

From Fr. John

Congratulations!

This Sunday is Graduation Sunday! On behalf of the parish, I congratulate the Class of 2023. The students have worked hard and all are attending their first choice high schools in the fall. A special thanks to Mrs. Hayes, Ms. R, and all of our faculty and staff for their hard work in helping our students arrive at this moment in their lives. May the Lord continue to bless our school and the Class of 2023.

Welcome!

We welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Mr. Quinton Durer. Quinton is a seminarian of the Archdiocese and will be a senior at Cardinal Glennon College in the fall. He will be living at our parish this summer as he works as camp director for Kenrick-Glennon Days and for the Office of Youth Ministry. Quinton will be moving into our parish this weekend and he will be around at Masses off and on all summer. Welcome!

Pentecost Sunday

Next weekend, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. This year, this is a notable day because it will be the day the plans for All Things New will be announced.

I want to detail how things will move this week as far as I can see them as of now.

Next Monday, May 22, the priests will have a meeting at Rigali Center to go over many details related to the All Things New announcement. Specific details and plans for any planning area or parish will not be discussed.

The announcement will take place after 4:30pm Mass next Saturday, May 27. I will not receive the final document detailing the announcement until that afternoon. My intention is that this announcement will be made immediately following each Mass that weekend. After the recessional procession goes into the sacristy, I will come out shortly after Mass to make the announcement.

The announcement will break down into the following parts:

- A letter from Archbishop Rozanski detailing what will happen here at St. Raphael the Archangel. This letter will include details on priest assignments as well.
- A brief discussion of any details I can give of what the broad outlines of the next few months may be.
- A time for public Q&A with a portable microphone so people can ask questions. My hope is this can

be a time of positive dialogue and clarification. If it turns to negative comments and criticisms, I will end the time for public Q&A.

- I will be in church for as long as people would like to approach me privately with any questions, comments, or concerns.

The announcement on May 27 will also be livestreamed via YouTube. At the conclusion of Mass, I will end the livestream of the Mass and begin a new livestream entitled All Things New Announcement. Please use that link to view the announcement.

Following the announcement, I will send out via Flocknote the text of the Archbishop's letter, along with a link to the YouTube video of the announcement at 4:30pm Mass. If you do not get Flocknotes or have issues with them, please contact the parish office this week so we can address these issues before the weekend. These details will also be posted on our website.

Also on the evening of May 27, the Archbishop will have a press conference at 5:30pm and at 6:00pm the full All Things New plan will be posted online as well as all of the priest assignments.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

On the back of this insert is the Novena to the Holy Spirit our parish started praying on Friday. I encourage you to join the livestream approximately five minutes before 7 am Mass each day and 8am Mass next Sunday for this novena. If you cannot watch the livestream, please take some time privately to say the prayers on this paper.

Server Picnic

Our annual server picnic will be on June 16. I sent out an invitation to our servers this week. If you have served as an altar server anytime between June 2022-June 2023 and would like to attend, you are certainly welcome to come! Please contact me for further information.

Thank You

Thank you to the volunteers who were here last Saturday to work on the flower beds around the parking lot. They are beautiful!

Parish Rosary Program Intention

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will descend richly upon our Archdiocese as the announcements related to All Things New are made.

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

Novena to the Holy Spirit
May 19-May 28, 2023

Opening Prayer (prayed together)

O Holy Spirit, Soul of my soul, I adore You!

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.

Tell me what I should do, and command me to do it.

I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept, all that You permit to happen to me.

Just make me know Your Will.

Amen

Daily Scripture

Reflection

Period of Silence

Concluding Prayer (Prayer of St. Augustine) (prayed together)

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.

