

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

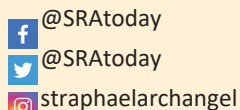
APRIL 25, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME!

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



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READINGS FOR APRIL 25, 2021:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READING I

ACTS 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 R. (22)

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

READING II

1 JN 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

GOSPEL

JN 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

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.



Sunday, April 25

8:00am Charles Humburg
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, April 26

7:00am Eva Jobst
8:00am Elizabeth C. Berra

Tuesday, April 27

7:00am Joseph Clubb
8:00am John C. Hunt

Wednesday, April 28

7:00am Bill and Mary Schicker
8:00am Joan Bender

Thursday, April 29

7:00am Mary Mahoney
8:00am Michael Murabito

Friday, April 30

7:00am Margaret Bogaret Bolen
8:00am Richard Constance

Saturday, May 1

7:00am Antoinette P. Fitzgerald
4:30pm Mary Ellen Cross

Sunday, May 2

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Carol Spesia

FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" when we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 12 families, providing \$200 in food, \$3,786 for utility bills and \$1,815 for rent. Thank you!

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

April 18, 2021	This Week	Year to Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (45)	\$ 3,413.00	\$ 183,056.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 43,562.00
School Support	\$ 230.00	\$ 7,424.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 9,623.00
Holy Days	\$ 1.00	\$ 7,958.00
Online Giving (58)	\$ 3,341.00	\$ 114,357.00
New Parishioners	\$ 75.00	
Tithing	(\$ 1.00)	
Pro-Life	(\$ 1.00)	
Lenten Project	(\$ 50.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 8,136.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,084.00	\$ 371,934.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 378,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 917.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 6,066.00)</u>
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

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

First Holy Communion

This Sunday, our second graders will receive their First Holy Communion at a special noon Mass. Please keep our students in prayer that their First Communion may be a time to truly meet the Risen Lord!

Lenten Project Update

This week, a Flocknote went out detailing our work day on May 1. We thank you for your generosity in signing up for this day.

Thank you, too, for your great financial generosity toward Father Dickinson Cemetery. We have surpassed the amount we raised for the Lenten Project last year. Our total is now over \$4,000. This is truly generous! Thank you!

Summer Camp Update

I would like to thank Ms. Molly, our Summer Camp director, Mrs. Hayes, and our parish Finance Council and School Marketing Committee for coming together recently to implement some exciting changes to our Summer Camp. We hope many will decide to join us this summer in part due to these changes. Please check our school news page for more information later in the bulletin.

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

Prayer for Vocations on World Day for Vocations

Loving Father,

We ask you to send forth many vocations from our parish.

We pray for young men to have the courage to enter the seminary.

We pray for the outpouring of your Spirit to raise up many women and men religious.

We ask for wisdom for young couples discerning marriage, for those discerning the permanent diaconate, and for any other particular call You have for us, no matter our age or past.

Help us to persevere in the calls You have given to us.

Each one of us has been called by You, O Lord, to be witnesses of Your love and to spread the Good News of Your Son's Resurrection.

Help us to follow You faithfully each day.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Dylan Bond, son of Dean and Brandi Bond. Dylan was baptized on April 18, 2021, with his fellow 7th grade students present. May God always bless the Bond family.



UPDATING PARISH RECORDS

Recently, we made outreach calls to our parishioners regarding the Holy Week and Easter weekend prayer services and Masses. From these phone calls, we learned that approximately 10% of our parish families had outdated phone numbers in our database (i.e., phone number disconnected, changed, etc.). If you are aware of personal data that has been updated and needs to be reported to us (i.e., cell phone numbers added/changed, land lines eliminated, email addresses changed or added, etc.), please inform the parish office. You may call (314.352.8100), email (parish@straphaelarchangel.org), or submit using the form below. Also, some of our parish records are missing other important data (i.e., wedding date, children's information, etc.) and should be provided. Thank you for helping us to keep our records current so we can serve you better.

Your Name (first/last): _____ Your Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Marriage Date: _____

Spouse Name (first/last): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child (living at home) Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child (living at home) Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Other: _____

OUR 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.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn
Monday	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-1
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,
Friday	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23 -24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL CAMPAIGN

The Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway now. Please make your contribution in the following ways (check payable to the ACA):

- Fill out your card and send it to the ACA.
- Fill out your card and drop it into the collection basket or submit it to the parish office.
- If you do not have a card, contact the parish office with your pledge information or send your check to the office and the committee will fill out a card.

Thank you for your generous support of the ACA!



Second Graders Received Their
First Communion Bows

Please keep them in prayer today!

FOR SALE

We have approximately 50 beige, metal chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. They are located in the lower level of the parish office. They are being sold on a first come, first sold basis. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

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.

