

Second Sunday of

Advent

December 9, 2018

Saint Raymond de Penafort

A Catholic Faith Community

Our Joyful Response to Living Stewardship

"Welcome. Love. Serve."

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THROUGH OUR ALMS WE TOUCH THE WORLD

FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE



As Franciscan followers of Christ, we build partnerships with Catholic women and men who are inspired to live and serve in solidarity with economically poor communities across the globe - and to bring the transformative experience of mission to North American societies and churches as advocates for peace, justice, reconciliation and care of creation. We prepare and support lay Catholics for two-year international, one-year domestic and 1-2 week short-term mission service opportunities in solidarity with impoverished and marginalized communities across the globe.



Becky Kreidler grew up in Mt. Prospect, Illinois and has been a part of the St. Raymond's community her whole life. During her time in college at Loyola University Chicago, she felt a moment of deep consolation that she was being called to go out into the world. Her answer to that call was becoming a missioner with the Franciscan Mission Service. In August, Becky traveled to Washington D.C. for three months of formation in the Franciscan tradition, learning about and discussing topics in preparation for international mission such as lay mission spirituality, power & privilege, sustainable ministry and more. Becky will be living in intentional community and serving in Guatemala City at the Valley of the Angels boarding school for at least the next two years. You can learn more about her call to mission and donate to her time on mission at https://franciscanmissionservice.org/. Here you can also follow her story through blog posts she will write during her time on mission.

Alms collected the weekends of December 1st/2nd and 8th/9th will go to the Franciscan Mission Service. Please use the green alms envelopes located at all of the church entrances. Checks should made payable to St. Raymond with Franciscan Mission Service in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.



"The best thing I did in ministry was to teach children the Gospel through plays," says Sister Clare Vandecoevering, 88 (above). "Oh, they were just delighted!" A member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, she spent over 50 years in the classroom. Today she is one of 31,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefits from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps religious communities care for aging members and plan for the future. Please be generous.

Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious.

To donate: 3211 Fourth Street NE Washington DC 20017-1194 Make check payable to

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National Religious Retirement Office Retirement Fund for Religious.

Or give at your local parish.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is taken up each December in most U.S. Catholic parishes and helps hundreds of religious communities provide for the current and future needs of senior members. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) coordinates the nationwide collection and distributes the proceeds to eligible religious communities. Tens of thousands of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit.

Roughly 94 percent of donations to the RFR aid elder religious, with the remainder used to administer and promote the appeal. In addition to direct financial assistance, proceeds from the annual appeal underwrite educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs. Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while continuing important ministries to the People of God.

All alms collected the weekend of December 15th/16th will go to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please use the green alms envelopes located at all of the church entrances. Checks should made payable to St. Raymond with Retirement Fund for Religious in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.



Giving Thanks - "It Takes a Village"

The phrase **is** taken from an African proverb that says: "It takes a village to raise a child". The same could also be true for what was needed to host the recent fair trade market on the weekend of November 24-25. It was an extremely successful weekend with sales of just over \$14,000. Long-term sustainable relationships are at the heart of fair trade. Your purchases enable us to now submit more orders to our artisans, thus maintaining long-term relationships with them. Cesar and his wife Rocio will be especially happy as we sold 56 boxes of jungle crayons!

This event would not have been possible without the support and hard work of so many people giving generously of their time and energy. We had an incredible turn-out to help with unloading, set-up and tear down at the end. I especially appreciated everyone who came on Sunday afternoon as it enabled us to return home before the winter storm came through.

Special thanks also to Deacon John, Jeanne Ann and John Sattler, Dan and Jose and everyone who helped wrap gifts. It does indeed take a village! We hope you and your loved ones enjoy the gifts you purchased. God willing, we look forward to seeing you all again in 2019

Vincent and Susanne Donoghue

Gracias Fair Trade.



As part of an ongoing process to update and improve the church sound system, a new loudspeaker system has been installed in the sanctuary and is now up and running. As you may know, any new system will require some fine-tuning. We ask for your patience as we adjust this new system in order to make our sound in the church the best possible experience for everyone. Your feedback on what you are hearing is welcome in the form of a questionnaire, which is available at the exits of church. Thank you!

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Offering for December 2, 2018

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Sunday Offering \$12,743

Direct Debit/Credit Card Offering \$9,497

Grand Total for the Week \$22,240

Amount Needed for Operating Expense \$23,600

Difference \$1,360

Thank you for your Stewardship And Generosity!

Year to Date (23 Weeks)

Collection vs. BudgetYear-to-Date Sunday Collection\$469,388Year to Date Budget\$542,800Difference Year-to-Date(\$-73,412)

Extraordinary Collections

St. Mark Lutheran PADS Program	\$3,120
Alms Collections to Date	\$29,718
Sharing Parishes	\$10,423
Archdiocesan Required Collections	\$14,446





Amelia Marie, child of Kyle and Kelsey (O'Dea) Galayda Duffy Townsend, child of Zachary and Lindsay (LeBeau) Hines Mason Christopher, child of Christopher and Kelly (Nottke) Ledenbach Nicolas Francis, child of Sylvester and Joanna (Sajewicz) Malinowski



Gracyn Rose, child of Vincent and Jennifer (Popp) Rivera

WORSHIP OFFICE

December Family Mass Ministers



The Manczko Family The Cannizzaro Famliy The Mundt Family



When they met, Mary and Elizabeth blessed each other as they each prepared for the birth of a holy child.

So too, shall we, as a faith community, bless all women who are pregnant and are awaiting the birth of their holy child.

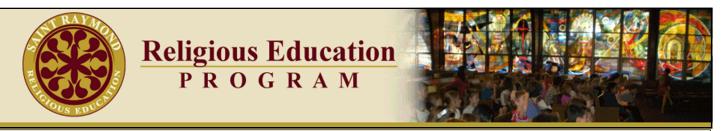
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AND 23
AT ALL MASSES

An Invitation to Reclaim the Good News of Jesus

On Pentecost Sunday, a statement of beliefs to Reclaim the Good News of Jesus at this time in the history of our nation was published in the bulletin and affirmed by members of our parish staff and council.

That Statement of Beliefs is now posted in the narthex. As the faith community of St. Raymond, you also are invited to affirm these beliefs by signing the book so that together we might find a common voice to speak to the challenges of our time.

- 1. WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God's image and likeness. (Genesis 1:26)
 THEREFORE WE SHALL treat all people with respect from conception until natural death.
- 2. WE BELIEVE we are one body. (Galatians 3:28)
 THEREFORE WE SHALL welcome, protect and bless all races, genders, classes, orientations and faiths.
- 3. WE BELIEVE how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself. (Matthew 25: 31-46)
 THEREFORE WE SHALL uphold and care for the vulnerable in our midst, drawing people close through Christian hospitality.
- 4. WE BELIEVE that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. (John 14:6)
 THEREFORE WE SHALL uphold truth-telling in our culture, beginning with our children and families.
- 5. WE BELIEVE that Christ's way of leadership is servanthood, not domination. (Matthew 20:25-26)
 THEREFORE WE SHALL support democracy not because we believe in human perfection, but because we do not.
- 6. WE BELIEVE Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples. (Matthew 28:18-19) THEREFORE WE SHALL live in awareness of the needs of the global community.
- 7. WE BELIEVE the Eucharist is the body and blood of Christ and that we are called to be nurtured each week at the table of the Lord. (John 6:48-51)



Upcoming Religious Education Class Dates

December 12: class December 18: class



St Raymond de Penafort Parish

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Feeding Children One Backpack at a Time



DECEMBER GROCERY GIFTS



For the past several years, the Backpack Ministry has given our students and their families grocery store gift cards to help cover the cost of food during school holidays. Since our ministry has grown, we could use some help to purchase these essential gift cards.

38 FAMILIES + \$50 GIFT CARDS



GRAND TOTAL OF \$1,900

If you would like to sponsor a gift card, please...

Log-on to GiveCentral.com and go to the option that says: "BPM Christmas Grocery Gift Card"

Make a check to St. Raymond de Penafort Church for \$50 and note in the memo "BPM Gift Card"

During this Holy Season...we remember those whose lives reflected the light of the Son

The Advent and Christmas seasons are filled with hopeful anticipation and joyful celebration at the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the time of the year when families and friends make a special effort to be together and share with one another their Joy and Peace! It is also the most poignant when we miss our loved ones who have died.

Each year, the Art & Environment Ministry invites the St. Raymond Community to assist in creating a tangible remembrance of their family and/or friends by helping to fund the Advent and Christmas decorations in our worship spaces. We suggest a donation of \$ 20.00 per memorial but we will be glad to honor your remembrance at whatever level works for you.

To participate, please fill out the form below and return it with your donation. There are also Flower Donation envelopes located on the tables in church. Please make your checks payable to St Raymond Church. Donations may be deposited in the Sunday collection (Please be sure the envelope is marked Advent and Christmas Memorials) or drop it off at the Parish Ministry Center during office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

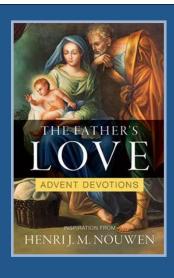


Christmas Remembrance

In Memory of (Please Print)

Donation from (Please Print)

Art & Environment Ministry 2018



To assist in our parish's Advent journey, copies of the reflection booklet *The Father's Love* will be available at all the church exits. Be guided through daily prayer and reflection as you gain a better sense of how the Father loves us and why he sent his only Son to dwell among us. We hope this booklet will be an aid in our individual journeys to Christmas.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON

2018 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, December 10 – A Midpoint Rest Stop on Our Advent Journey

7:00 PM *A time for prayers, singing and a discussion regarding our Reclaiming Jesus Initiative.*

Monday, December 17 - Advent Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 PM Welcoming All Mt. Prospect Parishes at St Emily 1400 E. Central Road, Mt Prospect

Monday, December 17 – the St Raymond School Nativity Performance

Saturday & Sunday, December 22/23 (normal weekend mass times)

