

Pentecost Sunday — *May 23, 2010*

Pentecost ABC 1 *Acts 2:1-11*

A New Power

What could change fear into confidence? What power is strong enough to put fears to rest and bring confidence to life?

Our fears come from many sources. Failure, loneliness, and rejection can all make us afraid to try anything.

Confidence often comes from outside, especially when we cannot find it ourselves. Someone else notices a talent in us that we have overlooked. A friend helps us laugh at ourselves. Or by sheer gift, we receive a new power, a new opportunity that makes all the difference in the world.

What changed the disciples' fear into confidence? Something mighty must have happened. The same group that fled at the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, the same people who cowered in an upper room after his ascension—these people started proclaiming the message of salvation to large crowds in every language. How did it happen?

There is only one answer. The Holy Spirit made it happen. The Spirit, promised by Jesus, came in wind and fire to lift up the disciples and bolster their confidence.

No matter where your fear comes from, the Holy Spirit may find you and change your life forever. Will you cooperate? Are you ready to share the gifts of the Spirit?

Readings For Next Sunday

May 29 & 30

1st Reading...Prv 8:22-31
2nd Reading...Rom 5:1-5
Gospel...Jn 16:12-15

ALTAR SERVERS (Week of May 24)

Monday	Noon	Jim Gates, M. Poole, A. Hood
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted, E. & J. Raque
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, H. Thiersch, T. Ciacio
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+E. Boyce, A. Cherry, D. Chandler
Sunday	10:00am	+J. Powers, N. Spoelker, M. Hamilton

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MASS INTENTIONS (Week of May 24)

Monday	Noon	Dot Thieman
Tuesday	Noon	Jane Raque
Wednesday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Creed Family
Thursday	Noon	Elmer Bell
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	Mary Hafferman
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 29 & 30)

4:30pm...Team B...Carmel Davis, *Cpt.*, Carol Cornell, Bob Massey, Lloyd Vest, Cele Sauter, Jim Gates
10:00am...Team C...Steve Alvey, *Cpt.*, Clara Jacob, Willa Schaeffer, Dennis Cowhig, Angela Dutton, Abbie Creed

LECTORS (May 29 & 30)

4:30pm...Sandy Cundiff & Sr. Paulanne Diebold
10:00am....Danny McFarland & Frank Coffey

GIFT BEARERS (May 29 & 30)

4:30pm...Paul & Ellen Wilson
10:00am...Dave & Joan Winkler

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for May 16.....\$11,557

Paul reminds us we are uniquely made and called to share this uniqueness for the good of all.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

7th & 8th Grade

Junior High Catholic Trivia: Junior High Youth Group will be playing Catholic Trivia on Monday, May 24th after school. Come test your knowledge of all things Catholic. Free snacks and refreshments will be served.

High School

High School Drop-In: High School Youth Group will be having drop-in night on Sunday, May 23rd from 7 to 9 pm. Free pizza and refreshments will be available. Come "hang-out" with friends and have fun.



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

Picnic Update: We are getting closer to the big day: June 19th. Please continue to sell the capital prize chances for a chance to win \$10,000. Also, at this time, we giving out Jars and Bags in the back of church. Please take time to fill them with something nice for the Jar Booth. Be creative. In addition, back by popular demand, the book booth is gathering new or slightly used books. Please place the jars/bags and books in a bag or box and bring them to the back of church up till the day of the picnic. Thanks for your support!



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

The Flaget High School class of 1960 will have its 50-year reunion June 26 at the Hurstbourne Country Club. For information, contact Corky Poole at 502-267-0597.

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

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.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS

The St. Raphael Parish Council has 1 vacancy to be filled as a result of terms that will be ending June 30, 2010. We are looking for interested parishioners who would be able to serve on our Council beginning in August for a 3-year term with an opportunity to serve a limited number of additional terms.

As stated in the Parish Council Constitution and By-laws:

Any lay person who is 18 years of age and a registered member of the parish in good standing is eligible to nominate themselves and others. Exception: No person or their spouse can serve on the Parish Council or Finance Council while serving at the same time as an officer of another parish or school organization, Board, Council, Committee or related entity of the parish or school.

The second Sunday in June, (June 13th) a drawing of discerned candidates names will be held at Mass and the drawn name will be declared new member of the St. Raphael Parish Council effective July 1, 2010.

The Parish Council provides leadership for the work of our five primary Parish committees: WORSHIP - PARISH LIFE - ADMINISTRATION - SOCIAL CONCERNS - FORMATION and the subcommittees which fall under those committees. It requires a commitment of a once monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday except for December and July. Your commitment also includes an overnight annual retreat which this year is Friday, Saturday, August 6-7 at St. Meinrad Archabbey. This provides an opportunity to identify goals and socialize with the newest members of the group. This is a very fulfilling way of serving your Parish, so if you or someone you know would be interested or if you would like more information, please contact Fr. Jim at 458-2500 or Marty Purcell, 456-4924 or 727-3018.



2010 FOOTBALL SIGNUPS...

Football Signups will be open till May 26th. You can register online via edline on the athletics tab or <http://straphael.theathleticengine.com>. Please put this on your calendar.

There will be a second collection on May 29th & 30th to support the St. Raphael Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

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, 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.)