



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 29, 2022 | ASCENSION OF THE LORD




WELCOME!

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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. - 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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"You are witnesses
of these things."
- Lk 24:48

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MAY 29, 2022 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 I

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.

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

Reading II

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, gave 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

Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 29

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Jack Magee

Monday, May 30

7:00am Ronald Ganter

Tuesday, May 31

7:00am David Pentland

Wednesday, June 1

7:00am Joan Goepner

Thursday, June 2

7:00am Mary Lou Schicker

Friday, June 3

7:00am Molly Deachan, SI

Saturday, June 4

7:00am Robert Bannister
4:30pm Joseph and Kathryn Darpel

Sunday, June 5

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when we are at Mass and parish activities, but when we are in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision we make either moves us closer to God or farther away. Let us choose wisely!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 22, 2021	This Week	Year-to-Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (50)	\$ 4,343.00	\$ 210,321.00
Loose Money	\$ 708.00	\$ 92,259.00
School Support	\$ 375.00	\$ 7,500.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00	\$ 13,780.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,048.00
Online Giving (56)	\$ 3,222.00	\$ 126,287.00
Catholic	(\$ 60.00)	
Communications		
Catholic Home	(\$ 510.00)	
Missions		
Grand Total	\$ 9,223.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,653.00	\$ 479,298.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 432,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 347.00)</u>	<u>\$ 47,298.00</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

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 us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. Thank you for giving! Remember the donation truck will be on our parking lot on Saturday, June 18.

Guest Column: “As” By David Baranowski
Director of Parish Stewardship & Leadership Formation, Archdiocese of St. Louis

The word “as” is a very powerful word. It has a transformative, supernatural power. It takes us beyond where we can go on our own. Consider the following examples.

“And forgive us our debts (sins), as we forgive our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12) Everyone recognizes this as part of the “Our Father” that Jesus taught us. Most of us pray this prayer daily, but do we truly mean what we pray? If so, there would be a lot less division and hostility in the world. And, I’m not just talking about between political leaders and countries, but between family members, friends, and neighbors. God doesn’t hold our sins against us. He doesn’t hold grudges or avoid talking to us because we wronged Him. What conditions do we put on our mercy? Remember that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as well – when we forgive, we free ourselves.

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:31) As Americans, we love our comforts, conveniences, and possessions. There’s a huge divide between those who have and those who have not in our country. But, even the “least among us” has much more in comparison to our neighbors around the world. It’s great to say that we love someone, but it’s more important that we show love. We are all made in God’s image. We are all His adopted daughters and sons – we are His family. Do we see the face of Jesus in others? Do we try to be the face of Jesus to others? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “Don’t let what you can’t do interfere with what you can do.” We all have the ability to pray for our neighbor and the ability to share with our neighbor. We should put others’ needs first.

“Peace be with you.” As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21) The disciples were scared and fearful of what may happen to them after seeing Jesus crucified and, I imagine, probably feeling ashamed for abandoning Him. The resurrected Jesus returned to His disciples and the first thing He did was offer them “peace.” I think many of us can identify with how the disciples might have felt. But, what about today? Most of us are not living under the fear of death because we believe in Jesus. Yet, how many times a day do we abandon Him because it’s not con-

venient? Are we too busy with something else or are we embarrassed? Jesus literally emptied Himself for our sake. Are we willing to do the same for Him? Opening our hearts to God’s plan is life-changing. We learn that through love, mercy, and forgiveness we are given a supernatural joy and peace that nothing on earth can match.

“I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” (John 13:15) Jesus had just washed the disciple’s feet. The Son of God humbled himself as an example of how we are to treat each other. Humility is the seed of any good relationship. If we want to grow in friendship with the Holy Trinity and with each other, it all starts with humility. Putting away our defenses, taking off our masks, and vulnerably sharing what is in our hearts develop trust. The more we trust, the more we share with each other; our relationship grows into friendship that evolves into love for one another. When we love, we grow in mercy and sacrifice for others – we imitate Jesus.

