

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 2, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### 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

#### 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



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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# READINGS FOR MAY 2, 2021: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## READING I

**ACTS 9:26-31**

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and progressing in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PSALM 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 R. (26A)**

**I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE.**

I WILL FULFILL MY VOWS BEFORE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD. THE LOWLY SHALL EAT THEIR FILL; THEY WHO SEEK THE LORD SHALL PRAISE HIM: "MAY YOUR HEARTS LIVE FOREVER!"

**R. I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE.**

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH SHALL REMEMBER AND TURN TO THE LORD; ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS SHALL BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM.

**R. I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE.**

TO HIM ALONE SHALL BOW DOWN ALL WHO SLEEP IN THE EARTH; BEFORE HIM SHALL BEND ALL WHO GO DOWN INTO THE DUST.

**R. I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE.**

AND TO HIM MY SOUL SHALL LIVE; MY DESCENDANTS SHALL SERVE HIM. LET THE COMING GENERATION BE TOLD OF THE LORD THAT THEY MAY PROCLAIM TO A PEOPLE YET TO BE BORN THE JUSTICE HE HAS SHOWN.

**R. I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE.**

## READING II

**1 JN 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

## GOSPEL

**JN 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### 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, May 2**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Carol Spesia

### **Monday, May 3**

7:00am Hodes Family, SI

8:00am Rose Mazzuca

### **Tuesday, May 4**

7:00am Hutton Family

8:00am Frieda Malaes

### **Wednesday, May 5**

7:00am Patricia Corson

8:00am James Hagerty

### **Thursday, May 6**

7:00am Joe Cross, SI

8:00am Sam and Dorothy Lawson

### **Friday, May 7**

7:00am Daniel Liddy

8:00am Benjamin Banbaro

### **Saturday, May 8**

7:00am Ann Marie Varrone

4:30pm Sr. Mary Cross, SI

### **Sunday, May 9**

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding the Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk"? Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

## **Your Contributions to God and Parish**

<b>April 25, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>(Envelopes Used)</b>		
<b>Regular Env. (38)</b>	\$ 4,463.00	\$ 187519.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 814.00	\$ 44,376.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 135.00	\$ 7,559.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 25.00	\$ 9,648.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 70.00	\$ 8,028.00
<b>Online Giving (52)</b>	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 116,757.00
<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 380.00)	
<b>New Parishioners</b>	\$ 75.00	
<b>Retired Religious</b>	(\$ 100.00)	
<b>ProLife</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
<b>Lenten Project</b>	(\$ 40.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 8,522.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 7,982.00	
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 387,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 1,018.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 7,084.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

### **FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Our gifts to the Society will show that we are indeed the disciples of Jesus as it will bring our love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness, and dread.

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

### *From the Welcoming Committee*

We would like to welcome the following new members to our church. We hope that you know that we are there for you. There are several committees and clubs that you might like to join and 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.

Benard Powderly and Julie Powderly

Sarah Barone

Suzy Ferrenbach

Barbara Wildman

### *Annual Catholic Appeal*

Our Annual Catholic Appeal, which benefits the many ministries of the Archdiocese, including our parish, is going on right now!

Please remember that this year's campaign will look different from the ones in previous years.

Instead of volunteers from our parish handing out pledge cards after Mass, the Archdiocese should have mailed a pledge card to you if you have given to the ACA in the past five years. You can make your pledge to the ACA either by mailing the card back to the Archdiocese, dropping it into the collection basket or at the parish office, or by donating online at <http://aca.archstl.org/>.

If you have given in the past 5 years but still have not made a pledge by May 10, a member of our parish ACA committee will contact you to assist in making a pledge if you so desire.

If you are new to the parish or have not donated to the ACA recently but would like to start doing so, you can donate online at the same link listed above or you can contact the parish office. A member of our parish ACA committee will be happy to contact you to help you complete your pledge for this year.

Thank you for your flexibility during these times to continue to support the essential work of the Church in our Archdiocese.

### *Mercy and Healing for Hurting Women: Project Rachel Day of Reflection Saturday, May 8*

Project Rachel, an Abortion Healing Ministry program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is holding a Day of Spiritual Reflection for women wounded by abortion. The Day of Reflection, which includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a light lunch, will be held in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area on Saturday, May 8, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Marisol Pfaff, Project Rachel coordinator and certified spiritual director, will help participants realize the hope, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please call 314.277.5057 or e-mail [stlprojectrachel@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectrachel@archstl.org).

### *Mother's Day Mass*

By an overwhelming majority on our Flocknote poll, we will have a special Mass on the parking lot at noon next week, May 9, to honor our Mother on Mother's Day. We hope you will join us for this special Mass!

I will see you online or in church!

