



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 9, 2021 | SIXTH 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

WEEKDAY 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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READINGS FOR MAY 9, 2021: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READING I

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 R. (cf. 2b)

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

READING II

1 JN 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

GOSPEL

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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.



Sunday, May 9

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Marcia Matreci

Monday, May 10

7:00am Frank Daus

8:00am Art English

Tuesday, May 11

7:00am Patricia Goeddel

8:00am Ann Morris-Kenney

Wednesday, May 12

7:00am Joseph Clubb

8:00am Angeline Wacker

Thursday, May 13

7:00am Don Deachan

8:00am Margaret Bannister

Friday, May 14

7:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker

8:00am Rosemary Clark

Saturday, May 15

7:00am Frank Buffa

4:30pm Jack and Jane Follen

Sunday, May 16

8:00am Eugene Hogg

10:00am People of the Parish

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if you love Him you would be willing to offer whatever you have to Him, not because you want praise and glory, but simply because you love Him. Does your giving seem out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 2, 2021	This Week	Year to Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (58)	\$ 6,373.00	\$ 193,892.00
Loose Money	\$ 909.00	\$ 45,285.00
School Support	\$ 145.00	\$ 7,704.00
Building Fund	\$ 715.00	\$ 10,363.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,028.00
Online Giving (58)	\$ 2,563.00	\$ 119,320.00
Tithing	(\$ 30.00)	
New Parishioner	\$ 20.00	
Catholic	(\$ 10.00)	

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gifts to the Society, you fulfill this commandment. God bless you!

Grand Total	\$ 10,765.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 10,725.00	
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 396,000.00
Difference	<u>\$ 1,725.00</u>	<u>(\$ 5,359.00)</u>
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

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

A Joyous Day

Last Saturday at a 10:00am Mass, Donald Morris was ordained a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This is the last step for him before he is ordained a priest next May. Deacon Morris served here at St. Raphael the Archangel during the 2018-2019 academic year, making frequent visits to our school and to the homebound. He has also been spotted around town still in his SRA swag too! Congratulations, Deacon, and know of our prayers for you in this final year of preparation before ordination.



A Working Day

Many thanks to all of those who came out to Father Dickinson's Cemetery to help with our Lenten Project last Saturday. It was a lot of work but it was also enjoyable to be outside to begin the month of May. Please keep an eye out for Flocknotes about possible future events with this Lenten project.



Happy Mother's Day

A Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms, Grandmothers, Godmothers, and those who act as Mothers for another in their lives.

We will have a special Mass on the parking lot at noon today to honor our Moms. We hope that all our Moms, and those who want to honor Mom, will join us for this Mass.

Stewardship Weekend...Knights of Columbus

Next weekend, we will hear from a representative of our SRA Knights of Columbus Council. Through such groups, we become a stronger parish family when we share our time and talent.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with SRA committees, there are many to choose from. Please see the parish directory for opportunities, or contact one of the Stewardship Committee members for further details.

SRA Picnic Weekend

This weekend would normally be our picnic weekend. As is well known, we had to postpone our picnic this year due to COVID. We now hope to have it on the weekend of August 27-28.

I was speaking with a friend on the phone this week who had read an article about this particular moment of our pandemic journey. The article stated that we are in the midst of a malaise. We are closer to being able to resume life, but there is still some discomfort with leaving behind all of the safety protocols we have built up during the pandemic.

There is a desire just to skip this step, to flip the switch and go from pandemic life right to regular life. To persevere through in-between step is frustrating and challenging.

But this step is also important. We need to reorient ourselves to what life will look like once the pandemic is over. The past year has changed us and changed our outlook on the world. We need to be sensitive to this reality, allow ourselves to adjust, and look forward in hope to what the future has in store.

I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong

Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

The Vatican on May 1 added seven invocations to the Litany of St. Joseph in honor of the Year of St. Joseph.

The Latin and English phrases are: "Custos Redemptoris" (Protector of the Redeemer); "Serve Christi" (Servant of Christ); "Minister salutis" (Minister of salvation); "Fulcimen in difficultatibus" (Support in difficulty); "Patrone exsulum" (Patron of refugees); "Patrone afflictorum" (Patron of the afflicted); and "Patrone pauperum" (Patron of the poor).

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social, and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

The first phase of the Annual Catholic appeal is coming to an end. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so now. You can make your pledge to the ACA by mailing the card you received from the Archdiocese back to the Archdiocese, dropping it into the collection basket or giving it to the parish office, or by donating online at <http://aca.archstl.org/>.

If you have not made a pledge by May 10, a member of our parish ACA committee will contact you to assist in making a pledge.