4th Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM

Monday, December 24, 2018 - Christmas Eve

2:00 PM Christmas Vigil Liturgy - Children's Choir

4:30 PM Christmas Vigil Liturgy - Teen Choir

11:40 PM Music Prelude

12:00 AM Midnight Mass - Festival Choir & Instrumentalists

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM Christmas Liturgy - Piano, Violin & Cantor

11:30 AM Christmas Liturgy - Young Adult Ensemble & Instrumentalists

Saturday & Sunday, December 29/30 (normal weekend mass times)

The Feast of the Holy Family 5:00 PM7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM

Monday, December 31, 2018 - Mary, Mother of God – (New Year's Eve)

8:15 AM Morning Mass - the Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

4:00 PM Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day Vigil Liturgy

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Mary, Mother of God – (New Year's Day)

11:00 AM Mary Mother of God - Holy Day Liturgy



Not sure what to get the kids or grandkids for Christmas?

How about a TUITION RAFFLE ticket? They make a great stocking stuffer!

\$5,000 TUITION RAFFLE

\$5,000 prize guaranteed to one lucky winner!

The \$5,000 prize can be used to pay tuition at St. Raymond or any private school, high school, college or university accredited in the United States. Proceeds can be deposited into a 529 tuition savings plan or used to pay outstanding student loan debt.

Only \$50 per ticket!

C'mon! What are you waiting for?

TO PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE | Visit www.st-raymond.org and click on the tuition raffle link **TO PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE PMC** | Fill out the form and return with payment to the PMC

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ST. RAYMOND DE PENAFORT 70TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Join friends & family as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of St. Raymond

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 9

CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB | 1000 North Milwaukee Avenue | Wheeling Tickets are \$135 per person

Special Guest Luctioneer!

WAYNE MESSMER

Chicago's Voice of the National Anthem

This year Saint Raymond's is 70 years old! What better way to celebrate this signature event than by having a Chicago institution, Wayne Messmer, serve as auctioneer for our Gala!

Wayne is known locally and nationally for his stirring renditions of the National Anthem at major Chicago sports events, but he is also a beloved speaker and author. We are honored that he will be lending his voice to this year's Gala, and hope that you will be able to join us for this spectacular evening. See you there!

New this Year!

You can reserve your tickets and pay for them in installments. Begin making payments now and by February they'll be paid for! If you are interested in setting up a payment plan contact Roberta Nichols at 847.253.8600 or r.nichols@st-raymond.org.

Special Anniversary Pricing!

If you are a member of the parish and you are 70 years old or over your ticket is only \$70!

Tickets!

GALA or TUITION RAFFLE tickets can be purchased at www.st-raymond.org or at the PMC.



QUESTONS? | 847.253.8600 or r.nichols@st-raymond.org

EVENT CHAIRS | Kathy Nuelle, Laura Gustis, Krissy Olson, Lisa Eckert Aliprandi, Kendra Pollizze & Trent Bohacz

Dear St. Raymond Families:

During this season of giving, we have a singular opportunity to make a huge difference for our Catholic school students.

The new Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship (TCS) program allows you to make a gift of scholarships for in-need Catholic school students and receive 75 percent of that gift returned to you as an Illinois state income tax credit. As we approach the end of the calendar year, this is a powerful way to support low-income students while earning a significant income tax benefit.

And there has never been a better time to take advantage of the TCS program. For a limited time, a group of generous donors has created a **two-to-one matching gift program**, which means that for every dollar you donate to Empower Illinois two more dollars will be donated to the scholarship fund and designated to our school. A matching fund pool will be available for new donations made to any of the more than 160 schools operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Now, when you make a gift to the tax credit scholarship program, you can:

- Help a student in need achieve a life-changing Catholic school education;
- Receive an Illinois state tax credit for 75 percent of your donation;
- Triple the impact of your gift through the matching gift program!

Our school can receive up to \$100,000 in donations as part of this matching program. When those funds are matched, the total impact will be \$300,000. But we must act fast! The matching gift program will only last until February 28, 2019 or until in matching funds is depleted. Any funds not used at our school before April 1 will be used to meet the needs of other low-income families attending an Archdiocesan-operated school. If you want to capture a state tax credit to use in the 2018 tax year, we recommend completing the necessary steps by December 14, 2018.

Here is an example of how powerful this program is: a donor with about \$75,000 in income could donate \$5,000 which would 1) eliminate Illinois state income tax liability (approximately \$3,750) and 2) provide \$15,000 in scholarship support (after the \$10,000 match). For a total of \$1,250 (her donation of \$5,000 minus the \$3,750 in state credit), this donor has now provided three students with \$5,000 in scholarships to use to attend a Catholic school of their choice.

Among the sixteen applications submitted by St. Raymond School families this year, four students qualified and received full scholarships. Imagine how many more scholarships could be awarded to students if more donations were designated to the St. Raymond School fund! Within the Archdiocese of Chicago, there are over 8,000 qualified students who did not receive a TCS scholarship. We want to raise enough funds to provide a scholarship to all qualified students.

