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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 21, 2023

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## HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** We believe and look forward in hope that we will be united with Jesus who will certainly return to take us to live with him in the glory of heaven.

**The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven:** The Gospel according to Mark, Luke, the Acts of the Apostles and the letter of St. Paul to Timothy testify to the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven (Cfs. Mark 16: 19-20; Luke 24: 36-53; Acts 1:6-12; 1 Timothy 3: 16). The First Reading today from the Acts of the Apostles tells us of the Ascension of Jesus when he was taken up into heaven in the sight of his followers. Not realizing what had happened to Jesus, his followers who continued to gaze up into heaven were told by two strangers that the Lord had returned to heaven. This transition of Jesus from earth to heaven marks the end of the life of Jesus here on earth and his exaltation at the right hand of God in heaven. Since Jesus ascended into heaven, it means that all the events that preceded his ascension such as his conception, his birth, his earthly ministry, his passion, his death and resurrection are true. The ascension of Jesus into heaven is also another proof that Jesus really appeared to his disciples many times after his death and resurrection. The Ascension of Jesus is also another basis for believing in the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. Now that Jesus has returned to the glory of the Father in Heaven the task before us his disciples is to believe Jesus and make ourselves busy with the work he has left us instead of idly watching for his Second Coming.

**The Ascension of Jesus Reminds us of our Going to Heaven to be With Jesus Christ:** Some passages of the Scripture which refer to the ascension of Jesus include: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12: 32) and "But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God" (Luke 22: 69). Another statement of Jesus which undoubtedly reminds us of his ascension into heaven is his words to Mary of Magdala: "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'" (John 20: 17). These statements of Jesus find complete fulfillment today as we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to heaven. Since Jesus has returned to heaven, it is our Christian hope that one day we will go to heaven to be with Jesus. With confidence, we continue to pray the prayer Jesus taught us "Our Father who art in heaven." We do not only pray to our Father who art in heaven but we also proclaim that Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus "is seated at the right hand of the Father," means that as man Jesus entered God's world; that he has been constituted the Lord and head of all things, as St. Paul says in the second reading. When comes to us, "going to heaven" or going to "paradise" which is the desire of every Christian means going and being "with Christ" (Philippians 1: 23). Our heaven is the risen Christ together with whom we shall form a "body" after our resurrection. The Ascension of Jesus guarantee us of an eternal fellowship with Jesus: "For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4: 16). Jesus did not just ascend to heaven to be with God, but he returned to heaven to prepare a place for us so that we could join Him. Having gone into heaven in His resurrected spiritual body, we too will be opportune to join our Lord Jesus Christ so that where the head is the body will also follow. As we prepare ourselves to join Jesus in heaven, our business here on earth is to believe and follow the mission of Jesus. We are to strive to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth, making new children for Christ through baptism in the name of the Trinity and teach all to observe the command of Jesus.

**The Ascension of Jesus Marks the Beginning of the Reign of the Holy Spirit:** The prayer we say to the Holy Spirit is an invitation to God to fill our hearts and minds so that all our thoughts, words and actions will be directed according to the will of God. While we pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit, the solemnity of the ascension of our Lord into heaven marks the beginning of the presence of the Holy Spirit among us human beings. The ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven opens the door to the Holy Spirit so that it comes and makes its dwelling within those who have been baptized into the Body of Christ. The ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ is not his departure from us or the end of his life with us who live here below. Jesus' ascension into heaven is a new beginning. Jesus after his ascension remains with us in a new way through his Holy Spirit so that he will dwell with us always. In his humanity Jesus became one like us and full of every grace and goodness. Now that Jesus has gone to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father in the fullness of divinity, he comes to us in the power of the Holy Spirit and remains with us always. The unique presence of Jesus with us through the Holy Spirit helps us to become fearless or courageous so that we can publicly and boldly live and bear witness to our faith in the world in which we live.

