



# St. Raphael Catholic Parish

May 22, 2022

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Physical address:

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### Liturgy Schedule

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays :  
9:30am

Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Saturdays: 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 to  
5:30 pm or by appointment

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Every 2nd  
Thursday 4:00 –8:00 pm

### Our Parish Mission:

*As a Catholic parish working together  
in harmony with God, we share our gifts  
and talents to promote healing, helping  
and hospitality.*

### WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

*We are glad you chose to join us. If you have any  
questions please ask our hospitality ministers.*

*If you are new in town and looking for a parish  
home we welcome you. If you are visiting and  
only here for a weekend we welcome you.*

Visit our website:

[www.straphaelfairbanks.org](http://www.straphaelfairbanks.org)

Our homepage has the daily readings as well  
as Father Ross' daily homilies. There is also an  
updated calendar link, a link to the weekly  
bulletin, and information on our COVID safety  
procedures.

### Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
Proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

A controversy arose among the disciples whether or not gentile  
converts were to be circumcised according to Mosaic law. At a  
Jerusalem meeting the Holy Spirit, the apostles, and the elders  
decided gentiles should not be burdened by such laws.

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

### Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

An angel carried the visionary to the top of a mountain to view  
the holy city Jerusalem coming down from God in heaven.  
There was no temple because the Lord God and the Lamb  
were the temple.

### Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever loves me will keep my  
word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and  
make our dwelling with him."

Please call the office if you are ill or need assistance.

**In the Hospital?** Contact Fr. Ross to arrange a visit, Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick.

**Do you have a need for the parish prayer chain?** Please email Gloria Slagle at [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

## EVENT CALENDAR

**Saturday, May 21st:**

~Mass 6:00pm

**Sunday, May 22nd:**

~ Baccalaureate Mass 9:30am

**Tuesday, May 24th:**

~Mass 9:30am

**Wednesday, May 25th:**

~Mass 5:30pm

~Rosary 6:00pm

~Marriage Preparation - Beloved Class 6:30pm

**Thursday, May 26th:**

~Mass 9:30am

**Saturday, May 28th:**

~Memorial Day Weekend

~Mass 6:00pm

**Sunday, May 29th:**

~Memorial Day Weekend

~Mass 9:30am

~Welcome & Farewell Reception for Fr. Jingbe and Fr. Ross in Social Hall after Mass



**“Those who love Me  
will keep my word.”**

Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

### BELOVED CLASS - MAY 25TH

#### ***Beloved – Mystery and Meaning of Marriage***

A city-wide marriage preparation program open to all engaged couples. Includes six sessions. **May 25, and June 1 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm** at Saint Raphael Parish, 1125 Old Steese Highway North, Fairbanks. Couples planning on attending should register with Saint Raphael. Call (907) 457-6603 or by email at rtozzi@cbna.org



“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.” *Pope Benedict XVI*



Congratulations to all our Saint Raphael graduating seniors! Especially, Bekah Malenfont, Erin Hendricks, Jeanne Cook, Jenny Fey and

Kelly Fey. Remember that God is with you...as your friend to support you, as your shield to protect you, as your strength to sustain you, and as your life to enrich you. Please join us in celebrating these seniors in the social hall for cake, cookies and refreshments after mass this Sunday.

Please pray for our **Confirmation Candidates** as they continue their journey with a confirmation retreat this Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### Family Connection to today's Gospel



Parents are always helping their children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on vacation. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises his Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of his peace, and tells them not to be troubled.

As a family, talk about the kinds of events that you have prepared for together; surgeries, funerals, vacations, and first days of school are some examples. Talk about why it is important to prepare for important events in our lives. Then read aloud this Sunday's Gospel: John 14:23-29. Talk about how Jesus prepared his disciples for his Death and Resurrection and how he wanted them to be prepared for what would happen so that they would be able to believe.

