



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT




### WELCOME!

#### VISIT OR CONTACT US

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

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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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## READINGS FOR MARCH 19, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### Reading 1

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

### Reading 2

Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

### Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

### Gospel

Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of (Continued on Page 5.)



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 19

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Ken Soehngen

### Monday, March 20

7:00am Neil Svetanics

8:00am Nancy Weber

### Tuesday, March 21

7:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel

8:00am Joseph Kasper

7:00pm Special Intention

### Wednesday, March 22

7:00am Pam Huss

8:00am David Hiatt, Sr.

### Thursday, March 23

7:00am Kris Schneidewind

8:00am Rosemary A. Jearls

### Friday, March 24

7:00am Tim McCarver

### Saturday, March 25

7:00am Anne Kastens

4:30pm Eleanor Thompson

### Sunday, March 26

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure to create an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He looks into our hearts to see how much we love Him, how much we love others, and how we show that love by the way we use our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 12, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (53)</b>	\$ 5,657.00	\$ 182,871.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 900.00	\$ 54,054.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 353.00	\$ 8,983.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 110.00	\$ 12,829.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,770.00
<b>Online Giving (54)</b>	\$ 3,464.00	\$ 109,306.00
<b>First Offering</b>	\$ 5.00	
<b>ProLife</b>	(\$ 170.00)	
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$ 435.00	
<b>Disaster Relief</b>	(\$ 3,193.00)	
<b>Lenten Project</b>	(\$ 3,010.00)	
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	(\$ 38.00)	
<b>Black/Indian Missions</b>	(\$ 30.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 17,365.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 10,924.00	\$ 379,143.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 370,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 924.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,143.00</u>
<b>FYE 2022</b>		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Your compassionate prayers give us sight that directs us to understanding, patience, strength, and love for those in need. Through your generous donations, Jesus sends us to help others so that they may see and believe.

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR MARCH 20 - 26, 2023

### Monday, March 20

8:00am Sean Meier Paddy Meier

### Tuesday, March 21

8:00am Emily Fuhr Clara Thompson

### Wednesday, March 22

8:00am Christian Bernadt Matthew Franz

### Thursday, March 23

8:00am Adriana Kurtovic Dalila Ramirez  
Adam Fuhr

### Friday, March 24

No 8:00am Mass

### Saturday, March 25

4:30pm Jake Anstey Jack Delf  
Cillian Sheehan

### Sunday, March 26

8:00am Adam Fuhr Claire Fuhr  
Emily Fuhr  
10:00am Ava Christlieb Lydia Eddingfield  
Gavin Eddingfield

## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

MARCH 25 - 26, 2023

<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Ron Goedeker</b>	<b>Mary Reck</b>	<b>Mary Faith Green</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, March 20

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
2:00pm Church Prayer Group  
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration  
4:30pm Cafeteria/Gym Title 1 Parent Meeting  
7:00pm Parish Office School Board

### Tuesday, March 21

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
9:30am Church Prayer Group  
6:00pm Parish Office Finance Council  
6:15pm Church Confessions  
7:00pm Church Mass  
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club Meeting  
7:30pm Church Rosary with Reflections

### Wednesday, March 22

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

### Thursday, March 23

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Mass Mass  
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance  
6:00pm Church Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm Parish Office RCIA  
7:00pm Cafeteria Ladies' Club Meeting

### Friday, March 24

6:30am Church Rosary  
7:00am Church Mass  
7:30am Church Adult Stations of the Cross  
12:30pm Church Primary Stations of the Cross  
2:00pm Church Upper Grade Stations of the Cross  
3:15pm Cafeteria 1st Gr. Girl Scouts

### Saturday, March 25

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Cafeteria Pinewood Derby  
4:30pm Church Mass - Family Mass  
5:30pm Gym Spring Fling

### Sunday, March 26

8:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday  
10:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday

## DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."

## 2nd Annual Ben Polson Memorial Hockey Game

STLFD vs. STLPD  
Friday, March 31; Face Off: 7:30pm  
Affton Ice Rink, 10300 Gravois  
Proceeds Benefit Backstoppers

Tickets available from players at the front door. Come out and support a great cause and see some good hockey!

**Congratulations to the couples who celebrated a wedding milestone at the Anniversary Mass on February 25, 2023.**



Saint Raphael the Archangel Church

# Family Mass

**SATURDAY**

**MARCH 25**

**4:30 PM**

All parish families and children are invited to engage in this special liturgy as greeters, gift bearers, lectors and more.



