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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm Sunday | 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday | 7:30am Saturday | 3:30pm Other | By Appointment

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:00pm Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm



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This weekend's Sacred Scripture readings:

Ascension Sunday, May 12:

Ritual Song: No. 1180 Pray Together: Page 113

Fr. Molini's Notes

The Ascension of Our Lord

This opportunity to recall the Ascension of Jesus is a gift to the church community. Before leaving this earth, Jesus commands us to share in His ministry of evangelization. He sends out His Apostles to carry the message of hope and redemption to all nations, using Baptism as a sign of our commitment to share this message. We continue this ministry through our participation in sharing God's Word through the efforts of our lives. For, if we live as Jesus instructs, we will follow where He has gone. He isn't so much leaving the Church as blazing the trail. Our faith tells us that we too shall rise from death and join Christ body and soul forever in the Kingdom. The Ascension of Jesus is a pledge, a promise. As goes the Head, so the body will follow.

Let us rest secure in the knowledge of this journey to which we are called and live in such a manner that all can see and appreciate our trust in the Lord. May our lives be lessons in love, hope, and faith. May we evangelize in word and deed, to the glory of God.

Mother's Day

This beautiful month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother is also the month of Mother's Day, a wonderful unity of purpose. On this special day, may all our mothers know our gratitude and love. Blessings to all the mothers of our parish. Be they with us still or with Christ in Heaven, may we take some time to offer thanks to God for their place in our lives. Happy Mother's Day!

Remember our Graduates

Let us pray for all those concluding their educational programs, whether elementary, secondary, or college. This can be a stressful time of year so let's remember to pray for them, and for a successful conclusion to their studies.

"We don't use the envelopes to donate to the parish."

Every now and then, the parish office gets a message like this from a family asking us to cancel the donation envelopes mailed out to parishioners. The problem is that often, there is no indication they have used any means to donate to the parish: no envelopes, no stock donations, no "once-a-year" gift, nothing, for years. I cannot express the dismay I feel when a family is willing to use our school, but not support the parish as well. It further emphasizes a societal inability to see the whole picture, focusing only on what affects "me" as an individual. As a Catholic parish, our view must be more broad and communal.

We have recently seen the closure of several Catholic schools in the area. Most had long-term concerns, ranging from low enrollment to rising costs associated with other issues. I guarantee, in addition, that part of the challenge facing those parishes was the disconnect between support for the school and parish. No parish school can survive on tuition payments alone. Every parishioner is asked to support the parish, whether a child is in school or not. If the parish is unable to maintain its fiscal health, the school will suffer. Continued on Page 5.



Sunday, May 12

9:00am Don Deachan and Barbara Tepe

Monday, May 13

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

Tuesday, May 14

8:00am John Gubser

Wednesday, May 15

8:00am Frank Buffa

Thursday, May 16

8:00am Thomas McKenna

Friday, May 17

8:00am Trudy Signorino

Saturday, May 18

7:00am Liddy Family 4:30pm Carl and Ruby Meshoto

Sunday, May 19

9:00am Ernest Winkelmann

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, we are told that the disciples went forth and preached everywhere. As Jesus ascended into Heaven to sit at the right hand of Our Heavenly Father, they were given grace to spread His holy word. We should do likewise. Let us please pray for the Vincentians as they enter the homes of neighbors in need. May we always approach those suffering with humility, gentleness, patience, and love. May we listen without questioning and comfort those who reach out to us when they are feeling scared and abandoned.

