



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 11, 2021 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

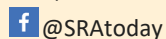


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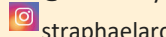
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am
Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before
7:00am Mass
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm
Other | By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

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READINGS FOR APRIL 11, 2021: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

READING I

ACTS 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

READING II

1 JN 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

GOSPEL

JN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail-marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope you know that we are here for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join to meet

other parishioners. As a faith community, we like to help others in our area and those less fortunate than we are. We hope you will consider joining us in future activities at our church. Please participate with us at Mass either online or in person in church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Carol Mueller
Jerillee Oldani
Robert and Carol Horridge

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." ACTS 4:32

All that you are and all that you have are gifts from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money; these are all gifts from God! You aren't really owners of anything; you are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed you with. You are called to be grateful and generous with all of your gifts for the benefit of others.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

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March 28, 2021

(Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (67)	\$ 5,135.00	\$ 168,370.00
Loose Money	\$ 634.00	\$ 40,832.00
School Support	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 7,029.00
Building Fund	\$ 520.00	\$ 9,248.00
Holy Days	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 7,404.00
Online Giving (49)	\$ 2,168.00	\$ 104,774.00
Catholic Relief		
Easter Flowers	\$ 55.00	
Retired Religious	(\$ 55.00)	
Lenten Project	(\$ 1,170.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 20.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 12,061.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,592.00	\$ 343,312.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 351,000.00
Difference	\$ 1,592.00	(\$ 7,688.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

April 4, 2021

(Envelopes Used)	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (74)	\$ 7,545.00	\$ 175,915.00
Loose Money	\$ 776.00	\$ 41,608.00
School Support	\$ 95.00	\$ 7,124.00
Building Fund	\$ 190.00	\$ 9,438.00
Holy Days	\$ 473.00	\$ 7,877.00
Online Giving (58)	\$ 3,258.00	\$ 108,032.00
Retired Religious	(\$ 1,093.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 5.00)	
Catholic Relief	(\$ 80.00)	
Starter Sets	\$ 155.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ 45.00	
Lenten Project	(\$ 73.00)	
Grand Total	\$13,788.00	
Total for Parish	\$12,537.00	\$ 355,849.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
Difference	\$ 3,537.00	(\$ 4,151.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)



Sunday, April 11

8:00am Jack and Jane Follen

10:00 People of the Parish

Monday, April 12

7:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

8:00am Gladys Shiroky

Tuesday, April 13

7:00am Don Deachan

8:00am Charles E. Brown, IV

Wednesday, April 14

7:00am Pade Liddy

8:00am John and Kay Geskermann, SI

Thursday, April 15

7:00am Ernie E. Winkelmann

7:00pm Vincent Gormley

Friday, April 16

7:00am Jost Family

8:00am Marilyn Fortune

Saturday, April 17

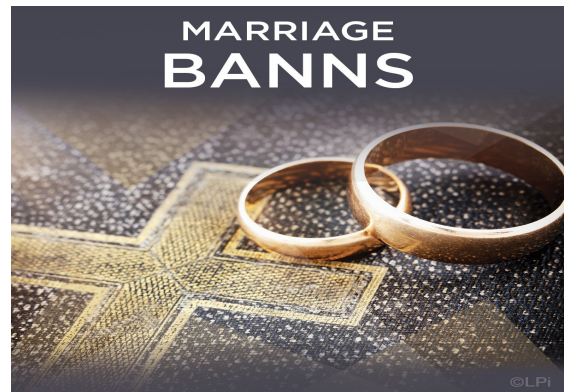
7:00am Jeff Kreitler

4:30pm Collin Taaffe

Sunday, April 18

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am George Limpert



WEDDING BANNS III

There is a promise of marriage between Laura King and Nicholas Janson to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

WEDDING BANNS II

There is a promise of marriage between Taylor Zinser and Kyle Bialczak to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

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.

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says, "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" When we give to the Society's collection box, we say "peace be with you" to those who are poor and hungry.



Come join us for SRA summer camp

Have fun playing with our experienced staff.
Join us for swim days, field trips, science and
many more activities !

June 7th— July 23rd
Visit the SRA web site or
Contact Molly Indelicato
indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

Archbishop Mitchell Rosanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, celebrated the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our 7th grade class on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. It was a beautiful ceremony and our students were excited to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to Ms. Woods and Mrs. Hayes for helping to prepare our students for this sacrament and to all of the ministers of the Mass who made the Mass fitting.



