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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD, Opening Prayer: May the love of God, the working of the Holy Spirit, the peace of Christ and our vision of Heaven continue inspire us to constantly hold on to the faith until our days on earth are completed.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: Today's response to the Psalm: "O God, let all the nations praise you," express the gratitude of the Gentiles for being counted among those who have been considered worthy of the salvation. As the word of God and His kingdom continued to reach to the non-Jewish parts of the world, the early Church was faced with the issue of some unauthorized believers of the Church in Jerusalem whose conviction is that the law of Moses, especially about circumcision was necessary if Gentiles were to be saved. A meeting of the Apostles and elders of the whole Church at the Council of Jerusalem was convened and it was decided that neither the Law of Moses, nor circumcision or the other traditions of the rabbis were necessary for salvation. Through prayer, fasting, consultation and vote, it was decided that Gentile converts who accepted the faith were to abstain from four things, namely, they were not to partake of blood, from meat sacrificed to idols, from meat of strangled animals and from marriages within certain blood bonds (First Reading). This victory of the Mother Church in Jerusalem is further expressed in the inspiring vision of the heavenly Jerusalem where Jesus who is the Temple and the Lamb resides triumphantly in that Kingdom and in its members (Second Reading). Having established his Church here on earth, Jesus before returning to Heaven commanded His disciple to love him by keeping his word. Jesus told his Apostles that the Holy Spirit will teach and inspire them. Jesus also imparted His gift of peace on the Apostles (Gospel).

Let us Love God, Allow Ourselves to be Moved by the Holy Spirit and be Peaceful People whose Goal is Making it to Heaven: In today's Gospel Jesus prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them about three things that will sustain them until they are ready to join him in heaven. First, before returning to Heaven Jesus asked His disciples to always prove their love for him by their loyalty and obedience to his word: *"Whoever loves me will keep my word, Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;"* (John 14: 23-24). Regardless of whether we love God or not, God loves us with a perfect love. The love of God for us takes on a whole new dimension when we accept to love God ourselves and to accept that we are loved by Him. Our decision to love God and to also accept that we are loved by Him opens the door for God to come and dwell within us, transform us and make our hearts His Holy dwelling place. Second, prior to His departure to return to the Father, Jesus assured his disciples and us too of His care through the Spirit: *"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete [the Holy Spirit] to be with you forever"* (John 14: 16-17). The Holy Spirit which Jesus will ask the Father to send is the third person of the Holy Trinity. So, being God the Holy Spirit will take care of us His disciples just as Jesus took care of those who followed him. Since Jesus was able to accomplish a lot of good things in order to help those who followed Him, the Holy Spirit will also do good things for us. Third, Before Jesus returned to heaven He granted his disciples the gift of His peace (Cf. John 14: 27). The peace that Jesus offers His disciples is the peace which conquers fears, anxieties, sorrow, grief, danger and suffering and we attain such peace ourselves through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwelling in us will quell our fears and anxieties.

Dissention and Controversies about Our Faith and Our Salvation: An example of when people disagree and burden each other about spiritual issues concerning God, faith or salvation is the one instance of the dissention and controversies dealing with circumcision of the gentile converts in our first reading. Thank God the matter was resolved through prayer, fasting, consultation and vote after the Apostles and elders came together with the whole Church in Jerusalem. From this way of resolving issues by the early Church, it becomes clear that problems about faith and salvation are to be resolved with the following in mind. First, life is too short so there is no need spending our worthwhile time arguing or fighting about issues concerning our relationship with God and even faith. Second, rather than wasting our valuable time on arguments concerning our salvation, the best thing to do is to carry out whatever that is expected of us with regard to God and our salvation as Jews, gentiles, male, female, leaders or citizens. Let us face the teachings of Christ and stop arguing for Jesus as if we know better than God who is all powerful and all knowing. Since something has to take place before we can get to heaven our business is to preoccupy ourselves with the love of God, allow the Holy Spirit to fill us and move us and let the peace of Christ fill us with confidence. Third, in trying to deal with matter of faith or our salvation it is good to preserve peace at all costs and to also to try to reach decisions with the help of the Holy Spirit and the vision of heaven before our eyes. Jesus wants us to be peaceful people who are under the influence of the Holy Spirit and are supported by our desire to get to heaven when trying to make decisions about their spiritual lives.

Closing Prayer: May no evil or any bad intent on our own part be an obstacle to the love of God and growth of the Kingdom of God in our midst.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.." (Rev. 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed Year-to-Date:	95,667.75	114,663.60	22,379.28	36,027.00
Actual Year-to-Date:	81,888.14	110,787.65	23,395.77	34,667.78
Date: May 15, 2022:	1,096.00	2,028.00	485.00	704.85
Other Collections:	131.00	15.00	0	132.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

<u>Saturday, May 21, 2022</u>

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
 *(Special Intention for our faithful departed)*6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Mass at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
 (Bette Herron)

Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine
8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (William Kramer)
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)

Monday, May 23, 2022 9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For all of the youth of our parishes)

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 9:00am Mass at St. Anne *(For all high school/college graduates)* 9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation 2:00pm St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Mary Anderson)5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Catherine

<u>Thursday, May 26, 2022</u> No Mass Today

Friday, May 27, 2022 No Mass Today

<u>Saturday, May 28, 2022</u>

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael *(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)*6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel *(Special Intention for Jackie Price)*

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Barbara Donajkowski) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Bill Manczak)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. GABRIEL ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 AT 2:00PM

BAKE SALE: St. Raphael will be having a bake sale next Saturday May 28th. Please plan on baking and or buying one of the delicious bake goods. Proceeds help pay for the refreshments after mass.

<u>HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES:</u> Please RSVP with the Parish office to attend the Graduation Masses (9 am, St. Catherine and 11 am, St. Anne) on May 29th. Let us join in praying for all of our 2022 graduates.

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS NEEDED!

- **St. Anne** ~ Volunteer Cleaners Needed for the months of June December!! St. Anne Parish is asking for volunteers to do "light" cleaning of our Church before Mass each weekend. Volunteers sign up for a month at a time. To help with this stewardship or for more information, please call the parish office at 724-6713. Thank you.
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY: ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29, REV 21:10-14, 22-23, JN 14:23-29

<u>MONDAY:</u> ACTS 16:11-15, JN 15:26—16:4A

TUESDAY: ACTS 16:22-34, JN 16:5-11

<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1, JN 16:12-15

THURSDAY: ACTS 1:1-11, EPH 1:17-23, LK 24:46-53

FRIDAY: ACTS 18:9-18, JN 16:20-23

SATURDAY: ACTS 18:23-28, JN 16:23B-28

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday: Rev. Robbie Deka

Monday: Rev. James M. Doherty

Tuesday:

Vocations to the priesthood and all religious life

Wednesday: Rev. Charles Donajkowski

Thursday: Rev. Artur Duchnowicz

Friday: Rev. Wayne Dziekan

> Saturday: All Seminarians

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2022

Just a reminder that the CSA campaign kicked off last week. You should have received your pledge card in the mail. We have replacement cards available at the back of church if you need them.

We are so blessed to be part of the Universal Church, unified in the Body of Christ. Please participate in supporting the work of the Church with your gift or pledge. Gifts of every size are welcomed and appreciated.



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The Power of the Eucharist

the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence

An evening of Praise, Preaching, and Eucharistic Adoration with Fr John Kopson

Thursday, May 26, 2022 ~ 6:30-8:30pm In Church ~ Cross in the Woods ~ Indian River, MI All are welcome!

For questions and more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office: 231-238-8973 ext 312 or by email: mcruz@crossinthewoods.com

~ Remember and Honor ~ MEMORIAL DAY ************

5/29 - MEMORIAL DAY LUNCHEON @ MARIA HALL, ST. ANNE Let's honor our fallen soldiers together! Festivities begin with a prayer and a moment of silence, followed by food, fellowship, family fun and remembrance.

FOOD:

- Hot dogs
- Chips
- **If you have a side dish
- Hamburgers Desserts • Potato salad
- that you would like to
 - Popsicles contribute, feel free!!

When: After 11am Mass (about noon) on May 29, 2022 Where: Maria Hall at St. Anne's in Harrisville

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5/30- MEMORIAL DAY MASS @ ST. RAPHAEL CEMETERY 9AM

Located on F-30 in Mikado at 9:00AM. Chairs will be provided. If weather is inclement it will take place at St Raphael church.

