



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 8, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 33 (32): 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Reading I

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations.

R We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Reading II

Rev 7:9, 14b-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

7:00am Hodes Family, SI
8:00am Kay Jacobsmeyer

Tuesday, May 10

7:00am John Gubser, SI
8:00am August Hiette

Wednesday, May 11

7:00am Jim and Pat Goeddel
8:00am Carl Goeppner

Thursday, May 12

7:00am Ahrens and Brassil Families
8:00am Patrick Woods

Friday, May 13

7:00am Don Deachan
8:00am Ben Polson

Saturday, May 14

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker
4:30pm Jost Family

Sunday, May 15

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Frank Buffa

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and hope to achieve!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 1, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
Regular Env. (67)	\$ 5,826.00	\$ 196,769.00
Loose Money	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 88,727.00
School Support	\$ 75.00	\$ 6,615.00
Building Fund	\$ 800.00	\$ 13,570.00
Holy Days	\$ 20.00	\$ 9,987.00
Online Giving (60)	\$ 2,651.00	\$ 120,600.00
Grand Total	\$ 10,812.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,812.00	
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 405,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 1,812.00</u>	<u>\$ 47,151.00</u>
FYE 2021		(\$ 15,462.00)

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us. Our gifts to the Society will show that we are indeed the disciples of Jesus, the good shepherds, who will bring our love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Truck Drive, Saturday, June 18!



FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday is traditionally known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” On this the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the liturgy always includes part of Jesus’ discourse on the Good Shepherd from *John 10*.

This Sunday is important to me, as it is a time to pause and reflect on my own life and vocation. When I entered the seminary (20 years ago in August), I wanted to be a shepherd after Jesus’ own Heart. I wanted to celebrate the sacraments, meet with people in spiritual direction and pastoral counseling, and walk with people through the events in parish life and in their own lives as well.

Year by year, I find some successes and quite a number of shortcomings from this ideal. Certainly, in part, I was young and naïve about the world and I know I tend to be harder on myself than I should be. After reflection and discussion with brother priests over the last several years, I realize that the priesthood today is simply not what it is meant to be.

To be a priest today in a parish means spending many hours doing administration. This may be financially related to helping the parish with an area of personal interest such as IT or maintenance items. It may mean drafting e-mails on various topics, fundraising, and/or solving human resource concerns. In short, the time I spend doing what I was ordained for, being a priest, is probably only 10-20% of my week’s work.

I feel this imbalance has been especially present since being assigned to St. Raphael. When I arrived, we found ourselves in a tight place financially. After coming together through that situation, we experienced the small flood in the school in September of 2019 that took several months to put right. By late February 2020, we began COVID restrictions. As you all know, COVID has been part of our lives ever since to one degree or another.

My goal in reflecting on this with you is twofold:

First, is this the priesthood we want as a parish or as an Archdiocese? Do we want to see priests spend greater time doing things they were not trained to do nor ordained to carry out? I am not arguing for the priest to abdicate all leadership in the parish, but I ask for creative thinking, especially with All Things New un-

derway, about how we as Church envision the role of the priest in the parish today.

Second, the real desire of my heart is to be a priest who does walk more intentionally with the people in his parish. Since arriving here, circumstances have dictated that I be more of an administrator of parish and school policies. This is not how I primarily want to be known. My prayer in the months ahead is that I can be more of a shepherd walking with the people than an administrator. I pray, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, that you will join with me in prayer.

In Gratitude

Over the past couple of weeks, the bulletin has been so stuffed full of news that I have not had the opportunity to write this column. I have been remiss, then, in thanking the numerous people who made the Holy Week liturgies, Easter, the Bow Sundays, and now First Holy Communion such beautiful celebrations.

- Each of these services requires a great amount of music with many hours of practice. Thank you to Ray and Mary Anne Braun and to our great choir for their work in being prepared for these liturgies and leading us in song.
- Thank you to Terri Borowiak and her crew of expert flower arrangers for making the sanctuary perfect for each service.
- Thank you to our lectors for their preparation in leading our readings.
- Our servers have been so full of life and questions about each service. Thank you!
- Thank you to Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Woods, and Miss Franks for the great Bow Sunday liturgies and for First Holy Communion Sunday.

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Here are just a few of the many thank you cards and notes we have received from the School Sisters of Notre Dame after the recent delivery of the 100 Lenten project care packages. Enjoy reading!!!



School Sisters
of Notre Dame

"What an absolute fun surprise to get the large bag of goodies...your many gifts were thoughtful, practical, and fun. You must have had such fun putting the bags together! While I never taught at St. Raphael, I remember Sisters saying how much they enjoyed teaching there." Sr. Elise

"Thank you each for encouraging your students to reach out to us with Easter care! The bags were a delight and their notes were smile makers!" Sr. Joyce

"Dear SRA student...I am glad you like your teachers. I like cake, too! Keep enjoying your gym classes. I liked them too when I was young." Sr. Denice

"Students and Teachers! Thank you so much for your generous gifts filled with love and caring. You are all in our prayers." Sr. Virginia

"Thank you to the wonderful students who gave us the Easter gifts. May your days at school be full of good times." Sr. Ruth

"Thank you for the Easter gifts. Know that we truly appreciate your kindness." Sr. Judy

"Dear Students...I enjoyed your letter...each day I do a little sewing...I do like to play ball also! I send special greetings to you and I send my love." Sr. Linda

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 **7:00am on Saturday, May 7, until 11:00am on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 8, 2022.** 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 8**, please contact Teri Neal @ 314.952.6435 or tneal005@gmail.com.

