



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 12, 2022 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEK DAY MASS

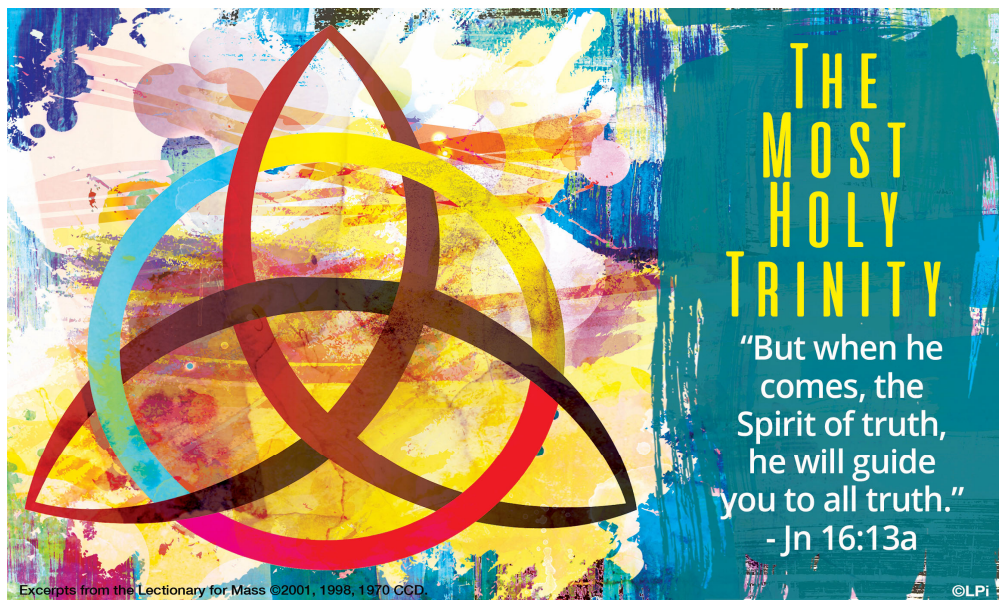
Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before
7:00am Mass
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm
Other | By Appointment

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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JUNE 12, 2022 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

READINGS FOR JUNE 12, 2022 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Reading I

Prv 8:22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the Earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world. "When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place —What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?

R O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet:

R O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

R O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Reading II

Rom 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel

Jn 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 12

8:00am Rose LaFata
10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, June 13

7:00am Don Deachan

Tuesday, June 14

7:00am Pauline Zagroba

Wednesday, June 15

7:00am Anthony Gamma

Thursday, June 16

7:00am Joseph and Kathryn Darpel

Friday, June 17

7:00am Bryan Kreitler

Saturday, June 18

7:00am Louise Corso
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, June 19

8:00am Carol Christy
10:00am Elizabeth Cramer

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (JOHN 16:13)

It has been said that the best gift we can give is teaching how to pray. If we don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will we know what He is calling us to do? Just as we talk to family and friends every day, let us get into the habit of talking with God every day. Let's develop a daily prayer routine and keep our prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

June 5, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (55)	\$ 5,138.00	\$ 218,828.00
Loose Money	\$ 508.00	\$ 94,813.00
School Support	\$ 55.00	\$ 7,620.00
Building Fund	\$ 275.00	\$ 14,575.00
Holy Days	\$ 10.00	\$ 10,058.00
Online Giving (53)	\$ 2,899.00	\$ 135,097.00
Tithing	(\$ 10.00)	
Retired Religious	(\$ 10.00)	
Catholic	(\$ 10.00)	
Communications		
Catholic Home	(\$ 30.00)	
Missions		
Cardinal Glennon	(\$ 790.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 9,735.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,885.00	\$ 496,874.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 115.00)</u>	<u>\$ 46,874.00</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us every day. Because of this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Are there families in need of assistance? If so, please have them call the parish office and leave a message for our Society members, so that together we can help those who are suffering.

Remember that the donation truck will be on our parking lot on Saturday, June 18.

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

Block Party on Bishops Place

Thank you to all those who came to the Block Party last week! It was a huge success! A special thanks to the Stewardship Committee for envisioning it and the Men's and Ladies' Clubs and the HSA for taking active roles in supporting it.

Even with these events, which do not have as much setup as do our larger events such as the auction or picnic, it takes a lot of preparation and planning. Thank you to all those who helped in any way to set up, run the event, or clean up. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!