We humbly ask you to consider the gift of education as you look at your year-end giving in 2018. By donating to the TCS program you can redirect some, or all, of your state tax liability to fund scholarships for families in need within our parish community and across the Archdiocese. Contact the Tax Credit Scholarship Office at tcs@archchicago.org or (312) 534-2617 today.

Yours in Christ,

Father Ed Panek

Mary Eileen Ward

Pastor

Principal

Faith • Academic Excellence • Service

SAINT RAYMOND SCHOOL





Just before Thanksgiving, our Kindergarten students celebrated Special Person's Day. Decked out in "turkey" attire, the students thanked their loved ones by performing a medley of Fall and Thanksgiving themed songs they learned in their music class. After the performance, the students spent some fun time with their special people touring classrooms and the school, introducing their teachers, visiting the book fair and showing folks what makes St. Raymond School such a fun, warm and inviting place to learn. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the students also took time to reflect on the many gifts that God has given to them. It was a wonderful opportunity to share their reflections of gratitude with their special people!









ADULT FORMATION

Rite of Christian of Adults

The **RCIA** -- **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults -- is a process of companioning people as they come to greater faith. It is designed for men and women who:

- ♦ have never been baptized
- were baptized in another Christian denomination and are considering becoming Catholic
- ♦ were baptized Catholic but have never received Eucharist or Confirmation

St. Raymond's Parish is a wonderful faith community with a strong tradition of warmth, inclusiveness and outreach to those who are hurting. We find strength, love and support in this parish -- and we invite others who might be searching for a faith community to consider joining us.

If you would like more information, or if you wish to join with others who are exploring the Catholic faith, please contact Deacon David Babczak at 847-253-8600, D.Babczak@St-Raymond.org). Our *meetings* are held on Monday evenings.

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE GROUP

Did you know that the Mens Bible study group has met in Coggins Hall every Saturday morning for over twenty years? It's a lively yet reflective group of guys who read and discuss the scriptures for the coming Sunday Mass. What do we get out of it? An appreciation of God's word coming from many perspectives. Sometimes, as we listen to scripture in church, it doesn't make sense, but going in having discussed the coming readings brings things into a better light. There's just one catch, we meet at 6AM on Saturday morning. Too early you say? We find it to be the best time of day to reflect and talk before the world really gets cranked up. We end by 7:30 so you have the rest of the day to meet the many activities we all have. We hope you'll join us and see how we help each other appreciate the beauty of God's word and the beauty of the life he has given each of us. Call John Ruskuls at 847-394-5693 or Brian Murphy at 847-298-5186 for more information.

THE LEGION OF MARY

Are you called to go deeper into our faith? Come on Mondays at 7:30 pm to the PMC to pray and cooperate in the Virgin Mary's and Church's work by participating in the Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church serve the Church and the neighbor on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. To learn more please email Mariloren Bell @ mariloren @gmail.com

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CIRCLES



Women's Spirituality Circles are small groups of women who gather once a month to nourish, reflect upon and share their own spiritual lives. A resource book is used, which enables the women to come to a deeper understanding of

themselves and their own unique spirituality. Through reading, discussion and prayerful reflection, the women experience a deeper prayer life and the invitation to share their gifts in service to God's people. They gather strength, insight and a sense of gratitude from one another. Each group has a facilitator. For information please contact Kathy Hemler at either 847-427-1472 or chuck.kathy.hemler@comcast.net.

RESCUE/RECYCLE RELIGIOUS ITEMS MINISTRY

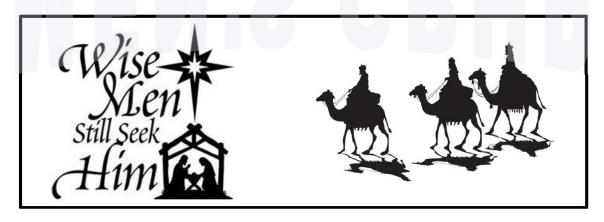
Have you wondered what to do with religious items that you no longer want to use or keep? There is a "Rescue and Recycle Program for Religious Items" ministry at St. Raymond's Parish. This ministry was started some years ago by Ruth Hauswirth as a resource for people to be able to re-purpose their religious items that are no longer being used . In past years, thousands of items have been donated and re-purposed. All items are treated in a respectful manner by going to those people or organizations who would again have use for them. The Rescue Ministry will take any type of Catholic religious items: religious statues in any condition, pictures, medals, rosaries, crucifix's, holy cards, blessed candles, scapulars, religious books, holy water/holy oils, Saint relics, Catholic books, cd's or dvd's, and unwanted jewelry (beads and jewelry will be re-purposed and made intorosaries). Items that are broken but fixable are also accepted but we cannot accept Mass or greeting cards from religious organizations. Rescue items that you would like to donate can be brought to the PMC. If you have questions or need information please contact Ruth Hauswirth by phone 224-558-3618 or by email at ruthhauswirth@yahoo.com.