Your gifts will be delivered to the Inn immediately after the 10:00am Mass on Mother's Day.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-
Friday	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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. Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace. For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.

LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

MAY 14 - 15, 2022

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Greg Heuing	Barb Cramer	Steve Kratky

ALTAR SERVERS

SERVERS FOR MAY 9 - 15, 2022

Monday, May 9

8:00am Jake Anstey Frank Koziacki

Tuesday, May 10

8:00am Lucas Feldman Liam Feldman

Wednesday, May 11

8:00am Lucas Fuhr Claire Fuhr

Thursday, May 12

8:00am Linus Cyr Xavier Cyr

Friday, May 13

8:00am Sophie Bradshaw Ethan Bradshaw

Saturday, May 14

4:30pm Caroline Fissel Frank Koziacki
Mac Teeter

Sunday, May 15

8:00am Christian Bernadt Clara Thompson
Adriana Kurtovic

10:00am Henry Dirnbeck Charlie Dirnbeck
Hannah Kratky

A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: (*here name them*). Amen.

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.

In addition, on this weekend your pledge card will be available in the church vestibule after Mass only on Saturday, May 7. After that, 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

Springtime Storytime

When? Sunday, May 15,
following 10:00am Mass

Where? Cafeteria



Join us for a spring-themed story time with Little Readers. Following the story, the attendees will complete a fun craft. The story time and activity are appropriate for PreK through second grade. Siblings are welcome to join!

Activity Fee: \$2 per child, cash or check made payable to Little Readers.

Questions? Please contact Meredith Winters at 314.541.5547 or meredith.a.winters@gmail.com, or Louise Balicki-Smith,

314.603.3108 or lbalicki.smith@gmail.com.



Monday, May 9

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
7:00pm	Tobias Rm.	Parish Council
7:00pm	Raphael Rm.	St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, May 10

7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
6:30pm	Parish Off.	HSA
7:00pm	Church	Confirmation

Wednesday, May 11

6:30am	Church	Rosary
7:00am	Church	Mass
8:00am	Church	Mass
5:00pm	Gym	Dance Recital
8:30pm	Gym	Men's Basketball

Thursday, May 12

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

Friday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 15

8:00am	Church	Mass - Donut Sunday
10:00am	Church	Mass - Donut Sunday
11:00am	Café	Springtime Storytime



Last Sunday, our second grade class received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The students practiced for many months as they moved closer to Jesus. Thank you to Miss Hayley Franks for all of her guidance as the children prepared for this special day.

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 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.

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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Congratulations to the newest member of the church, Peter Noser. Peter, son of Tom and Kristin Noser, was baptized at St. Raphael the Archangel on May 1, 2022. May God always bless the Noser family.

"GOD HAS THIS"
#SRAStrong

Bracelet Chatter...

"Love the bracelet—it means so much to me."

"The 'God Has This' bracelet is on the door to my laundry room and it is reminding me to pray more."

"Overheard a woman at exercise talking. After class, I gave her a bracelet - she was grateful."

Let go..."God Has This."

Bracelets available for \$1.00 in the Moses baskets at the church entrances after weekend Masses and at the parish office.

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.

Igor and Kayla Kissilov

James and Emily Rudloff

Fr. John's Column (Continued from page 4)

- Thank you as well to our ushers who performed their duties so expertly.
- Thank you to anyone who helped with these liturgies that I may have missed. Any omissions result from human weakness. Certainly, our community appreciates all efforts.
- Finally, thank you to those who attended these services. Your prayerful presence truly blessed these liturgies.

Confirmation

Please pray for our Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Rivituso on Tuesday at 7:00pm. In particular, please pray that the Holy Spirit will outpour His specific gifts and fruits into the lives of our young people. May they experience a new openness to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Black and Gold Dinner Auction

This weekend is our annual Black and Gold Dinner Auction. To me, this is a special event as this was the last major event we had as a parish community prior to the COVID lockdown. To be able to have this event again in person is a huge blessing. Let us give thanks to God, to our auction chairs, John and Katie Meier, and to the many volunteers who make this evening possible for us to enjoy.

The Future of the Parish Picnic

There are many questions about the future of the parish picnic. It is scheduled for September of this year.

The difficulty in scheduling the picnic is the availability of rides. Our old ride company went out of business during the pandemic. The new company we work with will only schedule us around its other events, as we are a smaller parish. We hope to eventually announce a predictable weekend for the picnic each year. For now, though, we are at the mercy of the ride company and need to work with it for a date, meaning that the date may move around somewhat.

Block Party on Bishop's Place

On June 4, we will introduce a new event...Block Party on Bishop's Place!

This initiative of our Stewardship Committee is an effort to bring our parish together to celebrate our SRA community. We hope to have some hot dogs and maybe snow cones, but really it is an evening to come to the parking lot, bring a chair, and enjoy the evening with your parish family. We also encourage people to bring beverages and food to enjoy! The party will begin after the 4:30pm Mass.

Happy Mother's Day! I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong



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 #**