Thanks to all who have already generously supported this year's campaign!

The Covid problem has made everything more difficult this year!

The Parish ACA Committee



Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus,
God's Son and our brother.
Amen.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 <i>Ascension</i> : Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/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 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> : Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

For Sale

We have approximately 50 beige, metal chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. They are located in the lower level of the parish office. They are being sold on a first come, first sold basis. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Spiritual Communion of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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 8, until 11:00am on Sunday, Mother's Day, May 9, 2021.** 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, please contact Teri Neal @ 952.6435 or email ttneal005@gmail.com.

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

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS!

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Cards are available at the Highfield and Jamieson entrances this weekend courtesy of Birthright of Hillsboro. Birthright provides free professional counseling, support, and assistance for women facing an unplanned pregnancy.
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Pick up a card for your mom or a mother you know that you'd like to support, and thank Birthright with a small donation by visiting birthrightstl.org

Updated Summer Camp Pricing!

- Registration fee now only \$15 per child
- Multiple child discount of 10% off after first full-price tuition
- Sessions are from June 7—July 23, 2021
- Early childhood ages (3-5) now filled! We are still accepting applications for ages 6-8.
- Register today at <https://sraschool.org/student-life/summer-camp>



SUMMER AT SRA

WITH UPDATED PRICING!



OUR SUMMER CAMP NOW HAS LOWER REGISTRATION
FEES AND MULTIPLE CHILD DISCOUNT.

VISIT [SRASCHOOL.ORG](https://sraschool.org) TO REGISTER

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Mrs. Sioux Roslawski: Literature & English (6-7-8)

Grades 6-8 students have been researching countries for Civitas. Civitas is a model UN program. Each student is a delegate for a country, and as a representative is trying to solve (as part of the simulation) a serious problem the country has.

Some of the problems are human rights issues. Some are environmental - severe pollution or natural disasters - for example.

Our General Assembly is on May 12. On that day, several delegates will present their resolution to the group. The other delegates will make suggestions and ask questions, the resolutions might get modified, and then the group will vote on each resolution--just as the United Nations does.

This is a different kind of writing; parts of it sound a bit legalese, and the format is very specific. However, it exposes the students to a different audience and a different style of writing, and the research is opening them up to foreign countries they might never have read about

Mrs. Christy Connor: Religion (6 & 8) Social Studies (5-8)

Religion:

In grade 6 religion, we are learning about the prophets and will soon begin looking at our Family Life program.

In grade 8, we have begun looking at the early Church in North America. We will also begin the Family Life program soon.

Social Studies:

In grade 5, we are completing the study about the Civil War.

Grade 6 students have begun looking at the continent of Australia and the region of Oceania.

In grade 7, we are about to begin learning the cause and effects of the War of 1812.

Grade 8 students will be completing a unit about FDR's New Deal programs.

Miss Ashley Schaaf Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)

In standard math we are exploring integers.

In challenge math we are exploring basic geometric figures.

In pre-algebra we are exploring the foundations of geometry.

In algebra we are working with radical expressions.

The Optimist Club honored two of our 8th graders, noting their academic excellence, remarkable character, and positive role model for their community. Congratulations, Henry and Emillie, on receiving this honor. A new plaque with their names engraved will hang in the SRA school hallway.



Just Faith Sacred Land Opportunity

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.



Covenant Network offers informative and inspiring Catholic radio programming. In addition to daily Mass, we also pray the Rosary, the Regina Caeli, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other prayers. You will find live call-in shows, question and answer programs about Catholic teaching, music, as well as faith - nourishing programs on Scripture, saints, and Church history. You can listen on the radio, the Covenant Network app on your phone, or on our website OurCatholicRadio.org. Tune in on AM 1460 and find out how Catholic radio will change your life.

Several members of southside parishes will meet virtually for 8 weeks, beginning on Thursday, May 20, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, to study Just Faith's program "Sacred Land."

The Just Faith Network is designed for people who are seeking:

- a deeper faith,
- a greater sense of purpose, and
- an understanding of how to make a difference in the world.

In "Sacred Land," small groups learn:

- how food and farming practices affect climate,
- how health and spiritual well being affect communities.

Participants engage in reading, prayer and thoughtful dialogue. *"We live in a society that has forgotten its sacred connection to the Earth. As the climate crisis advances we must actively discern our responsibility not only to this planet, but to the marginalized communities disproportionately affected by it. The program challenges not only your personal accountability, but explores ways you can advocate for sustainable practices that impact the community around you."*

For more information, please contact Jane Siebel at owlobervedU2@gmail.com or Barbara Favre at barbara.j.favre@sbcglobal.net



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 Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone#