

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

DMI Ends and Catholic Education Survey Begins

This past Monday, the deadline to complete the DMI passed. Our final count, including paper surveys that we sent away today to Catholic Leadership Institute to be processed, was 368. This represents 91% of our average Sunday Mass attendance. Given that CLI told all the parishes that they should expect only 20% of people to complete the survey, we absolutely crushed that goal!

This past Tuesday, the second survey of the All Things New process opened up. This one concentrates on Catholic education and Catholic schools. This survey is a bit different from the last one:

- The purpose of this survey is to capture the attitudes and beliefs of those who hold a stake in Catholic education in the Archdiocese, both from a Catholic school and from a PSR perspective.
- This survey has one link for all Catholics and other stakeholders in the Archdiocese to use. Further, there is no name of parish nor area of the Archdiocese requested to identify who is completing the survey. Unlike the DMI, we will not have any information on how many persons in our parish completed the survey.
- This survey is a "choose your own adventure" survey. When you click on the link for the survey, you will be asked a series of questions to identify the roles you play in Catholic education. Depending on your answers, your survey may be as short as 7.5 minutes to as long as 50 minutes, determined by how many areas you select.
- You do not need to currently send your children to a Catholic school to take the survey.
- Just as with the DMI, anyone who is in high school or older is eligible to complete the survey.
- Paper copies of the survey are available. If you need one, please call the office first before coming to get a copy. We need to understand how many sections of the survey you need and make a copy of those

sections for you. This is to save paper, as the full survey when printed is 57 pages long.

Even though the results are not tied to SRA, I still strongly encourage everyone to consider taking the Catholic education survey. Make your voice heard on the future of Catholic education here in the Archdiocese! To take the survey, please scan this QR code, follow the link on the parish or school website, or contact the office for a paper copy.



Please contact me or any of our Key Parish Leaders with any questions or concerns.

St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Scholarship

A friendly reminder to our 8th grade families: the deadline for the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association scholarship is quickly approaching. Three, one-time scholarships in the amount of \$600 will be awarded to graduating 8th graders entering high school.

The application deadline is Friday, April 15, 2022, and requires submission of a 3rd quarter/ 2nd trimester report card.

The applicant must be an eighth-grade student, the daughter/son/legal dependent of a St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association member living within the boundaries of St. Louis Hills. The applicant's family must have a current history of membership in the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association, including 2022.

For more information and an application, please go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.

"GOD HAS THIS" #SRAstrong

St. Raphael has been embraced by the HOLY SPIRIT! The FIRE is burning! "GOD HAS THIS" is burning in our hearts and has spread near and far.

People have been touched, hearts opened, with over 1,300 bracelets in circulation.

Keep the fire burning! Reach out and touch someone! We are STRONG!

“GOD HAS THIS” bracelets are available in the vestibules after all weekend Masses in the Moses baskets. Minimum \$1 donation requested. During the week, contact the parish office to purchase bracelets.

Holy Week Passion (Palm) Sunday

At the beginning of Mass, we hold up our palm branches and proclaim Jesus to be our Lord and King. By the end of the Gospel, we see Jesus enthroned on his throne, by soldiers nailing Him to the cross, and we understand the meaning of His Kingship: love to the point of death. This movement prepares us for the Holy Week to come.

Monday

In addition to our morning Masses, we will have time for confession in church from 6:00-8:00pm.

Tuesday

In addition to the morning Masses and confession at 6:40am, we will have our last evening confessions from 6:15-6:45pm, Mass at 7:00pm, and we will pray the Stations of the Cross together after Mass.

Spy Wednesday

This day is always the Wednesday of Holy Week. It recalls the day, traditionally on the Wednesday before Christ died, that Judas Iscariot betrayed Our Lord. In remembrance of this, many do an extra penance or time in prayer to be close to the Lord as one of His closest followers betrays Him.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am and 8:00am.

Holy Thursday- April 14

This day begins without Mass, as all of the priests of the Archdiocese will be gathered at the Cathedral Basilica for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. We will pray Morning Prayer as a community at 7:00am with confessions preceding at 6:40am.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will gather as a parish community at 7:00pm. We will receive the Holy Oils blessed by Archbishop Rozanski that morning. Additionally, we will recall the mandate of service given by the Lord in the washing of the Apostles' feet, as well as Jesus' institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood at the Last Supper. Following the Mass, a procession will move to the Altar of Repose to remember the journey of Jesus and His followers to the Garden of Gethsemane before His ar-

rest. A time of Adoration will follow the Mass until 10:00pm that night, when we will have Night Prayer.

Good Friday- April 15

This day is Good, for it is the day Christ paid for our sins on the cross. Traditionally, Mass is not celebrated on this day.

We will remember this solemn day with many opportunities for prayer. We will begin with Morning Prayer at 7:00am, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. At noon, we will pray the traditional Stations of the Cross. At 3:00pm, we will solemnly remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. This celebration includes reading of the Passion, offering special intentions for the world, venerating the cross, and receiving Holy Communion. Our day of prayer will conclude at 7:00pm, when we will have the “Were you There” Stations presented by our choir.

Holy Saturday, April 16

This day is eerily silent, as Christ descends into hell to preach the Good News to those who died before His death and to bring them to life in Heaven.

Confessions will be heard at 6:45am and we will meet for Morning Prayer at 7:00am followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Last, Last-Call confessions will be heard from 11:00am-1:00pm in church. We also invite you to bring your children for Chalk the Walk from 1-3:00pm to decorate the sidewalks of the church for Easter. THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS NOR 4:30PM MASS THAT EVENING. We will begin celebrating the Easter Season at 8:00pm with the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday, April 17

We will celebrate this great day with Masses at 8:00 and 10:00am.

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

