

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021

Reading I

Ex. 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading II

1 Cor. 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel

Jn. 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

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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)

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.



SCHEDULE FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, March 7

- 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 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

- 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 10

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

Thursday, March 11

- 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 12

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

Saturday, March 13

- 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 FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

Scrutiny

For the next three weeks, our catechumen Nick, will be participating in what are called the scrutinies. Thanks to his work schedule, this will take place at a different Mass each week, so if you regularly attend one of the Masses, you will get to see one of the scrutinies.

The scrutiny has two parts to it.

The first is to scrutinize. In the early Church, this would be an in-depth examination by the local bishop to assess a catechumen's growth in the different areas of faith. Today, it is a much briefer rite, encouraging the catechumen to continue to bring forward his questions and his weaknesses so that Christ may touch him with His transformative grace.

The second is an exorcism. We do not do this because we believe him to be possessed. Rather, it is akin to the exorcism at the Baptism of an infant. By this prayer, we are asking God to deliver him from anything not of God so that he may be fully a person of the light.

The scrutiny will take place after the homily. We invite you to listen and to pray this rite for Nick as he prepares to enter the Church at Easter.

Lent this Week

We invite you to join us this Sunday at 5:30pm either live in Church or via YouTube for our 3rd week of Lenten Evening Prayer and reflection. This Sunday, we will focus on how to confess our sins. 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.

The rest of the Lenten schedule will be fairly normal. Please see the schedule on the previous page for more information.

I will see you online or in Church! Fr. John
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Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

O holy and righteous Joseph! While still on earth, you did have boldness before the Son of God, Who was well pleased to call you His father, in that you were the betrothed of His Mother, and Who was well pleased to be obedient to you. We believe that as you do dwell now in the heavenly mansions with the choirs of the righteous, you are listened to, in all that you do request from our God and Savior.

Therefore, fleeing to your protection and defense, we beg and humbly entreat you: as you, yourself, were delivered from a storm of doubting thoughts, so also deliver us that are tempest-tossed by the waves of confusion and passions; as you did shield the all-Pure Virgin from the slanders of men, so shield us from all kinds of vehement calumny; as you did keep the incarnate Lord from all harm and affliction, so also by your defense preserve His Church and all of us from all affliction and harm.

You know, O Saint of God, that even the Son of God had bodily needs in the days of His incarnation, and you did attend to them. Therefore, we beseech you: tend, yourself, to our temporal needs through your intercession, granting us every good thing, which is needful in this life (for the sake of the age to come). Especially, do we entreat you to intercede that we may receive remission of our sins from Him Who was called your Son, the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and be worthy of inheriting the Kingdom of Heaven, so that, abiding with you in the heavenly mansions, we may ever glorify the One God in three Persons: the † Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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Sunday, March 7

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

10:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 8

7:00am Delores Mayo

8:00am Charles Zweifel

Tuesday, March 9

7:00am Jost Family

8:00am David Browning

7:00pm Special Intention

Wednesday, March 10

7:00am Charles Kindelberger

8:00am Melvin Brown

Thursday, March 11

7:00am James McCool

8:00am Charles Drury

Friday, March 12

7:00am Don Deachan

Saturday, March 13

7:00am Helen Knobbe

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, March 14

8:00am Fr. Charles Burgoon

10:00am Marcia Matreci

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do we put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

February 28, 2021

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (57)	\$ 4,688.00	\$ 151,190.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,118.00	\$ 38,638.00
School Support	\$ 215.00	\$ 5,544.00
Building Fund	\$ 545.00	\$ 7,275.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,399.00
Online Giving (51)	\$ 2,188.00	\$ 93,627.00
Black & Indian Missions	(\$ 155.00)	
First Offering	\$ 50.00	
ProLife	(\$ 20.00)	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 105.00)	
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00	
Lenten Project	(\$ 1,400.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 20.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 10,524.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,824.00	\$ 310,463.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 315,000.00
Difference	(\$ 176.00)	(\$ 4,537.00)
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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate Readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked, "What sign can you show us?" Every day we see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Is there a family who needs assistance? Please call the Society so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and the poor.

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 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.



Come join us for SRA summer camp

Have fun playing with our experienced staff.
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June 7th – July 23rd
 Visit the SRA web site or
 Contact Molly Indelicato
indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org



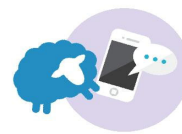
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Thank you to the SRA community for the tremendous show of support at the Men's Club Fish Fry. After reviewing the numbers, it exceeded all expectations. Please mark your calendars for March 26, when we will hold our final Fish Fry of this Lenten Season. Hope to see you all there.

SRA Men's Club



SAVE THE DATE!

SRA second fish fry is scheduled for Friday, March 26. Watch the bulletin for details.

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Fridays, through March 26
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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!



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.

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 **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

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.



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.

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