STEWARDSHIP ALIVE BY DAVID BARANOWSKI
DIRECTOR OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP AND LEADERSHIP FORMATION
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS

God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture, but are we really listening? Do we read a Scripture passage and then pull out a phrase that fits our current circumstances in order to justify our actions? The world is very fond of misquoting the Bible for its own benefit. In our culture today, this happens all the time in commercials and shows we watch.

Here are some examples.

“Money is the root of all evil.” This passage is from 1 Timothy 6:10 titled “False Teaching and True Wealth” and reads “For the love of money is the root of all evils, and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.” Money in itself is neither good nor bad. It all depends on our interior disposition toward it. Do we see money as a gift to be managed wisely and generously shared with others or is it a god that has first priority in our lives? The misquoted phrase incorrectly suggests that we have no accountability regarding money, that money has some strange magical control over us. Money isn’t the problem, our attitude toward it is. (FYI - Just prior to the passage cited, Jesus clearly states that if someone teaches something other than His words, we are deprived of the truth.)

“Man does not live on bread alone.” This passage is from Deuteronomy 8:3, titled “God’s Care,” and reads “He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your ancestors, so you might know that it is not by bread alone that people live, but by all that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.” Many use this line when dining on extravagant meals or when over-eating borders on gluttony. On the surface, God wants us to enjoy good food and drink, but not at the expense of it becoming sinful. Going a little deeper, God cares for us by not only providing food for our bodies but, more importantly, providing food for our souls. Whether wandering in the desert for forty years or working to provide for our families, God is with us. We have to remember to open our hearts and invite Him in.

“The truth will set you free.” This passage is from John 8:31-32 and reads “Jesus then said to those Jews who believed in him, ‘If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’” Today, when the word “truth” is used, it is usually in reference to facts or figures to prove one side of an argument. Unfortunately, the “truth” is usually slanted by the source of those so-called facts and figures. Jesus’s truth is not about facts and figures, it is about lifestyles. It is about being in relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. When we stay “connected” to Jesus, we reflect His love, mercy, and forgiveness. We experience joy and peace in our lives, regardless of our circumstances, and we bear good fruit. Sharing the Gospel message – sharing the truth – can put us in uncomfortable situations. However, as Catholics, we recognize that the truth matters. Eternal life with God is at stake for all of us.

During this Easter season, we should take time to read the Gospel every day. We should read it slowly and deliberately...all the words. Let us listen to what God is saying. Simply put, if it doesn’t lead us to God, it is not from God.

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.

GIVE STL DAY AT SRA

Our school will once again participate in Give STL Day, a 24-hour online donation blitz for non-profit organizations. Give STL Day will take place on Thursday, May 6, 2021. You can log on and donate any time throughout the day.

Our profile can be found at:
givestlday.org/straphaelthearchangel.

No amount is too small! Last year we met our goal of \$5,000. Our school was able to purchase additional technology and resources to assist in opening our school in person this past August. We are hoping to raise the same amount this year.

Keep an eye on our social media accounts throughout the day on May 6! We will be posting all day long to share the joy of our fantastic school.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie from the Development Committee at development@straphaelarchangel.org.



Doing Justice
IN A DIVIDED NATION & CHURCH

What does our Catholic faith say about with whom we stand?

How can we take action now to make the St. Louis region more just despite division?

Seeds of Justice Network & the Archdiocese of St. Louis Peace & Justice Commission invite the community to this virtual event to help Catholics reflect on what we are called to DO to build a more just community despite division & to learn about dynamic local efforts for change!

Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, Project Read & Feed (at Claver House), and JustFaith will be shared.

Register for this free event at bit.ly/DoingJustice2021.

After registering, you'll receive an email with Zoom details. Please contact newsletter@seedsofjusticenetwork.org with questions.

Keynote Address

Fr. Fred Kammer, SJ

Response & Action Panel

Denise Hubertson
MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION

Ken Davis
PROJECT READ & FEED
Claver House

Elisea Diaz
MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 | 7:00 - 9:00PM | ZOOM

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Seeds of Justice Network

CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR SINGLES

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection and purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 4-6, 2021.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call 314.283.0044 for details.

Updated Summer Camp Pricing!

- Registration fee now only \$15 per child
- Multiple child discount of 10% off after first full-price tuition
- Sessions are from June 7—July 23, 2021
- Register today at <https://sraschool.org/student-life/summer-camp>



SUMMER AT SRA

WITH UPDATED PRICING!



OUR SUMMER CAMP NOW HAS LOWER REGISTRATION
FEES AND MULTIPLE CHILD DISCOUNT.

VISIT [SRASCHOOL.ORG](https://sraschool.org) TO REGISTER



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
Cereal or juices
Paper Towels
Shampoo or body wash
Check to Our Lady's Inn

Kleenex
Baby products
Toilet paper
Personal care items

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.



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 Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone#