

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
7:30-8:00am
Saturday 3:30-4:20pm

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

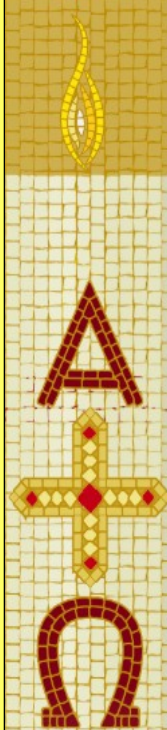
MARRIAGE

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

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FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
Easter



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 and Tuesday 7:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am - 12:00pm
School Office Closed due to Coronavirus

CONNECT WITH US!

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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

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.



FIFTY PLUS CLUB

Please be aware, due to the current virus situation, the Fifty Plus Club luncheons are postponed until further notice.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care for and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly." By our gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to our suffering brothers and sisters.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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

Resumption of Masses

The longest flight that I have been on was not to Sydney, to Tel Aviv, or to Germany. The longest flight I have been on was from LA to St. Louis. There were no problems with the plane and no diversions to our anticipated route. For some reason, it just felt like an eternity getting home from the West Coast.

Just like the end of a long trip when we are so impatient to get home, we are in the longest part of waiting for public Masses to resume. We hope and pray that soon we will be able to worship as a community once again. We know it is coming...we just do not know when.

As we look to the resumption of public worship (hopefully sometime soon), there are some things to keep in mind:

- We do not know when the announcement will come from the Archdiocese. When it does, I will send out a Flocknote and post on our website all of the information you will need as to how we will resume public Masses. If you do not have Flocknote, please reach out to someone who does and form a phone chain to get the information out quickly
- All instructions given by the Archdiocese for resuming public worship will be strictly followed here at St. Raphael. This includes any and all social distancing guidelines. Please be attentive to all of the instructions that the Archdiocese and I will give to make this transition as easy as possible.
- Msgr. Stehly and I are acutely aware of everyone's desire to return to Mass as soon as possible. When we do receive the okay to resume public worship, we will do everything we can to make the Mass and the Eucharist as readily available as possible.

Please do not read into these words some knowledge that an announcement is imminent. We are all impatient for this time to end and these words are just prudent notice to help people plan for the resumption of Masses, whenever that might come.

Changes to Summer Plans

With the conclusion of the school year happening electronically, the cancelation of the picnic and Summer Camp, Mr. Bob has begun his summer cleaning of the school a bit earlier than normal. We ask you not to access the building unless you have permission from Mrs. Hayes or me. If you enter the building, please be respectful of areas that are closed for cleaning.

Church Roof Update

The funds in our 50 and Beyond account are built up to the point that replacement of the church roof should be financially feasible. The Finance Committee, a roof-maintenance sub-committee, and I were discussing the awarding of a contract when the Coronavirus forced everything to shut down. We are now resuming these conversations and hope to make a final decision within the next 30-45 days.

A Special Event Today!

What: A Blessing for Medical Professionals, First Responders, and Frontline Workers

When: Sunday, May 3rd from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: St. Raphael The Archangel parking lot. Enter on Jamieson by the gym and then do a snake pattern through the parking lot, ending at the entrance across from the circle drive where the blessing will be given.

Who: This special blessing is open to all parishioners. St. Raphael is the patron saint of nurses, physicians, and medical workers. So, we especially invite those who are medical professionals, first responders, and frontline workers to receive this blessing and so that our community can thank them for their work.

I will see you online! - Fr. John #SRAstrong

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.



CALENDAR UPDATES

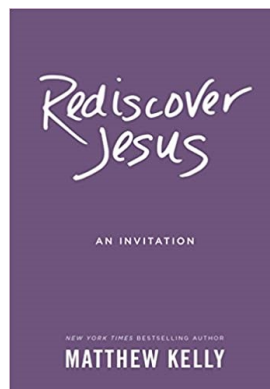
Friday, May 8
Friday - Saturday,
May 8 and 9

Last Day of School

Canceled - Parish Picnic

BAKED GOODS DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME

Bridge Bread is a non-profit organization that employs individuals struggling with homelessness and trains them as bakers. They sell their breads, rolls, bagels and sweets in the St. Louis area. Like all small businesses, they have had to be creative to stay afloat during these challenging financial times. They have gone to a delivery service. Deliveries are free for orders greater than \$20.00. Order online. P.S. The Cinnamon rolls are amazing.
[Delivery | Bridge Bread](#)



Pick up a copy of *Rediscover Jesus* from the doors of church sometime this Easter! It is divided into short chapters for you to read and slowly pray over. We hope it will help you to connect anew with the risen Lord this Easter season!



Sunday, May 3

8:00am People of the Parish

Monday, May 4

7:00am Jost Family

Tuesday, May 5

7:00am Todd Meyer

Wednesday, May 6

7:00am Daniel Liddy

Thursday, May 7

7:00am Held Family, SI

Friday, May 8

7:00am Sr. Mary Cross, SI

Saturday, May 9

7:00am Perryman Family, SI

Sunday, May 10

8:00am People of the Parish

YOU ARE CALLED TO JOIN

Catholics everywhere are uniting May 16-24 to take the next steps in our groundbreaking journey toward better care of creation. This year is the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si'. In the five years since its publication, thousands of people in dioceses, parishes, religious communities, lay networks, schools, and healthcare centers have taken its teaching to heart. Catholic institutions and individuals have embraced Laudato Si' as a contemporary expression of ancient values. The encyclical teaches us how to answer the call to love one another in the midst of an ecological catastrophe. Laudato Si' has been welcomed as a document of deep and abiding beauty, and it has prompted people around the world to reflect more deeply on the Creator and creation. Its vision of integral ecology, which sees connections between how we treat God, nature, and each other, offers simple but profound truths about the conversation that is needed to overcome ecological sin.

[See the Holy Father's Invitation](#)

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news is that we are not alone in our journey. Let us ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

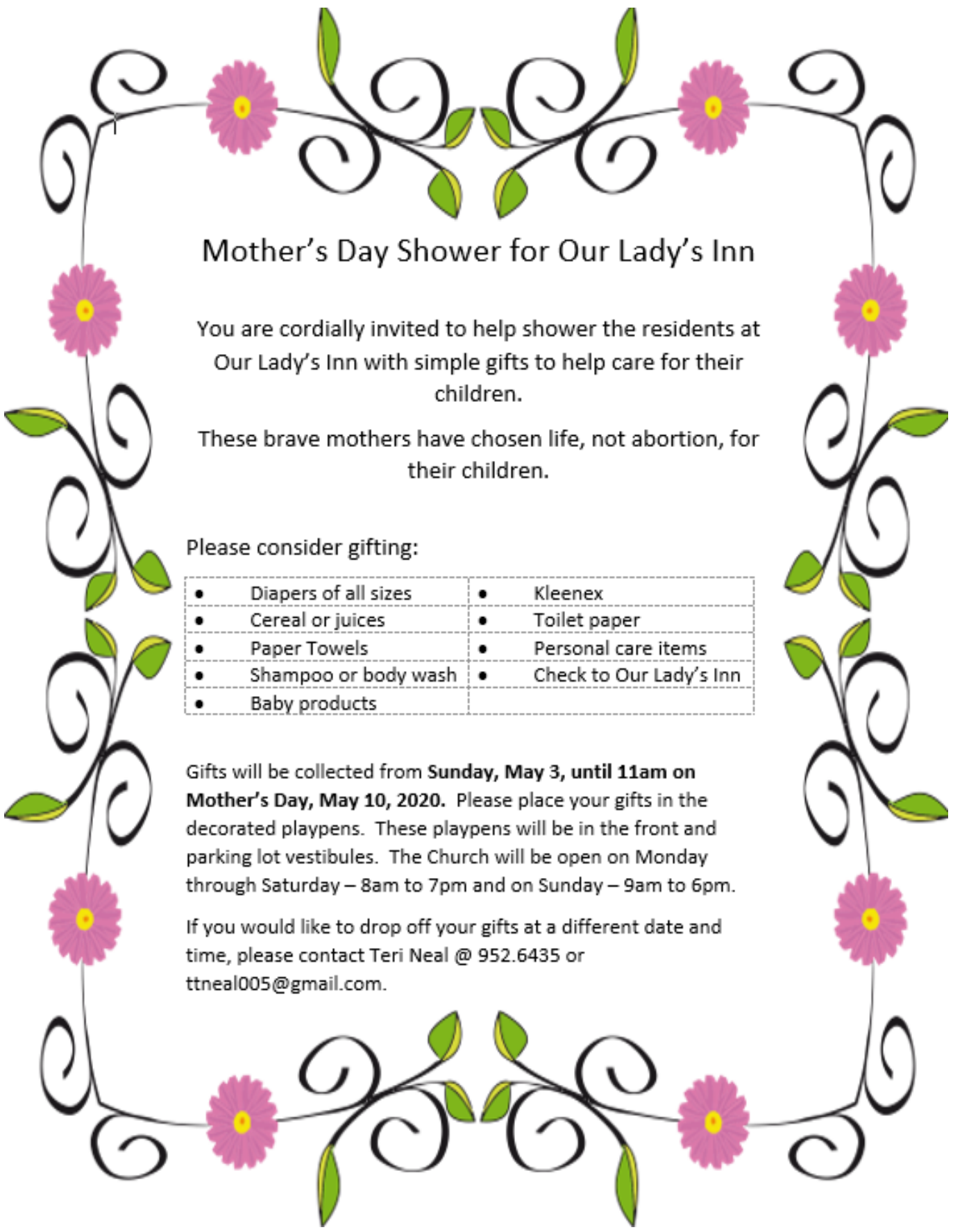
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(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (46)	\$ 5,522.00	\$ 187,932.00
Loose Money	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,619.00
School Support	\$ 155.00	\$ 5,469.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 8,598.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,324.00
Online Giving (45)	\$ 2,023.00	\$ 100,643.00
Lenten Project	(\$ 40.00)	
Catholic Home Missions	(\$ 10.00)	
Holy Land	(\$ 10.00)	
St. Louis Review	(\$ 35.00)	
Candle Money	\$ 44.00	
Tithing	(\$ 65.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 7,954.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 7,794.00	\$ 370,229.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 405,000.00)
Difference	(\$ 1,206.00)	(\$ 34,771.00)
FYE 2019		(\$ 39,072.00)

