



# ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

*Welcome. Love. Serve.*

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Your body is a temple of  
the Holy Spirit within you.*

— 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19A

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.**  
(live streamed)

**Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

**Saturday at 5:00 p.m.**  
(live streamed and communion service immediately following)

**Sunday at 8:30 a.m.**

**Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**  
(live streamed and communion service immediately following)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday, from 4:00-4:30 p.m.**

Bulletins are available outside the entrances  
of the Church and PMC.

## DAILY READINGS

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of  
a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

While our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.





## Congratulations

Date: 1/9/21

Ella Francesca Doeblner

Proud Parents Adam and Carolyn (Saltarelli)  
and big brothers



## Congratulations

Date: 1/10/21

Dylan Martin Wukowitch

Proud Parents Holly & Eric  
Big Sister Ashlinn





# TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

**HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT**

**ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

## HELP SERVE THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The village of Mount Prospect's Human Services receives calls from seniors and person with disabilities regularly looking for one time assistance that the village cannot provide.

Some examples include: assistance pulling weeds, moving an item from inside their home to the curb for garbage collection, or taking garbage/recycling bins to the corner and back once per week.

**THE VILLAGE IS LOOKING TO EXPAND THE NETWORK OF PEOPLE TO CALL UPON WHEN WE RECEIVE THESE CALLS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 847-870-5680.**



## Building for Hope

**Support      Shelter      Stability**

### PADS UPDATE

Thank you to all who have supported St. Mark PADS Site! Since March when PADS guests started sheltering in the hotels we have provided them with 5,381 meals. The guests will be sheltering at the hotels through March 2021.

In addition to the donations of time and food that we receive each week for the meal boxes and dinners, we received any generous donations which allowed us to provide Christmas gifts to 54 people, including 12 children. The true spirit of Christmas is shown through the caring and sharing we do for others.

## YOU CAN HELP!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### TWO WAYS TO HELP

Hot dinners are provided one day each week for 50 - 55 people. We also provide 5 Meal Boxes each week. Each meal box is packed with food for breakfast and lunch for 2 people per box each week. The dinners are prepared then dropped off at St. Mark on **Monday between 4:00 - 4:45pm.**

If you would like more information or want to donate for the dinners please reach out to Maura Reschke at [mhreshcke@icloud.com](mailto:mhreshcke@icloud.com) or 847-707-3299.

**The meal boxes** are packed each week with donated food. We are using the website Sign Up Genius for this. The site lists what we need that week. You may sign up for what you would like to donate. The food is dropped off at St. Mark **either on Saturday between 3:00 - 5:00pm or Monday between 4:00 - 5:00pm.** If you have questions please contact Mike Mokate at [mike.mokate56@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mokate56@gmail.com) or 847-846-6576.

To access the site go to  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040844ABAC22A4F58-stmark>

If you have any questions about the Meal Box program or would like to contribute but cannot access the Sign Up Genius, please contact Mike Mokate at 847-846-6576 or [mike.mokate56@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mokate56@gmail.com).





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# RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER:

or visit the website  
[www.st-raymond.org](http://www.st-raymond.org)



Over the summer, many fellow parishioners formed a racial justice learning group. As a community, we supported one another as we sought to understand racial inequity. We sought to understand more fully the history and pervasiveness of the negative impacts of racism in our country -- in our laws, policies, and daily lives. The work was difficult and humbling. We are not experts; we are each on our personal journey of striving to be antiracist.

God is calling us to continue this effort, to look inward, seek perspective, and lean on one another to help create a more just world -- the world Jesus is calling us to build. We would like to extend an invitation to others, in our faith community, to join us in learning and growing over the course of the next year.

If you have questions please contact:

Laura Merlo Strybel at [laurammerlo@yahoo.com](mailto:laurammerlo@yahoo.com)

**There are many things we can do with our time. As fellow St. Raymond parishioners, we would love that you choose this as one of those hours.**

## FUTURE DATES

January 25th

February 22nd

March 29th

April 26th

May 24th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

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Our lives begin  
to end the day  
we become silent  
about the things  
that matter

Martin Luther King, Jr

Spark a conversation  
about his legacy?

