



# ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

*Welcome. Love. Serve.*



*The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

— MARK 1:15

January 24, 2021  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;  
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;  
Mk 1:21-28

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.



# CAPITAL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION

## UPDATE

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Saint Raymond;

We are pleased to offer an update on the "To Teach Who Christ Is" campaign at Saint Raymond. The pledge solicitation portion of this capital campaign was formally closed in January of 2018. To date, contributions and pledge payments of 2.2 million dollars have been received from generous parishioners to support a variety of projects designed to improve the St. Raymond campus and provide enhancements for the St. Raymond community.

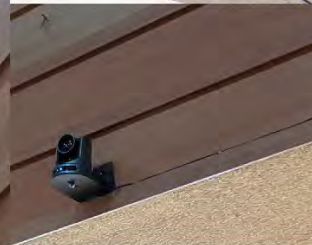
Over the past three years, a great deal has been accomplished and we are truly thankful for all the parish support that has made this possible. We remain particularly grateful to those parishioners who have remained faithful to their multi-year pledges. For our part, we will continue to be prudent stewards of these resources and we again thank everyone for their generosity to the St. Raymond community.

### Capital Projects and Maintenance Commission

Fr. Scott  
Trent Bohacz  
Kathy Hemler  
John Semerau

Fr. Gilbert  
Bob Cummings  
Chuck Hemler  
Bill Shillington

Bill Stark  
Pam Doucette  
Dave Humbert  
Todd Sulak



# ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

JANUARY 2021



# THE UPDATES

When we began this campaign, we had the goal of completing a number of projects that are essential to the future of St. Raymond:

- Rebuilding and repaving the church parking lot and improving safety throughout the campus by upgrading lighting and the addition of security cameras.  
STATUS - Completed \$310,468
  - Beginning the process of upgrading parish technology by improving the church sound system.  
STATUS - Completed \$ 45,230
  - Replacing the twin, 60 year-old boilers that service the Parish Ministry Center and part of the school.  
STATUS - Completed \$197,391
  - Completing air conditioning of the remaining classrooms of the school.  
STATUS - Completed \$131,983
  - Increasing handicap accessibility to the existing church restrooms and the addition of a new family and handicapped-friendly restroom.  
STATUS - Completed \$107,098
  - Providing greater accessibility to the main school entrance with new stairs and the addition of an entrance ramp, as well as improving accessibility to the church by expanding the drop-off area along Lincoln Street.  
STATUS - Completed \$175,534
  - Upgrading parish technology with the addition of new cameras and equipment to enable live-streaming of church services and parish events.  
STATUS - Completed \$ 6,879
  - Investigating potential projects through various studies, conceptual sketches, and drawings.  
STATUS - Completed \$ 31,217
  - Upgrading the church HVAC system (some of which is 60 years old) Update: In the bidding and evaluation phase for major project. Some initial pump repairs  
STATUS - In progress \$ 4,211
  - Developing a reserve fund for the repair or replacement of the roof-top HVAC units that service the Parish Life Center, Community Room, Parish Ministry Center, and middle school wing. Update: To date, four of these units have been repaired or replaced. More will likely need attention.  
STATUS - In progress \$ 24,773
  - Satisfying our obligation to the Archdiocese's To Teach Who Christ Is effort which is aimed at supporting Catholic education and formation through scholarships and teacher training throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. Update: To date, three of the five annual \$156,400 payments have been made.  
STATUS - In progress \$469,200
- \$1,503,984







(L to R: Sabrina Siefert,  
Maddie McGuire, Erin  
Elliott, Francesca  
Pollizze, Julia Hong.



ST. RAYMOND PARISH  
PROUDLY RECOGNIZES  
*Girl Scout Troop*  
*40413*



Girl Scout Troop 40413 donated their earnings from cookie sales to purchase a water bottle filler station for the foyer of the Parish Life Center. With this project they earned their *Bronze Award*, the highest award a Junior-level Girl Scout can achieve. They identified a need in the community and provided a sustainable solution. They created a presentation and pitched the idea over Zoom to Ms. Ward, Fr. Scott, and Fr. Gilbert in order to receive approval for the project. The troop thanks the St. Raymond community for supporting their cookie sales. *Congratulations*



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

## † We Remember †

**Monday—January 25, 2021**  
*Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*

**Tuesday—January 26, 2021**  
*Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*

**Wednesday—January 27, 2021**  
*Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder*  
9:00 am † Albert Mundorf, Jr.

**Thursday—January 28, 2021**  
*Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
12:00 pm † Ed Brizzolara

**Friday—January 29, 2021**

**Saturday—January 30, 2021**  
5:00 pm † Ellen Nowickas  
† Nancy Pospisil

**Sunday—January 31, 2021**  
*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:30 am † Rita Cassa  
† Dolores Murphy  
11:00 am † Jack Manzella, Sr.



**Thomas Varilek, Husband of Regina**

## 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



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## WELCOME BACK STUDENTS



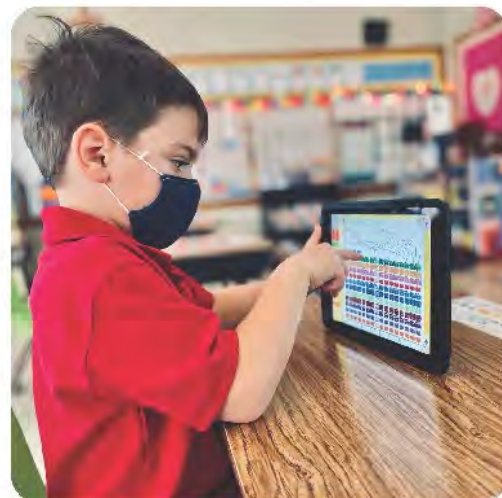
Our Saints returned to school this week for in-person learning! Teachers and students alike, were happy to see each other in the classroom. It was pretty unanimous that our students missed connecting with friends in school. With hope and joy we look forward to the new year ahead learning together with friends.

*We are happy to be back at school because we get to play with our friends!" - The Kindergarteners*

***"I like that I get to see my friends in person again!" - Audrey M***

*"We don't have to look at a computer screen all day." - Natalie N*

***"I get to see my friends and teachers." - Jack H***



**Celebrate  
Catholic Schools  
Week 2021**

**January 31 -**

**February 6**



**Join the friends and  
fun at SRS!**

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for the 2021-22  
school year**

[www.st-raymondsschool.org](http://www.st-raymondsschool.org)



## LIFE TEEN ST. RAYMOND DE PENAFORT 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)



## Youth Ministry

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!

BETTER  
TOGETHER



# Faith Sharing Nights

TO:  
JR HIGH AND  
HIGH SCHOOL

A SPECIAL  
INVITATION  
FROM:

VICARIATE 1  
MINISTRY  
COMMISSION

## Special Invitation for All Teens!

Join us for a Faith Sharing  
Night with host Jonathan  
Blevins as we share about the  
life of Bl. Carlo Acutis

When: January 26, 2021  
Time: 7-8pm  
Where: via Zoom



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help St.  
Raymond  
Parish at the  
same time!

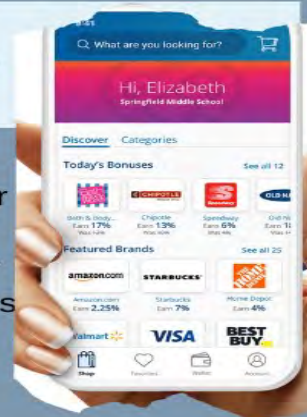
THANK  
YOU!



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St. Raymond Scrip Program will be placing orders every Monday at 10 am. Place your order on-line at [shopwithscrip.com](https://shopwithscrip.com) or drop off your order at the PMC. Forms available online under support or at the PMC. If you have any questions please contact Mary Siefke at 847-253-8600 ext. 135 or [m.siefke@st-raymond.org](mailto:m.siefke@st-raymond.org).



## Robert J. Loftus Endowment and Scholarship Fund

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TO FAMILIES EXPERIENCING  
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

*Serving the St. Raymond School  
community for 34 years*

OVER \$2.1 MILLION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR SCHOOL AND  
PARISH THROUGH:

- SCHOLARSHIPS
- CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TEACHER APPRECIATION FUND
- MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS TO STAFF
- PARISH REVITALIZATION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

670  
FAMILIES SERVED  
1100+ SCHOLARSHIPS  
GIVEN OUT

SEE  
PARISH OR  
SCHOOL WEBSITE  
TO DONATE

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A  
TAX DEDUCTIBLE  
CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE FUND  
TODAY.

## Contribution Statements

Statements showing parishioners' contributions to St. Raymond Parish during the 2020 calendar year will be mailed on Monday, January 25th, to any family who contributed \$1 or more during the year. You will receive a separate statement from the Archdiocese for *To Teach Who Christ Is* pledge payments during the 2020 calendar year. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please call the parish office at 847-253-8600.





**St. Raymond Scrip Program will be placing orders every Monday at 10 am. Place your order on-line at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) or drop off your order at the PMC. Forms available online or PMC. If you have any questions please contact Mary Siefke at 847-253-8600 ext. 135 or [m.siefke@st-raymond.org](mailto:m.siefke@st-raymond.org).**

**SCRIP Program Purchase Form**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check #
DD/check/cash

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Indicated Number and Value of Cards Ordered**

# of Cards	Value	%	Total \$	# of Cards	Value	%	Total \$
	Acc Hardware	\$25/\$100	4%		Jewel Foods Gift Card	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%
	Amazon.com	\$25/\$100	2.5%		Joann Fabric Store	\$25	6%
	AMC Lowes Theatres	\$25/\$50	8%		Kohl's	\$25/\$100	4%
	Apple Store/Apple.com	\$15/\$25	5%		Landry's Rest. (Group)	\$25	9%
	Applebee's	\$25	8%		Lettuce Entertain You	\$25/\$100	12%
	Barnes & Noble	\$10/\$25	8%		Lou Malnati's Pizza	\$10	8%
	Bass Pro Shop/Cabella's	\$25/\$100	10%		Lowe's	\$25/\$100/\$500	4%
	Bath & Body Works	\$10/\$25	18%		Macy's	\$25/\$100	10%
	Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25/\$100	8%		Marathon	\$25/\$100	3%
	Best Buy	\$25/\$100	4%		Marianos Fresh Market	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%
	BP Gas Card	\$50/\$100	1.5%		Mario Tricoci's	\$25/\$100	7%
	Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10/\$25	8%		Meijer	\$25/\$50/\$100	3%
	Buona Beef	\$10	8%		Menards	\$25/\$100/\$500	3%
	Burger King	\$10	4%		Noodles & Company	\$10	8%
	California Pizza Kitchen	\$25	8%		Nordstrom	\$25/\$100	6%
	Cheesecake Factory	\$25	5%		Oberweis	\$10	8%
	Chili's Rest. (Group)	\$25	11%		Office Depot/Office Max	\$25/\$100	5%
	Chipotle	\$10/\$25	10%		Outback Rest. (Group)	\$25/\$50	8%
	Crate & Barrel	\$25/\$100	8%		Panera	\$10/\$25/\$50	8%
	CVS Pharmacy	\$25/\$100	6%		Red Robin	\$25	8%
	Dairy Queen	\$10	3%		Regis Salons	\$25	10%
	Darden Rest. (Group)	\$25/\$100	8%		Shell	\$25/\$50/\$100	2%
	Dennis Uniform	\$20	5%		Speedway	\$25/\$50/\$100	4%
	Dicks Sporting Goods	\$25/\$100	8%		Staples	\$25	5%
	Domino's Pizza	\$10	8%		Starbucks	\$10/\$25/\$50	7%
	Dunkin Donuts	\$10/\$25	3%		Steak 'n Shake	\$10	8%
	Express	\$25	10%		Subway	\$10/\$50	6%
	Exxon/Mobile	\$50	1%		Target GiftCard	\$25/\$50/\$100/\$250	2.5%
	Fannie May	\$10	25%		TGI Fridays	\$25	8%
	GAP/Old Navy(Options)	\$25/\$100	14%		TJMaxx/Marshalls	\$25/\$100	7%
	GameStop	\$25	3%		VISA	\$50/\$100/\$250	1.5%
	Hallmark Gold Crown	\$25	4%		Walgreens	\$25/\$100	6%
	Home Depot (The)	\$25/\$100/\$500	4%		Walmart/Sam's Club	\$25/\$50/\$100/\$250	2.5%

*Complete listing of participating retailers at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)*

*Participating retailers and rebates are subject to change without notice.*



# Ministry Information

## Support Groups for Those Suffering with Addiction and Their Loved Ones

### **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) | Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA)**

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.*



## **Ministry for Our Homebound Parishioners**

Are you aware that any parishioner who is recuperating following an accident, illness, or surgery is welcome to receive the Eucharist at home? If you or a loved one is homebound and would like a visit from a Minister of Care, please contact Sr. Val at 847-253-8600 x 143 or email [Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org](mailto:Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org) to make arrangements.