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

| May 5, 2024 | This Week | | Year-to-Date | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|------------------|
| (Envelopes Used) | | | | |
| Regular Env. (45) | \$ | 5,499 | \$ | 197,826 |
| Loose Money | \$ | 4,368 | \$ | 70,797 |
| School Support | \$ | 130 | \$ | 6,205 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 270 | \$ | 9,137 |
| Holy Days | \$ | 1 | \$ | 7,027 |
| Online Giving (54) | \$ | 2,557 | \$ | 143,945 |
| Tithing | (\$ | 10) | | |
| Thanksgiving | \$ | 2 | | |
| Retired Religious | (\$ | 2) | | |
| Candle Money | \$ | 85 | | |
| | | | | |
| Grand Total | \$ | 12,924 | | |
| Total for Parish | \$ | 12,912 | \$ | 440,018 |
| Amount Needed | \$ | 10,000 | \$ | 450,000 |
| Difference | <u>\$</u> | 2,912 | <u>(:</u> | \$ <u>9,982)</u> |
| FYE 2023 | | | <u>\$</u> | 5,826 |



SERVERS FOR MAY 18 AND 19, 2024

Saturday, May 18

4:30pm Sophia Bradshaw Anna Wright

Clara Thompson

Sunday, May 19

9:00am Henry Dirnbeck Lucas Feldman

Adriana Kurtovic

DAILY READINGS

| Sunday | Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19 |
|-------------|---|
| Monday | Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 |
| Tuesday | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17 |
| Wednesday | Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19 |
| Thursday | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26 |
| Friday | Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19- 20ab/Jn 21:15-19 |
| Saturday | Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 |
| Next Sunday | Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 |

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 18 AND 19, 2024 LECTORS

4:30pm 9:00am Greg Heuing Matt Maxfield

Extraordinary Ministers

George Kerry Krissy Sullivan
Mary Steck John Rooney
Pam Hager Marilyn Unger



Monday, May 13

8:00am Church Mass

7:00pm Parish Off. Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

8:00am Church Mass

3:15pm Cafeteria Girl Scout Meeting 4:30pm Cafeteria 1st Gr. Scouts

6:30pm Gym 5th Gr. Basketball Practice

6:30pm School HSA

Wednesday, May 15

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

3:15pm Cafeteria Girl Scout Meeting 6:30pm Gym Dance Recital 8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, May 16

8:00am Church Mass

7:00pm Cafeteria Ladies' Club Meeting

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 19

9:00am Church Mass

5:30pm GH AYM Youth Mass and Social

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Fr. Molini's Notes continued...

In addition, every parishioner assists the education of the parish children, since tuition does not cover the total cost to educate a child. Every child receives a "scholarship" in this way, offset through Sunday contributions.

This may be a good wake-up call for us all. Do I support the parish...by attending Sunday Mass, participating in our activities, and donating to the good of the whole parish?

Am I just interested in using the school for education, or do I support the entire ministry of our parish to foster a strong parish community that benefits the spiritual and communal integrity of our area? The school cannot survive on its own...and the parish needs the support of everyone.

Second Grade Teacher (2024-25)

St. Raphael the Archangel School is seeking a full-time, degreed, and certified 2nd-grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Responsibilities include preparing students for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The applicant must be a positive Christian role model and exhibit a love for teaching. Interested applicants, please send a cover letter and resume with references to Julie Hayes at hayes@straphaelarchangel.org.

You must also begin the Archdiocesan application process at //www.archstl.org/education. Click on view Application and Instructions.

Music Teacher (2024-25)

St. Raphael the Archangel is seeking a dynamic, passionate, and enthusiastic part-time (2 days a week) music teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking for a faith-filled Catholic educator excited to share the joy of the Gospel with the students. The candidate should be qualified and certified to teach music to grades Pre-K through Eighth.

Candidate should be comfortable to collaborate as a team member, to exhibit knowledge and experience with Google Classroom and other learning platforms, and to mentor students' needs through differentiation and best instructional practices. Qualified candidates should send a resume, cover letter, and references to Julie Hayes at hayes@straphaelarchangel.org

Annual Catholic Appeal



The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal continues. All those who have an ACA card, please fill it out and drop it into the collection basket. If you do not have an ACA card, please contact the parish office or call Fred Hodes - 314.752.8742. Also, there is the option of contributing online. One can Text to Give at "ACA" to 243752; Scan to Give; Give on Line at aca.archstl.org, or make a pledge over the phone by contacting the ACA office at 314.792.7680. Thank you for your past support. Please consider a generous contribution to this year's appeal.