Lenten Project

Before the Block Party, we were blessed to have 25 members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame attend 4:30pm Mass and receive a check for \$12,560 from our Lenten Project collection. If you would like to, you can go back on YouTube and watch the check presentation. They were totally overwhelmed by the generosity of our parish community. Thank you to all those who helped us to exceed our original goal by \$7,560.

Following the check presentation, the sisters sang a song of blessing for us. Many people were moved by the song, and I would encourage you to view the video to hear the beautiful gift of music and blessing the sisters brought to our community.

In the center of this page is a photo of one of our parishioners, Flora Borowiak with her "nun buddy" from Notre Dame High School who happened to be at 4:30pm Mass. This kind of connection with the School Sisters is what made this Lenten Project so successful. May the Lord bless and strengthen the bonds of our parish with this special religious community.

Vocations: The Bystander Syndrome

I was not allowed to watch *Seinfeld* growing up. Not that I am complaining. I did not really know much

about it except that it was a popular show and culturally I knew about the general premise and characters.

There was an exception made by my parents, though, for the show finale. If you will recall, it was thought to be one of the biggest finales in the history of television at the time.

I do not remember much about the episode, as one would have had to watch the show more regularly to get the jokes and sketches that they were referencing. What I do remember is that the main characters were put on trial for criminal indifference. This means that they saw a crime happening and did not do anything to intervene in anyway to help the person who was being harmed.

This is more generally known today as "bystander syndrome." Studies have put good people in situations where they could have done something to help another in need. Yet, these people did nothing. When questioned about it later, the bystander thought someone else would step up to help.

When we discuss vocations to the priesthood and religious life, I wonder if we can at times fall into a similar mindset. We hear about the declining number of vocations and the changes that may result from these changes. This is certainly upsetting to us. Yet, when we look at the answer, increasing the number of vocations, are we willing to en-

courage them among our own children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces? It is easy to say, "Well, God will call that person because the family goes to church a lot. That family is so nice and kind the child could be called to the priesthood." But when we apply these standards to our own family, we are never religious, nice, or kind enough to have a vocation spring from our family.

This is the bystander syndrome. We all know something needs to be done about encouraging vocations. Yet, we look around and say, well: there are plenty of other families in our school and parish and they are more religious or kind or nice so they will do something about the need. The trouble is that those families





Today is Donut Sunday! Please join your fellow parishioners for a donut after the 8:00am or 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 Donut Gang.

First Grade Teacher Position

St. Raphael the Archangel School seeks a full-time, degreed, and certified First Grade teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants must be positive Christian role models and exhibit a love for teaching. Interested applicants, please send a cover letter and resumé, with references, to Julie Hayes at hayes@staphaelarchangel.org.

Applicants must also begin the Archdiocesan application process at www.archstl.org/education. Click on "View Application and Instructions."



Monday, June 13

7:00am Church Mass
7:00pm Tobias Rm. Parish Council
7:00pm Raphael Rm. St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, June 14

7:00am Church Mass
6:30pm Parish Off. HSA

Wednesday, June 15

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, June 16

7:00am Church Mass
7:00pm JJ Twig's Ladies' Club

Friday, June 17

7:00am Church Mass

Saturday, June 18

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Parking Lot St. Vincent de Paul Truck
4:30pm Church Mass

Sunday, June 19

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

RENEWAL OF OUR PARISH CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

I give myself and consecrate myself to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, my person and my life, my actions, pains and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love, and glorify the Sacred Heart. This is my unchanging purpose, namely, to be all His, and to do all things for the love of Him, at the same time renouncing with all of my heart whatever is displeasing to Him. I therefore take you, O Sacred Heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life, and my sure refuge at the hour of death.

O Heart of Love, I put my confidence in You, for I fear everything from my weakness and frailty, but I hope for all things from Your goodness and bounty.

Remove from me all that can displease You or resist Your holy will. Let Your pure love imprint Your image so deeply upon my heart, that I shall never be able to forget You or to be separated from You.

May I obtain from Your loving kindness the grace of having my name written in Your heart, for in You I desire to place all my happiness and glory, living and dying in union with You. Amen.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/ Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Monday	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-
Wednesday	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
Friday	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday	Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for June 12 through September 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.

Rosary

Every Wednesday in church, we will pray the Rosary at 6:30am for the church community. Please plan to attend.

Laudato Si' - "Praise be to You" Care for God's Creation

The words that open Pope Francis's encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation are impactful. These words remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Each of us is called to take concrete steps - from reducing consumption to working for political change - to better care for creation. Consider contacting your members of Congress to share Pope Francis' message and urge action to address climate change.