Contact Ally Favre to participate: 314-303-8458



Save the date for the SRA Day of Service set for Saturday, April 22. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to come together for a service project at our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity. The day will then conclude at our church for 4:30pm Mass. More details and SignUp Genius to follow.

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.

## Easter Egg Hunt - Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny will visit SRA and host an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 9, after the 10:00am Mass.

Donations of the following are appreciated:

Small Prizes  
Bubbles  
Colored Chalk



All families of St. Raphael Parish and School are invited to join us for a night of family friendly fun!

**WHAT:** DJ, Photo booth, Pizza and Refreshments included

**WHEN:** March 25, 2023 immediately following 4:30 family mass until 8:30

**COST:** \$10 per family

Please return forms to the school office before 3/20.  
Checks Payable to St. Raphael

Contact Louise with any questions  
[balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org)

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**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING** \_\_\_\_\_





St. Raphael the Archangel Girl Scout and Brownie Troops celebrated Girl Scout Sunday on March 5, 2023!



games, crafts,  
stories, song,  
outside play



Full & half days  
3-5 days per week  
Aftercare available

  
**SRA**  
*Summer*  
**CAMP**

*June 5 - July 21*  
Fun themed-weeks  
Weekly water days  
& field trips



**Saint Raphael the  
Archangel School**  
6000 Jamieson Avenue

**Explorer Club**  
**Ages 3-5**

**Adventure Club**  
**Ages 6-8**

**Questions?**  
**Contact Michele Swaney**  
[swaney@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:swaney@straphaelarchangel.org)

**To register:**  
[sraschool.org/student-  
life/summer-camp](https://sraschool.org/student-life/summer-camp)



## Quarter Auction Donations

SRA Ladies' Club is soliciting donations for its upcoming Quarter Auction fundraising event. Following is a list of suggested items (not limited to) but we will accept any new items.

- Gift certificates to local businesses
- Themed baskets, i.e., movie night
- Flavored coffees/teas
- Beach items
- Sports equipment – i.e., Pickleball Set
- Wine and/or other adult beverages
- Personal items, i.e., purses, jewelry, etc.
- Travel accessories

## ATTENTION LADIES' CLUB MEMBERS

The Club is in need of baskets, basket confetti/moss or other "fillers," tissue paper, and/or cute or unique containers for raffles. Items can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you.

## SRA Ladies' Club Quarter Auction

April 14, 6:30pm in SRA Gym

Doors open at 6:00pm for 6:30pm start

What's a quarter auction?

Glad you asked. Entry paddle is \$5, cash or check at event. There are 50+ prizes on display and if you are interested in one, you pay a quarter and hold up your paddle for that item's raffle. That's it!

But wait, there's more: you can buy an "All In" paddle for \$25 and be in every single raffle!

Walk in available night of event,  
or

Tables of 8 can be reserved in advance for \$60.  
Reserved table includes 8, \$5 entry level paddles  
(you can upgrade to "All in" for \$20 at event)

Use QR code here or  
email [ladies@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:ladies@straphaelarchangel.org)  
to reserve a table.



BYOB and food (like a trivia night!)  
There will be basket raffles and 50/50!  
(It's a blast, really...)



## LifeLine Coalition Campaign



It's that time of year again, time to support the LifeLine Coalition Campaign. The campaign will extend from March 6 to March 20, and you will find your envelope in the March packet of envelopes. This campaign supports Birthright of Hillsboro, St. Charles, St. Louis, Wentzville, and Tri-County; Good Shepherd Children & Family Services; Haven of Grace; Mary Queen of Angels; Our Lady's Inn; Pregnancy Help Center of South County; and Washington Pregnancy Assistance Center.

Even though Roe v. Wade has been overturned, your support is still very important. Please help women in need and their families as they choose life for their children. Please help to build the Culture of Life by donating to the LifeLine Coalition.

Thank you for your generosity! The SRA ProLife Committee

**Evangelization 101 WORKSHOP**

**PLANNING AREA 4**

**15 APRIL 2023**  
**9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M.**  
St. Raphael the Archangel

*A free morning workshop covering the fundamentals of evangelization.*

*Due to limited space, registration is required.*

Visit [archstl.org/evangelization](https://archstl.org/evangelization)



### 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 #