

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 26, 2023 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



WELCOME!

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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 26, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon Cf. 43 (42): 1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Reading I Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. **R.** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R.** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. **R.** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. **R.** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading II Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Verse Before the Gospel Jn 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. (Continued on page 5.)



Sunday, March 26

8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

Monday, March 27

7:00am Paul Beckerle 8:00am Hodes Family, SI

Tuesday, March 28

7:00am Mary Margaret Watkins 8:00am Hodes Family, SI 7:00pm Special Intention

Wednesday, March 29

7:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel 8:00am Dave Hiatt, Sr.

Thursday, March 30

7:00am Kris Schneidewind 8:00am Paul Beckerle

Friday, March 31

7:00am Eva Ruggeri

Saturday, April 1

7:00am Elizabeth Jones 4:30pm Dorothy and Sam Lawson

Sunday, April 2

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

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness. Your grace shows through your prayers and gifts to shelter and feed those right here in our own neighborhood.

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But, when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living grateful and generous lives allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Your Contributions to God and Parish

March 19, 2022	This Week		Year-to-Date	
(Envelopes Used)				
Regular Env. (41)	\$	2,865.00	\$	185,736.00
Loose Money	\$	1,025.00	\$	55,079.00
School Support	\$	30.00	\$	9,013.00
Building Fund	\$	5.00	\$	12,834.00
Holy Days	\$	0.00	\$	6,770.00
Online Giving (58)	\$	3,312.00	\$	112,618.00
Easter Flowers	\$	35.00		
Catholic Relief	(\$	470.00)		
Earthquake Relief	(\$	50.00)		
Lenten Project	(\$	835.00)		
European Churches	(\$	50.00)		
Grand Total	\$	8,677.00		
Total for Parish	\$	7,272.00	\$	386,415.00
Amount Needed	\$	10,000.00	\$	380,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$</u>	2,728.00)	\$	6,415.00
FYE 2022			\$	46,837.00

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR MAR. 27 - APR. 2, 2023

Monday, March 27

8:00am William Schneeberger Ryan Schneider

Tuesday, March 28

8:00am Henry Dirnbeck Charlie Dirnbeck

Wednesday, March 29

8:00am Matthew Franz Julia Panka

Thursday, March 30

8:00am Jake Anstey Isa Hogrebe

Emily Fuhr

Friday, March 31
No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, April 1

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Sean Meier

Paddy Meier

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

8:00am James Browning Brendan Cierpiot

Ryan Schneider

10:00am Ethan Bradshaw Sophia Bradshaw

Anna Wright

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1 -11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51 -59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday	Mt 21:1-11/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 1 - 2, 2023

4:30pm 8:00a Greg Heuing Suzy Fer

8:00am 10:00am
Suzy Ferrenbach Krissy Sullivan
Deacon Bob Deacon Bob
Mary Reck Mary Faith Green

URCOMING

Monday, March 27

7:00am Church Mass 8:00am Church Mass

2:00pm Church Prayer Group

3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration 6:30pm Parish Office Cheer Committee 7:00pm Parish Office St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, March 28

7:00am Church Mass 8:00am Church Mass

9:30am Church Prayer Group 6:15pm Church Confessions

7:00pm Parish Office Knights of Columbus

7:00pm Church Mass

7:30pm Church Rosary with Reflections 7:30pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Basketball

Wednesday, March 29

6:30am Church Rosary 7:00am Church Mass 8:00am Church Mass

3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration 6:30pm Cafeteria NWEA Parent Meeting 8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, March 30

7:00am Church Mass 8:00am Mass Mass

8:45am Church School Confessions

2:00pm Cafeteria Dance

6:00pm Church Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Parish Office RCIA

Friday, March 31

6:30am Church Rosary 7:00am Church Mass

7:30am Church Adult Stations of the Cross 3:15pm Gym 8th Gr. Boys Basketball

Saturday, April 1

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

5:30pm Gym NCAA Watch Party

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday 8:00am Church Mass

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

11:00am Cafeteria Faith Alive Story Time

6:00pm Church Prayer Group

For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.



LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalette, for April 2 through June 3, is now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.



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 Ladies' Club.

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!



Faith Alive! In the Home

On Sunday, April 2, immediately following the 10:00am Mass, parents and children are invited to a 30-minute engaging and interactive Bible Storytime in the school cafeteria. We will talk about Holy Week and Easter, in a way that is especially suited for children ages 2-6 years-old. We will make a simple craft depicting the Resurrection to take home, along with a little Easter treat. See how you can further foster faith in your home through Bible stories, crafts, and songs. For questions, contact Mary Reck 314.326.6996.



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



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.

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



Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm SRA Gym on 20ft screen \$5 a person or \$20 a family Food & Beverage available for purchase

We would like to welcome the following new member 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 where you can 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 join us at Mass either online or in person at church. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

John Donovan



games, crafts, stories, song, outside play





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



Fun themed-weeks Weekly water days & field trips

June 5 - July 21



Explorer Club Ages 3-5 Adventure Club Ages 6-8

Questions? Contact Michele Swaney swaney@straphaelarchangel.org

> To register: sraschool.org/studentlife/summer-camp

LifeLine Coalition

As of March 20, the LifeLine Coalition Campaign is over, but it is not too late to donate to the cause of Life. Just use the envelope in your packet of envelopes or take any envelope, mark it LifeLine Coalition, and place it in the Offertory basket. Many thanks to you generous SRAers who have already donated to the cause. Women and their children who face a crisis pregnancy are very grateful to you for helping to support the agencies that can meet their needs. May the Lord bless you abundantly for upholding the Culture of Life!

The SRA ProLife Committee

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 <u>new items</u>.

Beauty/haircare products

Themed baskets, i.e., game night

Beer Sampler

Beach items

Sports equipment – i.e., Pickleball Set

Lottery Scratcher tickets

Spice basket

Grilling 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 to reserve a table.

BYOB and food (like a trivia night!)
There will be basket raffles and 50/50!

(It's a blast, really...)



Annual Easter Collection Supports Our Retired Priests

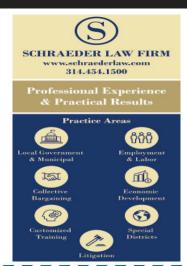
The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is traditionally held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor the vibrant legacies of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us and who continue to inspire our current and future priests.

Your supports helps assure that our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing-home care, vision care, and disability, now and for years to come.

You can make your gift through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. You can also text-to-give through April 20 by texting "4PRIESTS" to 314.648.8456. Online gifts are welcome year-round at archstl.org/retiredpriests.

PROUD SPONSORS OF THE BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION!





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