We are happy to bring St. Raymond to you!

## **Patients at Northwest Community Hospital**

In late October we received word from the Spiritual Care Services Department at Northwest Community Hospital that they will no longer send the daily patient census to the Ministry of Care Coordinators at the parishes and other churches. Up to this time, Sr. Val received a confidential listing of St. Raymond parishioners at NCH, enabling us to offer the pastoral care that we want to provide for our parishioners experiencing illness requiring hospital care. Due to this change in policy, there is no way to know if any of our parishioners are at NCH. Therefore, if a loved one has been hospitalized at NCH, we would deeply appreciate a call or email with this information. This is also true for patients at Lutheran General, Alexian Brothers, and Resurrection Hospitals. Please contact Sr. Val at 847-253-8600 x 143 or [Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org](mailto:Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org) when a loved one is hospitalized so that we can continue to provide pastoral care during a time of illness. Thank you.

## **ST. RAYMOND PARISH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH**

### **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.

### **AWARENESS-SERVICES-PREVENTION**

### **SERVICES**

#### **GET HELP!**

#### **IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.**

Help is also available from:

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

Love is Respect (For Teens)  
1-866-331-9474

Accessible via text "LOVE IS"  
1-866-331-9474 to talk to peers 24  
hours - confidential.  
[www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.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](http://www.vetoviolence.org/datingmatters)





## Ministry

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.

 **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

 **ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

## RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP

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



If you have questions please contact:  
Laura Merlo Strybel at [laurammerlo@yahoo.com](mailto:laurammerlo@yahoo.com)

There are many thing 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



# The Faith Community of St Raymond de Penafort



*Most suburban men commuted to Chicago each day to work in the 1950s. Many took advantage of the convenience of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway's commuter service so they could do without a car. Courtesy, The Daily Herald.*

Catholic women in the area, as well as to non-Catholic women who were "wives of Catholic men and mothers of Catholic children, provided they are in sympathy with the rules and objectives of the Club," according to an early parish directory. The purpose of the club was two-fold: to press the Archdiocese for a Catholic church in Mount Prospect and to serve

as a social organization for the Catholic minority here.

This was the Depression, however, and no one was building much of anything except bridges and other Works Progress Administration (WPA) projects, so their quest for a church didn't get anywhere. People weren't building new houses and moving to Mount Prospect during this time because of the

economic crisis, so the Catholic minority didn't grow enough to warrant construction of a church. Later, World War II put their efforts on hold again.

As soon as the strife in Europe and the Pacific was settled, however, the Catholic women resumed their letter-writing campaign aimed at the Archdiocese.

You see, the Catholic Church's parish-building policy within the city had long been to build one church per square mile in order to foster a sense of belonging and intensify the connection between church and neighborhood. So that was what these Chicago transplants had learned to expect from their Church and they fully expected it to respond to their needs again in the growing suburbs.

Samuel Cardinal Stritch was the Archbishop at this time. A gentle, beloved southerner, he presided over an unprecedented parish-building boom. Seventy new parishes were built within the Archdiocese during his tenure (March 7, 1940 to April 27, 1958). A total of 24 new parishes were built within the city of Chicago and 46 were built in the Lake and Cook County suburbs. In 1949 alone, six parishes were built. In addition to St. Raymond there was St.



*Mount Prospect's leaders were consumed with providing enough public services for the village's booming population. The library, for instance, was inadequate for the size the community was becoming. Shown here in 1944, it was located at 115 S. Main Street and its collection had been achieved entirely through donations. Courtesy, Mount Prospect Historical Society.*







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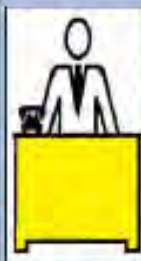
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