

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are currently celebrated privately by the priests of the parish due to the coronavirus. They offer Mass at the following times:
Monday-Saturday at 7:00am
Sunday at 8:00am

CONFESIONS

Tuesday 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday 3:45-4:20p

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

The church is open for private prayer
Monday-Saturday 8:00am-7:00pm
Sunday 9:00am-6:00pm

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Public celebration of these devotions is suspended.

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

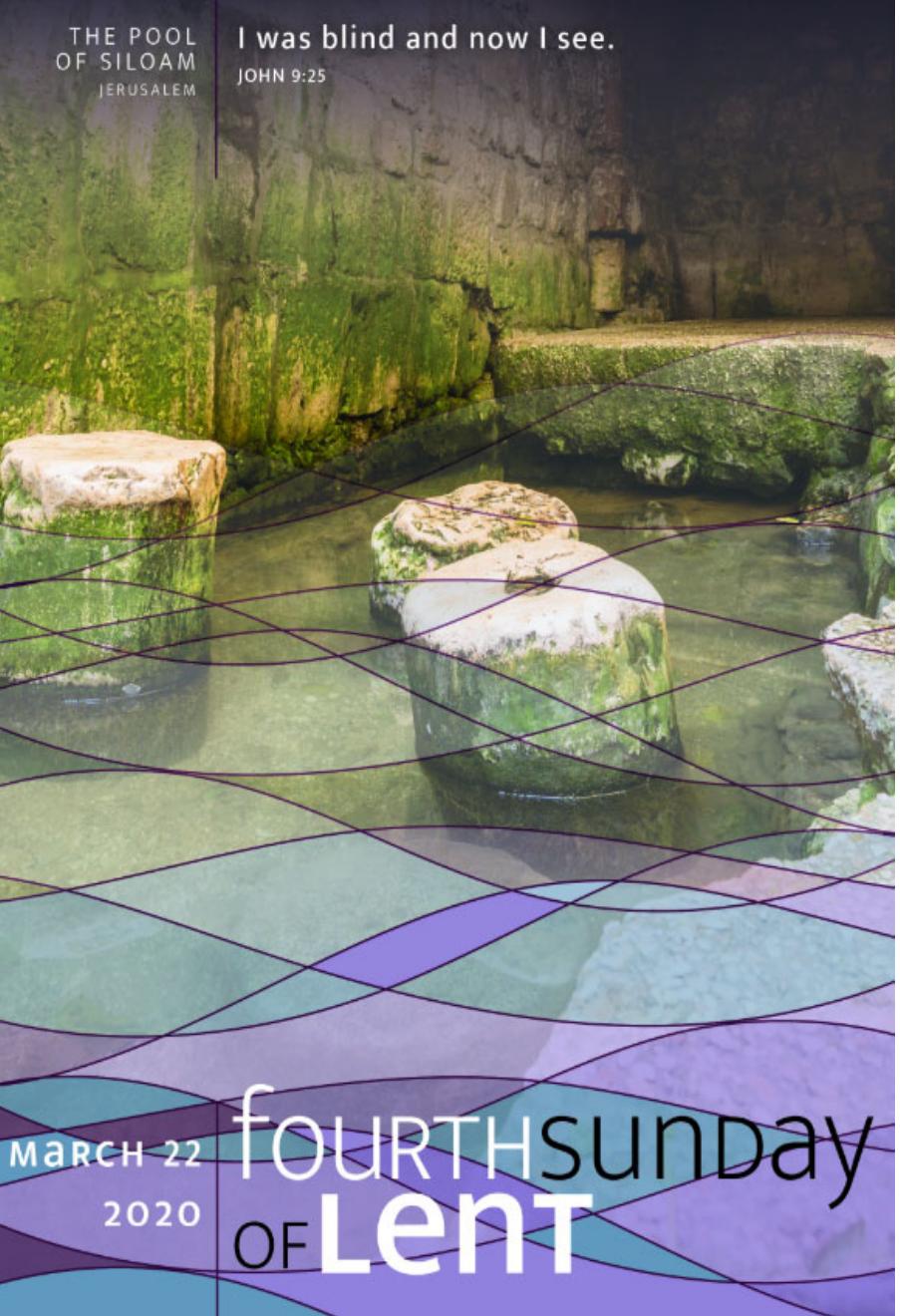
Please contact the parish office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE POOL
OF SILOAM
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.

JOHN 9:25



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."

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo	Pastor frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org
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Deacon Gerald J. Geiser	Retired Deacon
Dr. Nancy Deacon	Music Director musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org
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Mrs. Mickey Janos	Admin. Assistant janos@straphaelarchangel.org
Mr. Robert Schlueter	Maintenance
Mrs. Julie Hayes	School Principal hayes@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Linda Mechler	School Secretary secretary@straphaelarchangel.org
Mrs. Qi Franz	Cafeteria Manager franz@straphaelarchangel.org

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office	Monday-Thursday	7:30am - 4:00pm
	Friday	7:30am - 12:00pm
School Office	Monday-Friday	7:30am - 3:30pm

CONNECT WITH Us!