- for kids: parents and children could watch Kid President's video about MLK Jr and then send an email to their teacher, parent, grand parent, even me, etc. about one way that made MLK Jr someone we look up to. For print: parents could search the YouTube: "The story of Martin Luther King Jr. by Kid President")
- for teens: parents and teens could watch the set of short interviews of other teens sharing about King's legacy, race and change. For print: teens could search: "50 Years Later, Youth Reflect on Race in America and MLK's Dream"
- for adults: listen to an interview with a couple who were there for MLK Jr's last speech before his death. You can find on [storycorps.org/mlk](http://storycorps.org/mlk), and scroll to the one titled, "After his death, we marched". If you were alive when he was murdered, what was the response in your home to his death? What did you learn about your family's feelings about race and racial justice because of this response? Are your beliefs about this topic different now? How? Why?

**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. \*Infant

Abplanalp, Esther	Getsla, Goldie	Reising, Donald E.
Adamo, Mary Jane	Gordon, Ken	Richards, Joan
Adams, Kathie	Hackney, Cynthia	Riley, Barbara
Adams, Robert	Hauswirth, Joseph	Riley, Liz
Amodio, Antoinette	Herling, Liam	Rodriguez, Irma and
Archibald, Rosetta	Heslinga, Kathy	Julio
Baker, Robert	Hodysl, Jerry	Russell, Jim
Baldassano, Andrea	Hofmann, Dr. Lorenz	Sadeghloo, Donna
Baldassano, Dina	Hopkins, Karen	Sadeghloo, John
Banadera, Leonida	Hunt, Ann	Sanders, Rosemary
Banas, Virginia	Janas, Becky	Schreiner, Amy
Benden, Jeff	Juell, Cathy	Shea, Dorothy
Breitsameter, Barbara	Kamaryt, Donald	Sheehy, Eleanor
Brennan, Dorothy	Karson, Steve	Skillman, John
Brown, Gerald L.	Kenny, Mary	Skowron, Blake
"Chip"	King, Marianne	Smerek, Kate
Bruso, Bill	Kramer, Eleanor	Sommers, Georgia
Buchberger, Chris	Kurka, Peg	Swietek, Chester
Buchberger, Greg	Kuzniak, Krzysztof	Theis, Tim
Buchberger, Katie	Lapinski, Louise	Tilpe, Hans
Bychowski, Mike	Leuzzi, Angela	Torello, Rick
Cabanski, Karen	Lopatkowicz, Christine	Tortorello, Carol
Carr, Patrick	Maher, Elena	Vecchio, Helen
Caulfield, Jim	Marturana, Pam	Walkowiak, Gloria
Cavage, Adeline	Maslon, Emilija	Wilson, Irene
Chojnowski, Edward &	Mathews, Scott	Zabawski, Alice
Marianna	Monson, Dorothy &	Zlabis, Zachary
Comanici, Coca	Clarence	
Cotto, Mason	Murphy, Aria*	
Crooks, Richard	Murphy, Bill	
Czajka, Donna	Nichols, Roberta	
Czajka, Frank	Nitkiewicz, Tony	
Dauer, Elizabeth Anne	Novak, Jeanne	
DeRoche, David	Nykiel, Antonina	
Donna, Dorothy	O'Brien, Michael	
Dowling, Beau	O'Keefe, Debbie	
Drain, Daniel	O'Keefe, Shiela	
Dzurisin, John	Olsen, Julia	
Egart, Jean	Penze, Denise	
Eichberger, Mary Ann	Peppard, Tom	
Froelich, Roy	Peterson, Marion	

## † WE REMEMBER †

**Monday—January 18, 2021**

**Tuesday—January 19, 2021**

† Theresa D. Barca  
† Josephine Dziurdzik  
(18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday—January 20, 2021**

**Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr**  
**Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

9:00 am † Veronica Pettingill

**Thursday—January 21, 2021**

**Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

12:00 pm † Grace Marie Crimmins  
† Marilyn James

**Friday—January 22, 2021**

**Saturday—January 23, 2021**

**St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**  
**St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**

5:00 pm † Noel Maloney  
† Sylvia Gatto  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
† Kenneth Webster  
(4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
† Albin Kostrzeski

**Sunday—January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am † Ruth Cyrier  
11:00 am † Dominic Valenino  
† Dr. Kathleen Carroll  
† Diana Valdivieso  
† Elda A. Santiago  
† Willie Santiago



**Earl Meeske, Father of Karen Cook**

**Albert W. Mundorf, Jr., Father of Joseph and James**

## 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 or at [Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org](mailto:Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org).



# ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL

Faith • Academic Excellence • Service



***Enrollment for 2021-22  
begins Jan. 19th***



Discover why so many families choose a Catholic education at St. Raymond School.

*"St. Raymond's Early Childhood program provided my children with a real jumpstart to their education. The academics are challenging and meaningful, truly preparing them for school success. From writing and reading - to technology and foreign language, my kids gained an amazing start!" - SRS Parent*

**Registration for current families, former SRS families and all new families begins on **January 19th**.**

**NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS will be available online on the SRS Website: [www.st-raymondschool.org](http://www.st-raymondschool.org)**

***Questions: Contact Mrs. Nadine Scheller at  
(847) 238-2730 or [Nadine.Scheller@St-RaymondSchool.org](mailto:Nadine.Scheller@St-RaymondSchool.org).***



# LIFE TEEN

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT  
YOUTH MINISTRY

## SPRING CALENDAR

Jan. 24, 2021    Mar. 14, 2021  
Jan. 31, 2021    Mar. 28, 2021  
Feb. 14, 2021    Apr. 11, 2021  
Feb. 28, 2021    Apr. 25, 2021



Scan this QR code for  
registration form

We will be meeting virtually on these dates from 6:30pm-7:45pm. You will receive and email with the link to our virtual meeting the morning of our meeting. You must be registered to join our virtual meetings. If you are not registered, please email Diana so she can send you the link to the call. We continue to evaluate when we can safely meet in person. Any changes to meeting location will be communicated as soon as possible.

Email Diana if you have any questions at [d.arizmendi@st-raymond.org](mailto:d.arizmendi@st-raymond.org)



**2021 IN-PERSON MASSES**

**DO YOU A NEED  
GLUTEN FREE HOST  
FOR A MASS YOU  
WILL BE ATTENDING?**

When preregistering to attend an in-person mass, please call the PMC Office at 847-253-8600 if you will need a gluten-free host for communion.

**Teens, subscribe  
to receive our  
Youth Ministry  
E-Newsletter!**



Subscribe to receive updates on upcoming events, sessions and other resources to help you grow in your faith!



**We'll come to you**

a virtual marriage encounter



**restore**  
communication  
**rekindle**  
romance  
**renew**  
commitment

2021 February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7PM

For more information call 630-577-0778 or to apply go to [www.wwme-Chicagoland.org](http://www.wwme-Chicagoland.org)



**ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

JOIN ZOOM MEETING  
[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/JOIN](https://zoom.us/join)  
MEETING ID: 947 3249 7120  
PASSWORD: ROSARY

*united even when apart*  
**PRAYER**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Pray the Rosary Live**

A blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.  
Deuteronomy 23:5

**ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

**JOIN US IN PRAYING**

*at 7:00 p.m.*

*Thursday Nights*

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 918 6056 5978

Passcode: makers

hosted by:  
the rosary maker ministry



# Special Prayer list for those on the front lines 1



Adam Denny, DuPage County Deputy Sheriff, Husband of Lauren (Wojcik) Denny & Son in law of Mick & Nancy Wojcik  
 Bob Everson, Lieutenant - Skokie Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Kevin Chapman, Firefighter/Paramedic, son of Kevin and Tish Chapman  
 Mary Kate Chapman, Med Tech, daughter of Kevin and Tish Chapman  
 Jack Jochum, Texas National Guard, nephew of Kevin and Tish Chapman  
 Bernadette Foley, Chicago PD, Bill and Kathy Foley  
 Dr. Lindsey Ann Cleary, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin Community Hospital, daughter-in-law of Robert and Mari Cleary  
 Janice Grenning, Registered Dietician at Alexian Brothers Hospital, Daughter of Don Wood  
 Amy Barrett Slupski, Nurse at Northwestern Grayslake, Daughter of Jim and Mary Barrett  
 Sharon Barrett, Nurse in Long Beach, California, Daughter in law of Jim and Mary Barrett  
 Kathie Adams, Cashier at Jewel, Daughter of Chester and Evelyn Swietek  
 J.M., Admin Hospital Staff, Friend of Brandi Sulak  
 Tricia Middleton, RN Univ of Minn Hosp, Friend of Brandi Sulak  
 Debra Shaf, RN at Good Sheppard Hospital, Friend of Todd & Brandi Sulak  
 Dr. James Cole, Intensive Care Physician, Swedish American Hospital, Rockford, Illinois, Son of Ann Cole  
 Melissa Tourtillotte, Nursing Home Nurse, Niece of Bonnie Falcone  
 Tracey Leopold, Hospital Nurse, Daughter in law of Mary Muldoon's daughter  
 Emily Ocwieja, RN, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, daughter of Don & Kathy Ocwieja  
 Anna Brickley, Cashier at Tony's Finer Foods  
 Mary Beth Nolan, RN, ER Dept. Elmhurst Hospital, Daughter in law of Carol & Jim Nolan and Sister in law of Susan & Doug Schmitz  
 Bridget McDermott, Direct Support Professional, Misericordia, daughter of Tim and Lorelei  
 Lindsay Murray-Ramos, Friend of Gina Walter & Karen Rolfe  
 Gretchen Flynn, Friend of Gina Walter & Karen Rolfe  
 Bill Tranchita, Elk Grove Firefighter, Cousin of Gina Walter  
 Dr. Robyn Gorski-Dwan, OB anesthesiologist at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. She has pregnant patients who have tested positive for Covid virus. Please pray for my daughter, her husband and the mothers and their babies that all will be/ stay healthy. Laura Gorski, parishioner  
 Haley Lyons, RN North Shore ER, daughter of Jim and Michele Lyons  
 Joe Cappello, Chicago Police Officer, son of Gina Walter  
 Carrie Tranchita, Nurse at Northwest Community Hospital, cousin of Gina Walter  
 Eric Sehner, Chicago Detective, son in law of Bruce and Kathy Pettingill

Don Zalinski, Chicago Police Department, brother of Jim Zalinski  
 Leo Panepinto, Chicago Police Department, brother of Jim Zalinski  
 Nicole Foran, ICU nurse Jesse Brown VA hospital - Chicago, Sister In Law of Mary Ann Zalinski  
 Daniel Michalak - ER Nurse Technician at Glenbrook Hospital, Brother in law of Dini Family  
 Heather Trusty Jackert - Nurse tending to Covid-19 Patients at Rush Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, Dear friend of Dini Family  
 Marie Sassan, USPS, Palatine Distribution Center  
 Dr. Eric Kapustka, Lutheran General Hospital, Son in law of Virginia and Rich Banas  
 Melissa Curtis, Mental Health/Substance Abuse Counselor, Daughter of Edwina Henkel  
 Dan Morys, Franklin Park Police Office, Nephew of Edwina Henkel  
 Andy Morys, Air National Guard, Deployed, Nephew of Edwina Henkel  
 Michael Morys, Cook County Sheriff's Department, Nephew of Edwina Henkel  
 Joe Morys, CPD Officer, Nephew of Edwina Henkel  
 Barbara Meagher, RN with COVID patients, Parishioner and Wife of Jim  
 Chuck Ward, Lieutenant Chicago Fire Department, Brother of Mary Eileen Ward  
 Meaghan Hansen, ER RN at Lutheran General has contracted covid 19, friend of Sharon Moeykens  
 Daniel and Ashley Buscetta, RN in TX, family of Sharon Moeykens  
 Ashley Buscetta, RN in Washington DC, cousin of Sharon Moeykens  
 Margaret Glascott, RN Glenbrook Covid patients hospital, friend of Sharon Moeykens  
 Jack Enter Jr PA-C Physicians Immediate Care, Parishioner  
 Sean Enter RN Gift of Hope, Son of Sharon and Jack Enter  
 Jack Kenter Sergeant CHICAGO Police Dept, Son of Sharon and Jack Enter  
 Christopher Enter Officer CPD, Son of Sharon and Jack Enter  
 Jack Enter PA-C Physicians Immediate Care, Parishioner  
 Ally Enter RN Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Daughter in Law of Sharon and Jack Enter  
 Kristy Kenter PA-C University of Illinois Hospitals, Daughter in Law of Sharon and Jack Enter  
 Gary Schumacher, Glenview Fire Department, Parishioner  
 John Dolan, Mt Prospect Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Joy Jarrett, RN, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Manhattan, Niece of Cheryl Costello  
 Richard Casey, Vice President of Operations at Northwest Community Hospital  
 Heather Lossau, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Evanston Hospital