MAC (MEN OF ACTION AND CONTEMPLATION)

MAC is a group of five or six men who commit themselves to meeting twice a month for one hour to dialogue, support and encourage each other to live the Gospel message more fully in their daily lives. A resource book, based on the daily scripture readings is used. Each daily reflection contains a part of a scripture reading, a contemporary story, a question for one's own life application and a concluding thought for the day. Each man is asked to find ten minutes each day to reflect and pray over the daily reflection. The men involved find that this experience helps them in their daily lives. Please contact Johnny Burnett at yibidee63@gmail.com or 847-707-3360 for more information.

ADULT FORMATION

March 2&3, 2019



Through fellowship, faith sharing, hospitality, music, Mass, reflection and more, men have the opportunity to step back from the everyday to reflect on their life and their spiritual journey and build meaningful relationships with other men of the parish. It is an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Even if you have participated in CRHP in the past, you are most certainly welcome to attend again. It is a wonderful way for all men to start their lenten journey and to draw closer to God.

The next Christ Renews His Parish weekend will be held March 2 & 3, 2019 at Saint Raymond's PMC.

To register or if you have any questions, you can contact:

Chuck Hemler at Chuck.Kathy.Hemler@comcast.net 847-427-1472 George Beck at GeorgeBeck@LuckyMail.com 224-392-9887

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde,19;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



HUMAN CONCERNS

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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity-Immigration Ministry



Photo: USCCB Justice for Immigrants

"Let us think of the tragedy of those migrants and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation". Pope Francis

Support of critical funding for migrants and refugees overseas. The final figures for this life-saving aid have yet to be determined, and Congress has until December 7th to pass a final bill. It will help migrants and refugees around the world meet their basic needs, and addresses factors, like violence, hunger, and lack of economic opportunity, that force people to migrate. Your voice makes a difference. Raise it today!

ACTION: Visit the USCCBs site https://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org for ways to contact your officials to oppose cuts to foreign aid.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org

Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity – Immigration Ministry 3525 S. Lake Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60653 312-534-5333 esegura@archchicago.org



Seamless Garment/ Respect Life Committee

As people who respect all life from conception to natural death, we pray for those on death row scheduled for execution during the month of December. Let us also hold in prayer their victims and most especially their victim's families.

12/4 Joseph Garcia Texas
12/6 David Earl Miller Tennessee
12/11 Alvin Braziel Texas
12/13 Jose Jimenez Florida

Moms Rosary Group November Meeting - December 4TH, 2018

The Moms' Rosary group meets once a month in the PMC. They pray the rosary for their adult children, their intentions and concerns. New members are most welcome. For information contact Kathi Szott at either 847-226-6369, or katsz928@yahoo.com.

GRANDMOTHERS IN PRAYER

Grandmothers In Prayer is a ministry which gives Grandmothers a special way to connect with their grandchildren: by praying for them.

These women come together on two Wednesdays every month (from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon) to pray for their grandchildren, their schools and teachers. For more information please call Donna Czajka at (847) 228-6360.

Support Groups for Those Suffering with Addiction and Their Loved Ones

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
 Closed Step Meeting

Parish Ministry Center Coggins Hall Wednesday 7:30 pm

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA)

Parish Ministry Center Living Room Saturday 10:15 am

Drug, alcohol and gambling addiction is a disease which is chronic, progressive and treatable, but terminal if untreated. Recovery is possible if the person is willing to ask for help and work toward that goal. Families with addicted family members also need help and

understanding. Worry, fear and anger destroy both relationships and the family unit. The Substance Abuse Team is available to reach out with support and care. CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY are the very essence of our ministry.

Please call our team members for help:

Dan Sullivan 847-962-5208; Jill Bergner 847-228-6073; Kathy & Warren Goldberg 847-483-0443; Marie McGarry 847-398-0415; Bob O'Donnell 630-400-9479; Dan Lapinski 847-259-4645.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

HUMAN CONCERNS



THE AFGHAN MAKERS GROUP

All women, young and not-so-young, are invited to join the Afghan Group on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month in the Parish Ministry Center from 9:00 a.m. to

Noon. If you like to knit or crochet (or would like to learn), come join us. Yarn is provided. While we are using our hands to create items for the needy, we also enjoy each other's company. This is a wonderful ministry of caring and sharing. WON'T YOU CONSIDER JOINING US? Please call Barbara Klett at (847)255-3147 or just come to the Parish Ministry Center on the dates and times listed above. Donations of yarn are welcome! Please bring your donation to the PMC.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Volunteers in this ministry pray daily for the needs of the community and the world. Many in this ministry are homebound. The goal of this ministry is to connect those who are no longer physically able to join us



for worship, but can offer prayer for the community. They have meaningful gifts to offer through their service of prayer. A monthly letter is sent asking the ministers to pray daily for the intentions mentioned. If you know a homebound person who would like to be part of this ministry, please call the PMC. Contact: Sr. Valerie Kulbacki at 847-253-8600 x143 / sr.val@st-raymond.org.

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS MINISTRY

The purpose of this ministry is to provide sleeping mats to homeless persons on lower Wacker Drive. Clean, plastic grocery bags are cut, knotted into plarn" (plastic yarn) and crocheted into mats.