**Closing Prayer:** Since Jesus has preceded before us into heaven, we pray that we who look up to him in faith, hope and love will be united with him in heaven.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

*"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17: 9* Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	<b>\$2,467.41</b>	<b>\$2,807.70</b>	<b>\$815.76</b>	<b>\$533.66</b>
<b>Needed Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>113,184.53</b>	<b>126,346.50</b>	<b>37,524.96</b>	<b>24,014.69</b>
<b>Actual Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>112,415.21</b>	<b>120,841.25</b>	<b>35,911.85</b>	<b>23,704.53</b>
<b>Date: 5/14/2023:</b>	<b>1,272.00</b>	<b>2,064.73</b>	<b>2,723.00</b>	<b>223.50</b>
<b>Other Collections:</b>	<b>405.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>885.00</b>	<b>0</b>



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

### SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

11:00 am Memorial Mass – \*Zeneta Bielusiak  
3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael  
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael  
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael  
(\*For the 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  
(\*For the parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael)

### SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(\*For the parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael)  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(\*Sharon O'Callaghan)  
12:00 noon Going Away Luncheon for Fr. John

### MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

NO MASS

### TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

NO MASS  
2:00pm St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

NO MASS  
6:30 pm Holy Hour with the Lord at St. Anne

### THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

NO MASS

### FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

NO MASS

### SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael  
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael  
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael  
(\*For the 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  
(\*Bob Probst)

### SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(\*Joan Youngblood)  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(\*Joan Emington)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK (YEAR A)

**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14, 1 Pt 4:13-16, Jn 17:1-11a  
**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GRADUATION MASS:** Parents of High School Seniors please contact the parish office this week to let us know the name(s) of your graduating children. At St. Anne and St. Raphael graduates will be acknowledged at the masses on May 27/28.
- **ST. ANNE CHURCH CLEANING PERSON NEEDED:** St. Anne needs Volunteers to clean the Church for July through December 2023.
- **ALTAR ANGELS @ ST. CATHERINE:** We are excited to announce that the Altar Angels have been ordered and we are now collecting for a statue of Mary that will be placed outside in the front of the church. Thank you to all who have supported our statue projects.
- **COFFEE & DONUTS:**
  - **St. Catherine:** Next coffee and donuts will be May 28th after Mass.
  - **St. Anne:** Coffee & Donuts after Mass on Sundays!
  - **St. Raphael:** Refreshments will be after Mass on Saturdays!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

#### **St. Anne:**

- Mary Gruba
- Donald Krejcarek
- Mike Maturen
- Catherine McNeil
- Brian K. Somers
- Jason Wrush
- Wendy Wrush

#### **St. Catherine:**

- Beverly Aube
- Bob Keen
- Charles Cariveau
- Cathy Skwirsk
- Glen Thompson
- T.J. Dryden

#### **St. Gabriel:**

- Karl Miltz Sr.

#### **St. Raphael:**

- Pauline Short
- Sam Rizzotto
- Stan Sufnar
- Christopher Troy

### ST. RAPHAEL BAKE SALE - MAY 27TH

St. Raphael will be having a bake sale Saturday May 27th memorial weekend. Plan on making and or buying a scrumptious treat. Proceeds go to defray the cost of refreshments after mass and other special events.

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA TOWN HALL MEETING:

Dear St. Rose of Lima Parishioners,  
Bishop Walsh would like to invite you all to a town-hall meeting on **Monday, May 22nd at 6 pm at the All Saints Parish Center** (817 Sable St. Alpena). Bishop will be present along with Theresa and Fr. Tyler to present an update on St. Rose church and discuss the present and the future of St. Rose Parish.

*All St. Rose parishioners are invited to attend!*

**PASTORAL EMERGENCY OR ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**  
**Beginning Monday, May 22, 2023 all calls for Anointing of the Sick or for any pastoral emergency should go to All Saints Parish at 989-354-3019 and select option #3 to leave a message.**

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

**Sunday:** Rev. Gerald Okoli  
**Monday:** Vocations to the priesthood and all religious life  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Leonard Paul  
**Wednesday:** Rev. Alfred Pillarelli  
**Thursday:** Rev. Benjamin Rexroat  
**Friday:** Rev. Mitchel Roman  
**Saturday:** Seminarians



### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RON SKIBA

Memorial Service for Ron Skiba will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 from 11:00 am – 3:00pm at Mikado American Legion Hall.

### FUNERAL FOR ROSE BUSHEY

There will be a Funeral for Rose Bushey at St. Catherine Church at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 3rd.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE**

Once again, this summer and fall, the Knights of Columbus will hold a bottle and can drive to benefit local charities. The drive will run until November 5th. There will be a trailer parked at St. Catherine's parking lot starting Memorial Day weekend to collect cans and bottles. If you prefer, please call one of the Knights listed below and they will gladly pick them up from you.

Greg Szydlo - 989-736-3916 - Gerald Labaza - 989-724-5682  
Gerald Boerner - 517-449-7352 - Dan Richardson - 248-789-2526

*Thank you in advance for your support.  
Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.*

## **ALL-MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE**

All-Michigan Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held July 28-30, 2023 at the Diocese of Gaylord Pastoral Center in Gaylord. For Conference Information, contact AMCCC at 517-372-0504 or amccc.office@gmail.com.

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want to thank Fr. John William for his many years of generous priestly ministry in the Diocese of Gaylord. As you know, Fr. John will be returning to his home diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria. His priestly assignment in the Diocese of Gaylord will come to an end on May 21st. Please join me in showing Fr. John our love and prayerful support in these days. From May 22nd until June 30th, Bishop Walsh has asked me to be temporary administrator of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael parishes. **During that time, the day-to-day operations of the parishes will continue. However, daily Masses, adoration, and confessions during the week will be canceled. Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will continue as scheduled** with myself and Fr. Michael Lingaur filling in from All Saints Parish in Alpena. On some weekends a few other priests will assist us during our previously scheduled vacation time. For any pastoral emergency or Anointing of the Sick, please call All Saints Parish at 989.354.3019 and press #3 to leave a message for Fr. Michael or myself. In the coming weeks, the Diocese of Gaylord will announce new priestly assignments including a new pastor for the Parishes of the Resurrection. Please keep Fr. John, Fr. Michael, your new pastor and myself in your prayers during this time of transition.

God bless,  
Fr. Tyler Bischoff  
- Regional Vicar - East Vicariate

## **ST. GABRIEL ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

Meeting will be St. Gabriel on May 23 at 2 pm

## **K OF C CORPORATE COMMUNION**

KofC Corporate Communion will be at St. Catherine 9 am Mass on Sunday June 11th. Knights and their families are asked to sit in the front pews near the organ.

## **MICHIGAN YOUNG ADULT HIKING & RAFTING PILGRIMAGE 2023**

Join young adults from across Michigan for a weekend pilgrimage adventure. Enter into the peace only Jesus can give while meeting new friends and experiencing the beauty of northern Michigan this summer.

**Friday, July 21 – Sunday, July 23, 2023**

For ages 18-39

- Camping at Cheboygan State Park on beautiful Lake Huron
- Rafting on the Sturgeon River
- 10-mile pilgrimage hike culminating with a Eucharistic procession to the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods
- Mass, prayer, and the opportunity to meet friends and grow in your faith

Registration deadline: July 1. Spaces fill up fast. Information and Registration at [pilgrimage2023.eventbee.com](https://pilgrimage2023.eventbee.com) Sponsored by the (Arch)Dioceses of Detroit, Lansing, Saginaw, and Gaylord. Open to all young adults throughout Michigan and beyond.

## **QUO VADIS YOUNG MEN'S SUMMER CAMP**

Quo Vadis camp is an opportunity to experience fraternity with other young men who desire to live a life of deep meaning. Spend three days up north at Higgin's Lake with, relaxation, and prayer, learning more about God's desires for your life.

Young Men Grades 8-11

July 23-25, 2023 at Higgin's Lake | Cost \$50



This month, we are raising funds for the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). To date, St. Anne is at 1% towards our Goal of \$22,555; St. Raphael is at 8.5% towards our goal of \$7,633; St. Catherine - \$0; St. Gabriel - \$0. The CSA is an opportunity to unite with all Catholics in the diocese to share our blessings and show our care for one another. It provides the opportunity to act together and support programs and services no single individual or parish could offer by itself. Your gift is very important. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the CSA. Would you consider helping us reach our parish goal and supporting the CSA today? Learn more and give online at [DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23](https://DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23).