

Fifth Sunday of Easter — *May 2, 2010*

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Words of Encouragement

Everyone needs a little encouragement now and then. When you are hired or chosen for some special work, you feel excited about the new responsibility. In time, though, the work becomes challenging. You doubt your ability to continue. The vision of success fades.

Possibly, everything is all right. When enthusiasm wears down and hard work steps up, it is normal to wonder about success. In this situation, perhaps all someone needs is a little encouragement.

At one point in their missionary journey, the apostles Paul and Barnabas retraced their steps. They went back to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch. They met again with the disciples they had formed, and the apostles exhorted the new believers to remain firm in their faith. Hardships are not just normal. Hardships are necessary, they say.

To help out, Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for each community. They also gathered the community to pray and fast at the time these elders were appointed. With organization, prayer, and sacrifice, Paul and Barnabas strengthened the disciples.

If you have helped someone in the past, this may be a good time to offer additional encouragement. Ask how it is going. Provide direction if you can. Pray. Fast. Give encouragement to those whose strength may be weakening. It is necessary to undergo hardships to enter the reign of God.

Readings For Next Sunday May 8 & 9

1st Reading...Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
2nd Reading...Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel...Jn 14:23-29

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of May 3)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, A. Cherry, C. Raymond
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, M. Wilkerson, K. Conway
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, M. Graft, M.A. Crawford
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg, A. Grant, A. Durbin
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+L. Sturgill, A. Durbin, H. Thiersch
Sunday	10:00am	+C. Raymond, M. Marti, K. Gibson

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of May 3)

Monday	Noon	Joseph & Jenette Hackett
Tuesday	Noon	Phoebe Mattingly
Wednesday	Noon	Bill Karp
Thursday	Noon	Jack Raque
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	Joseph Sauter
Sunday	10:00am	St. Raphael Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (May, 2010)

4:30pm....David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Marty ernst, Carl Meiman, **Need 2**

10:00am...Mark (cpt) & Donna Kaelin, Gerry Cambron, John Sullivan, Mike Henry, Pet Markwell, Mary Clements

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (May 8 & 9)

4:30pm...Team B...Carmel Davis, *Cpt.*, Carol Cornell, Bob Massey, Lloyd Vest, Cele Sauter, Jim Gates

10:00am...Team F...Scott Raque, *Cpt.*, Maria Raque, Bonnie Dever, Don Hinkebein, Carol Miller, Steve Sternberg, Pat McCormick

LECTORS (May 8 & 9)

4:30pm...Debbie Chandler & Zach Montgomery
10:00am....Mary Henry & Paul Tichenor

GIFT BEARERS (May 8 & 9)

4:30pm...Desmond & Sarah Walls
10:00am...John & Anne Ward

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for April 25.....\$13,498

A Christian steward is a person who shares God's gifts in justice and love with others.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th & 8th Grade:

Junior High Welcoming Party: Junior High Youth Group will be having a welcome party for the 6th grade on Monday, May 3rd after school, from 3 to 4 pm. Free food and refreshments will be available.

High School:

High School Welcoming Party: High School Youth Group will be welcoming the 8th grade and all new youth group members on Sunday, May 2nd from 7 to 9 pm. We will have free food and refreshments on hand.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to all the 8th grade students that made their Confirmation on April 19th. We are proud of you!

Calling all SRS Cheerleaders!

Call to Prospective Cheerleading Parents Grades 3-8, BOYS AND GIRLS !! New Coordinator, New Coaches, New Season! We have restructured the Cheer program and have a parent survey for potential cheerleaders. Please visit edline, athletics tab or straphaelschool.org, athletics tab to fill out the parent survey. For more info, contact Colleen Crum @ 744-9198.

Michael Wimsatt and **James Reinhart** will be ordained into the presbytery of the Archdiocese of Louisville on **Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth Street, Louisville. Reception follows in the Undercroft. The people of the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend this joyful celebration. For more information, contact the Vocation Office at 502-636-0296.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, June 19 for the annual **St. Raphael Parish Picnic**. Also, don't forget to sell your picnic chances! Grand prize this year is \$10,000!

Just Pedal 2010...Catholic Charities of Louisville 8th Annual Bike Tour, June 13, 2010. It's a 28 mile loop through the Highlands, Downtown starting and ending at Bellarmine University's Knights Hall. Registration begins at 12pm and the ride starts at 12:30pm.

Also please join us for our annual evening of food and fellowship after the ride at the Comedy Caravan featuring Mr. Lucky—Dobie Maxwell. You don't have to ride to attend the show. Doors open at 5:45pm. Cost is \$30 which includes bike tour, dinner and a bunch of laughs! To join the ride, reserve your seat or for more information please call Mark Bouchard at 502-637-9786.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. Their support makes this bulletin possible. This week's bulletin sponsor is **Bonnycastle Appliance & TV.**



Church members will be offering beautiful long-stemmed roses after each Mass on Mother's Day. The requested donation for the roses is \$2.00 per rose or \$20.00 per dozen. The proceeds will benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center at 1143 S. 6th Street in Louisville. This non-profit organization, which served over 1900 clients in 2009, offers alternatives to abortion, referrals, friendship, and prayers to those facing crisis pregnancies. By participating in the Mother's Day Rose Sale, you can honor your Mother, or someone who has loved you with a mother's love, and help PROMOTE LIFE at the same time.

It has been brought to our attention that parish members have passed away and have been buried from another parish. If a member of St. Raphael dies and the funeral is held somewhere other than St. Raphael, a family member or a close friend is asked to please contact the Parish Office. We are not always made aware of these situations and this enables us to keep our records updated and stop mail.

The Record will publish the Second Bridal Issue of 2010 on July 29, 2010. If you are planning your wedding between July 29, 2010 and January 26, 2011 and would like your announcement in *The Record*, fill out and send the form currently appearing in the paper. You may also go online at archlou.org/therecord/ to make your announcements and complete your form via the Internet. For additional information or questions contact Rachell Rauh at 471-2125 or email: rrauh@archlou.org. **The deadline is Friday, July 9, 2010 at 10am.**

A Friendly Reminder...When mailing your Sunday contributions or dropping them off at the Parish office, please include your weekly Sunday Contribution envelope that you receive in your monthly mailing with your donation. This saves the Money Counting team considerable time on Monday mornings. Thank you in advance!

If you would like to have a Mass read in memory of a deceased family member or friend, contact the Parish Office at 458-2500. There are daily, noon mass dates available. The mass stipend is \$10.00.

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Anita Hertelendy, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, Andy Latkovski, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Marcella Newton, Malinda O'Daniel, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Joe Welch, Lillian Werkman, Sarah Westerfield, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)