We need people to: 1) sort and flatten the plastic bags; 2) cut the plastic into strips; 3) knot the strips and roll into balls of plarn; 4) crochet the mats.

Be involved in this ministry from home; it is not required to attend meetings. If you want to learn how to crochet, we can show you how. If you want to gather for sharing and fun, we get together on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Formation Room.



If you'd like to be involved in this ministry, please call or text Kathi Szott at 847-226-6369, or email atsz928@yahoo.com.



Whether you are new to knitting or crocheting and wish to learn, brushing up on skills that you haven't used in a long time or Ministry are experienced in these crafts, please consider joining our

Prayer Shawl Ministry. The purpose of our ministry is to create shawls to gift to those in our parish who are in need of our prayers, love and support. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends while creating a meaningful reminder of our concern for our fellow parishioners. Meetings take place on the last Thursday of the month from 7 - 9 P.M. at the PMC.

If you, a loved one or someone you know would benefit from the comfort of a prayer shawl or if you are interested in joining our group please contact Mary Klostermann at (847) 606-0719 or by email at maryklostermann@comcast.net.

ST. RAYMOND ROSARY MAKERS

Founded in 1996, this ministry has grown to over 20 male and female members of all ages, who have lovingly hand made and distributed over 230,000 rosaries free of charge to local ministries and mission fields worldwide. These "Gospels on a string" have



been shipped all across America, as well as to the following 28 countries overseas: Belize, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Germany, Haiti, Honduras, India, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Latvia, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, The New Guinea. Philippines, Puerto Rico Solomon Islands, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Vietnam.

ROSARY MAKERS GROUP meets virtually every Tuesday from 1 - 3 pm year round in our Community Room. In addition, many members choose to make rosaries at home in their spare time. If you wish to participate in this artistically creative and spiritually fulfilling ministry which enables the global poor to pray for peace. please contact Evelyn Mutzabaugh at mutzyclan@yahoo.com or 847-392-4554.



Our Ministry of Care is pleased to Home & visit our parishioners who need to spend some time in the hospital. Unfortunately, due to the HIPPA law, we have no way of knowing who may be at our surrounding hospitals

including Lutheran General, Resurrection, and Alexian Brothers. If you or a family member are in a local hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact Sr. Val at 847-253-8600 x 143.

Also, if you or a loved one is homebound for a brief or extended period of time and would like to have the Eucharist brought to you, please contact Sr. Val to make arrangements for a home visit. We are happy to bring our St. Raymond Community to you!



St. Raymond SCRIP Program Ordering Information

We order cards every week. Orders placed by 10:00 am Monday morning will be available for pick up Thursday after 1:00 pm. The order form below is only a partial listing of the vendors. Please visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list. We also have order forms and a list of vendors available at the PMC.



Low Denomination Gift Cards available to <u>ORDER</u> through December 14th *while supplies last.* Please go to shopwithscrip.com for list of available cards.

Christmas: Monday, December 17th will be the last day to place orders that will be received before Christmas. Order will be available at the PMC during business hours. *There will be no orders placed the week of December 24th.*







SCRIP Program Purchase Form	Date:	Check #
Email Address:	Phone:	DD/check/cash

Name: Amount Due:

of Cards	Value	%	Total \$	# of Cards		rds	Value	%	Total §
Amazon.com	\$25/\$100	2.5%		П		Marathon	\$25/\$100	3%	
BP Gas Card	\$50/\$100	1.5%		П		Marianos Fresh Market	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%	
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10/\$25	8%		П		Meijer	\$25/\$50/\$100	3%	
Chipotle	\$10/\$25	10%		П		Menards	\$25/\$100/\$500	3%	
CVS Pharmacy	\$25/\$100	6%		П		Outback Rest. (Group)	\$25/\$50	8%	
Darden Rest. (Group)	\$25/\$100	8%		П		Panera	\$10/\$25/\$50	8%	
Dennis Uniform	\$20	5%		П		Shell	\$25/\$50/\$100	2%	
Dunkin Donuts	\$10/\$25	3%		П		Speedway	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%	
Exxon/Mobile	\$50	1%		П		Starbucks	\$10/\$25/\$50	7%	
GAP/Old Navy(Options)	\$25/\$100	14%		П		Subway	\$10/\$50	6%	
Home Depot (The)	\$25/\$100/\$500	4%		П		Target GiftCard	\$25/\$50/\$100/\$250	2.5%	
Jewel Foods Gift Card	\$25/\$100	4%		П		TJMaxx/Marshalls	\$25/\$100	7%	
Kohl's	\$25/\$100	4%		П		VISA	\$50/\$100/\$250	1.5%	
Landry's Rest. (Group)	\$25	9%		П		Walgreens	\$25/\$100	6%	50
Lettuce Entertain You	\$25/\$100	12%		П		Walmart/Sam's Club	\$25/\$50 /\$100/\$250	2.5%	
Lowe's	\$25/\$100/\$500	4%		П		Whole Foods Market	\$25/\$50/\$100	3%	