Parish Office	314.352.8100
Fax	314.353.6603
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Facebook and Twitter	@SRAtoday
Instagram	straphaelarchangel

LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

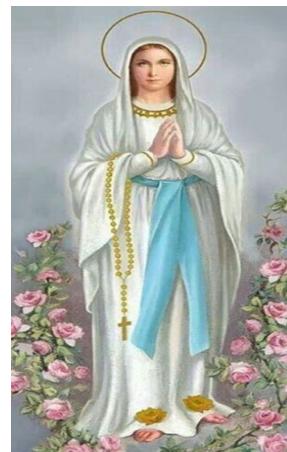
Parish Council	Dan Meshoto	314.452.1017
School Board	Todd Berta	314.352.8420
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322
HSA President	Emily Young	314.323.9336

O Mary,
You always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus'
pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, salvation of the Roman people,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the Cross, to the joy
of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we
who are in trial, but deliver us
from every danger, O glorious
and blessed Virgin. Amen.



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.

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

This Sunday

This Sunday will be unlike any we have experienced as a parish community. Perhaps we have been sick, traveling, or on vacation and could not make it to Mass on a Sunday. While this is hard to accept, it is something that we do. This Sunday, though, we will not physically gather for worship as a community of faith at all. While the Church will be open for private prayer at the times listed on the front of the bulletin, there will be no public celebration of Mass, no hymns played, no discussions and laughter after Mass. It is hard to accept and to believe.

Each year, we have missionaries visit our parish from different parts of the world. They tell us of conditions in the places they have served. Perhaps Mass is celebrated in those places once a month or once every couple of months. Our eyes have widened when we have heard such things, and we are not quite able to understand how that could be. We have never had to do without Mass! Surely, we might have had to drive a little bit or changed our time for Mass. But no Mass at all? Anywhere?

This Sunday our parish joins with these suffering churches throughout the world. We join with them in these Sundays in their hunger. We join them in the hunger for the Word of God proclaimed so we can hear it live. We experience with them the hunger for the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. We long for our parish life that springs forth from the Eucharist, the source and summit of the life of our parish. We will now know, in some way, the hunger of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

May our experience of this hunger enliven our prayer with them, calling out to God for the Bread of Life. Though our hunger is only, God willing, temporary, may it also inspire us to encourage our young men to vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese and, if God calls them to it, to the lands that perennially call out to God for the Bread of Life.

From Pope Francis's Angelus Address on the 4th Sunday of Lent 2017

At the center of the Gospel, this Fourth Sunday of Lent, are Jesus and a man blind from birth (Jn 9: 1-41). Christ restores his sight and works this miracle with a kind of symbolic ritual: first, he mixes the earth with saliva and rubs it on his eyes; then, orders him to go and wash himself in the Pool of Siloam. The man goes, washes, and regains his sight. With this miracle, Jesus reveals himself as light of the world; and blind from birth is each of us, that we were created to know God, but because of sin, [we] are like the blind, we need a new light, that of faith, that Jesus has given us. In fact, the blind man of the Gospel regaining his vision opens to the mystery of Christ. "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

This episode causes us to reflect on our faith in Christ, the Son of God, and also refers to Baptism, which is the first sacrament of the faith, the sacrament that makes us "come to light" by the rebirth from water and the Holy Spirit; as it happened to the man born blind, who opened his eyes after being washed in the Pool of Siloam. The man born blind and cured is all of us when we do not realize that Jesus is "the light of the world," when we look elsewhere, when we prefer to rely on small lights when fumbling in the dark. We too have been "enlightened" to Christ in Baptism, and then we are called to behave as children of light. This requires a radical change in thinking, an ability to judge men and things according to a new scale of values that comes from God. The sacrament of Baptism, in fact, demands a choice, firm and decided, to live as children of light, and to walk in the light.

What does it mean to walk in the light? It means first of all to abandon the false 'lights': the cold and foolish light of prejudice against others, because prejudice distorts reality and loads us with aversion toward those whom we judge without mercy and condemn without cause. This is everyday life! When we talk of others, we don't walk in the light, but in the shadows. Another false 'light,' so seductive and unclear, is self-interest. If we evaluate people and things based on the criterion of how they are useful to our pleasure and prestige, we mask the truth in relationships and situations. If we walk this path of searching only personal interests, we walk in the shadows...

May the Blessed Virgin, who first welcomed Jesus, Light of the World, grant us the grace to welcome again this Lent the light of faith and rediscover the inestimable gift of Baptism. And may this new enlightenment transform us, in attitudes and actions, starting from our poverty and littleness, to be bearers of a ray of Christ's light.

