



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 14, 2023 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME!

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Mon.-Thu. | 7:30am-4:00pm
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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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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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Reading 1

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Reading 2

1 Pt 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 14

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, May 15

7:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel

8:00am Frank Buffa

Tuesday, May 16

7:00am Steve Schisler, SI

8:00am Michele O'Rourke

Wednesday, May 17

7:00am Joan Billing

8:00am Gina Nolan

Thursday, May 18

7:00pm Hutton Family

8:00am Rita Jacobsmeyer

Friday, May 19

7:00am John H. Gubser

Saturday, May 20

7:00am Eileen O'Toole

4:30pm Dorothy and Sam Lawson

Sunday, May 21

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Paul Beckerle

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things progress smoothly. Then disaster strikes; we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing: adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on ourselves. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for us.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 7, 2022 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (51)	\$ 5,028.00	\$ 219,786.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,576.00	\$ 65,249.00
School Support	\$ 60.00	\$ 13,198.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00	\$ 15,685.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,990.00
Online Giving (58)	\$ 3,248.00	\$ 135,078.00
Tithing	(\$ 20.00)	

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." When you say a prayer or give what you can to those who are so desperately in need within our parish boundaries, you show your love for Jesus. In turn, Jesus pours His love, peace, and joy into your hearts.

Grand Total	\$ 10,132.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,112.00	\$ 460,674.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 112.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,674.00</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR MAY 15 - 21, 2023

Monday, May 15

8:00am Sophia Bradshaw Ethan Bradshaw

Tuesday, May 16

8:00am Jude Potts Helen Potts

Wednesday, May 17

8:00am Hannah Kratky Clara Thompson

Thursday, May 18

8:00am Vivien Smith Mac Teeter
Katelyn Feldman

Friday, May 19

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, May 20

4:30pm Julia Panka Cillian Sheehan
William Schneeberger

Sunday, May 21

8:00am Isa Hogrebe Adriana Kurtovic
Anna Wright
10:00am Graduation

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 20 - 21 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Laura Geiser
8:00am Amy Ruggeri
10:00am Kevin Liddy

Extraordinary Ministers

Kevin Liddy Deborah Halter Mary Faith Green
George Kerry Amy Schisler John Rooney
Tony Mariani Linda Saracino Elena Switzer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 15

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
7:00pm Parish Office School Board

Tuesday, May 16

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
7:00pm Cafeteria Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

6:30am Church Rosary
7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm Gym Dance Recital
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

Thursday, May 18

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance
7:00pm Cafeteria Ladies' Club Meeting

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 21

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26—16:
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 <i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

First Annual Father's Day Diaper Drive



SRA is hosting a Diaper Drive the weekend of June 17 and 18. All diapers collected will be delivered to The Crisis Nursery Center at 1928 Gravois. There will be containers at all entrances to church. The most requested sizes are 4, 5, and 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Saracino at lindasaracino813@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Fatima - Rosary

Please join in praying the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. All parishioners are invited to pray on Saturday, May 13, at 4:00pm, in church.



SAVE THE DATE

**PARISH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 22 - 23, 2023**

WATCH THIS BULLETIN!



Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they can join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call of sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all who are called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen.

Blood Drive - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made the recent Knights of Columbus Impact Life Blood Drive a success. There were 31 units collected, providing life-changing possibilities for 93 people.

Numerous 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: their own blood. Blood cannot be manufactured; it is priceless to the one who needs it, and yet it costs only an hour of valuable time. As with many gifts, it is better to give than to receive.

The next SRA drive is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023. See you there!

Thanks again! The Knights of Columbus, Council 14330



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 SRA St. Vincent de Paul Society.

School Board

Nominations for School Board are now open! All parish members, parents, and non-parents are invited to nominate themselves or others who they feel would be good candidates. With the upcoming changes due to All Things New, we are looking for members who will have an open mind and a discerning spirit to ensure success for years to come. The purpose of the Board is to advise School Administration in making policy for the parish school. School Board terms are 3 years-long, and the Board meets the third Monday of each month, at 7:00pm, except in July.

Please send nominations or questions to schoolboard@straphaelarchangel.org or contact School Board President, Katy Pfeiffer, at 314.440.5178.



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St. Raphael the Archangel Seventh Grade Confirmation - 2023



Saturday, June 3
following 4:30 Mass until dusk

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

HOSTED BY THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



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 13, until 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14, 2023.** 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 **before May 14**, please contact Teri Neal @ 314.952.6435 or ttneal005@gmail.com.

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

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. The Archbishop has sent a letter with a pledge card to all who have contributed during the last five years. You can fill out the pledge card and send it directly to the ACA office, or you can place the card in the parish Sunday collection, or drop it off at the parish office. Also, there is the option to contribute without a pledge card. One can contribute online. One can Text to Give, Scan to Give, or Give Online.

If you do not have a pledge card and want to donate, please contact the parish office or call Fred Hodes at 314.752.8742.

Thank you for your generous support in the past. Last year your contributions showed a significant increase over previous years. Please consider a generous contribution to this year's appeal.

SRA ACA Committee



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"ACA" to 243725

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ONLINE

THANK YOU for your support to the *Annual Catholic Appeal!*

Respect Life

There are free Mother's Day Cards at the Jamieson entrance, compliments of Birthright of Hillsboro.



Birthright provides a variety of support services to pregnant women in need of assistance. Its focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope, and ensuring her that she is not alone.

All you need do is take a card. You will notice information inside the card about contributing to Birthright. Please be generous since Birthright assists women and their families.

Any donations to its ministry are greatly appreciated!

Thank you.

2023 - 2024 Guide Book

We are starting to work on the on the 2023 - 2024 Guide Book. Please email the parish office with any changes to your address, telephone numbers, email addresses, etc. Please send the changes as soon as possible.

St. Raphael's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Special Appeal

We find ourselves in an uncomfortable position. Our funds are running very low. Through your heartfelt donations, we have been able to lighten so many burdens of those in dire need within our parish boundaries. The costs to help those threatened with homelessness have taken a toll on our funds. Now we find ourselves very close to turning them away, being able only to refer them to other organizations that already have critical burdens. Humbly, we come to you for help. Please give what you can. Without your additional donations, we cannot carry on our mission to serve and provide for Christ's people who are most in need. We thank you in advance for all you can do to help us at this critical time.

Birthright of Hillsboro



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 #