	REVISED Liturgical Ministries Schedule — Christmas & New Year's 2018					
Time	Mass Coordinator & Eucharistic Ministers					
Christma	s Eve—Monday, December 24					
2:00 PM	<u>P&CMeyer, JRuskuls</u> , BBlau, J&BBrandt, DConlon, JGeraci, KHigginson, DMack, JMaher, KMurphy, SMurphy, KNuelle, DPetricca, JScala, CSemerau, JSemerau, JTabbert, LZajac					
4:30 PM	DCole, MMcGarry, JThomas, ECole, DMartin, Amoore, K&DMurray, DRusk, NSciurba, T&JSkonicki					
Midnight Mass	AArceo, TTheis, MBabczak, CBoss, JMetken, KMizwicki, SMoreno, GNeugebauer, K&FSchafer, SSmedinghoff					
Christmas Day– Tuesday, December 25						
8:30 AM	TDrangines, SHaut, J&BBergner, DBorris, TBrandenburg, Sr Elaine, DCoppola, B&DHollis, HMatecki, KPawlowski, AWurbia, PZabawa					
11:30 AM	KGoldberg, ABriggs, CBuchberger, DCzajka, BGabzdyl, MKendall, LKnaus, JLink, DMazeski, MKMcMahon, DO'Keefe, LOlsen, SRendino, KRitchie, KSchultz,					
Mary, Mother of God– Vigil– Monday, December 31						
4:00 PM	TDrangines, CGrango, K&RCummings, SMoreno, DO'Keefe, JTabbert, LLuxem, MMasini, GNeugebauer					
Mary, Mother of God– Tuesday, January 1						
11:00 AM	MKirby, BKlaus, JBergner, MMcGarry, MKMcMahon, SMurphy, SRendino					

St. Raymond Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Awareness-Services-Prevention

AWARENESS

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior. It is used to exert power and control over another person. It is found in the context of a dating, family or household relationship.

Questions to ask:

- Does your partner isolate you from family and friends?
- Are you being physically, psychologically, economically or sexually abused?
- Is your partner attempting to destroy your self-esteem and self-confidence?

Domestic violence victims often report:

"I didn't know it was abuse.", "I thought
I could fix it.", "I didn't tell anyone."

These are traps that keep people bound.

Domestic violence. Dating Violence.

No Excuse
You are loved and you are not alone.

SERVICES GET HELP! IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.

For individual or group counseling, please contact Teresa Gielczynski LCSW, ICDVP at Barrington Youth and Family Services 847-381-0345 ext 14 or teresa.gielczynskibyfs@outlook.com.

Help is also available from:

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) and/or www.ndvh.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE(4673) and Wings Housing/Emergency Shelter: 847-221-5680

PREVENTION Healthy Relationship Characteristics

- Trust
- Mutual respect
- Good communication/open and honest communication
- Partners work together to make decisions.
- Belief in nonviolent conflict resolution/ anger control
- Ability to negotiate and adjust to stress
- Belief in partner's right to autonomy
- Individuality
- Honesty
- Compromise
- Fighting fair
- Empathy

Source: CDC, Liz Claiborne Dating Matters

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach webpage at https://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network http://www.rainn.org Veto Violence—Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.vetoviolence.org/datingmatters



HUMAN CONCERNS

Counseling Services

Counseling services are available for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, a relationship, job, and other challenging life situations through our Human Concerns Commission. If you would like to talk with a counselor, please contact Sr. Valerie Kulbacki, Director of Care Ministries, at 847-253-8600 x 143 or at

Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org.

Pray for our Military

Heavenly Father, we pray for the people of this nation and every nation that we might work to bring liberty, justice and peace to all. We ask that you care for the men and women who serve our country in the military that they might know of our prayers and be blessed and protected through your ever loving presence. Amen.

"All Are Welcome"

Please know that everyone is invited to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at mass ... that means a family of 6 or a family of 1 Please- simply let us know!

Name:	
Telephone Number: _	
Email:	
Preferred Date:	Mass time:

Just drop in the offering basket, call or email us at 847-253-8600 x 145 or worsihpoffice@st-raymond.org.

A Message to our Parishioners who use a Special Host.

We have relocated the container of special hosts from the sacristy to just inside the vestry door. We hope this will save you steps and make it easier for you!

Pray for Our Sick As Members of the Parish Faith Community, it is our responsibility to remember both in concrete and spiritual ways those who cannot celebrate with us each week because they are ill. Those who are sick in turn, remember all of us daily in their prayers and in their sufferings. We experience many blessings because of their remembering us. And so ... please remember in your prayers the people listed,

Abplanalp, Esther Adamo, James Adamo, Mary Jane Adams, Kathie Adams, Robert Amodio, Antoinette Baker, Robert Baldassano, Al Baldassano. Dina Balmes, Evann Banadera, Leonida Banas, Virginia Becker, John Brandson, Jeanne Breitsameter, Barbara Brinkman, Cheryl Broeren, Sue Brown, Gerald L. "Chip" Klein, Ann Brown, Robert Buchberger, Greg Bychowski, Mike Caulfield, Jim Cavage, Adeline Cigrang, Bob Comanici, Coca Cotto, Mason Crafton, Dean Crooks, Richard Cyrier, Ruth Czajka, Donna Dauer, Elizabeth Anne Denten, Kate Kelly Dhein, Donna Doell. Ruth Dombkowski, Daniel Dowling, Beau Egart, Jean Eichberger, Mary Ann Engelson, Mildred Fardella, Rosa Felderman, Reese Fisher, Charles Ford, James Gadomski, Jan

