

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**Parish Office** Monday-Thursday 7:30am - 4:00pm  
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**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness. Through donations and memorial gifts given during the last two months, our conference for the Society was able to help 18 families, providing \$500 in food, two beds, \$2,200 for utility bills, and \$5,00 for rent assistance. Thank you for your generosity.

**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, go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

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: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

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

## One Time

This past weekend, I watched one of my favorite movies from my childhood called, "The Little Giants." It is about the rivalry of the O'Shea Brothers. The older brother is a stand out athlete, Heisman Trophy winner, and is starting a Pee-Wee Football Team. His younger brother is a normal guy, not a great athlete, and is someone you can root for easily. After his daughter is cut from the football team, the younger brother, Danny, starts another team and enters into a playoff with his brother's team. By halftime, they are down 21-0 and the team is threatening to refuse to come out after the break. Danny begins to convince them by describing the one time he beat his brother growing up. Soon, the team members are relating how they once won at something. They come out after the break energized that this is their one time to win. They go on to win the game.

I mention this movie because we are now in the 5th Week of Lent. How has your Lent been? Perhaps things have been going great and this has been the best one for you. Maybe this Lent, though, has not been such a great experience and there have been more false starts than victories.

This is the week, the one time that you can give to the Lord. Make your resolution strong this week about prayer, fasting, or almsgiving you can give to the Lord.

Even if it has been tough...there still is this one time to enter more deeply into Lent so as to greet Jesus with joy on Easter Sunday.

## Penance Service

On April 5, from 3:00-6:00pm, we were scheduled to have a Penance Service for the parish. I would like to keep this on the calendar. But to do it safely, we will be taking some extra precautions.

I will the Men's Club for 6 volunteers over

those three hours. We will ask you to enter the parking lot from the Jamieson entrance nearest the gym. Instead of coming directly into church, we will form a line of cars on the parking lot. When you get to the parking lot entrance on Highfield nearest the circle drive, a volunteer will let you know when you can pull into the circle drive. When you are there, you can park and then go into church and make your confession. We will ask that, as soon as you have made your confession, you immediately return to your car and, when able, exit the circle drive, allowing the next group of penitents to enter.

This system should allow people to make their confession, to keep good social distancing, and to abide by the CDC recommendation of no more than 10 people gathered together. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

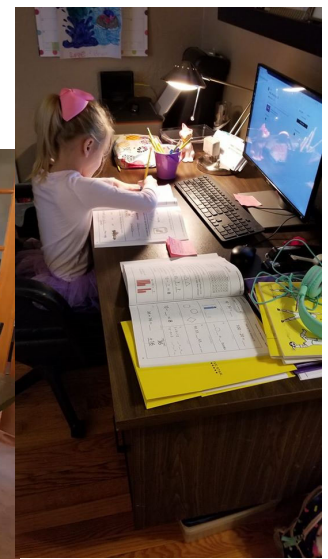
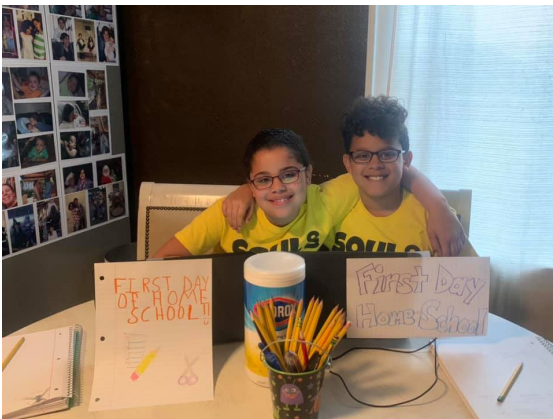
## Holy Week

As I announced last Sunday, at the direction of Archbishop Carlson, we will celebrate this Holy Week, including Easter, privately. A packet of information, including a final schedule, is being prepared as of the writing of this article, and will hopefully be available in church in hard copy, as well as in an electronic version. I want to do everything possible to make next week, Holy Week, as prayerful and meaningful as it can be. I appreciate any suggestions or ideas to make that possible.

I will see you online!

Fr. John #SRAstrong

## SCENES FROM SRA'S FIRST WEEK USING E-LEARNING



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

### SCRIP CARDS



Support the SRA Home and School Association by purchasing SCRIP gift cards!! By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, April 3. You can pick up the cards at school on the following Friday, April 10 or other arrangements can be made. Orders will be placed monthly during the school year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the parish or school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). For more information, please contact Mary Anne Potts at [maryannepotts@gmail.com](mailto:maryannepotts@gmail.com).

### CALENDAR UPDATES

Friday, April 3	Canceled - Fish Fry
Saturday, April 11	Canceled - Chalk the Walk
Tuesday, April 14	Postponed - Confirmation
Thursday, April 16	Postponed - Qtr. Auction
Saturday, April 18	Canceled - Progressive Dinner
Sunday, April 26	Postponed - First Communion

### Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 22, 2020 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
<b>Regular Env. (39)</b>	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 165,798.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 793.00	\$ 50,619.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,854.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 425.00	\$ 7,603.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,162.00
<b>Online Giving (47)</b>	\$ 2,398.00	\$ 88,383.00
<b>Candle Money</b>	\$ 76.00	
<b>Lenten Project</b>	(\$ 650.00)	
<b>Lifeline Coalition</b>	(\$ 50.00)	
<b>Catholic Relief</b>	(\$ 190.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 8,207.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 7,317.00	\$ 330,019.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	(\$ 1,683.00)	(\$ 29,981.00)
<b>FYE 2019</b>		(\$ 39,072.00)

*“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” (John 11:40)*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe and put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. God's active presence in our daily lives opens our hearts to everything.



For more information, please contact Miss Molly at [indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org).



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check the appropriate item(s):**

New Parishioner

Please Contact Me

New Phone/Email/Address

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