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. Please join us at Mass, and we hope you will consider joining us in future church activities. Again, welcome to St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; we are happy to have you join us.

Michael and Taylor Hensiek

Elizabeth Willey



SRA BLOCK* PARTY

(*ON THE PARKING LOT)

-Hot dogs/Hamburgers from Men's Club
-1 Sno-cone / per kid from Ladies'Club
-BYO chairs, beverages, snacks

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JUNK DUMP EVENT

Do you have stuff sitting around that can't be sold or donated? Join us to get rid of it!





Care for Creation and Stewardship of the Earth

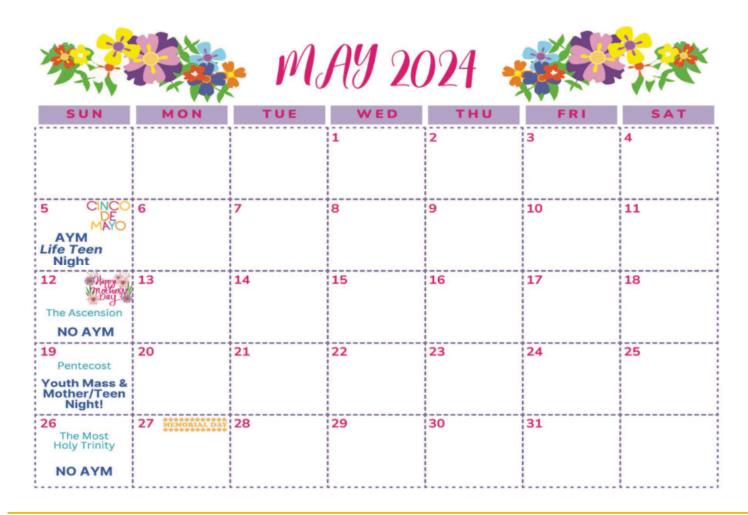
The Catholic Church has a well-documented tradition of Care for Creation and Stewardship of the Earth. We will feature resources intended to serve as an introduction on this issue. This is just one element of our Catholic teaching that highlights this tradition. For the next several weeks, more articles on the care of our Earth will appear in this bulletin.

