

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday at 7:00am

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 9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm

Sunday 2:00pm-7:00pm.

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.

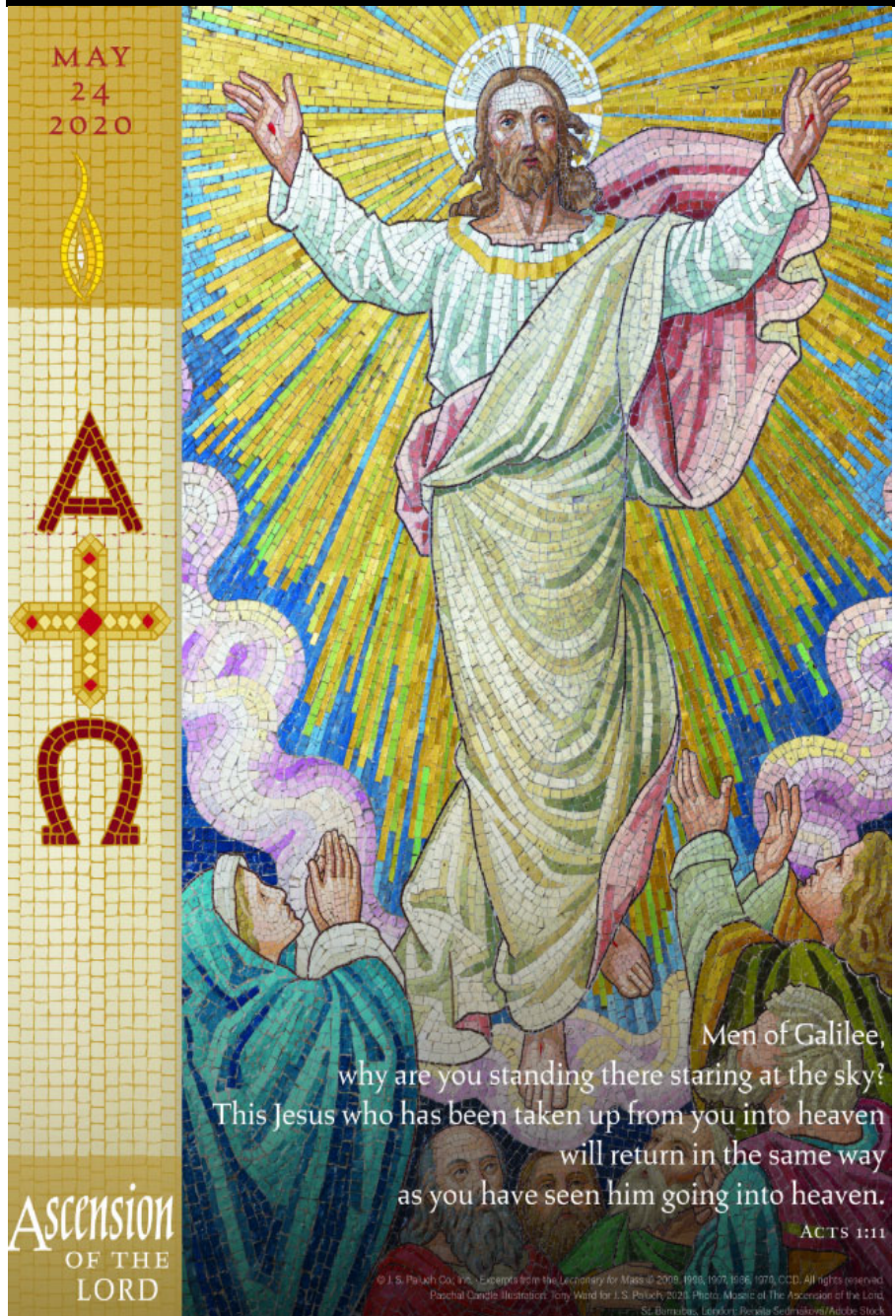
MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six
months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC 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."

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

CLERGY & STAFF

Fr. John Mayo Pastor
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OFFICE HOURS

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

CONNECT WITH US!