ARCHBISHOP CARLSON'S STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent, and treasure."



Mother's Day Shower for Our Lady's Inn

You are cordially invited to help shower the residents at Our Lady's Inn with simple gifts to help care for their children.

These brave mothers have chosen life, not abortion, for their children.

Please consider gifting:

• Diapers of all sizes	• Kleenex
• Cereal or juices	• Toilet paper
• Paper Towels	• Personal care items
• Shampoo or body wash	• Check to Our Lady's Inn
• Baby products	

Gifts will be collected from **Sunday, May 3, until 11am on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020.** Please place your gifts in the decorated playpens. These playpens will be in the front and parking lot vestibules. The Church will be open on Monday through Saturday – 8am to 7pm and on Sunday – 9am to 6pm.

If you would like to drop off your gifts at a different date and time, please contact Teri Neal @ 952.6435 or ttneal005@gmail.com.

This week, some parishioners got together and put together an evening at Bartolino's for our faculty and staff to thank them for all they have done. Here are some photos from this event



From Pope Francis's *Regina Caeli* Address on May 11, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

The Evangelist John presents us, on this Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season, with the image of Jesus the [Good Shepherd](#). In contemplating this page of the Gospel, we can understand the kind of relationship that Jesus had with his disciples: a relationship based on tenderness, love, mutual knowledge and the promise of an immeasurable gift: "I came," Jesus said, "that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). This relationship is the model for relations between Christians and for all human relationships. Today, too, as in the time of Jesus, many put themselves forward as "shepherds" of our lives; but only the Risen One is the true Shepherd, who gives us life in abundance. I invite all of us to place our trust in the Lord who guides us. But he not only guides us: he accompanies us, he walks with us. Let us listen to his Word with minds and hearts opened, to nourish our faith, enlighten our consciences, and follow the teaching of the Gospel.

On this Sunday let us pray for the Shepherds of the Church, for all Bishops, including the Bishop of Rome, for all [priests](#), for everyone! We pray especially for the new priests of the Diocese of Rome, whom I ordained a short while ago in St Peter's Basilica. A greeting to these 13 priests! May the Lord help us pastors always to be faithful to the Master and wise and enlightened guides of the People of God, entrusted to us. I also ask you to please help us: help us to be good shepherds. Once I read something very beautiful on how the People of God help the bishops and priests to be good shepherds. It is a writing of St. Caesarius of Arles, a Father of the first centuries of the Church. He explained how the People of God must help the pastor, and he gave this example: when a calf is hungry it goes to the cow, its mother, to get milk. The cow,

however, does not give it right away: it seems that she withholds it. And what does the calf do? It knocks with its nose at the cow's udder, so that the milk will come. It is a beautiful image! "So also you must be with your pastors," this saint said: always knock at their door, at their hearts, that they may give you the milk of doctrine, the milk of grace, and the milk of guidance.

And I ask you, please, bother the [pastors](#), disturb the pastors, all of us pastors, so that we might give you the milk of grace, doctrine, and guidance. Bother them! Think of that beautiful image of the little calf, how it bothers its mother so that she might give it something to eat.

In imitation of Jesus, every pastor "will sometimes go before his people, pointing the way and keeping their hope vibrant. At other times, he will simply be in their midst with his unassuming and merciful presence. At yet other times, he will have to walk after them, helping those who lag behind" (Apostolic Exhortation [Evangelii Gaudium](#), n. 31). May all pastors be so! But you must bother your pastors so that they may provide the guidance of doctrine and grace.

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In [this year's Message](#) I recalled that "every vocation, even within the variety of paths, always requires an exodus from oneself in order to centre one's life on Christ and on his Gospel" (n. 2). Therefore, the call to follow Jesus is both exciting and challenging. In order that it may be realized, it is always necessary to enter into deep friendship with the Lord in order to live from Him and for Him.

Let us pray that also, in these times, many young people may hear the voice of the Lord, which is always in danger of being suffocated by the clamour of other voices. Let us pray for young people; perhaps there is someone here in the Square who hears the voice of the Lord calling him to the priesthood. Let us pray for him, if he is here, and for all young people who are being called.



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 #**