SAVE THE DATE! DONATIONS NEEDED!

Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Thursday, April 16
St. Raphael Gym

We are currently accepting donations for new items such as handbags, jewelry, home décor, yard décor, bath and body products, and much, much more! Also, wine, lottery scratchers, gift cards, event tickets, theme baskets, etc., are greatly appreciated! Items can be dropped off at the parish office or call Rachel at 314.496.8303 for arrangements for pick up.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

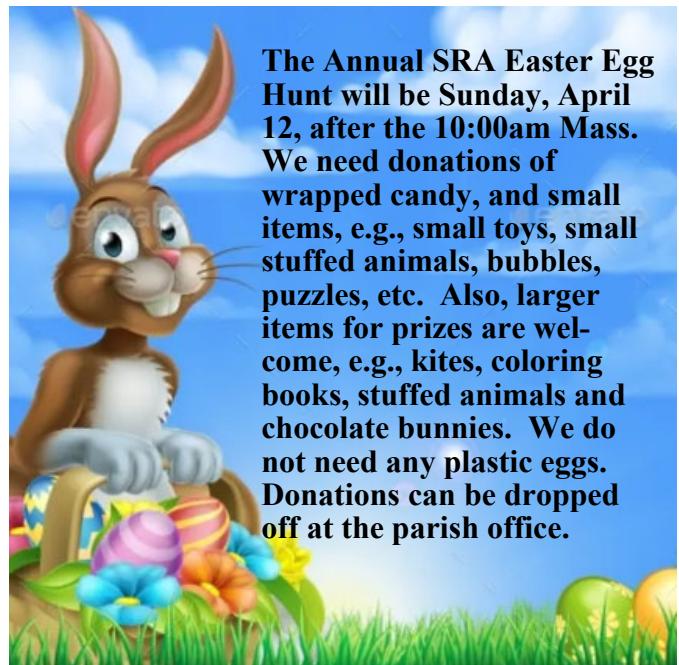
In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing, and then Jesus sends us to help others to see and to believe. Your gift to the Society brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

During this unprecedented time of our church being closed to public worship due to the Coronavirus, we ask that you consider continuing to support SRA through continuing donations to our offertory. Offertory envelopes may be dropped off at the rectory anytime through the mail slot on the front door on Bishops Place. You may also place your donations in the candle money slots next to the candles by Mary and St. Joseph.

Please also consider signing up for online giving. Information can be found on our parish website.



Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 15, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (62)	\$ 3,447.00	\$ 162,173.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 49,826.00
School Support	\$ 70.00	\$ 4,854.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00	\$ 7,178.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,162.00
Online Giving (47)	\$ 1,978.00	\$ 85,985.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 105.00	
Lenten Project	(\$ 365.00)	
Lifeline Coalition	(\$ 175.00)	
Black & Indian Missions	(\$ 25.00)	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 35.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 7,645.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,045.00	\$ 322,702.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 351,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,955.00)	(\$ 28,298.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)



SAFE ENVIRONMENT USER REGISTRATION

Go to <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

LOG IN

Click "Register" below the LOG IN button (image at right).

Remember this account

[Forgot Password](#)
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Enter the passcode **stlprotect** when prompted.

Select the type of location where you are a volunteer or employee

- Parish or Parish School
- Non-Parish School or Program
- Archdiocesan Agency
- Non-Archdiocesan Organization

Select the specific location by name.

Click the roles associated with your employment/service at the parish, school, or agency.

If you are active at only one location, this will be your "primary" location.

If you are active at more than one location, click the ADD PARISH/LOCATION button and repeat the steps above. With more than one location, please click the "This is my main/primary location" circle to indicate where you are employed or, if you are a volunteer, where most of your ministry or service is performed.

Complete your personal information. Please enter your **legal first name** for the purposes of the background screening. There are no credit checks and no soft hits to credit.

Create a username, password and password clue.

USERNAME CHOSEN: _____

PASSWORD CHOSEN: _____

Agree to the Terms of Use and click SUBMIT.

*If you have previously attended a PGC workshop, the system will find and/or ask you to confirm your previous record of attendance. You will not be prompted to register for an upcoming workshop. If, for some reason, it does not match your previous training to this account and you are prompted to register for a class, please register for "PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED-DATE NOT LISTED" and send an email to the address below. We will apply the correct training record to your account.

You may use the links in your approval checklist to access these requirements. These steps may be completed all at once or may be completed separately at your convenience. You will receive an automated email weekly to remind you which requirements are outstanding. When all compliance requirements have been completed, your account will be approved and you will be clear to work with minors and vulnerable adults.