“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.” (John 17:11) Prior to being arrested and crucified, Jesus is praying for us! At His lowest point, He is thinking of us. How often do we do that – pray for others when we are in the middle of a terrible circumstance? It has been said that when saints suffer, they allow their suffering to bring them closer to God. Instead of becoming selfish, they become selfless. This is what Jesus is referring to - becoming selfless. Unfortunately, pride and ego are big barriers for all of us; they are the root causes of most sins. Do we want to “be one” with God, then go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and ask for forgiveness. Do we want to “be one” with an estranged friend or family member, then make a call and ask for forgiveness. We should take the first step!

We were not designed to be apart from God or from each other. The word “as” combines the human with the divine. “As” keeps us on the path of holiness, of becoming a saint, something we can’t do on our own.



CLASS OF 2022

Congratulations to the St. Raphael the Archangel Class of 2022 who graduated last Sunday, May 22, 2022. May the Lord bless our newest alums as they prepare to enter high school!

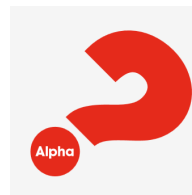
Annual Catholic Appeal

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



Alpha is returning to SRA! And you are invited!

Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. If you feel anxious about life...if you long for a more meaningful relationship with God...if you have more questions than answers, then Alpha is for you! Join us for a meal and conversation with others as we delve into the meaning of life and faith; no strings attached. Come and see for yourself...what have you got to lose?

Our first session is Friday, June 3, 6:30 - 8:30pm, St. Raphael parish office, lower level. Feel free to invite a friend to come with you! We will explore the question, "How does God guide you?" Child-care is available. For more information, please call or text Mary Reck, 314.326.6996.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 7:55-60/ Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
Monday	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
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	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/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/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

JUNE 4 - 5, 2022

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Ron Goedeker	Matt Maxfield	Kevin Liddy

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR JUNE 4 - 5, 2022

Saturday, June 4

4:30pm	Caroline Fissel Cillian Sheehan	Hannah Kratky
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Sunday, June 5

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot Clara Thompson	Jake Anstey
10:00am	Henry Dirnbeck Addison Pfeiffer	Charlie Dirnbeck

"GOD HAS THIS" BRACELETS

#SRA STRONG

Be with me Lord when I am
in trouble,

Be with me Lord, I pray.
From Marty Haugen's hymn, Psalm 91

+Let Go...Let God+

"God Has This" bracelets available at
entrances to church.

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

Care of Our Common Home

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. Support local efforts to solve environmental problems. Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make big differences. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.

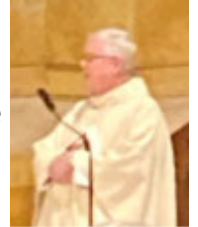




Congratulations to parishioner Pam Hager, who successfully completed the three-year Lay Formation program and was part of the Commissioning Mass held at the Cathedral Basilica on May 21. Pam (center in this photo) now joins parishioners Mary Reck (left) and Sue Brandt (right), along with Mary Faith Green (not pictured) who have previously completed the program. The Lay Formation is a three-year program (sponsored by the St. Louis

Archdiocese) designed to promote in the faithful a more knowledgeable and heartfelt participation in the mission of Christ and the Church. The participants must also agree to offer three years of service upon commissioning.

During this same Commissioning Mass that Msgr. Stehly and Father John both concelebrated, Archbishop Rozanski congratulated Msgr. Stehly on the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Congratulations and thank you to Msgr. Stehly!



Reminder! We will present the Lenten project check to the School Sisters of Notre Dame at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, June 4. We would love to have a full church to show our appreciation to the Sisters who have been "Serving Those Who Serve Us"! Thank you.

YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS MAY

1st Place \$100	Paul Beckerle
2nd Place \$50	Larreta Divis
3rd Place \$50	Steve Doss



Monday, May 30

7:00am Church Mass

Tuesday, May 31

7:00am Church Mass

Wednesday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 2

7:00am Church Mass

Friday, June 3

7:00am Church Mass
6:30pm Raphael & Alpha Tobias Rms.

Saturday, June 4

7:00am Church Mass
4:30pm Church Mass
5:30pm Pkg. Lot Bishop's Place Block Party

Sunday, June 5

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



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 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.

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.

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.



SCRIP - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, June 3, and should be turned in to the parish office. Cards can be picked up at the parish office on Friday, June 10, between the hours of 7:30am to 12:00pm. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the parish office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.



Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."
Pope John Paul II

Please join us as we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of every month. Adoration starts after the 8:00am Mass from September to May and after 7:00am from June to August. Adoration will conclude at 2:15pm with Benediction. Come at any time to spend quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. You may wish to also bring your own Bible and prayer book. Just as you cannot be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, love, and peace. For more information or to sign up for 30 – 60 minutes, (drop-ins are always welcome), please call Barbara Cramer at 314.406.8699.

we're hiring.



First and Fifth Grade Teacher Positions

St. Raphael the Archangel School seeks full-time, degreed, and certified First and Fifth Grade teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants 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.

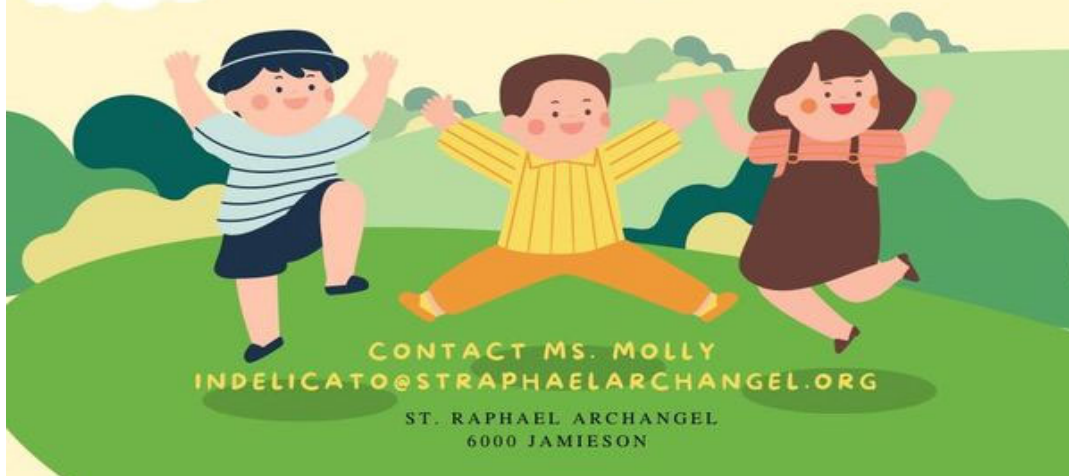
You must also begin the Archdiocesan application process. Visit www.archstl.org/education to view Application and Instructions.

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SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP!

THE EXPLORER CLUB,
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THE ADVENTURE CLUB,
AGES 6-8 IS ACCEPTING
REGISTRATION!



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UPDATING PARISH RECORDS

As we prepare to publish the 2022-2023 Guide Book and Directory, we want to provide an opportunity to all parishioners to update their personal information as part of the directory.

Please review the most recent guidebook to make sure the information listed is still current. If you see changes that need to be made (i.e., cell phone numbers added/changed, land lines eliminated, email addresses changed or added, etc.), please inform the parish office. You may call 314.352.8100, email at parish@straphaelarchangel.org, or submit using the form below.

Thank you for helping us keep our records current so we can serve you better.

Your Name (first/last): _____ Your Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Marriage Date: _____

Spouse Name (first/last): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child (living at home) Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child (living at home) Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Other: _____



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 #