



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Welcome. Love. Serve.

FIFTH

Sunday in Lent

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; **March 21, 2021**
I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — Jeremiah 31:33

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: Dn13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62;Ps23:1-6;Jn8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is7:10-14;8:10;Ps40:7-11;Heb10:4-10;Lk1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

Lent

March 21, 2021

Reflections

RCIA in the Lenten Season

The anticipation is building, are we there yet? How much longer? We have all experienced the feeling. The waiting is so hard and you hope the final result meets or exceeds expectations. I hope that everyone has had a meaningful Lenten journey thus far and the anticipation is building to share the joy of Easter. This applies even more for our RCIA catechumens and candidates during Lent. What started as a curiosity is now close to fulfillment. This time of year, you hear the letters RCIA quite a bit. What do these letters mean and why is the Lenten season so important?

The RCIA is the process by which adults become members of the Catholic Church. It is a journey of prayer and discernment of sharing and growing in faith. It's a journey that requires the support of godparents, sponsors, the parish RCIA team, and entire parish communities.

There are basically two types of people in RCIA: those who have never been baptized, known as catechumens, and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition, known as candidates. What they share in common is the desire to be in full communion with the CATHOLIC church.

Briefly the stages of the RCIA process consist of;

- **Inquiry:** Usually a time ask questions, test the "waters" of the Catholic faith. No commitments or promises are made.
- **Catechumenate:** This word comes from the Greek meaning "a person seeking instruction." During this time, we explore and discuss the beliefs of the Church and we talk about having a sponsor accompany you on your journey.
- **Purification & Enlightenment:** This period occurs during Lent. This is a time of deeper spiritual and prayerful time leading up to the Easter Vigil where the catechumens and candidates complete their preparation by receiving their sacraments.
- **Mystagogy:** This is the post Easter period usually lasting up to Pentecost. This is a time to reflect on their sacraments and begin living out your faith.

Lent is a very special time for RCIA, beginning with the Sunday after Ash Wednesday, when the catechumens participate in Rite of Sending and the candidates in the Call to Continuing Conversion. This is a time when we as a community affirm them and send them to the Bishop in the Rite of Election where they are now the "Elect." The third through fifth Sundays of Lent they participate in the "Scrutinies" at different masses, so that the community has the opportunity to meet and affirm them. Each week the Elect are called forward to give witness to their commitment to their faith. There is a blessing, usually a laying of hands, so that they may experience the affirmation of the community. Also, they are presented with The Apostles Creed, the statements of our faith, The Lord's prayer, and the Beatitudes. This year, Melissa, Brad, and Jim will complete their preparation journey at the Easter Vigil.

As we share this significant moment in their lives, we can think of the milestones we all experience. We all have milestones, no two of us are alike, however, there are certain milestones shared by many of us. Certain points that signify a new stage in our lives: our first day of school, getting our drivers license, our first crush, graduating from school, our wedding, the birth of our children, the death of someone close to us. You get the picture. With each moment we accumulate stuff. Then the time comes to downsize or get rid of things. But



what? Letting go of things can be hard. We put it away for the next generation then they determine what to do with it. The time comes to get rid of things to downsize.

"Amen, amen. I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

This quote from our gospel today reminds us that we do not only accumulate material things during our journey through life, but we accumulate so much more. Resentments. Prejudices. Fears. Egos. A sense of entitlement (or on the other end of the spectrum, an unhealthy lack of self-worth). Selfishness. Apathy toward the needs of others. Feelings of despair or helplessness. Cynicism. Sometimes, even hatred. Again --- you get the picture. These things pile up over a lifetime.

All stuff we don't need. In fact, it's more than that -- because the list I just gave is in many ways more dangerous than the accumulation of material things. For these are the feelings, attitudes, and ways of looking at the world that weigh us down, truly keep us from being the person God created us to be, keep us from being

... a grain of wheat.

My friends, the journey in which we find ourselves is not a quest to see what we can "get" out of life. It's really all about what we can "give" to this life and what we can "put into it."