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LAY LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH

Parish Council	Dan Meshoto	314.452.1017
School Board	Matt Fuhr	314.750.8691
Finance Council	Joseph Cyr	314.335.7322
HSA President	Emily Young	314.323.9336

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension; we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. Is there a family who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday : Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

FREE ROSARIES

The Daughters of St. Paul at Pauline Books & Media in Crestwood are distributing free rosaries each Saturday in May.

Stop by and meet the sisters from 11:00am to 1:00pm in front of their bookstore and pick up a free rosary. Be sure to tell them any special prayer intentions you may have!

Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Road

The Archdiocese is launching the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Drive in June. Please stay tuned for more information on this year's appeal!

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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

Return to Masses

This has been an emotional week as we have welcomed people back to the celebration of Mass. I am sure this weekend will likely be full of emotion as well. To be able to celebrate Holy Mass with you and to distribute the Bread of Life again is a great blessing for Monsignor Stehly and me.

During this first weekend back, please remember:

There is no obligation to attend Mass.

- Please make the best decision for your family when deciding whether or not to attend Mass.
- Please enter on Highfield with your mask on. You may take off your mask in the pew but must wear it when you go to Holy Communion or to leave Mass.
- Please allow the ushers will be available to help seat you.
- Please remember, if there are one or two persons in a pew and another person needs a seat, be ready to shift location for social distancing.
- Please enter into the celebration of Mass and receive Holy Communion with an open, grateful heart.

Speaking of Mass

On Thursday, May 21, and on Saturday, May 23, Monsignor and I respectively celebrated our anniversaries of Ordination to the Priesthood. We are both grateful for the opportunity to serve here at St. Raphael and ask your continued prayers for us in our vocations.

Welcome

As we return to Holy Mass this weekend and remember the graces of priesthood, we also welcome a seminarian to our parish who will be living here this summer. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Joseph Esserman, a 2nd Year Theology student for the Archdiocese. Due to the Coronavirus, all of the regular summer programs Joseph would have participated in have been canceled. He will be instead working at Resurrection Cemetery in a variety of roles. He is a graduate of Kennedy High School and is from Holy Infant Parish in Ballwin. Welcome, Joseph!

Meetings at SRA

We are still waiting for clearance from the Archdiocese for meetings larger than 10 persons. If your group needs to meet, please contact Fr. John to discuss how to conduct the meeting in a socially-distant way.

Also, as we are now entering into summer, please be aware that Mr. Bob will be cleaning the school and doing other maintenance to the building. If you happen to be in and around the school, please be respectful of all posted signs. If you need to access the school, please contact Mrs. Hayes or me for permission, as special precautions still need to be taken.

Next School Year

We are beginning the process of preparing for next school year. Congratulations to Matt Fuhr, Gen Bradshaw, and Mary Anne Potts, who are our school board officers for next year!

Have you registered for our school yet? If not, please contact the school for information! I will see you in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong

SRA BOOK CLUB

Hello, SRA Book Lovers! The HSA is hosting a virtual book club in June. We hope you will join us in your living room over a beverage and snacks of your choice!

To sign up, please email Casey Kleekamp at caseykleekamp@yahoo.com by June 19. A Zoom link will be sent to attendees before June 24.

Book Club Details:

- **The Book:** *Where the Crawdads Sing*
 - **Book Details:**
 - *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps. From <https://www.deliaowens.com/>
 - **Book Club Date/Time:** Wednesday, June 24, 6-8pm
 - **Discussion:** We will prepare questions to discuss. If you have any in mind, please share by June 19.
- Questions?** Contact Casey via email at caseykleekamp@yahoo.com or messenger on FB.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2020





Sunday, May 24

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Celebrant's Intention
12:00pm Celebrant's Intention

Monday, May 25

7:00am Logan Warnecke

Tuesday, May 26

7:00am Georgia Nicholaison

Wednesday, May 27

7:00am Sarah Kimmey

Thursday, May 28

7:00am Olga Leonard SI

Friday, May 29

7:00am Raymond Brodzinski

Saturday, May 30

7:00am Ernie J. Winkelmann
4:30pm Ralph and Agnes Hager

Sunday, May 31

8:00am Daniel Liddy
10:00am People of the Parish
12:00pm Celebrant's Intention

"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 17, 2020

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (40)	\$ 4,203.00	\$ 204,643.00
Loose Money	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,619.00
School Support	\$ 105.00	\$ 5,864.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00	\$ 9,418.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,529.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 3,108.00	\$ 108,717.00
ProLife	(\$ 1.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 10.00)	
Cardinal Glennon	(\$ 100.00)	

