

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021-Readings for 4:30pm and 10:00am Masses ONLY

8:00am Mass-Please see separate handout for readings

## Reading I

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

**R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

## Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## Gospel

Jn. 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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

**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm  
Friday 7:30am-12:00pm  
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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.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, March 21

- 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 22

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Mass at 8:00am in church

Tuesday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 24

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Mass at 8:00am in church
- Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00pm-7:00pm in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

- South City Men's Recollection 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, March 25

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

Friday, March 26

- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Mass at 8:00am in church
- Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm
- Fish Fry 4:00-7:00pm

Saturday, March 27

- Confessions 6:45am-6:55am
- Mass at 7:00am in church
- Confessions 2:00pm-4:20pm
- Mass at 4:30pm in church

## 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

*Spy 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

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

### *Who is Pope Francis?*

The religious world was caught off-guard somewhat this week by the declaration from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. This declaration stated that the Church does not have the power to bless same-sex unions. Before publishing this declaration, Pope Francis himself reviewed and approved its publication.

But should we have been so surprised by such a statement?

Pope Francis does push the Church to take a new look at topics that many, formed in schools and seminaries under Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, believed were settled. He encourages new ways of discussing these issues and pastorally engaging with a world in need of the Gospel message. At times, as he encourages this dialogue and research, the Pope himself makes statements that seem ambiguous and unclear as to where he personally stands on the key issues of our day.

At the end of the day though, he is the Pope. Jesus assures us in St. Matthew's Gospel that not even the power of Hell will prevail over the Chair of St. Peter (cf. Mt. 16:18). Despite the volumes of ink spilled on Pope Francis since his election, there has not been one major change in doctrine or belief that is incongruous with previous teaching. There are new approaches to topics, but no change in doctrine.

The unique power of the Church is her stability in teaching despite the changes in the world. Time and again, observers have believed that this event or person would fundamentally change the Church. Two thousand years later, the Church fundamentally remains the same. Pope Francis continues in that vein of traditional teaching that is sure and certain in a quickly changing world.

### *8:00am Mass*

Beginning tomorrow, Monday, 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. The 8:00am Mass will be celebrated the rest of the school year Monday-Friday.

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.

### *Penance Service*

Our parish penance service is next week! Please mark your calendars to visit church on Satur-

day, 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*

We will have, weather permitting, an Easter Sunday outdoor Mass on April 4, at noon. This was the overwhelming choice of time 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 their own chairs. Behind them and in the other parking areas, we will allow cars to park. Please note that anyone choosing to sit outside their vehicle must wear a mask. I will come to each person or vehicle and bring Holy Communion.

At the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses on Easter morning, we will not take reservations, but we will keep an eye on the crowd size. With current social distancing guidelines, we can have no more than 350 people in Church. If we come near that cap, we may need to ask latecomers to consider attending another Mass that day. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep our Church community safe this Easter.

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

### *Weekly Devotion in Honor of St. Joseph Second Joy: The birth of the Savior. (Luke 2:10-11)*

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all people; for today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord."

O most blessed Patriarch, glorious St. Joseph, who was chosen to be the foster father of the Word made flesh, your sorrow at seeing the Child Jesus born in such poverty was suddenly changed into heavenly exultation when you did hear the angelic hymn and beheld the glories of that resplendent night. By this sorrow and this joy, we implore you to obtain for us the grace to pass over from life's pathway to hear the angelic songs of praise, and to rejoice in the shining splendor of celestial glory.

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



**Sunday, March 21**

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

**Monday, March 22**

7:00am Kimling Family  
8:00am Marjorie Clines

**Tuesday, March 23**

7:00am Roger Santen  
8:00am William McHugh  
7:00pm Kenneth Klemm

**Wednesday, March 24**

7:00am Sam and Dorothy Lawson  
8:00am Jerry Tanner

**Thursday, March 25**

7:00am Bonnie Cuneo  
8:00am Rosie Bergh

**Friday, March 26**

7:00am P. Wayne Goode  
8:00am Mary Curran

**Saturday, March 27**

7:00am Leona Hand  
4:30pm Loraine T. O'Hearn

**Sunday, March 28**

8:00am Joseph Losos  
10:00am People of the Parish

**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**

<b>March 14, 2021</b> (Envelopes Used)	<b>This Week</b>	<b>FY to Date</b>
<b>Regular Env. (41)</b>	\$ 5,023.00	\$ 161,367.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 307.00	\$ 39,602.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,924.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,288.00	\$ 8,663.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,399.00
<b>Online Giving (55)</b>	\$ 2,555.00	\$ 99,718.00
<b>Catholic Relief</b>	(\$ 220.00)	
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 27.00)	
<b>Black &amp; Indian Missions</b>	(\$ 50.00)	
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	(\$ 360.00)	
<b>ProLife</b>	(\$ 355.00)	
<b>Eastern Europe Missions</b>	(\$ 50.00)	
<b>Lenten Project</b>	(\$ 200.00)	
<b>Bishop's Overseas Aid</b>	(\$ 30.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 10,715.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 9,763.00	\$ 329,823.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 333,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 763.00	(\$ 3,177.00)
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we belong to God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our families, our neighbors, and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

**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 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

## FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me.” When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, Servant of the Poor.