Care of Our Common Home



LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

JUNE 18 - 19, 2022

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Greg Heuing	Barb Cramer	Heather Hays

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR JUNE 18 - 19 2022

Saturday, June 18

4:30pm	Mark Boeckmann	Ava Christlieb
	Aidan Flavin	

Sunday, June 19

8:00am	Lydia Eddingfield	Cillian Sheehan
	Adriana Kurtovic	
10:00am	Christian Bernadt	Claire Fuhr
	Lucas Fuhr	

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.

are probably saying the same thing. So what happens then is that no one really begins to promote vocations to the next generation and just assumes someone else will do it.

To address this, we need to take ownership of the need for vocations and reject the idea that someone else will do it. As I wrote in these pages a couple of weeks ago, the highest compliment we can pay a young person is to ask him or her to be our spiritual father or mother and to be there with us in our greatest joys and deepest sorrows. Am I willing to be generous with this compliment and ask the Lord whom He might be calling?

An old study found that well over 50% of parents say they would oppose their child entering the seminary or religious life. In prayer, envision that conversation. What would I say to my child if asked about a call to the priesthood or religious life? Would I be supportive or would I want to downplay a call from God? It takes much courage for a young person to think about a vocation and even more to say it out loud. Would I be supportive of my child, my grandchild, my relative, or my friend's child if told about the desire to be a priest or religious?

All Things New and processes like it throughout the United States are happening for many reasons. Declining vocations are the lit match being held to the fuse of these conditions: fewer people going to church, young people generally leaving the church after grade school and fewer returning later in life, and rising expenses in parishes and Catholic grade schools. These other things have been happening for decades and we have talked about them repeatedly. But why plan now? We simply do not have the priests to maintain the infrastructure of parishes we currently have.

If we want to see change, we as individuals and as a community can no longer be bystanders about vocations. We need to take action to actively encourage and support vocations among our young people, and not just assume that someone else will do it.

First Grade Teaching Position

This week, our school was able to announce that we have filled our open 5th grade teaching position. Mrs. Connie Holbrook is a highly qualified educator with many years of experience in the classroom as well as a recipient of an award for excellent teaching from the Archdiocese. We welcome her to our faculty and know she will be an asset for years to come.

We still have an open position in first grade. As was reported in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* this past week, there are an unusually high number of openings for teachers in the Archdiocese. Teachers in general are walking away from the field of education after the pandemic and the stress of the changing conditions in teaching caused by COVID. Catholic schools are not the only schools having issues filling teaching positions. Public schools, too, are having trouble and are raising salaries and changing rules on retiring teachers coming back without adversely affecting pensions.

Catholic schools offer teachers a sense of vocation, that they are responding not just to a need to work but to a call from God to serve His people. Additionally, our community support, from the involvement of parents to that of the wider community, is generally stronger than in the public education system.

The Archdiocese sets the salary we can pay our teachers and their benefits. What we can offer is the great community we know we have here at St. Raphael. Please continue to talk up our school to prospective candidates and encourage them to apply.

Corpus Christi Procession

Next weekend, we will bring back the Corpus Christi Procession in a new format!

Our neighboring parish St. Gabriel will join us for our procession this year. St. Gabriel will cancel its 11:00am Mass on June 19 and encourage everyone to come here to our 10:00am Mass. At the end of Mass, we will process from our parish through Francis Park to St. Gabriel. Once we get to the church, there will be Solemn Benediction.

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.

Save the Date!

Start collecting items or look through your items at home and save them for our Neighbors in Need. All donations will go to the thrift stores for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. We are going to have a donation truck on our parking lot on Saturday, June 18, from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL DONATION
TRUCK

All donations must be gently used, clean, and in working order. Please bring clothes, including shoes and purses, housewares, furniture, baby items, exercise equipment, electronics, home and garden, media - records, CDs, DVDs - and seasonal décor to the trucks. Please, NO food, drop down cribs, mattresses, car seats, light fixtures, metal hangers, blinds, doors, carpets, pianos, organs, auto parts, paint and cleaning supplies, carpeting, and sleeper sofas. Unfortunately, we cannot offer pick up. Remember to bring your items on Saturday, June 18.

"GOD HAS THIS" BRACELETS #SRASTRONG

"Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you...'" John 20:19

In the spirit of ALL THINGS NEW, join your fellow parishioners in wearing the "God Has This" bracelet.
Available at the entrances to the church.

Coming in August...Prayer 101

I don't know how to pray. I don't have time to pray. Can I just talk to Jesus and keep it informal? All of these are comments or concerns we've heard and can answer. We will begin a workshop (open to all in the parish) to start August 10 and more details will follow. This program will be geared to those who need help to develop their prayer life and don't know where and how to begin. If you have any questions before we provide more details in future bulletins, please email hager@straphaelarchangel.org. Thank you.



