00am

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30

- Confessions from 6:45-6:55am
- Masses at 7:00am and 8:00am
- Confessions from 6:15-6:45pm
- Mass at 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 31

- Masses at 7:00am and 8:00am
- Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00-9:00pm

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

- Confessions 6:45-6:55am
- Morning Prayer at 7:00am
- Chrism Mass streamed from the Cathedral Basilica at 10:00am
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm
- Church Open After Mass for Private Adoration-10:00pm.
- 10:00pm Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 2

- Morning Prayer at 7:00am
- No First Friday Adoration due to Good Friday
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Praying of the Traditional Stations of the Cross at noon
- Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 3:00pm
- “Were You There” Live in Church Only 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

- Confessions at 6:45am until all are heard
- Morning Prayer at 7:00am, followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- “Last Call” Confessions 11:00-1:00pm
- NO CONFESSIONS 3:45-4:20pm
- NO 4:30pm Mass
- Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

- Holy Mass in Church 8:00am and 10:00am
- Holy Mass on the parking lot at noon
- (Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena Prayed Privately)

Easter Week

- Regular Weekly Mass Schedule
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily after 7:00am Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

- Holy Mass at 8:00am and 10:00am in Church
- Drive-Thru Confessions 3:30-4:30pm
- Holy Mass at 5:00pm on the parking lot



Sunday, March 14

8:00am Fr. Charles Burgoon
10:00 Marcia Matreci

Monday, March 15

7:00am Daniel Liddy

Tuesday, March 16

7:00am Ella Goepfner
7:00pm Salvatore DiCarlo

Wednesday, March 17

7:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

Thursday, March 18

7:00am Hodes Family, SI

Friday, March 19

7:00am Thomas R. Nash

Saturday, March 20

7:00am Neil Svetanics
4:30pm Ann Varrone

Sunday, March 21

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Carolyn Otz

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

March 7, 2021

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (57)	\$ 5,154.00	\$ 156,344.00
Loose Money	\$ 657.00	\$ 39,295.00
School Support	\$ 130.00	\$ 5,674.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 7,375.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,399.00
Online Giving (61)	\$ 3,536.00	\$ 97,163.00
Black & Indian Missions	(\$ 5.00)	
Catholic Relief	(\$ 54.00)	
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00	
Lenten Project	(\$ 190.00)	
ProLife	(\$ 260.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 20.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 10,126.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,597.00	\$ 320,060.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 324,000.00
Difference	\$ 597.00	(\$ 3,940.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and, in gratitude, generously give back by increasing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasures to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves men." When you help the poor, you are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. When you donate to the Society, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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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
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LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN



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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 **Life-Line 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 until March 21. Look for your envelope in the March packet of envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!
The SRA ProLife Committee



***FISH FRY @ SRA!
FRIDAY, MARCH 26
4:00 - 7:00pm
DRIVE-THRU ONLY***

***Adults \$10
2 Pc. Cod or 6 Shrimp
2 Sides & Dessert***

***Kids \$6
1 Pc. Cod or 3 Shrimp
1 Side & Dessert***

***Cheese Pizza \$5
1 Side & Dessert***

***Sides:
Fries
Green Beans
Slaw
Mac & Cheese***

***Cash and cards accepted.
Conducted with the approval of the Archdiocese and in
compliance with local health guidelines.***

THINK SPRING PLANT SALE!



Ascension Lutheran Church plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The list of annuals and order form are now available on the web site: ascensionstl.com/plants. Additional annuals, perennials, house plants, and yard art will be available for sale on Word of Life Lutheran School's playground, located at 6535 Eichelberger. If you have questions, please contact Karen Hilkerbaumer at gbomb-er@swbell.net or 314.378.2977.

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for March through May are now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

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

Lenten Project Update

Thank you for your generosity toward our Lenten Project. As of the end of February, we were halfway to our goal of \$3,000 for the cemetery.

Also, our first work day is coming up on March 20! We will have signups for this work day through Signup Genius. The link has been sent out and will be sent out again or you can call the parish office.

You can volunteer for as much or as little time as you would like. We have broken up the day into three hour segments, but you can come for more or less.

We do ask that you bring basic gardening tools (rakes, gloves, perhaps a few hedge trimmers or weed eaters). Also, please bring sunscreen and a water bottle.

We ask that volunteers park inside the cemetery and not along Sappington Rd. Bathroom facilities will also be available.

This is a family-friendly event, so please bring the whole family to help!

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

Spring Break

This week, our students and teachers will enjoy a much-deserved Spring Break. Please keep them in your prayers for a refreshing and safe time away from the classroom.

As a reminder, due to Spring Break, there will be no 8:00am Mass this week.

8:00am Mass

Beginning with the end of Spring Break on March 22, we will resume the 8:00am Mass in Church. Two grades will come to church each day and will sit socially distanced from one another in the main section and cry room sections of the church.

Members of the parish are welcome to attend these Masses as well. We ask, however, that you only sit on the choir side of the church to minimize contact with our students.

We will also extend the 8:00am Mass to Fridays through the rest of the school year. We are doing this in part to give our students more exposure to attending Mass in person again. Additionally, we are not yet comfortable resuming our Friday prayer services as a school community, and want to continue having community prayer at the beginning of each school day.

Penance Service

Our parish penance service is fast approaching! Please mark your calendars to visit church on Saturday, March 27, from 2:00-4:20pm to receive the Sacrament of God's Mercy. This is a great way to complete the Lenten journey and be more fully prepared to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on Easter.

Easter Sunday Mass

Thank you to the numerous families who responded to the survey on an outdoor Mass on Easter. We had a great response and I appreciate the input.

We will have, weather permitting, an Easter Sunday outdoor Mass on Easter Sunday, April 4, at noon. This was the overwhelming time choice for this Mass. This Mass will work a bit differently from the others last year. We will have a seating area in the first section of parking spots for families who would like to bring lawn chairs. Behind them and in the other parking areas we will allow cars to park. Please note that anyone choosing to sit outside a vehicle must wear a mask.

Church Roof Update

We have confirmed that work on the church complex roof will begin right after Easter. This will be a multi-week project for Lakeside Roofing. We thank you for your patience and support as this needed work is completed.

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

*Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph
First Joy: The message of the Angel. (Matt. 1:20)*

But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit."

O chaste Spouse of Mary, most holy, glorious St. Joseph, great was the trouble and anguish of your heart when you were minded to put away privately your inviolate Spouse, yet your joy was unspeakable when the surpassing mystery of the Incarnation was made known to you by the Angel!

Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory be . . .



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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