And so, let's use the remainder of this Lent to downsize whatever needs to go and start letting God take away whatever is just taking up space --- thereby allowing God to fill us with which only he can give.

May we all be able to downsize, and by doing so, produce much fruit for each other as we move forward out of this pandemic and repair the many other areas facing our society our world.

May we all experience the blessings and fruit that Melissa, Brad, and Jim have to offer to our faith community and the greater community. It is such a joy for myself and the other RCIA team members to witness and share in the faith journeys of our catechumens and candidates year after year. We gain new insights and perspectives into our own faith. That is why we continue to journey with the RCIA ministry.

"The grains of wheat producing much fruit."

Peace for a blessed Easter,
Deacon Dave

Please keep
Melissa, Brad, and
Jim in your prayers
these coming
weeks.





Melissa Violetto
Catechumen



My name is Melissa Violetto. I am 28 years old and am currently a Senior Accountant for a corporation in the healthcare industry located in downtown Chicago. Originally from Tinley Park, Illinois, I moved up to Arlington Heights over 3 years ago. I am engaged to my wonderful fiancé and RCIA sponsor, Shane Hahn. We are set to get married at St. Raymond's in August 2021.

Although my grandparents were practicing Catholics, my parents chose not to baptize my sister and I in an effort to let us find our own spiritual journey. Growing up, I had attended many youth group and church events with friends of several different religions. However, I kept feeling drawn to the Catholic faith. As most of my family were confirmed Catholics, I grew up with the beliefs and values of the Catholic church. As I entered my twenties, I kept having this feeling that something was missing, but couldn't quite figure out exactly what it was. Earlier this year, I finally pieced it together that it was these values and beliefs that made me the person I am today. Being recognized as part of the Catholic church was exactly what had been missing.

When I started to look into the RCIA program, I was apprehensive to go through the process of receiving my sacraments as an adult. However, after speaking with Deacon Dave earlier this year, I instantly knew that I had made the right decision and was eager to begin the program in the fall. I am very appreciative of Deacon Dave and the RCIA team, along with my sponsor, for guiding me on this spiritual journey. I am looking forward to receiving my sacraments next year and getting to know the St. Raymond's community!



Bradley Paulus
Candidate



My name is Bradley Paulus. I am a 41 year old and a Pipe Fitter for local 597 in Chicago. I was born and raised in Chicago and have spent the last 11 years in Mount Prospect. I am newly engaged to my fiancé, Esmeralda Martinez and we are looking forward to a wedding this year. I did grow up going to church. Going to mass was something that was always a part of me and always will be. I grew up spending my Sundays at the Lutheran Church. While at the Lutheran Church, I have always had the feeling that something was missing. I was not sure what it was until I met my fiancé last year. She took me by the hand and introduced me to the Catholic Church. She was able to show me the way and also their teachings. Every time we attend mass on Sundays the church became more and more meaningful to me. This is where I decided that I wanted the Catholic church to be a part of my everyday life. I reached out to Saint Raymond and was in contact with Deacon Dave to obtain my sacraments. I am currently in the RCIA program and I am thankful for all of the additional teachings offered through the program. I would like to send a special thank you to Deacon Dave Babczak, John Semerau, Warren Sandberg, and Dan Colon for all of the time they have invested in myself and the program. I would like to thank Saint Raymond for the opportunity to be a part of this journey. I am forever thankful for the lessons I have learned through the RCIA program and the ones I will learn in the future. This opportunity has made me a better, stronger person and I will share my teachings with many, many others.

My name is Jim Meagher and I have been interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church for many years. My wife and children are Catholic and I attended Catholic grade school as a child. My wife and I were high school sweethearts and in our 41 years of marriage we have raised 4 beautiful children. I grew up in Chicago and moved to Des Plaines before our children started school. We have been a part of St. Raymond Parish for 3 years and my wife sings in the choir.

