

Fifth Sunday of Easter — *May 10, 2009*

Fifth Sunday of Easter B 1 ***Acts 9:26-31***

Converting the Community

If Easter has worked its wonder, you are different today than you were a year ago. Lent and Easter are seasons of renewal in the church. Each Lent we strive to face our sin, do penance, and rise with Jesus. We draw on the power of these seasons to celebrate the love of God in our lives, a love that accepts us in our sinfulness and calls us into grace.

Each year, if Easter works its wonder, we can grow in holiness.

There is one problem. Even though we may be different, other people may not realize it. They may treat us the same, making it hard for us to live fully the new life of grace.

Take Saul, for example. Before his conversion he persecuted Christians. After his conversion, he lived for Christ alone.

There was one problem. People didn't trust Saul. When he showed up in Jerusalem among the disciples, they were afraid of him because they didn't believe he had changed. Only when Barnabas defended him could Saul move about freely.

The mystery of renewal begins in the quiet of each person's heart, and gradually it converts the community.

Readings For Next Sunday **May 16 & 17**

1st Reading...Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading...1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel...Jn 15:9-17

ALTAR SERVERS **(Week of May 11)**

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas, D. McFarland, A. Reed
Tuesday	Noon	Erin Raque, Jack Raque
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa, C. Schrodt, K. Shaughnessy
Thursday	Noon	+Steve Sternberg, T. Spalding, N. Spoelker
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+D. Chandler, A. & J. Cherry
Sunday	10:00am	+E. Judge, M. Hamilton, A. Judge

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MASS INTENTIONS **(Week of May 11)**

Monday	Noon	Vincent & Ann Emrich
Tuesday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Altar Society
Wednesday	Noon	Jane Raque
Thursday	Noon	Phoebe Mattingly
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	James Slattery

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS **(May, 2009)**

4:30pm....David Worland, *Cpt*, Joe O'Toole, Norb Wine, Richard & Mary Anne Stamp, Marty Ernst

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS **(May 16 & 17)**

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

10:00am...Team C...Steve Alvey, *Cpt.*, Katie Turpen, Clara Jacob, Willa Schaeffer, Jenna Wilkins, Dennis Cowhig, Angela Dutton

LECTORS **(May 16 & 17)**

4:30pm...Tony Greenwell & Shelia Kaelin
10:00am....Debbie Tross & Kenyon Meyer

GIFT BEARERS **(May 16 & 17)**

4:30pm...To Be Contacted
10:00am...To Be Contacted

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for May 3.....\$14,351

We cannot produce abundantly without a deep prayer life, without living in God. A woman with a full time job and four children was once asked how she possibly had time to pray. She replied: "I am too busy not too pray! If I didn't take time to be with God, I would be swallowed up in chaos."

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Leadership Training

The Youth Office of the Archdiocese of Louisville will be having **CLI** this summer. CLI stands for Christian Leadership Institute. It is a five-day program that provides Christian leadership development for young people. The CLI program lasts from July 6 until July 10 of this year. It includes a series of training workshops, prayer, daily Mass, group activities and team building to enhance leadership potential, while foster personal spiritual growth. It is an attempt to show that the youth are not the "church of the future" but a gifted, motivated and essential part of the Body of Christ today. Our parish is allowed to send up to three youth that have finished their freshman, sophomore or junior year of high school For more information please contact Nick Cummins at: nkcummins@bellsouth.net by May 19, 2009.

Opportunity to Travel:

National Catholic Youth Conference or **NCYC** will be held November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. Our parish is allowed to take up to **6 youth group members**. NCYC is for High School Youth Group members that **actively participate** in their parish programs. Two years ago the Archdiocese of Louisville took 300 hundred youth to Columbus, Ohio. We joined 20,000 other young Catholics in prayer, mass, small group sessions, and worship. More information about NCYC will be available at High School youth nights on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm.

For more information about any of the above info, contact Nick Cummins at: 458-2500 ext 141 or write to nkcummins@bellsouth.net.

SARAFUN MEMBERS...The Sarafun meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17 instead of May 10 because of Mother's Day. Meet in the Blue Room after the 10am Mass.

Giants Club Positions Open

The Giants Club is looking for individuals who are interested and dedicated in overseeing the sports program at St. Raphael!

1. Uniform Committee (2 positions open) – this is a 4 person committee that is responsible for the ordering and distribution, and in some cases, collection of sports uniforms. Each person is assigned one or two sports in different seasons.
2. Assistant Athletic Director
3. Board members (6 positions open) – this is a 2 year tenure. The Board meets once a month and each board member typically has one added responsibility pertaining to a fundraising event.
4. K-2 soccer coordinator – this position is responsible for recruiting coaches and setting the teams. All communication regarding the soccer league (non CSAA sanctioned) is passed to this person who in turn distributes to the coaches. This is a Fall and Spring job!
5. Concession stand manager – responsible for inventory and ordering and managing the workers during 2 fundraising events – Volleyball Tournament (held in September) and Basketball Tournament (held in December).

If there are any questions regarding any of these positions, please call Ann Spencer at 724-8844 or email craig.spencer@insightbb.com.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS

The St. Raphael Parish Council has 3 vacancies to be filled as a result of terms that will be ending June 30, 2009. 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. 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. The second Sunday in June (June 14th) a drawing of discerned candidates names will be held at Mass and the drawn names will be declared new members of the St. Raphael Parish Council effective July 1, 2009.

The Parish Council provides leadership for the work of our five primary Parish committees: WORSHIP - PARISH LIFE - ADMINISTRATION - SOCIAL CONCERNS - FORMATION and the sub-committees which fall under those committees. It requires a commitment of a once monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday except for December and July and includes an overnite annual retreat which this year is Friday, Saturday August 7-8.

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.

Picnic News

This years SRS Giant Picnic is Saturday, June 20. A delicious chicken dinner will be provided as well as a \$5000 capital prize to be given away.

Reminder

Volunteers are still needed for booths and set-up .

Cakes or Cake donations are due in.

Picnic Chances are needed to be sold with t-shirts provided for students who sell all 50 chances.

New or gently used books to be collected for a new "book" booth.

Any questions, please contact Kevin Raque at 459-4486

SRS Football Sign-ups for 2009-2010 School Year

<http://www.quia.com/sv/290958.html>

Open through May 17

Questions call Travis Spalding 473-4764

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

Bernadine Allbritten, Bob Bethards, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, Katherine Boone, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Marcia Davis, Connor Day, Matthew Day, Ruth Deatrick,, Mary Jeannette Durham, Pam Eckert, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Kay Forsthoefel, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Linnie Holland, Marcella Horney, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, Albert Knabel, George Koestel, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Phyllis Lippy, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Bob Moore, Charlotte Nall, Ron Parrino, Patricia Passanisi, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Donna Pohl, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Trenton Seaton, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Wimsatt,

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