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*Infant













Pietrzak, Fr. Bernie





† WE REMEMBER † Monday—December 10, 2018 8:15 am † Judith Beaumont Tuesday—December 11, 2018 Saint Damasus I, Pope 8:15 am † Richard Roppolo Wednesday—December 12, 2018 Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:15 am † Catherine Holbrook (24th anniversary) Thursday—December 13, 2018 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr 7:00 am † Communion Service 8:15 am † Lauren Graver Friday—December 14, 2018 Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church 8:15 am † Vincent Di Fatta Saturday—December 15, 2018 5:00 pm † Jane Baldoni † Robert Withey (30th anniversary) Sunday—December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent 7:30 am † Bertha Matz † Anne & Louis Szymanski † Louis & Ruth Szymanski 9:30 am † Dan Cobry † Frank Gregorio † Curtis Thomas † John Wurbia (12th anniversary) † Mieczyslaw Zajac 11:15 am † Steven Bychowski † Donna Geraghty (2nd anniversary)

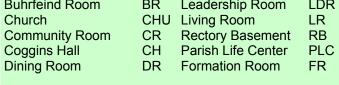


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Oplatki is available at the
Parish Ministry Center (PMC)
Suggested Donation \$ 2

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	Tuesday	, Dece	mber 11, 2018			
1:00 pm 4:00 pm 9:30 pm	Teen Choir F	Rosary Makers Meeting Teen Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball Drop In				
	Wednesda	ay, Dec	cember 12, 2018			
8:00 am 9:00 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	FSA Board M Moms Plus M Womens Clu MISS Suppo Parish Choir AA Weekly M	leeting b Lunch rt Group Rehear	n & Play at Drury Lane o Meeting sal	School CH Offsite BR CHU CH		
Thursday, December 13, 2018						
1:30 pm School Christmas Band Concert 7:00 pm School Christmas Band Concert				PLC PLC		
Friday, December 14, 2018						
4:30 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal		CHU				
Saturday, December 15, 2018						
6:00 am Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Commission Meeting 10:15 am Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting 3:00 pm Liturgical Dance Rehearsal				CH FR LR CHU		
Sunday, December 16, 2018						
9:00 am Interfaith Union School 1:00 pm Parish Baptisms 7:30 pm Men's Basketball Drop In			Café CHU PLC			
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: Mass of Anticipation 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:15 AM

Morning Mass Hours

Monday - Friday - 8:15 AM Thursday Morning Communion Service - 7:00 AM **Eucharistic Prayer Chapel Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM* Thursday - 6:30 AM - 9:00 PM*

Saturday - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM* Sunday - between Masses - 2:00 PM

*The chapel is closed whenever a Mass is being celebrated. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday -13 Hour Adoration - 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Thursday Adoration - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays (individual) 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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Parish Registration: To enter into our faith community as a member of St. Raymond Parish, we invite you and your family to attend one of our Welcoming Sessions. Our next gathering and registration will be January 13, 2018. Our session begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Buhrfeind Room, located in the Parish Ministry Center at the corner of S. I-Oka Avenue and Milburn Avenue, Door #4, followed by the 9:30 a.m. litugy. No pre-registration is needed. For more information or questions, please contact Pam and Bill Doucette at 847-894-3645.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: If you or a family member are in a local hospital or are homebound, and would like a visit from a minister of care or a priest, please call Sr. Valerie Kulbacki (x143), Director of Care Ministries.

BAPTISM: Our Baptismal Ministry is pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. Through our Baptism Ministry, you are welcomed to meet with other new parents as well as a host couple with the goal of better understanding your role as a Christian parent and also to help plan the Baptism liturgy. Our goal is to make your child's entrance into our Faith Community a rich and rewarding experience. Baptisms are scheduled on the 1st and 4th Sunday at 1:00 p.m., the 2nd Saturday at 12 noon, except during the season of Lent. Parents and Godparents are encouraged to prepare themselves for this Sacrament through a preparation meeting at least two months in advance of the celebration. Please call the Worship Office (x145) for more information.

ADULT CHRISTIAN INITIATION: If you are looking for a place to belong or for a church community with whom you can share your questions and beliefs, perhaps you would like to find out more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. The Faith Community of Saint Raymond has something quite special to offer and we would love to share the gift of faith with you. Please call the parish office at 847-253-8600 for more information regarding the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to be married at St. Raymond, your preparation process should begin approximately one year prior to your wedding date. Please call the Worship Office 847-253-8600 (x145) to secure a date as soon as possible. Membership at St. Raymond is not a requirement. We look forward to helping you during this time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage.

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