



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 7, 2023 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



WELCOME!

VISIT OR CONTACT US

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

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

WEEK DAY MASS

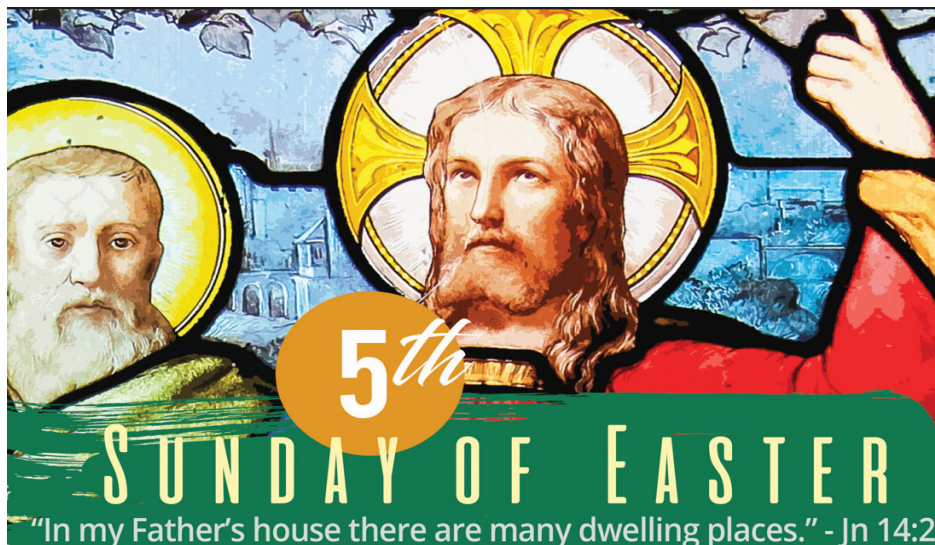
Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am
Mon. - Thur. | 8:00am

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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READINGS FOR MAY 7, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 98 (97): 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Reading 1

Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading 2

1 Pt 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 7

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, May 8

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

8:00am Dolores Bauer

Tuesday, May 9

7:00am Jost Family

8:00am Jerry Geiser, SI

Wednesday, May 10

7:00am Art English

8:00am August Hiette

Thursday, May 11

7:00pm Paul Beckerle

8:00am Joseph F. and Kathryn H. Darpel

Friday, May 12

7:00am Don Deachan

Saturday, May 13

7:00am Ernest J. Winkelmann

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, May 14

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

10:00am Marcia Matreci

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of Earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you have friends struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them to discern their charisms and how God is calling them. Remember: no gift is too small or insignificant in God's plan of salvation.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

April 30, 2022 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (51)	\$ 4,435.00	\$ 214,758.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 63,673.00
School Support	\$ 385.00	\$ 13,138.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00	\$ 15,485.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,990.00
Online Giving (52)	\$ 2,397.00	\$ 131,830.00
Black/Indian	(\$ 16.00)	
Missions		
Retired Priests	(\$ 90.00)	
Holy Land	(\$ 15.00)	
Permanent	(\$ 1.00)	
Diaconte		
Grand Total	\$ 8,584.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 8,462.00	\$ 450,562.00
Amount Needed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 440,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 1,538.00)</u>	<u>\$ 10,562.00</u>
FYE 2022		<u>\$ 46,837.00</u>

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." You are continuing Jesus' work on Earth each time you pray for and give your donations to the poor. It's your friendship with Jesus that makes it possible for the Society to provide necessities to those in need within our parish boundaries.



ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR MAY 8 - 14, 2023

Monday, May 8

8:00am James Browning Mac Teeter

Tuesday, May 9

8:00am Ava Christlieb Brendan Cierpiot

Wednesday, May 10

8:00am Lydia Eddingfield Gavin Eddingfield

Thursday, May 11

8:00am Lucas Feldman Liam Feldman
William Schneeberger

Friday, May 12

No 8:00am Mass

Saturday, May 13

4:30pm Mark Boeckmann Matthew Franz
Addison Pfeiffer

Sunday, May 14

8:00am Jake Anstey Henry Dirnbeck
Charlie Dirnbeck
10:00am Gavin Eddingfield Lydia Eddingfield
Dalila Ramirez

LECTORS/MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 13 - 14, 2023

LECTORS

4:30pm Greg Heuing **8:00am** Barb Cramer **10:00am** Suzy Ferrenbach

Extraordinary Ministers

Brian McCarthy Dan Harbaugh Heather Hays
Greg Heuing Lisa Murphy Dennis Matreci
Margie Auer Mary Steck Krissy Sullivan

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 8

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass

Tuesday, May 9

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
3:15pm Cafeteria 2nd Gr. Girl Scouts
5:15pm Cafeteria Kindergarten Girl Scouts
6:30pm Parish Office HSA

Wednesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

7:00am Church Mass
8:00am Church Mass
2:00pm Cafeteria Dance
6:00pm Gym School Night of Entertainment

Friday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

8:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday
10:00am Church Mass - Donut Sunday

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-
Friday	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-
Next 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

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.



Our Confirmandi received their red bows at Mass last weekend.



Day of service at our sister parish, Most Holy Trinity.





SRA Summer Camp Update

Thank you to all the families who are supporting SRA Summer Camp 2023. The camp is officially full and is no longer accepting reservations. We are looking forward to spending a fun-filled summer of adventures with your children! Thank you again.

St. Vincent de Paul Update

In the first quarter of this year, January through March, \$13,236 was donated to our St. Vincent de Paul conference. We are so grateful for your generosity! With it, we were able to help 48 families: \$7,242 for rent, \$3,498 for utilities, and \$1,162 for food. The Society also paid \$2,100 for a car repair to enable a neighbor to get to and from work and continue to support himself. We paid \$35 for kitchen chairs for an elderly immigrant couple so they could sit at their counter to eat their meals. These simple acts of charity mean so much to those struggling, and are only possible with your financial support. Thank 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.




\$25 DONATION CLASS
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

SUN, MAY 7 12PM

3342 WATSON ROAD
\$25 DONATION BASED CLASS

Email meredith.a.winters@gmail.com
for the link to register
Questions: 314-541-5547

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.



St. Raphael the Archangel Second Grade Class - First Communion 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 official start of the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. The Archbishop has sent a letter with a pledge card to all who had contributed during the last five years. You can fill out the pledge card and send it directly to the ACA, or you can place the card in the parish Sunday collection, or drop it off at the parish office. Also, there is the option of contributing on line. One can Text to Give, Scan to Give, or Give on Line.

As in the past, your pledge card will be available at the front of church this weekend, May 6/7.

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



Text
"ACA" to 243725

TEXT 
TO GIVE



SCAN
TO GIVE

aca.archstl.org

GIVE
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.

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 #