Fr. John #SRAstrong

### *Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph*

Fourth Sorrow: The prophecy of Simeon. (Luke 2:34)

Fourth Joy: The effects of the Redemption. (Luke 2:38)

O most faithful saint, who shared the mysteries of our Redemption, glorious St. Joseph, the prophecy of Simeon regarding the sufferings of Jesus and Mary caused you to shudder with mortal dread, but at the same time filled you with a blessed joy for the salvation and glorious resurrection which, he foretold, would be attained by countless souls.

By this sorrow and this joy, obtain for us that we may be among the number of those who, through the merits of Jesus and the intercession of Mary the Virgin Mother, are predestined to a glorious resurrection. Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory be . . .

# 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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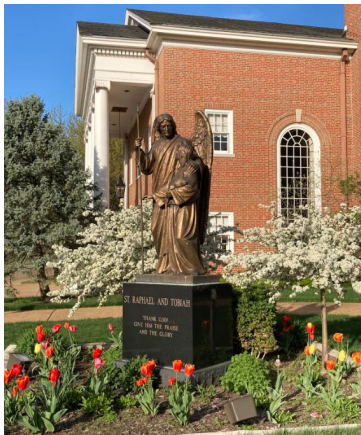
## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



## 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.

## 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.

## 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!



By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, May 7, and should be turned in to the school office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the parish office on Friday, May 14, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).

## 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.



## 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 [ttnaal005@gmail.com](mailto:ttnaal005@gmail.com).

Your gifts will be delivered to the Inn immediately after Mass on Mother's Day.

## MOTHER'S DAY CARDS!

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Cards are available at the Highfield and Jamieson entrances this weekend courtesy of Birthright of Hillsboro. Birthright provides free professional counseling, support, and assistance for women facing an unplanned pregnancy.  
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Pick up a card for your mom or a mother you know that you'd like to support, and thank Birthright with a small donation by visiting [birthrightstl.org](http://birthrightstl.org)



Last Sunday, our second grade class received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The students practiced for many months as they moved closer to Jesus. Thank you to Miss Hayley Franks for all of her guidance as the children prepared for this special day.

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### 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](https://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](mailto:development@straphaelarchangel.org).





# SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

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*From Mrs. Hayes, Principal*

Third-quarter report cards opened in ALMA on Friday, March 26. Overall, I was delighted with the learning growth of our students. It has been a challenging year, but our students are still learning!

Here is a shoutout to a few individual students from the 3rd Quarter. Congratulations to all!! Spelling Bee 1st Place - Clara T. and 2nd Place - Henry C.

7th Grade History Day-Students moving on to State Competition Brendan C. 6th, Lucas F. 6th, Will H. 8th, and Emillie M. 8th.

Bellarmino Speech League Blue Ribbons for Ryan S. 5th, Elizabeth K. 5th, and Eleanore G.

Science Fair

8th Grade 1st Place: Addi B. 2nd Place: Henry C. 3rd Place: Isabella P.

7th Grade 1st Place: Anna Grace G. 2nd Place: Sophia V. 3rd Place: Margaret K.

6th Grade 1st Place: Charlie D. 2nd Place: Lydia E. 3rd Place: Lucas F.

*Mrs. Liz: Pre-School B*

We have been busy in Preschool B! We worked on the letters V and W and recently completed an "All About Me" unit. We talked about the things that make us unique and made an "All About Me" book. Our favorite activity from this unit was making the members of our families out of popsicle sticks and creating houses for them using Play Doh and blocks. This was a great STEM activity and each one was different and full of innovation and creativity!

*Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks*

Second grade has begun our Time unit! We are excited to use this new skill to keep our daily schedule in order. We also finished our Living Organisms unit by creating habitats for our "Desk Pets." Each desk pet has a custom-made habitat to live in while it helps us stay focused throughout the rest of the year.

*Mrs. Amanda Knauer: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)*

Fifth Grade: The fifth graders are studying the Sacraments at the Service of Communion. They are learning about how to listen for their calling and the various types of vocations. During math, the students are learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers and how to multiply fractions. The students read a humorous story about a cowboy that has outrageous skills during literature. They learned about hyperboles and then created their own creative story using hyperboles!

Fourth Grade: The fourth graders have been working on fractions. They learned how to find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions, compare/order, and add/subtract fractions. The students have been working on comparing/contrasting along with sequencing in literature class.

*Mrs. Dana Lahm: Science/STREAM (4-5-6-7-8)*

4th Grade students are exploring the different types of forces and motion.

5th Grade students are studying our Solar System and the revolution of the planets around the sun. Students are learning about earth's movements of rotation and revolution and how the positions of the moon, earth, and sun cause the phases of the moon, eclipses, and tides.

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade students are learning about the chemical reactions of photosynthesis and cellular respiration, and the processes of mechanical and chemical digestion.

*Mrs. Sioux Roslawski: Literature & English (6-7-8)* The 6th-8th graders have been working on writing essays. They have written several first drafts. They are going to choose one to add to, revise, and edit.

The students are also writing poetry. They're experimenting with free-verse poetry, along with imitation poetry and two voices poems. (April is National Poetry Month.)

## 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>



### 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#**