# Special Prayer list for those on the front lines 2



Allissa Rankin, Cardiac Technician, Jim & Tammy Sieburg family  
 Joe Reschke, MP Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Jim Meyer, Glenview Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Mark Fedor, MP Volunteer Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Todd Sulak, MP Volunteer Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Ed Graham, MP Volunteer Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Tyler Graham, Evanston Fire Department, Parishioner  
 Amy Graham, RN at Glenbrook Hospital, Parishioner  
 Dr. Stephanie Bartels, healthcare worker, friend of Kathi Szott  
 Dan Skupien, First responder, nephew of Hank and Kathi Szott.  
 Greg Sill, First responder, Parishioner  
 Julie Lindgren, Healthcare worker, sister of Greg Sill  
 Mark Bechtold, First responder, Community Friend  
 Bart Tweedie, First responder, friend of Sill and Szott families  
 Brian Moise, friend Sill and Szott families  
 Allison Stanley, Nurse, daughter of Dave and Laura Humbert  
 Sarah Peppard, Nurse on COVID19 floor, niece of Dee Peppard  
 Kelly Marshall, Nurse, daughter of Tricia Marshall  
 Cancer advocate of Cathy Niemet; Seiko Diane Yamada, M.D.,  
 Ellen Roy, Phys. Asst., Ursula A. Sobol, M.D., Katherine  
 Kotcherian, M.D., Pian Moy, MSN, Michelle Cavanaugh, RN,  
 Kate Kilayko-Oyos, RN, Sue Griffin, RN, Laura Lozano, Clinical  
 Research Coord., Anita Ratterman, Nutritionist, Farah A. Alvi,  
 Woman Care  
 Israel Santibanez, Volunteer Doctor  
 Matt Riordan, Fire Fighter  
 Brian Hanneman, EMT in training  
 Olivia Burgess, Nurse at Evanston Hosp

Maria Dias RN at St Alexis  
 Carolyn Lavenau RN @ Northwest Community  
 Jane Serwa RN, Lurie Childrens  
 Linda Cree RN @ Shriners Hospital  
 Paulette Branscum,  
 Helene Sperling,  
 Livia Krzak,  
 Tracey Anderson,  
 Susan Kolzow,  
 Matt Denny US Navy deployed  
 Jamie Zima US Navy, Covid positive in Guam  
 Rob, Husband of Shari, US Navy, Covid positive in Guam  
 Violet Fife, Nurse at Alexian Brothers, Parishioner & wife of Brian  
 Monica Babczak, Nurse Advocate Health, Parishioner  
 Brian Babczak, Police Officer Carmel Indiana, son of Monica &  
 Dave  
 Eric Babczak, Special Agent DEA, son of Monica and Dave  
 Adam Babczak, Produce Clerk Whole Foods, son of Monica &  
 Dave  
 David Babczak, Funeral Director, Parishioner  
 Joe Gamboney, Funeral Director and all Funeral Service  
 Professionals, Parishioner  
 Kristen Halvorsen, Nurse Mgr in Boston, Chris & Joanna  
 Halvorsen's daughter  
 Abigail, Covid 19 Unit Nurse, Granddaughter of Chuck & Kathy  
 Hemler

January 2021

Pray for those on the front lines. 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 all ways, that they might know of our prayers and be blessed and protected through your ever loving presence. Amen.

<b>Caregivers</b>	<b>Home Health Aides</b>
<b>Firefighters</b>	<b>Grocery Clerks</b>
<b>Police Officers</b>	<b>Garbage collectors</b>
<b>PPE Factory Workers</b>	<b>Teachers and Staff</b>
<b>Truck Drivers</b>	<b>Delivery Drivers</b>
<b>Nurses &amp; Doctors</b>	<b>IT Professionals</b>
<b>Hospital Staff</b>	<b>Cell Tower Workers</b>
<b>Specialty Hosp Staff</b>	<b>Food Bank Volunteers</b>
<b>Nursing Home Staff</b>	<b>Restaurant Workers</b>
<b>Scientist/Researchers</b>	<b>Curbside Pick-up Staff</b>
<b>Pharmacy Technicians</b>	<b>Airport &amp;</b>
<b>Respiratory Technicians</b>	<b>Airline Personnel</b>
<b>Pharmacists</b>	<b>Gas Station Employees</b>
<b>Postal Employees</b>	<b>Armed Forces</b>
<b>All Faith Staff Ministering to their Communities</b>	<b>St Raymond Staff</b>



## *Catholicism comes to Mount Prospect*

**S**t. Raymond de Penafort Catholic Church is one of the Archdiocese of Chicago's largest parishes with 3300 families registered. Located on a block and a half of prime tree-lined, beautifully-groomed property in Mount Prospect, IL, it is a plum assignment for any priest and a source of pride for its parishioners.

