



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER




WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
Fri. | 7:30am-12:00pm

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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

WEEK DAY MASS

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

CONFESSION

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

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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



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APRIL 16, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Reading 1

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm

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

R. 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 2

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 16

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Paul Beckerle

Monday, April 17

7:00am Ralph Raskas
8:00am Dave Hiatt, Sr.

Tuesday, April 18

7:00am Kimling Family
8:00am Eileen Harbaugh

Wednesday, April 19

7:00am Angelo Ruggeri
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Thursday, April 20

7:00pm Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel
8:00am Paul Beckerle

Friday, April 21

7:00am Bertram Liddy

Saturday, April 22

7:00am Angelo Ruggeri
4:30pm Patricia Messmer

Sunday, April 23

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Thomas E. Howard

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19

Are we good at making people feel welcome? When we meet new people, like new neighbors, new work colleagues, or new parishioners, do we make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel that they are included, not excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and with each other. When we see ourselves as beloved sons or daughters of God, we tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

April 9, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (54)	\$ 5,754.00	\$ 203,288.00
Loose Money	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 59,802.00
School Support	\$ 90.00	\$ 9,873.00
Building Fund	\$ 175.00	\$ 15,452.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,990.00
Online Giving (83)	\$ 5,173.00	\$ 123,049.00
Good Friday	(\$ 817.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 85.00)	
Black/Indian Ms.	(\$ 40.00)	
Lenten Project	(\$ 700.00)	
Rice Bowl	(\$ 10.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 1,602.00)	
Catholic Home	(\$ 30.00)	
Missions		
Grand Total	\$ 16,985.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 13,701.00	\$ 422,929.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 410,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 3,701.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,929.00</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in our midst and says, "Peace be with you!" When we tell our neighbors that their electricity will not be turned off, you see the torment in their faces ease and hear the anxiety in their voices settle down. There is peace. Thank you for the toiletries and cleaning supplies. Keeping one's family and living space clean goes a long way to making someone feel good. That is peace.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR APRIL 17 - 23, 2023

Monday, April 17

8:00am Frank Koziacki Vivien Smith

Tuesday, April 18

8:00am Lydia Eddingfield Matthew Franz

Wednesday, April 19

8:00am Liam Feldman Lucas Feldman

Thursday, April 20

8:00am Katelyn Feldman Mac Teeter
Gavin Eddingfield

Friday, April 21

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, April 22

4:30pm Brendan Cierpiot Isa Hoglebe
Anna Wright

Sunday, April 23

8:00am James Browning Julia Panka
Ryan Schneider
10:00am Christian Bernadt Ethan Bradshaw
Sophia Bradshaw

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 22 - 23, 2023

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Laura Geiser	Matt Maxfield	Denise Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 17

7:00am Church	Mass
8:00am Church	Mass
7:00pm Parish Office	School Board

Tuesday, April 18

7:00am Church	Mass
8:00am Church	Mass
6:00pm Parish Office	Finance Council
7:00pm Cafeteria	Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

6:30am Church	Rosary
7:00am Church	Mass
8:00am Church	Mass
3:00pm Church	Eucharistic Adoration
8:30pm Gym	Men's Basketball

Thursday, April 20

7:00am Church	Mass
8:00am Church	Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria	Dance
6:30pm Parish Office	RCIA

Friday, April 21

7:00am Church	Mass
7:30am Church	Rosary

Saturday, April 22

7:00am Church	Mass
4:30pm Church	Mass

Sunday, April 23

8:00am Church	Mass
10:00am Church	Mass

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19- 20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1- 15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9- 10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Lenten Project Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

I, Father Philip Mbeta from Malawi, Africa, and on behalf of students and parents of Harris Secondary School, would like to thank your priests and parishioners of St. Raphael for helping us with donations (monetary support) to build a dormitory. May the Lord bless and thank you for your generosity. Happy and Blessed Easter to you all! Thank you. Fr. Philip

You can listen to Father Philip's voice message here: [hOps://drive.google.com/file/d/1mhqdB9dXpgQcowt3rf5MH-7-vPSQUTjt/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mhqdB9dXpgQcowt3rf5MH-7-vPSQUTjt/view?usp=sharing)

Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,

To begin, I am overwhelmed by your generosity. I never imagined raising almost \$7000 for our Malawi Lenten project. Your generous donations will go a long way toward helping Fr. Philip build a much needed dormitory and help Father continue to carry out the Lord's work for the world's poor. Your contributions will help provide a safe and comfortable living space for over 120 students, allowing them to focus on their education and achieve their potential.

Jesus stated, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Your donations are a shining example of this love!

Thank you!

Rick Horas

P.S. Pictures of the dorm will be forthcoming!



Thank you to Jenn Delf and her team of volunteers for organizing our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and bringing along the Easter Bunny! Thank you, also, to everyone who so generously donated items for the Easter Egg Hunt.



SRA Day of Service

When: 9 AM to Noon, April 22, 2023
Where: Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Who: SRA parishioners of all ages!

Please join us as we help our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, prepare for its 175th anniversary celebration. Service opportunities include cleaning and landscaping. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Brian Klos at BCKlos@gmail.com or use the Signup Genius, address below.



SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050945A4AB29A46-sraday>



Donut Sunday

Today is Donut Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. If you attend 4:30pm Mass, please return on Sunday for a donut and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you! This Donut Sunday is hosted by the Girl Scouts.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The official start of the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. The Archbishop has sent a letter with a pledge card to all who had contributed during the last five years. You can fill out the pledge card and send it directly to the ACA, or you can place the card in the parish Sunday collection, or drop it off at the parish office. Also, there is the option of contributing on line. One can Text to Give, Scan to Give, or Give on Line.

As in the past, your pledge card will be available at the front of Church on the weekends of April 22/23, April 29/30, and May 6/7.

Thank you for your past generous support. Last year your contributions showed a significant increase over previous years. Please consider a generous contribution to this year's appeal.

SRA ACA Committee



A truck will be set up for donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Saturday, June 17, from 9:00am to 1:00pm on the school parking lot. A list of acceptable donations will be forthcoming in future bulletin announcements.

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.

As you are out and about over the next few days, please keep the Parish Easter Egg Hunt in mind. We are looking for baskets, buckets, or other seasonal containers and nonperishable Easter treats like stickers, sidewalk chalk, small rings/toys and bubbles to refill our supply. Please drop all items off at the rectory. Thanks!!

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL OF
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS PRESENTS

Mercy Healing Services



APRIL 24 - 7:00PM

St. Raphael the Archangel
(South City)

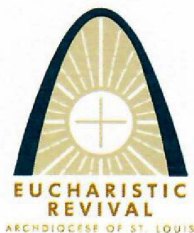
Fr. John Mayo

APRIL 27 - 7:00PM

Mary Mother of the Church
(South County)

Fr. Charles Barthel

The evenings will include Scripture,
prayer, music, Confession, Eucharistic
Adoration and Benediction.



APRIL 2023



ARCHDIOCESE
OF ST. LOUIS

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Raphael the Archangel

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, April 26 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Cafeteria 6047 Bishops Place

Masks optional. Appointments required.

To schedule an appointment, **scan QR code**

call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go to [bloodcenter.org/group, grp #11008](https://bloodcenter.org/group,grp#11008)



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SRA Summer Camp Update

St. Raphael Summer Camp is searching for a Teacher's Aide. This would be perfect for a college student, a recent graduate, or a teacher looking for summer work. This person will assist the Summer Camp Director with all aspects of camp and will have a flexible schedule. Summer Camp is from June 5-July 21. Please contact Michele Swaney if interested at swaney@straphaelarchangel.org or 314.797.3358.

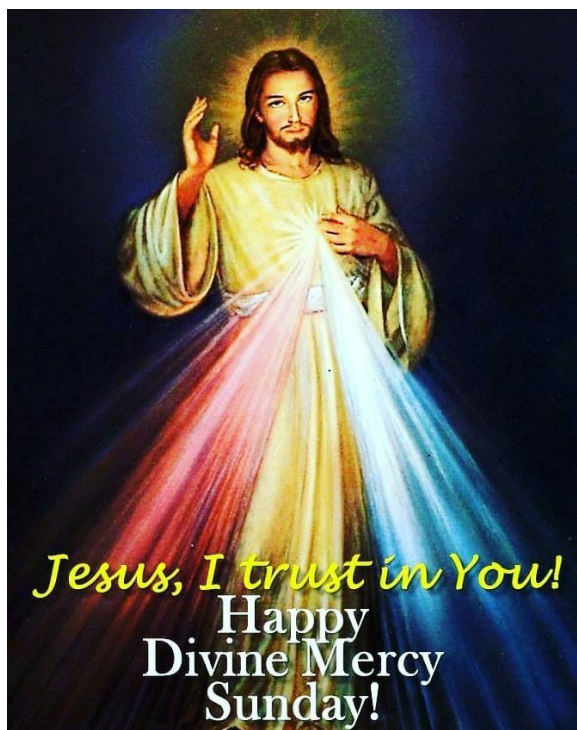


Adopt-A-Bed, Feed-A-Person

There are some folks maintaining the Community Garden at Our Lady of Sorrows. They have been donating its harvest to a local food pantry for over a decade. They thought it would be fun to get others involved by asking for adoption of one of the 19 beds. The task involves stopping by once a week or so to keep the weeds under control. Please consider getting the whole family involved for a very worthy cause! For more information, please contact Barbara Favre at 314.303.9941.

WEDDING BANNES I, II, III

There is a promise of marriage between Nicholas Schisler and Josephine Cusworth to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, April 22, 2023.



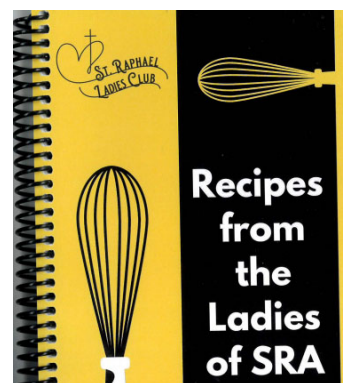
A Prayer Before Holy Mass

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.



Cookbooks

SRA Ladies' Club has a supply of cookbooks available for sale. These will make great gifts for the coming year...for Mother's Day, for wedding showers, for avid chefs, etc. They are \$15 each. You can purchase them via the parish office or contact Stacy LoBello at stacy.lobello@gmail.com.



COME & SEE

A VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT
FOR WOMEN AGES 18-30

MAY 26-28

ST. LOUIS, MO



REGISTER: CONNECT.PAULINE.ORG/VOCATION-EVENTS



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: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

☐ New Parishioner

☐ Please Contact Me

☐ New E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone #