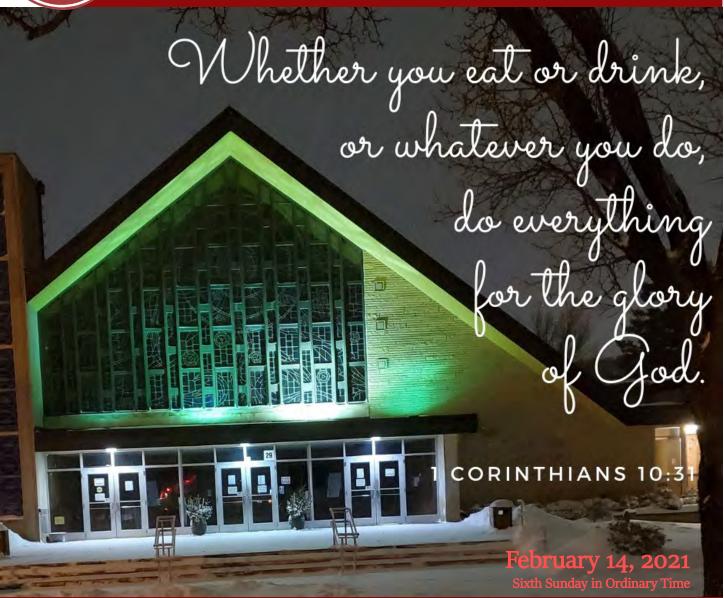


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MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

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: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk

8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,

9c-10: Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;

Mk 1:12-15



Dear St. Raymond Parish Family,

This week we mark two important days in our lives as loving and faith-filled people. Today we celebrate Valentine's Day and just three days later, on Wednesday February 17th, we begin the sacred Lenten Season with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Yes, Lent is early this year! It may seems strange to have such contrasting days so close together, but perhaps this offers us an opportunity to link these days together in an effort to deepen our relationships with God and others. As we all know, Valentine's Day has long been designated as a time to show the special people in our lives just how important they are to us. We have this day to let those we love know how much grace, beauty, and happiness they bring into our lives. We may do so with flowers, cards, candy, or a festive meal. In the cold and snow of this winter and as we are still navigating life under the shadow of the coronavirus, we need days such as this to lift our spirits. At the same time, this week we begin the sacred Season of Lent with its hallmarks of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During these forty days we are invited to reflect deeply on where we need to turn away from those habits or practices that are hurtful to ourselves and others. Admittedly this is difficult. It's hard to really look inside ourselves and be open to seeing where we may have been wrong, where we may have hurt or distanced ourselves from others or made choices that are damaging to our relationships. We have the gift of this Lenten Season to turn back to God and to others with all our hearts. So perhaps it's no accident that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall in the same week. To assist us in our Lenten journey this year I would like to offer the following prayer that comes to us from St. Francis of Assisi. When he was struggling with the realization that he needed to change the direction of his life, he knelt before the cross in the church of San Damiano and prayed:

> Most high and glorious God, bring light to the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, certain hope, and perfect charity. Lord, give me insight and wisdom that I may know your holy and true will.

I believe that Francis prayed these words often, especially as he grew in love and appreciation of the Passion of Christ. He came to such a deep love of the Passion that he wanted to surround himself with the cross always and chose to clothe himself and his followers in a habit made in the shape of a cross.

May this Lent 2021 be a time when we too grow in love and appreciation of the Passion of Christ and also deepen our love and appreciation for the important people in our lives. Happy Valentine's Day, and may this be a peaceful, blessed, and grace-filled Lent for all of us.

Sr. Valerie Kulbacki Director of Care Ministries



ASH WEDNESDAY — February 17, 2021

Prayer Service—7:30 a.m. (in-person only) Mass—12:00 p.m. (noon), 4:30 p.m. , and 7:00 p.m.

(All masses will be in-person and livestream)

Communion and ashes will be offered immediately following each livestream outside the front of

church. Please visit the website to watch the video on receiving ashes in 2021.

** PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 9:00 a.m. MASS THIS WEEK**

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday—9:00 a.m. (in-person & livestream)

Thursday—12:00 p.m. (in-person only)

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday | 4:00—4:30 p.m. | Church

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday—5:00 p.m. (in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass) Sunday—8:30 a.m. (in-person only) and 11:00 a.m. (in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass)

LENTEN PARTNERSHIP

Catholic Relief Services - Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls will be available for pick-up in any location our bulletins are offered. More information about CRS Rice bowls can be found through the bulletin and social media. (Donations can also be made online through https://crsricebowl.org)

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES

Podcast with Fr. Scott | Weekly | Website: https://st-raymond.org Offered for the 6 weeks of Lent beginning on Sunday, February 21, 2021

Learn more about our history and identity as People of God, through reflections on the covenants. You are invited to carve out some time to listen and learn more about who we are as Church.

AN EVENING OF LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

Monday, March 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Church

(In-person only through pre-registration on the website: https://st-raymond.org)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent | 7:00 p.m. | Church and Livestream

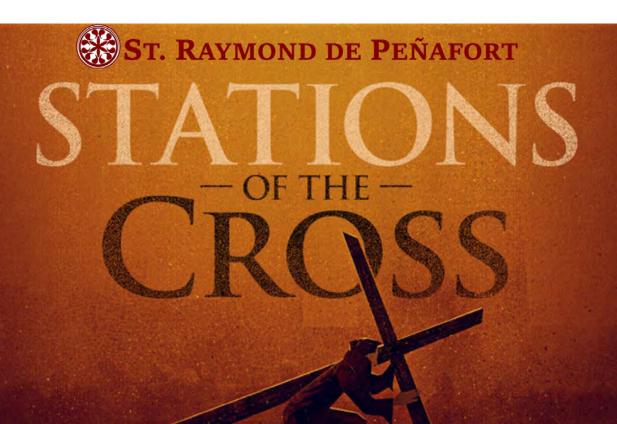
February 19: Gathering of Women

February 26: Men of St. Raymond/CHRP

March 5: Bereavement Ministry

March 12 and March 19: Youth Ministry

March 26: Deacon Dave and Monica Babczak



FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:00 P.M.

- In-person registration can be found under Mass Information and Registration at st-raymond.org *
 - Each station responsorial aid can be found on st-raymond.org home page *
 - live stream available on the following platforms *

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- Feb. 19 | As Seen Through Eyes of Mary | Gathering of Women
- Feb. 26 | As Seen Through the Eyes of Men of St. Raymond and CRHP | MoSR/CRHP
- Mar. 5 | As Seen Through the Eyes of the Bereaved | Bereavement Ministry
- Mar. 12 | The Stations of the Cross for Teens | Youth Ministry
- Mar. 19 | The Stations of the Cross for Teens | Youth Ministry
- Mar. 26 | As Seen Through Eyes of Mercy | Deacon Dave & Monica Babczak



LENTEN PARTNERSHIP

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Alms

Rice bowls will be available for pick-up in the Narthex of church, outside after livestream masses, at the parish office, or in the bins outside church/parish office. St. Raymond School will distribute rice bowls to all students,

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Abplanalp, Esther Adamo, Mary Jane Adams, Kathie Adams, Robert Amodio, Antoinette Archibald, Rosetta Baker, Robert Baldassano, Andrea Baldassano, Dina Banadera, Leonida Banas, Virginia Benden, Jeff Bina, Steven Breitsameter, Barbara Brennan, Dorothy Brown, Gerald L. "Chip"

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Buchberger, Katie
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Comanici, Coca
Cotto, Mason
Crooks, Richard
Czajka, Donna
Czajka, Frank
Dauer, Elizabeth Anne
DeRoche, David
Donna, Dorothy
Dowling, Beau
Drain, Daniel
Dzurisin, John
Egart, Jean
Eichberger, Mary Ann
Froelich, Roy