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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BULLETIN DESIGN

After much consideration, our parish has changed bulletin companies. This has given us a better quality print, more pages, and a new bulletin design as well. We hope that you enjoy the new design. If you have any comments or ideas to improve it even more, please contact the parish office or e-mail parish@straphaelarchangel.org.

PICNIC RESCHEDULE DATE

As you may be aware, we have canceled the picnic for our traditional date of Mother's Day Weekend due to the restrictions resulting from the pandemic. With the rollout of the vaccine and the overall track of the COVID caseload, we are announcing a reschedule date for the picnic on August 27-28, 2021. We are hopeful by this date that we will be able to have the picnic safely. If there is a reversal in the current COVID trends, we will certainly cancel the picnic again. Please pray that we will be able to gather and celebrate the beginning of a return to normal as a community.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

This phrase has been a popular one during the pandemic. It is popular because it is true. It takes all of us working together to keep one another safe during these trying times.

I thank all of you for your patience over these many months. I know it is difficult to still have half of the pews closed, to be unable to gather as we would like, and to have different procedures for Holy Communion. We continue to monitor all of our restrictions with the recommendations from the Archdiocese and from the St. Louis City Health Department and to adhere to those as closely as possible. When adjustments are possible, we try to make them as soon as the guidance changes and prudence leads us to believe it is safe to adjust our practices and policies.

Please continue to help keep everyone safe by following the practices and procedures of the last several months through social distancing, masking, and following the other practices we have adopted. God willing, we will soon be out of this time and soon be able to celebrate as we normally would.

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



SRA Volunteer Opportunity!

Have you been asking yourself, "How do I get more involved with St. Raphael?"

The SRA Development Committee is looking for three new members to replace those rolling off the committee in May. This is a GREAT way to get involved with our school and meet new and old families!

What does the Development Committee do?

The committee's purpose is to explore, develop, and execute an annual fundraiser plan to benefit the operation of St. Raphael the Archangel Grade School. The committee includes volunteers who help plan and/or execute 3-5 events per school year, always with an annual \$ goal to achieve and we've achieved it every year. Some of our past events include the NCAA Tournament Watch Party, the Golf Cart Raffle, Give STL Day, and the Turkey Day 5K.

What is the commitment?

The time commitment is 1-2 hours/month including a bi-monthly committee meeting. The first meeting for new members will be in May. The position is a two-year term.

Are you interested?

Please email development@staphaelarchangel.org or contact Father John by Friday, April 23. The committee will draw and announce new members the week of April 26.

Do you have more questions?

Feel free to reach out to current members: Jen Delf, Laura Dougherty, Casey Kleekamp, and/or Katie Meier.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**SMALL DESIGN
BIG RESULTS
BRIGHT FUTURE
#SRASTRONG**



**SAINT RAPHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRE K - 8TH GRADE



In 2015, Pope Francis released *Laudato Si*, a long letter to the worldwide Catholic Church and all people of good will, on the importance of caring for our planet. “Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.” This Earth Day you are invited to listen to a narrative of the Universe Story - the story of our origins in the universe through a ritual of the Cosmic Walk. At the conclusion of the narrative, you are invited to walk quietly and to look and reflect upon events and images of the Universe Story. This ritual instills a deeper appreciation of our role in the Universe Story and our relationship with Mother Earth.

WHO AM I TO JUDGE? WITH DR. EDWARD SRI

In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we will explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations - it is an entire way of life. What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

Join us in this 8-week study on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30pm, beginning April 15, in the parish office.

Please let us know you're coming so there will be enough study guides available and so that we can plan our space for proper social distancing. Face masks are required.

If you would like to attend, please contact Sue Brandt at sbrandtstl@gmail.com or 314.704.5304.

MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL, APRIL 14, 2021

Missouri Right to Life invites you to the 2021 Midwest March for Life and Legislative Action Event at our State Capitol on April 14. Missouri Right to Life is providing two buses that will get you to the State Capitol in time for the 10:00am March and the 11:00am Rally. You will then have time to call on your legislators before the 3:00pm departure. One MRL bus will go via Hwy. 70, and the second bus will go Hwy. 44 to 50. Both routes have several stops along the way. There is no charge for the bus, but a free-will offering is greatly appreciated. Register for the bus at easternregionalmrl.org/march, email mrl.eastern@yahoo.com, or call MRL ER at 314.434.4900. Wear **RED** for Life!

Bus #1 Pick up Locations

Depart Grasso Plaza – Affton
7:00am Return 6:20pm
Depart St. Paul Church – Fenton
7:20am Return 6:00pm
Depart Union, MO Commuter
Lot/1st Baptist Church
8:05am Return 5:15 p.m.

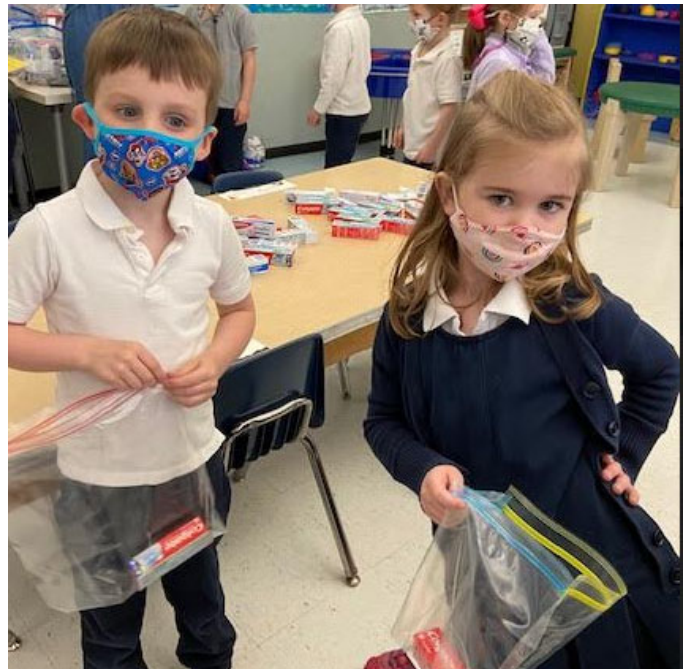
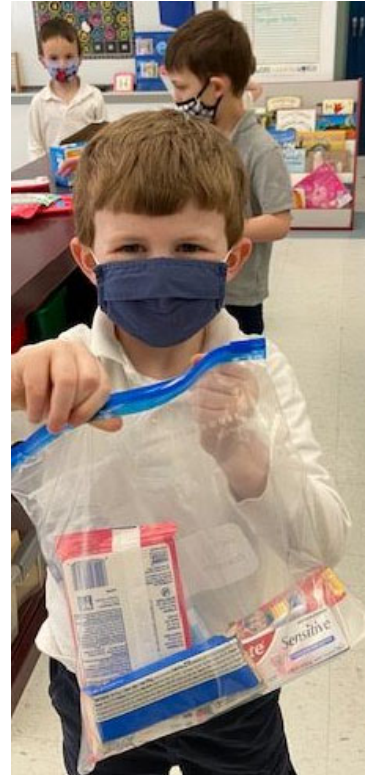
Bus #2 Pick up Locations

Departure Kohl's - Creve Coeur
7:00am Return 5:45pm
Depart Hobby Lobby – Cave
Springs
7:30am Return 5:15pm
Depart Wentzville – Walmart
8:00am Return 4:45pm
Depart Warrenton – Walmart
8:20am Return 4:15pm

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

PRE-K LENTEN PROJECT

Ms. Magee's Pre-K class brought in donations of toothbrushes, wipes, sanitizer, nonperishable snacks, socks, etc., and made "care bags" for the homeless. These were delivered to Magdala House in time for Easter.



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	Baby products
Paper Towels	Toilet paper
Shampoo or body wash	Personal care items
Check to Our Lady's Inn	

Gifts will be collected from **Saturday, May 8, until 11:00am on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 9, 2021**. Please place your gifts in the decorated playpens in the front and parking lot vestibules.

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

Your gifts will be delivered to the Inn immediately after Mass on Mother's Day.

SRA AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Thank you to all those who came out to witness to the cause of life on March 28, at Planned Parenthood in the Central West End. Let us all continue to pray daily for the growth of the Culture of Life in our city and in our nation!