I was a truck driver for many years and currently drive a Corporate bus. I have been thinking about officially becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Faith and specifically St Raymond's for years, but for some reason I just was not ready until now. I am excited to continue my Faith journey with the help and support of the wonderful people of St. Raymond's.



James Meagher—Catechumen

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

PRAYER | FASTING | ALMSGIVING

Lent

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
(*except Holy Saturday*)

PALM SUNDAY 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*)



Your donation, no matter how large or small helps in the following ways:

- 75% supports the work of Catholic Relief Services throughout the world
- 25% of your gift will stay in the diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts
- \$40.00 helps to purchase infant scales to measure babies' growth
- \$80.00 helps raise chickens to provide eggs for protein and income
- \$100.00 helps toward a household garden

Bring in your
Rice Bowl
Collection next
weekend!

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.

For many years St. Raymond parishioners have participated in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lenten Alms to help our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome the hardships of hunger and malnutrition. In doing so we also help to make the world a better place. This year, Rice Bowls will be available in the narthex on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and the first weekend of Lent February 20th-21st. They will also be available in the church office and the bins outside of the church and PMC doors. Please take one and fill it with your loose change and return it on Palm Sunday.

Your donation helps provide lifesaving support for more than 159 million people in more than 100 countries! For further interesting reading about this effort or online giving, please access <https://www.crsricebowl.org>

Thank you **ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

view online under past recordings or LENT - **February 19:** Gathering of Women |

Feb 26: Men of St. Raymond/CHRP | **Mar 5:** Bereavement Ministry | **Mar 12 & 19:** Youth Ministry
upcoming - **March 26:** Deacon Dave and Monica Babczak

In-person registration can be found at st-raymond.org under
Registration for Mass and Events
or call the Parish Ministry Office (PMC) 847-253-8600

live stream available on the following platforms
our website at <https://www.st-raymond.org/live-stream-mass/>
facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StRaymondMPIL/>
youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/StRaymondParishMPIL>
twitch <https://www.twitch.tv/straymondmpil>

St. Raymond Parish Office Hours for Easter 2021

Good Friday, April 2nd Office closes at 3:00pm
Holy Saturday, April 3rd 9:00am to 1:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 4th Office closed
Easter Monday, April 5th 8:30am to 4:30pm
(closed from 12 to 1pm for lunch)



We Remember in Beauty

THE EASTER SEASON IS FILLED WITH ANTICIPATION AND JOY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST. IT IS A TIME WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JOURNEY ON EARTH AND CELEBRATE THEIR NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST. WE INVITE THE FAITH COMMUNITY TO ASSIST IN CREATING A VISIBLE SIGN OF THAT REMEMBRANCE OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND BY DONATING TO THE EASTER ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL GRACE OUR WORSHIP SPACE THIS YEAR.



WE SUGGEST A DONATION OF \$20 PER MEMORIAL, HOWEVER WE WILL HONOR ALL REMEMBRANCES. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. RAYMOND CHURCH THROUGH THE PMC OFFICE OR MAKE YOUR DONATION ON GIVE CENTRAL UNDER SUPPORT ([HTTPS://WWW.ST-RAYMOND.ORG/ABOUT-US/DONATE/](https://www.st-raymond.org/about-us/donate/))

IN MEMORY OF: (PLEASE PRINT)

REMEMBERED BY: (PLEASE PRINT)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. RAYMOND PARISH. DONATIONS MAY BE LEFT IN THE COLLECTION BOXES MARKED "EASTER REMEMBRANCE" OR DROPPED/MAILED TO PARISH OFFICE.



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

Lenten Taize Prayer Service

RECORDED MUSIC AVAILABLE FROM
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
7:00 P.M. | CHURCH

"IT IS A TIME TO REST IN
GOD, TO LET THE WORDS
LISTENED TO AND SUNG
PENETRATE ONE'S BEING."

— Brother John, Taizé monk

VIEWABLE UNDER LENT



Palms will be available
before and after all
masses. There will also
be palms available near
the bulletin bins over the
entire weekend.



PALM SUNDAY 2021

March 27 | 5:00 p.m. Mass (Please pre-register online for in-person or view the livestream through the parish website with communion immediately following.)

March 28 | 8:30 a.m. Mass (Please pre-register for in-person only.)

March 28 | 11:00 a.m. Mass (Please pre-register online for in-person or view the livestream through the parish website with communion immediately following.)

"When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.'" JOHN 12:12-13

847-253-8600 | www.st-raymond.org

This schedule is subject to change. Pre-registration through the website is limited to 50 pews for each mass. Please call the PMC Office for assistance.



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2021 TRIDUUM WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1, 2021

7:30 p.m. *Liturgy of the Lord's Supper*

Procession of the Eucharist and 20 minutes of adoration to follow the liturgy.
Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2, 2021

3:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

7:30 p.m. *Veneration of the Cross
and Communion Service*

Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website.

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 3, 2021

1:30 p.m. *Easter Basket Blessing of Food*

(Offered through livestream only)

7:30 p.m. *Easter Vigil*

Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4, 2021

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with communion immediately following outside the church front doors.

847-253-8600 | www.st-raymond.org

This schedule is subject to change. In-person registration through the website is limited to 50 pews. Please call the PMC Office for assistance.

Registration is Open. No walk ins, please



Jesus prayed for all of his disciples
"that they all be one, as you, Father, are
in me and I in you, that the world may
believe that you sent me".
(John 17:21)

live stream available on the following platforms

our website at <https://www.st-raymond.org/live-stream-mass/>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StRaymondMPIL/>

youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/StRaymondParishMPIL>

twitch <https://www.twitch.tv/straymondmpil>

Lent

Scripture Series

Podcast with Fr. Scott

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.

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

Easter
Basket
BLESSING
OF FOOD
with Fr. Gilbert



Bless your Easter Baskets of food from the
comfort of your home through a livestream.

Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Visit: www.st-raymond.org

WE'RE TAKIN' IT ON THE ROAD!

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



COVID-19 has changed everything. This year we're partnering with the Downtown Merchant's Association and several local restaurants to take our fish fry **ON THE ROAD!**

On Fridays during Lent, these restaurants will donate a percentage of sales when customers mention St. Raymond's when ordering (dine-in or take-out).

OFFER GOOD FOR FRIED FISH, FRIES & 2 SIDES, \$13



STATION 34
34 S Main Street
847.873.1230
station34pizzapub.com



MRS P & ME
100 E Prospect Avenue
847.259.9724
mrs-pandme.com



CANTA NAPOLI PIZZERIA
& RISTORANTE
90 E Busse Avenue
847.670.1440
cantanapolipizza.com

OFFER GOOD FOR ANYTHING ON THE MENU



JAMESON'S ORIGINAL
CHARHOUSE
1702 W. Algonquin Road
847.956.1500
jamesons-charhouse.com



MR. BEEF AND PIZZA
1796 Elmhurst Road
847.228.1210
mrbeefandpizzamp.com

2-26 Winner
is Kara C from
a pot of \$630

It's 50/50 time again!

Test your luck in our 50/50 raffle! \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20. Drawings w.

FEBRUARY 26 | MARCH 12 | APRIL 2

Tickets can be purchased at the PMC or [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase online until midnight on the day of the drawing. Winners will be notified by phone.

3-12 Winner
is Joseph B
from a pot of
\$520

And don't forget the reason for the season...
STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 7PM | ONLINE & IN-PERSON
(REGISTER ONLINE AT ST-RAYMOND.ORG FOR IN-PERSON)

Pray for our Sick

*infant

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

† We Remember †

Monday—March 22, 2021

† Thomas Campbell

Tuesday—March 23, 2021

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Wednesday—March 24, 2021

9:00 am † Helen Jaworowski

Thursday—March 25, 2021

The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 pm † Daisy Espinosa

Friday—March 26, 2021

Saturday—March 27, 2021

5:00 pm † Dolores Maher

Sunday—March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 am † Charles Chelini

11:00 am † Carmela Andeson

† Ken Bonder (12th anniversary)

† Edward Braustein

† Dottie Salski



Dorothy Brennan, Mother of Nancy Pomis, and Grandmother of Ashlyn, Neve, and Caden

Edward Linskey, Husband of Barbara, and Father of Gail Rosseau, Kay Slawin, Diane Hauser, Margie Linskey, Grandfather of 8, and Great Grandfather of 1

Counseling Services are available please contact Sr. Valerie Kulbacki, Director of Care Ministries, at 847-253-8600 or at Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org.