Fifty years ago when the parish was founded, however, Mount Prospect was still a fledgling community, on the brink of the biggest building boom in its history. It was also home to a small, close-knit group of Missouri Synod Lutherans of German descent who weren't at all sure how they felt about the influx of newcomers from Chicago. A Baptist church had been built within the Village limits in the 1930s and an Episcopalian congregation had purchased a vacated public schoolhouse soon afterward. Both of their members had been assimilated into the

*Once a community of farmers, the Mount Prospect of the 1930s and 1940s was a conservative enclave primarily made up of middle class German Lutherans. Courtesy, Mount Prospect Historical Society.*

community rather well. But urban Catholics of Irish, Italian, Polish, German and Hispanic descent were another matter.

The Chicago metropolitan area, like the rest of Illinois and this nation, for that matter, was built by immigrants, wanting to make a better life for themselves and their families. They crossed the ocean to a totally foreign land, but their bravery only went so far. When they arrived here they still sought out immigrants from their own homelands because they naturally felt more comfortable with people who spoke the same language, followed the same traditions and worshipped in the same way as they did.

Churches played an important part in helping immigrants from all lands become comfortable in the United States. The German farmers who immigrated to Mount Prospect in the 1840s began longing for a church (and the link with home it provided) as soon as they had their farms running well. So they established St. John Lutheran Church in 1848, followed by St. Paul Lutheran Church in 1912.

In the same way, Catholics from many lands settled in Chicago's neighborhoods and built churches similar to those they left behind in the Old Country (whichever country that happened to have been!). According to Ellen Skerrett, Edward R. Kantowicz and Steven M. Avella in their book *Catholicism, Chicago Style*, "more than any other institution, the Catholic parish humanized Chicago, transforming it from an alien to a familiar place. This process had far reaching consequences for Chicago Catholicism."

"First and foremost, the Church early on assumed an urban identity," they wrote. "In contrast with mainline Protestant denominations that found the city a difficult place to maintain congregational life, Catholic parishes quickly took root. [And] from its very beginning [the Catholic Church in





# Pages from the illustrated history by Jean Powley Murphy

Chicago was] responsive to the needs of diverse ethnic groups. Its parishes, schools, hospitals, charitable organizations and cemeteries were [all] originally organized along national lines . . ."

This close link between the parish and the ethnic neighborhood was the hallmark of Chicago Catholicism. Parishes conferred on these immigrants a sense of belonging – religiously, socially and geographically, Skerrett, Kantowicz and Avella wrote.

So throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Chicago and the communities surrounding it were like a patchwork quilt of nationalities and religions.

*St. Paul Lutheran Church was the fledgling village's first church, built in 1912.*  
Courtesy, Mount Prospect Historical Society.



Mount Prospect was a German Lutheran village. And Chicago was a Catholic city, divided into its own patchwork quilt of ethnic neighborhoods, each with its own church. There were always those who bucked the norm and lived in the territory of another group, of course, but most stuck together until right after World War II.

Two World Wars in the space of 25 years had a profound effect on these ethnic groupings. Men went overseas and became exposed to those from other ethnic groups. They also had a chance to travel and see how others lived. And German-Americans in Mount Prospect and elsewhere found it necessary to play down their German heritage and become more Americanized, thanks to, first, the Kaiser, and later, Adolf Hitler.

