

# Ascension of the Lord — *May 16, 2010*

## The Ascension of the Lord ABC 1 *Acts 1:1-11*

### Until We Meet Again

We have many ways of saying goodbye. "So long."  
"See you later." "Take care."

Goodbyes are softened with the promise of another meeting. "Till we meet again." The time between the goodbye and the reunion is filled with joyful hope and anxious waiting.

Surely the disciples wondered if they had the tools they needed to survive that time. Jesus had been their leader, visionary, messiah, and friend. Without him, life would lose its center.

Jesus' goodbye came with two promises. He promised the Holy Spirit would guide the disciples in his absence, and he promised that he would come again. That left them in an in-between kind of time. After the goodbye, they waited for his coming again.

In fact, that is where we are too. We are in between the visits of Jesus, a time of hope and anxiety. We often wonder if we have the tools we need to survive. We need vision and companionship on life's long road.

We have at our disposal the first promise of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit will guide us through times of loneliness, into good decisions, amid the sorrows of sad goodbyes. The Spirit is our center.

### Readings For Next Sunday May 22 & 23

1st Reading...Acts 2:1-11  
2nd Reading...1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17  
Gospel...Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

### ALTAR SERVERS (Week of May 17)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Jim Gates, T. Spalding, N. Spoelker
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	To Be Contacted, L. Sturgill, S. Tedder
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Bud Koshewa, D. Chandler, A. Judge
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Steve Sternberg, B. & M. Gumbel
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	+C. Schrodt, A. Judge, J. Bowen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	+S. Davis, T. Spalding, C. Hoehler

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### MASS INTENTIONS (Week of May 17)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	William Goetz
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Dec. Mem. of the Gallitelli Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Dec. Mem. of the Creed Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Bob Slattery
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Catherine Boone
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	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 22 & 23)

**4:30pm...Team A...**George Gates, *Cpt.*, Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Cleo Leonhardt, Marty Purcell  
**10:00am...Team B...**Horace Lynch, *Cpt.*, Lisa Stearns, Mike Littell, Carolyn Bell, Karen Willenger, Kelley Gates

### LECTORS (May 22 & 23)

**4:30pm...**Kenyon Meyer & Martin Doyle  
**10:00am....**Joe Steffen & Joan Cissell

### GIFT BEARERS (May 22 & 23)

**4:30pm...**Jeffrey & Christina Wessling  
**10:00am...**Adam & Debbie Williams

## Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for May 9.....\$18,132

St. Paul prays that we know our Lord Jesus Christ. It is in this knowledge that a steward learns how to live his life.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

**Junior High Drop-In:** Junior High Youth Group will be having a Drop-In on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> after school. Come hang out with friends, play games and participate in our prayer activity. Free snacks and refreshments will be served.

### High School:

**High School Dinner and a Movie:** High School Youth Group will be watching the movie: 'Twilight' on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Spaghetti and free refreshments will be served.



## Vacation Bible School

July 26-30

This summer, bring your kids to SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School (VBS)—an experience of discovery they'll never forget! Best of all, SonQuest Rainforest will take your kids beyond what they can explore with

their senses to discover a living spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. In order to make VBS a wonderful experience for the Children of St. Raphael, we need adult volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Nick Cummins, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 458-2500 ext. 141

**SARAFUN MEMBERS...**The Sarafun Monthly Meeting will be held Sunday, May 16 in the blue room immediately following the 10am Mass. It is being held on the 3rd Sunday of May to avoid conflict with Mother's Day. Our guest speaker will be Chris Camp, St. Raphael's Director of Worship and Music.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Mass that day will be at 10am.

**2010 FALL SPORTS SIGNUPS...**Fall sports signups will be open from June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. You can register online via edline or [straphaelschool.org](http://straphaelschool.org) on the Athletics tab or <http://straphael.theathleticengine.com>. Please put this on your calendar.

## Dates to Remember

8th grade graduation is Thursday, May 20.  
Last day of school is Wednesday, May 26.  
Parish Picnic is Saturday, June 19.

**ADULT Volunteers Needed...**Have you thought about VOLUNTEERING and giving back to the COMMUNITY but keep putting it off? Nazareth Home, 2000 Newburg Rd, would love to have you! Volunteer time would consist of assisting during Bingo, Bunko games, playing cards or outside time with the residents. If this sounds rewarding, please contact Jill Cutsinger, 473-2375 or [jcutsinger@nazhome.org](mailto:jcutsinger@nazhome.org).

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## St. Raphael Helping Hands Collection May 22/23—Catholic Charities Mother Infant Care Program

The Mother-Infant Care Program provides assistance and support to women who are pregnant or who have recently had babies. The program is now in its 10th year of existence and provides a helping hand and creates hope for those who would not be able to care for their infant properly. Items most needed in the program are diapers (newborn and various sizes), diaper wipers, onesies, bottles, bibs, socks, clothing (up to 2T), preemie clothing, receiving blankets, and heavy blankets. All items are given to women and families that complete the program as well as those needing help in our community. If you would like to assist with this collection please call Debbie Tross at 807-3466

From the volunteers of the Pregnancy Resource Center: We wish you could know how blessed we feel to have friends like you. We cannot thank you enough for your participation in our Mother's Day Rose Sale. Through your purchases of roses, you have helped to ensure that our doors will open each day to offer a warm, welcoming place to those whose crisis pregnancy may be the biggest challenge they have ever face. We can assure you that precious lives will be saved because of your generosity! God bless you and your family.

**Health & Hope**, a monthly support group for Catholics dealing with mental health issues, will meet at 7 p.m. May 20 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church parish center, 508 Breckenridge Lane. The meeting will include spiritual reflections, discussions and refreshments. For information, call Steve at 895-1184.

**New Beginnings**, a support group for the widowed, separated and divorced, meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at Church of the Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Road.

Next weekend our parish will take up donations for the **Home and World Missions Collection**, which funds pastoral and evangelizing programs for the poorest faith communities here and abroad. Your contributions help establish new parishes and missions, train and support lay catechists, and provide many other ministries and programs. This is our opportunity to give back to those in need. Please be generous.



**2010 FOOTBALL SIGNUPS...**Football Signups will be open from May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup>. You can register online via edline on the athletics tab or <http://straphael.theathleticengine.com>. Please put this on your calendar.

## 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, John J. Orthober, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, 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.)**