Come celebrate the start of summer with a Ladies' Club Night on the Town! We will discuss volunteer opportunities and events for the upcoming year. We hope to see you there!

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. The Archdiocese has sent letters with pledge cards to most parishioners. There are three options:

1. Go online to pledge/pay for the year.
2. Fill out the pledge card and mail directly to the ACA.
3. Fill out the pledge card and put it into the collection basket or deliver it to the parish office.

If you need your pledge card, please contact the parish office or Fred Hodes at 314.752.8742. Our parish has been very generous in the past. Please continue your generous support.

Parish Annual Catholic Appeal Committee

This mile-long procession will be a beautiful witness of the Catholic faith of our St. Louis Hills Community. We encourage everyone to participate in this witness of faith!

After our Parish Council meets this week and more discussions are held with St. Gabriel, we will announce more details via Flocknotes. Please keep checking your e-mail for details or contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Bar-Be-Cue

On Sunday, June 26, from 11:00-4:00pm, our Knights of Columbus will be grilling on our parking lot. All proceeds from this bar-be-cue will go to assist relief efforts in Ukraine. Come out to support our Knights and the people of Ukraine!



I would like to take a moment to thank our All Things New Key Parish Leaders. We have met twice in the past two weeks and have worked online to put together our answers to the Archdiocese questionnaire about our responses to the Disciple Maker Index. Their tireless efforts on behalf of our parish are truly inspiring, and we should all be grateful for the generosity of time and expertise they are generously sharing with our parish.

We will meet again this week to hopefully finalize our response to the Archdiocese. Following completion of this questionnaire, we will formulate a report that will be shared with the entire parish about our DMI results. We apologize for the delay, but we are working under a deadline given to us by the Archdiocese and need to meet it so the All Things New Office can continue its work.

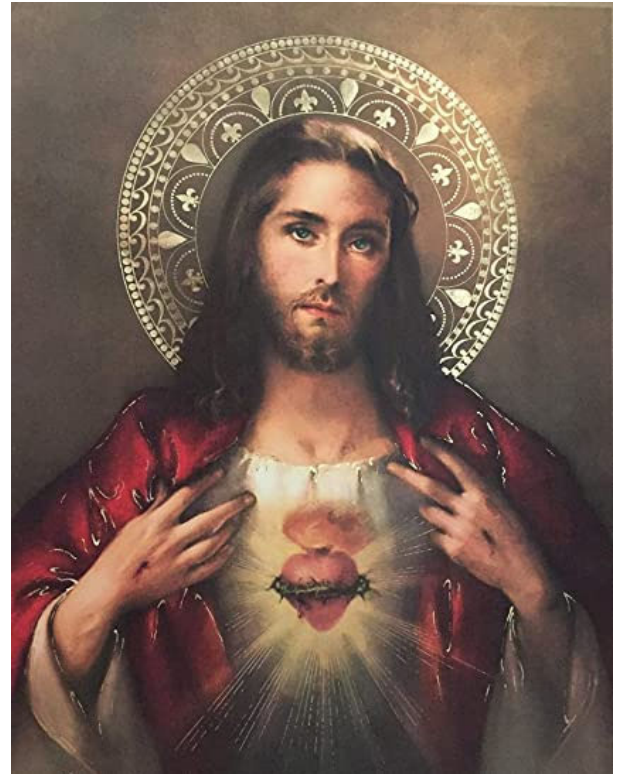
Behold the Man Retreat

Thank you for your patience and prayers this week as I have been helping with the Behold the Man retreat at the seminary. It has truly been a blessed time for the men I walked with in direction this week.

Speaking of the seminary, please pray this week for the young men from our parish who will be attending Kenrick-Glennon Days. May this time not only be fun for them, but also a time to consider if God may be

calling them to the priesthood.

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



We would like to welcome the following new members 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 and Katherine Jones



On Saturday, June 4, at the 4:30pm Mass, we presented the 2022 Lenten Project check to twenty-five sisters and representatives from the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). Father John shared that our parishioners crushed the \$5,000 financial goal by donating \$12,560 to SSND; this was in addition to the 100 care packages that our school staff, children, and families prepared and donated just prior to Easter. The Sisters, in appreciation, raised their arms and sang a blessing to those in attendance at Mass. Thanks so much for your participation in this year's Lenten project and your generosity.



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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):

<input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Please Contact Me
<input type="checkbox"/> New E-mail/Address/Phone Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Please Do Not Publish Phone #