When we donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we know that we are a signs of God’s love to those who are suffering, and we give them Easter hope and joy.

## MARCH YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	George Fischer
2nd Place \$50	Richard Stanfield
3rd Place \$50	Steve Stockmann



## 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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***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.***

**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-11:55pm  
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.\*



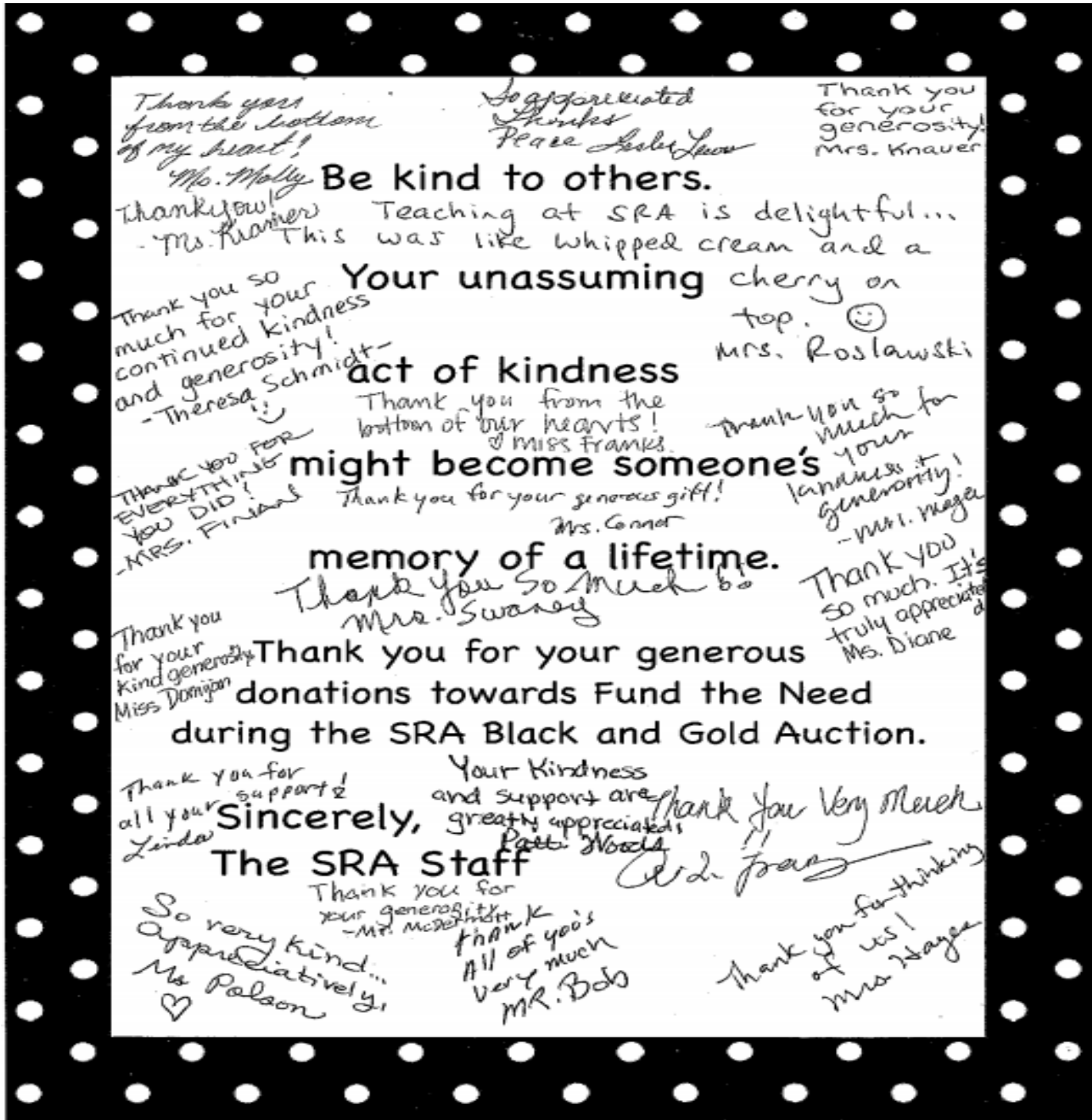
**LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN ENDS**



**RESPECT LIFE  
APOSTOLATE**

As of this Sunday, March 21, the LifeLine Coalition Campaign officially ends. As you know, the LifeLine Coalition utilizes all funds collected to support the work of Archdiocesan social agencies that aid women and families who are dealing with a crisis pregnancy. Surely, we are called to help our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. If you still wish to contribute, you are not too late. Put your envelope into the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Many, many thanks to all of you who gave of your treasure to bring hope to the distressed. May the Lord bless you!

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

- Please Contact Me
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