Getsla, Goldie

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† We Remember †

Monday—February 15, 2021

Tuesday—February 16, 2021

Wednesday—February 17, 2021 Ash Wednesday

7:30 am † Prayer Service with Ashes

12:00 pm † Mass with Ashes 4:30 pm † Mass with Ashes

7:00 pm † Mass with Ashes

Thursday—February 18, 2021

12:00 pm † Patricia M. Manzella

† Dan Neugebauer

† Ellen Nowickas

Friday—February 19, 2021

Saturday—February 20, 2021

5:00 pm † Beth Anderson

† Lori Goszczynski

† Leonard Pacholski

Sunday—February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am † Charlie Chelini

Mary Jackson

† Tony Manzella

11:00 am † Patrick J. Harney

† Jose Lee

† Earl Meeske

† Ruperto Ramirez

† Roberto de Vera, Jr.

† Roberto de Vera, Sr.

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Charlie Chelini, Husband of Betty, and Father of Kathy Haskins

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I think St. Raymond is a great school because of the amazing people who work, learn and teach here. I have met a lot of loyal friends that I can look up to. St. Raymond is amazing because of the super fun events that occur every year. -Jack



St. Raymond is the best Catholic school to go to because of the amazing faculty & staff. They always make sure that we get the best education. This is such an amazing school and I would never want to go anywhere else. -Molly



I think St. Raymond is a great school because it teaches me to be a better person and has taught me to grow in faith. Catholic education is important to me because it teaches me to be a better friend and has brought me closer to God. -Sofia



Another reason why I like
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from that you can get some pretty
close friendships. I am lucky to
have been a St. Raymond Saint.
-Brock



St. Raymond School is a good school to go to because it is full of nice people and teachers will help you if you do not get something. Also, people will treat you with kindness and fairness. It is important to our religious education so you can learn about about God and Jesus. -Patrick

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March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 Registration will open 2/7/21 and will close 2/21/21

COURSE COST

2020-2021 Registration Fees

CONFIRMATION



ENROLLING CURRENT 7TH GRADE

- Materials provided in late February
- Self-led with Parent
- Staff Support available
- · Portfolio due dates still apply

Confirmation is a consecutive two-year preparation process, typically beginning in grade 7, completed in grade 8, and celebrated the Fall of Freshman year of high school.

FIRST EUCHARIST



ENROLLING CURRENT 1ST GRADE

- Materials provided in late February
- Self-led with Parent
- Staff Support available

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FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST,

SPRING 2021

PARENT MEETING

WILL BE VIRTUAL

Details to follow

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Families will select the date & time that works best through online registration.
- Limit of 30 families per service
 Limit of 5 total people per pew

Saturday, March 6, 2021

- 10am: Option #1
- 11:30am: Option #2

Saturday, March 13, 2021

- 10am: Option #
- 11:30am: Option #2
- +Option #1: Service of Family Blessing +Option #2: Service of Individual Confession

Attire: Sunday's best: please, no sports agar or apparel

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

Details to follow.

PRACTICE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

WILL BE VIRTUAL

Details and link to follow

FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

--SIGN-UP FOR MASS PREFERENCE WILL OPEN ONLINE IN MARCH ON IVOLUNTEER**

-SIGN-UP WILL FIRST OPEN TO FAMILIES WHO POSTPONED FROM SPRING 2020

-LINK WILL BE SENT VIA THIS

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021 10:30AM & 1:30PM

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Thursday Nights

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St. Raymond de Peñafort

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ASH WEDNESDAY

rocedures

February 17, 2021

online at st-raymond.org under the Lent button as shown below



Next meeting is this Sunday. Scan the QR code now!!

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- Mar. 14, 2021

Mar. 28, 2021

Feb. 14, 2021 Apr. 11, 2021

Feb. 28, 2021 Apr. 25, 2021

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

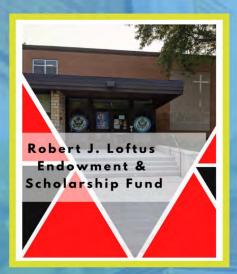
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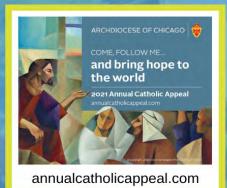




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Setting priorities and identifying needs

During the summer of 1997, Father Bernie set in motion a program which he hoped would address needs he saw in the parish on several fronts: adult formation, drawing more adults into leadership roles within the parish and determining the direction the parish would take on the issue of its young people. It was to be a massive program involving hundreds of people, meeting once a week during Lent to discuss parenting issues in small groups. To handle coordination of the program and training of parishioner discussion leaders, Father Bernie hired Jerry Kellman, a layman with a Master's of Divinity from Loyola University.

The theological basis for such a program, Kellman said, was that "we believe that if you allow people to talk about the things that matter, they will become a more

authentic church, closer to Christ's vision of the kingdom. Such conversations allow us to get on the same page as one community. We believe that the Holy Spirit will guide us when we strive to do something that touches the entire community."

In addition, he said that while the Church, like any institution, must focus serious attention on those activities on which it depends for survival, including money, building, ongoing formation programs and its liturgical life, the Church still exists to serve the world.

"If we don't try to touch people's lives in their daily struggles, if the turn towards God isn't reflected in our homes and workplace and communities, then our love of God is limited," he explained.

"I genuinely believe that the

priests by themselves and even the priests with their staffs cannot help the Church through the challenges it is facing now and will be facing in the future," Kellman told the parish newsletter, Radius, when the program was announced. "I believe that the solution lies in empowerment of the lay people and connecting them together."

"We need lay people to step forward and provide leadership on issues relating our faith to other areas of our lives like our jobs, child-raising, etc.," he continued. "And in order to do that we have to get large numbers of people in the parish talking to each other about issues they might not otherwise discuss."

"Our goal is to work toward setting a grassroots agenda or vision for where St. Raymond is going on any number of issues," he said, "and we need to involve people who normally don't get involved in the Church to any significant degree."

"It is a real challenge to move beyond the core of people who always carry the ball at any parish. But that is what we are trying to do. That is why we chose 'parenting' as our initial topic for this reflection program because while some of these people may not really be involved in the daily life of a parish, they do care about their children and it creates an opening for parish staff and volunteers to step in and say, 'if you are really here at Church for your kids, let's talk about what we're all doing and



Pages from the illustrated history by Jean Powley Murphy

why'."

"Parenting is a community event. It is an illusion to think that we parent alone because what I do affects you and what you do affects me," he stated.

"We want to help our children make wise choices in the stressful world they face and in many cases, we are counting on the parish to sustain our kids. But if we don't get together and discuss our strategy, we can't work together," Kellman explained. "We need to truly create a community."

The Reflection Program gained wide acceptance throughout the parish, engaging over 600 parishioners in active discussion for the first time and thus making them feel much more a part of the St. Raymond community.

"Once I got there I found that it was nice to just sit and talk to people and know that you're not





worrying alone," said parishioner Sue Loebbaka, a Reflection group participant, in a subsequent article. "I hope that participation in these groups makes people more comfortable with one another and helps break down some of the many barriers which may exist between parishioners and the parish staff."

"If our children's future is important to us, then anything we can learn from each other will help both them and us to grow. We need a support group to help us counter all of those outside forces which we wish weren't there but we know are," she continued.

"Our children need so much more than they are getting out there, so I felt that it would be beneficial if we could get some values established and if every one of us was working off a similar game plan." "We don't expect a blueprint for the parish," Kellman emphasized, "but we do expect issues and priorities to emerge for the entire parish. The pastor, parish staff and program leadership are committed to concrete changes and growth that benefits the life of our community." *



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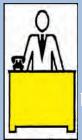
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