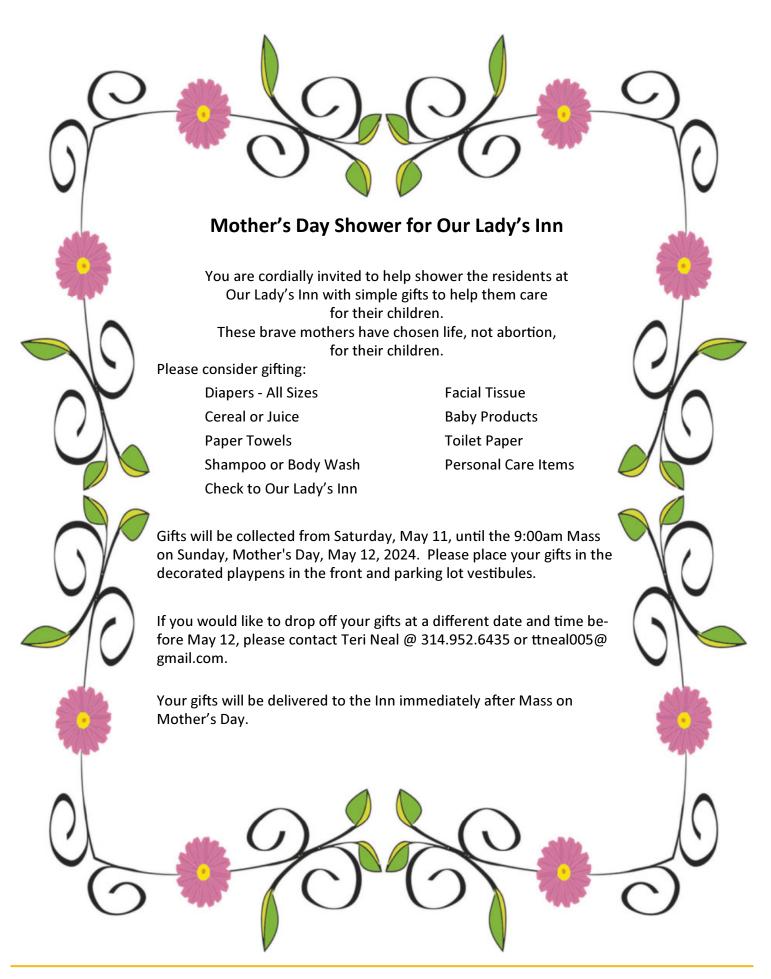


Audience with Representatives of the Churches and Ecclesial Communities and of the Different Religions Pope Francis March, 2013

"The Church is likewise conscious of the responsibility which all of us have for our world, for the whole of creation, which we must love and protect. There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy, and those who suffer, and to favor justice, promote reconciliation, and build peace."

ARCHANGEL YOUR MINISTRY CALENDAR







Congratulations to our SRA Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made the recent Impact Life Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus a success. There were 29 units collected providing life changing possibilities for 87 people.

Volunteers were on hand to assist the Impact Life staff, so everything ran efficiently. We are grateful to them and especially grateful to the donors who took time to give one of the most precious gifts possible: their own blood. Blood cannot be manufactured; it is priceless to the one who needs it, yet it costs only an hour of valuable time. Like many gifts - it is better to give than to receive.

The next SRA drive is scheduled for this fall. See you there!

Thanks again! The Knights of Columbus, Council 14330





<u>Welcome to ARCHANGEL YOUTH MINISTRY (AYM)</u> covering the parishes of the St. Louis Hills neighborhood (St. Gabriel & St. Raphael). AYM is open to <u>all high school teens</u>. No signup necessary and teens do not need to be from the St. Louis Hills parishes to participate. High schoolers can attend on a regular basis or drop-in as it fits their schedule. Sunday evenings (6:45-8:30pm in Gabriel House) include snacks, socializing, games, talks, discussions. Teens are encouraged to bring a friend to share in the fun.

AYM CELEBRATES OUR MOTHERS!

- *No AYM this weekend due to Mother's Day. Enjoy the day with your mom and other special women in your family!
- *The next AYM *Life Teen* night will be Sunday, **May 19**, following the 5:30pm Youth Mass. Moms are invited to join us for the evening to have dinner and play trivia. Teens are welcome and encouraged to attend even if their mom is unavailable. <u>Please rsvp to Sarah by May 16</u>, so we can plan accordingly.

CURRENT 8TH GRADERS:

You're Invited! With the completion of the Luke 18 Retreat weekend, current 8th graders are now invited to start attending AYM Sunday Nights whenever it fits their schedule. We look forward to having you join our AYM Family!

LOOKING AHEAD:

<u>SGA 90th Anniversary Mass & Block Party</u> | **June 15** | The Block Party is a fundraiser for AYM so we will need many teen and adult volunteers!

<u>National Eucharistic Pilgrimage</u> | **July 7** | 10:00am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica followed by a Eucharistic Procession (walk) to St. Stephen Protomartyr church | More info to come...

Steubenville Conference | July 12 - 14 | 8th - 12th graders

STAY CONNECTED with AYM

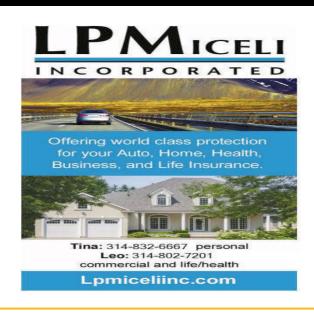
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