Talk about how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

~Loyolapress.com



**Brandon Schneider**, brother of St. Raphael parishioner Eric Schneider, is being ordained a priest in the Diocese of Burlington (Vermont) on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Please pray for Fr. Brandon as he begins his priestly ministry.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Saint Raphael Parish** is looking to hire a part time **Lay Pastoral Administrator** to help coordinate;

- **Liturgy** – Collaborate with priest to ensure liturgies run smoothly and involve parishioners in lay ministry and music.
- **Education** – Facilitate ongoing religious education for all in the parish.
- **Pastoral Care** – Nurture a sense of community within the parish to include outreach to parishioners and the wider community.
- **Administration** – Exercise stewardship over parish resources to include accurate and timely sacramental records, safe-environment records, and other parish records.

If interested, please submit a cover letter, a resume and references to Fr Ross Tozzi at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org).

**We ask for your prayers in asking God to send the right person to fill this position. If you have suggestions of someone we might ask please let Robin, Camille or Fr. Ross know.**

### **The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking to hire a qualified individual for Chancellor.**

This person must be a Roman Catholic in full communion with the Church. The Chancellor is responsible for supporting the bishop's initiatives, oversees the day-to-day operations of the chancery office and is responsible for both the internal and external communications for the diocese. Applicant must possess excellent communication and leadership skills. Minimum requirements for this position are a Bachelor's degree with at least ten years of supervisory experience with knowledge of human resource procedures including performance appraisals, supervisor skills, hiring and progressive discipline. Significant experience in the life and ministry of the Roman Catholic Church. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. Salary DOE. Position will remain open until filled. Expected start date o/a 6 June 2022. To apply please submit a cover letter and resume to [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org). Full job description available upon request.

*Hallelujah*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Knights are Catholic men who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. To join contact Mike Hendricks or visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

Jesus promised a helper,  
counsellor, an advocate:

... the Holy Spirit

[the Spirit of truth]

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

~Loyolapress.com



**Office Hours**  
**Tuesday-Friday: 10am-3pm**

**Pastor**

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**Maintenance Manager**

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**Sacramental Information:**

**Baptism:** Please call the office to schedule class a month in advance.

**Marriage:** Please contact the office at least six months prior to schedule your date and begin preparation classes.

**Area Mass Times**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Sat. 4:30 PM  
Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM livestreamed  
1:00 PM Spanish  
Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

**Immaculate Conception**

Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM  
M, T, Th, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM

**Saint Nicholas, North Pole**

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM 12:00 PM  
M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 7:00 PM  
Morning Prayer & Adoration 8:00 AM  
M,T,Th,F.

**St. Mark University Parish**

Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright**

Sun. 9:00 AM

**Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB**

Sun. 10:30 AM  
Tue.-Fri. 11:30 AM

**Latin Mass: Sacred Heart Cathedral @ 6:30pm**

May 21st & June 4th

**Mass Intentions**

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| Sat   | May 21st | 6:00pm | Intentions of Richard Pryjomiski & Judy Kelly |
| Sun   | May 22nd | 9:30am | Our Parish                                    |
| Tues  | May 24th | 9:30am | Intentions of Richard Pryjomiski & Judy Kelly |
| Wed   | May 25th | 5:30pm | Irmina L. Sales +                             |
| Thurs | May 26th | 9:30am | Jubilees of 49 Sisters of St. Joseph          |
| Sat   | May 28th | 6:00pm | Jubilees of 49 Sisters of St. Joseph          |
| Sun   | May 29th | 9:30am | Our Parish                                    |

***If you would like to have a mass said, call the parish office 907-457-6603 to have one scheduled.***

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."  
- John 14:27



**Parish Finances July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022**

Budgeted Need \$224,000.00

Monthly Need \$18,667.00

March Collections: \$19,985.00

April Collections: \$14,019.78

***The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful ...***  
***~ James 5:16***

***Please remember these friends in your prayers....***

For the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.



All those suffering from Covid-19

For the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.

For health concerns of our parishioners, their friends and their families, especially Ken Mattison, Rachel Zeek Kenner, Colleen Zeek and JoAn Talvi.

Annunciation House workers and shelters across the Southern borders.

For seminarian: Josh Miller, Newly Ordained Priests: Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcick, and all priests & religious everywhere.