Altar Bread and Wine in Memory of

Daniel Sullivan

Week of March 21, 2021

Good and gracious God, you soothe our lives when you remind us of your ever-present care for us and for all who suffer. In your compassion, bring all your people healing in body, mind and spirit.

Grant our sisters and brothers who are in great need; comfort in their suffering, courage when they are afraid, patience when afflicted, hope when dejected, and assure them of the support of your holy people when they are alone.

Grant comfort and peace to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL



Faith • Academic Excellence • Service

Student Activities During Lent

During Lent, our students are learning about prayer, forgiveness and reconciliation. Our preschool students are learning about prayer. To help understand how to pray, students created their own miniature rosaries. Students counted the beads and used their fine motor skills to add the beads to the pipe cleaner.



Our second graders and their families have been learning about the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

They learned that the word "reconciliation" means to become friends again. Over the past two Saturdays, students and families celebrated reconciliation individually and as families at church. Our students are very excited as they continue their journey and prepare for their First Holy Communion.



*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32*



An Evening of Remembrance

Join the Village in remembering all who have been lost during the pandemic through a collective act of remembrance.

Wednesday March 24th at 7:00pm

Residents will gather with the Interfaith Council in the Village Hall Board Room to commemorate all of those who have passed away.

Limited seating will be available in the Village Hall Board Room and registration is required by calling the Human Services Department at (847) 870-5680.

You can participate at home by live streaming the event through the link below or tuning in through the Village's Cable TV Channel 17 (available only for Comcast and WOW cable services).

from 7:30pm - 7:33pm

The Village is inviting all businesses, government offices and residents to turn off their lights and place a lit candle of remembrance in a window.



VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT
**HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**



LIVE STREAM EVENT: <https://www.mountprospect.org/departments/village-administration/mount-prospect-digital-communications>



March 20th is National Native (American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

HIV affects thousands in these populations which have the 3rd highest rate of AIDS diagnoses in the U.S., despite having the smallest population. They are more likely to be younger than their non-native peers and have a shorter time between AIDS diagnosis and death.

KNOW YOUR STATUS... GET TESTED... AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GET TESTED.

For more information call 312-949-6500 or visit www.hivaidsservicesministry.org.

Blossoms of Hope – April 25th

The Blossoms of Hope Virtual Event will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2021, to support the Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program. All are welcome and attendance is free of charge. The event will include inspiring speakers, raffle & silent auction prizes, and the opportunity to remember & honor loved ones lost to suicide and those who survive them. For information, please contact Kaaron Johnson at kajohnson@catholiccharities.net.

Counseling Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Health care workers in particular are encouraged to reach out. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.



Easter Basket?



St. Raymond Scrip Program will be placing orders every Monday at 10 am. Place your order on-line at 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.

SCRIP Program Purchase Form

Date: _____

Check #

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

DD/check/cash

Name:

Amount Due:

Please Indicated Number and Value of Cards Ordered									
# of Cards		Value	%	Total \$	# of Cards		Value	%	Total \$
	Ace 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	12%			Macy's	\$25/\$100	10%	
	Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25/\$100	7%			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%	
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determining the future of our community and how tax dollars are allocated.

It may seem hard to find out who the best candidates are. But here are
some suggestions. There are public forums by candidates. Newspapers give
coverage about the candidates. Endorsements by newspapers or groups
such as Chicago Bar Association include reasons for endorsement: prior
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