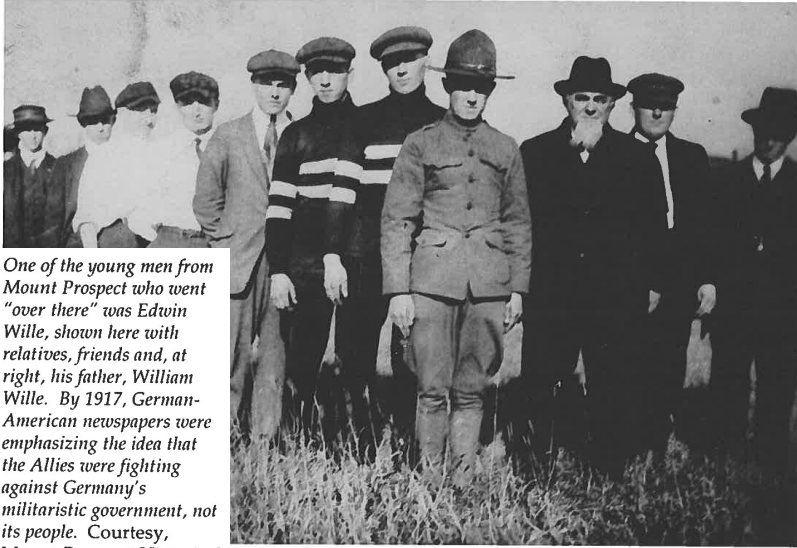
So when "Johnny came marching home" from Europe, North Africa, the Pacific and other hotspots in 1945 and 1946, he was ready to enjoy the good life which he had missed while overseas. The ex-GIs (Catholic and otherwise) wanted to own homes where they could raise families. And they married younger and had more children than their parents had. The result was a spectacular population explosion, accompanied several years later by a mass migration from the cities to the suburbs.

Mount Prospect was a major Chicago-area recipient of the people, progress and problems from this migration thanks, in part, to the convenience of transportation to jobs in the city via the Chicago - Northwestern Railroad. In 1940 Mount Prospect's population was 1,720. By 1950 it had increased almost two and a half times to 4,009. Then, between 1950 and 1960, it increased another 372 percent, to 18,906.

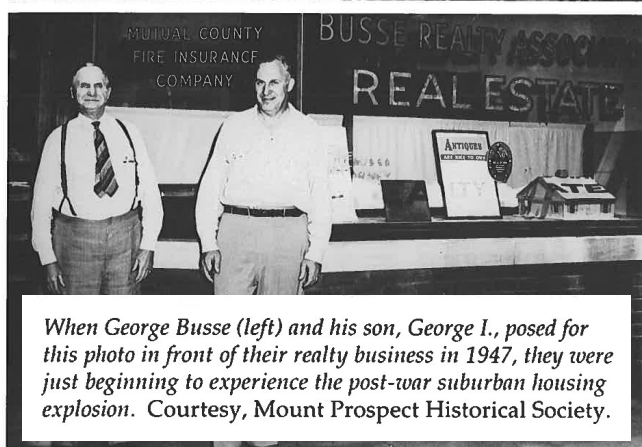
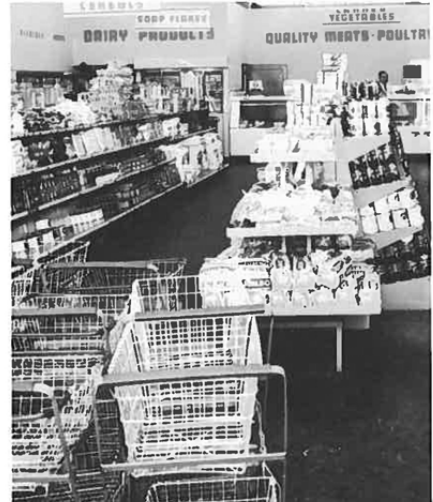
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One of the young men from Mount Prospect who went "over there" was Edwin Wille, shown here with relatives, friends and, at right, his father, William Wille. By 1917, German-American newspapers were emphasizing the idea that the Allies were fighting against Germany's militaristic government, not its people. Courtesy, Mount Prospect Historical Society.



When George Busse (left) and his son, George I., posed for this photo in front of their realty business in 1947, they were just beginning to experience the post-war suburban housing explosion. Courtesy, Mount Prospect Historical Society.



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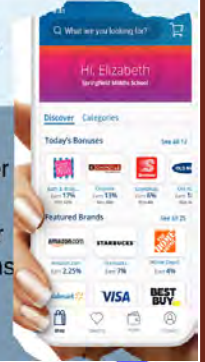
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