Grand Total	\$ 7,597.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,486.00	\$ 396,434.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 432,000.00
Difference	(\$ 1,513.00)	(\$ 35,566.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

Mr. George Sinovcic of our parish passed away this week. The family is holding an Estate Sale at his home (6037 Guilford) on May 29, 9:00am to 3:00pm, May 30, 9:00am to 3:00pm, and May 31, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Please keep the Sinovcic Family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS, THAD AND TOM!

St. Louis University High extends heartfelt congratulations to your 8th grade graduates and invites you to join us in recognizing Thad Berta and Tom Finan, SLUH Sheahan Scholars from your parish family. The Sheahan Scholar Award is named for the transformative principal who oversaw a wide range of academic innovations to SLUH during his 1955-67 tenure. The Fr. Sheahan Scholars represent the school's commitment to and recognition of academic leadership. To be named a Sheahan Scholar, Thad and Tom achieved one of top scores on the Scholastic High School Placement Test (HSPT).

Why we Celebrate Memorial Day: A Lesson in Service and Sacrifice by Tom McGrath from <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/holidays-and-special-occasions/other-special-occasions/why-we-celebrate-memorial-day/>

What we remember—and honor—on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

Sacrifice is more than suffering

One definition of *sacrifice* is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is *not* sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

Jesus: the perfect example of sacrifice

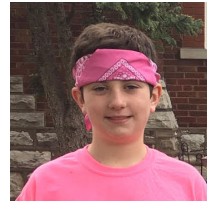
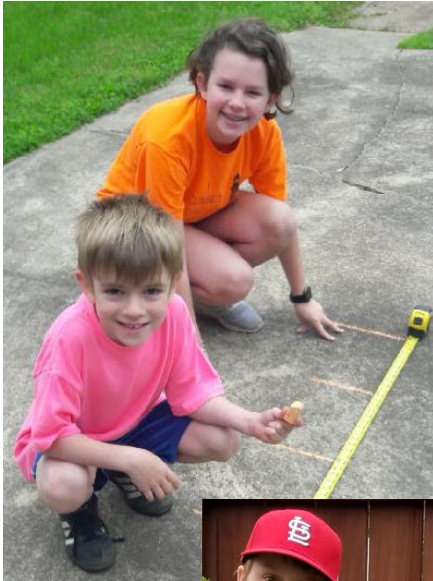
What counts in this definition is the phrase “for the sake of something else.” Is that “something else” worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus’ greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being—that we might have life and have it abundantly.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to do for us—and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice.



A Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



It's not a bird, it's not a plane, it's a CUSTOMIZED Black & Gold Golf Cart!
And you *could* win it by entering our raffle!



Raffle Tickets are 2 for \$100 or 1 for \$60
 and are available for purchase online via golfcart.givesmart.com

Winner will be announced at the Watermelon Fest on August 22nd. (*Need NOT be present to win*)
 Anyone can win – this is open beyond SRA Parish and School Families.
 Proceeds benefit SRA School.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT USER REGISTRATION

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

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

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.

Agree to the Terms of Use and click SUBMIT.

USERNAME CHOSEN: _____
PASSWORD CHOSEN: _____

You will then be prompted to submit information for a background screening, register for a Protecting God's Children workshop*, view two online training modules, and agree to the Code of Ethical Conduct.

*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

As you are completing tasks during this time of social distancing, please take time to complete the new Safe Environment Program, "Prevent and Protect." This program is required for anyone who works with children or vulnerable adults in our parish or anywhere in the Archdiocese. You have until the summer to complete it, but why put it off? Take an hour and complete it today!



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: _____ Email: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

☐ New Parishioner

☐ New Phone/Email/Address

☐ Please Contact Me

☐ Please Do Not Publish #