

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 21, 2023 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### 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

#### WEEK DAY MASS

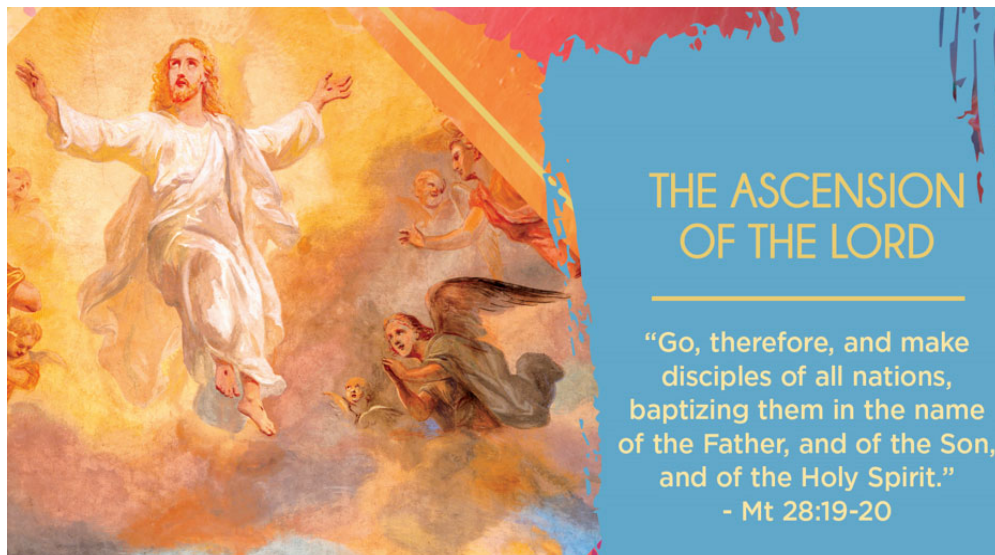
Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am  
Mon. - Thur. | 8:00am

#### 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



### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name  
of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit."  
- Mt 28:19-20

#### PARISH CLERGY

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Acts 1: 11**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**Reading 1**

**Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, for the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

**Reading 2**

**Eph 1:17-23**

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

**Gospel**

**Mt 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 21

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Paul Beckerle

### Monday, May 22

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker  
8:00am Hodes Family, SI

### Tuesday, May 23

7:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel  
8:00am Mary Watkins

### Wednesday, May 24

7:00am Paul Beckerle  
8:00am Dr. Mark Schiffman

### Thursday, May 25

7:00pm Kimling Family  
8:00am Susan Warburton

### Friday, May 26

7:00am Paul Beckerle  
8:00am Purgatorial Society

### Saturday, May 27

7:00am Mark O'Neill  
4:30pm Agnes and Ralph Hager

### Sunday, May 28

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

*"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9*

Prayer is the foundation of Faith and Stewardship. Prayer is always the first and best option in any situation - not just your last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give.

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 14, 2022	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (43)</b>	\$ 4,405.00	\$ 224,191.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 66,591.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 55.00	\$ 13,253.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 280.00	\$ 15,965.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 1.00	\$ 6,991.00
<b>Online Giving (53)</b>	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 138,298.00

<b>Tithing</b>	(\$ 30.00)
<b>Home Missions</b>	(\$ 75.00)
<b>Retired Religious</b>	(\$ 3.00)
<b>Catholic Communications</b>	(\$ 50.00)

<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 9,461.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 9,303.00	\$ 469,977.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 460,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 697.00)</u>	<u>\$ 9,977.00</u>
<b>FYE 2022</b>		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

### From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on Earth continues through His disciples and now through all of us. Jesus watches His work being carried out through us after ascending into Heaven to be with His Father. It makes Jesus smile when He sees the little children being kept warm in winter and cool in the summer through our donations.



# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR MAY 22 - 28, 2023

### Monday, May 22

8:00am Christian Bernadt Kallista Hiatt

### Tuesday, May 23

8:00am Mark Boeckmann Addison Pfeiffer

### Wednesday, May 24

8:00am Jake Anstey Matthew Franz

### Thursday, May 25

8:00am Henry Dirnbeck Charlie Dirnbeck  
Isa Hogrebe

### Friday, May 26

8:00am Servers needed

### Saturday, May 27

4:30pm Isa Hogrebe Julia Panka  
William Schneeberger

### Sunday, May 28

8:00am Gavin Eddingfield Sean Meier  
Paddy Meier  
10:00am Christian Bernadt Ava Christlieb  
James Browning

## DAILY READINGS

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
Monday	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
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-
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-
Saturday	<i>Morning:</i> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday	<i>Vigil:</i> 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 <i>Extended Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

## LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 27 - 28 2023

### LECTORS

**4:30pm** George Kerry  
**8:00am** Suzy Ferrenbach  
**10:00am** Krissy Sullivan

### Extraordinary Ministers

**4:30pm** Pam Hager  
Brian McCarthy  
Greg Heuing  
**8:00am** Christy Connor  
Bart Saracino  
Dan Harbaugh  
**10:00am** Marilyn Unger  
Gerald Unger  
Steven Kratky

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, May 22

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
7:00pm Parish Office St. Vincent de Paul

### Tuesday, May 23

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
7:00pm Parish Office Knights of Columbus

### Wednesday, May 24

6:30am Church Rosary  
7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
3:00pm Church Eucharistic Adoration  
7:15pm Parish Office Parish Council  
7:30pm Church So. City Men's Recollection  
8:30pm Gym Men's Basketball

### Thursday, May 25

7:00am Church Mass  
8:00am Church Mass  
3:15pm Gym Pre-school Graduation

### Friday, May 26

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

### Saturday, May 27

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

### Sunday, May 28

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



## Photos from Field Day and Talent Show



**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.



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**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**

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

## 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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[aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org)

**GIVE  
ONLINE**

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





### Our Lady's Inn Shower Thank You

Many, many thanks to all who donated to the Our Lady's Inn Shower. We were able to give so many gifts to the Inn to support the women who have chosen life for their children. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!!



**Donation Truck – St. Vincent De Paul Society**  
**Will be on the St. Raphael Parking Lot**  
**Saturday, June 17**

**9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.**

**We will** collect used furniture, household items, clothing, baby items and toys (no recall or unsafe), home and garden items (less than 10 years old), tools, CDs and DVD's, appliances and electronic equipment (less than 10 years old), books (no encyclopedias), records, and video games.

**NO** old computers or TVs, carpets, mattresses/beds, drop down cribs, food, paint/cleaning supplies, sleeper sofas, auto parts, pianos/organs, car seats, drop down cribs, blinds, doors, metal hangers, light fixtures, weapons, medical or exercise equipment.

Please place clothing in bags or small items in boxes.

**Sorry - No Pickups**

You can call Thrift Store for furniture items pickup at  
**314.881.6000**

## 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 Gra-vois. 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.

### 2023 - 2024 Guide Book

We are starting to work 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.

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.

Karen White-Donaldson  
Maura McKernan

### Parish Office Schedule

Please be advised that due to end-of-the-school-year activities, the Parish Office will close at noon on Thursday, May 25, and reopen for business as usual on Friday, May 26. On Friday the office will resume its normal hours of 7:30am until 12:00 noon.

The next meeting of the **South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics** is on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00pm, at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria, 9740 Sappington Rd., Sunset Hills, MO.

Immediately following the meeting we will have live entertainment. Refreshments will also be served.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. Ask about our same day \$5 discount for new memberships. More information call Tom Shephard, 785 -221-7839. Thank you.

### PRAYER FOR ARCHBISHOP ROZANSKI

Almighty and ever-living God, we seek your guidance and wisdom for Archbishop Rozanski as he implements the All Things New pastoral planning initiative. We ask that You bless him with the gifts of discernment and courage so that he may make decisions that are in accordance with your divine will.

May he be guided by the Holy Spirit and be open to listening to the voices of all those his decisions will impact. Help him to discern the best way to meet the spiritual needs of all the faithful in the Church in St. Louis so that the Church can have a greater presence in our communities.


Grant him the strength and perseverance to complete his task with compassion and wisdom. May the result of this process be a stronger, more unified Church that continues to bring your light and love to all people.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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):**

☐ **New Parishioner**

☐ **Please Contact Me**

☐ **New E-mail/Address/Phone Number**

☐ **Please Do Not Publish Phone #**