- Register onto the site
- Submit New Background Check
- Complete "Protecting God's Children" training
- Complete "Mandated Reporter" training
- Complete "Code of Conduct" training
- Sign "Code of Conduct"

Should you need any assistance, please contact ocyp@archstl.org

Save These
DATES

Mouse Races

Postponed and the 8th grade is hoping to reschedule.

Fish Fry for April 3
Tuesday, April 14
Thursday, April 16
Saturday, April 18
Sunday, April 26

Has been canceled
Confirmation
Ladies' Club Quarter Auction
Progressive Dinner
First Holy Communion

Nominations for persons interested in serving on the School Board are now open. We invite you to contact a member of the board if you would like to serve.

The purpose of the board is to advise the administration in making policy for the school. The School Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Members serve a 3-year term.

Thank you for prayerfully considering serving!

School News

From Mr. Spurgeon STREAM Coordinator 4-8th Grades

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades- As mentioned above 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will complete a variety of assignments to prepare themselves for the SRA Science Fair. This includes a hypothesis, problem statement, research background on their topic, conditions, supply lists, and more as they get ready to present their research and findings.

5th Grade- 5th graders have begun working through learning about mixtures, compounds, solutions, etc. Over the next couple of weeks, they will review the material and then take a test to wrap up the unit. Then 5th graders will move on to research about a scientist or inventor of their choice.

4th Grade- 4th Grade has just started to work on electrical circuits. They started a unit working with Lego WeDo 2.0 kits. These kits include a variety of challenges that students must work together to complete. The students have shown their interest and ability to take these challenges head on.

From Ms. Molly Preschool A

The kids finished the letters I, L, and are moving on to the letter C. We have learned about ice and snow, lions, lambs, and love from the word of God.

From Mrs. Doty: Music

Kindergarten will learn the different sounds of classroom percussion instruments and learn about the variation of melodies: high and low, fast and slow, loud and soft.

1st and 2nd Grade students are preparing for the “Elementary Song Fest” where they will perform two songs and sing in a group setting. They will use their best singing voices and memorize the words of all songs (packets will be going home). They will be part of the audience while listening to other schools perform.

3rd and 4th Grade students will learn how to play recorders, how to read music, and play songs on the recorder. The students will also work together as a group.

5th – 8th Grade students will complete their RONDO project and present it to their class. It will require both group and individual participation.

From Mrs. Lewis: 2nd Grade

Second graders are also doing research on an important, unknown African American person for Black History Month. They will each make a presentation to the other classes next week. They are doing a great job using the Chromebooks to discover facts about the person they selected.

Do you know how many marshmallows are in Lucky Charms? Your child knows and can explain to you how we found out. Thanks to the moms that provided snacks and a game for our Valentine's party. We appreciated it!!

Rides & Games & Music & Food & Friends.

SRA Parish Picnic 2020

May 8 & 9

Sponsorship:

Gold: \$500 – Includes business name and logo in large print on the back of the t-shirt & 5 t-shirts

Black: \$250 – Includes business name and logo in medium print on the back of the t-shirt & 5 t-shirts

Family: \$100 – Includes Family Last Name on back of the t-shirt & 5 t-shirts

All Sponsors will appear on the main booth banner!!

Name: _____

Email Address: _____ If school family, grade of the oldest child _____

Level of Sponsorship: Gold Black Family

Name/Business to appear on t-shirt/banner: _____

Is logo on file? Yes

Thank you so much for your support!

Please mark the sizes/color needed for your 5 t-shirts

Size	CXS	C8	CM	CL	CXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	AXXL	AXXXL	AXXXXL	TTL
Grey													
White													
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Date Due: Friday, March 27

Questions: Terri Borowiak terri.borowiak@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to SRA.



On March 14, 15 to 20 SRA parish members braved a cold, rainy morning to pitch in with members of the Most Holy Trinity parish community in order to clean up the attic and basement of the Rectory. Our parish members were maximally efficient in rolling up their sleeves, getting quite grimy and making a positive impact on the work environment of our sister parish in the Hyde Park neighborhood. Our members filled two 15-yard dumpsters with trash and debris hauled from the century old buildings at MHT. Sr. Gail Guelker was highly gratified by the completed work. Our parish members also shared an impromptu lunch with the MHT family, as well as a tour of their beautiful and historic church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN ENDS

The LifeLine Coalition Campaign ends as of this week. If you still wish to contribute, it is never too late; just use the envelope in your March packet. We should feel encouraged about our efforts on behalf of the ProLife movement because the United States abortion rate has been failing consistently since 1980. In fact, it fell by more than 50 percent between 1980 and 2014. The most recent data indicate that the rate is lower than what it was in 1973 - the year that Roe v. Wade was decided. Many thanks to all of you faithful donors to LifeLine. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.



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: _____

Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner

New Phone/Email/Address

Please Contact Me

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