



# ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

*Welcome. Love. Serve.*



*It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you  
and appointed you to  
go and bear fruit.*

— John 15:16

**May 9, 2021**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Happy Mother's Day**

## 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)

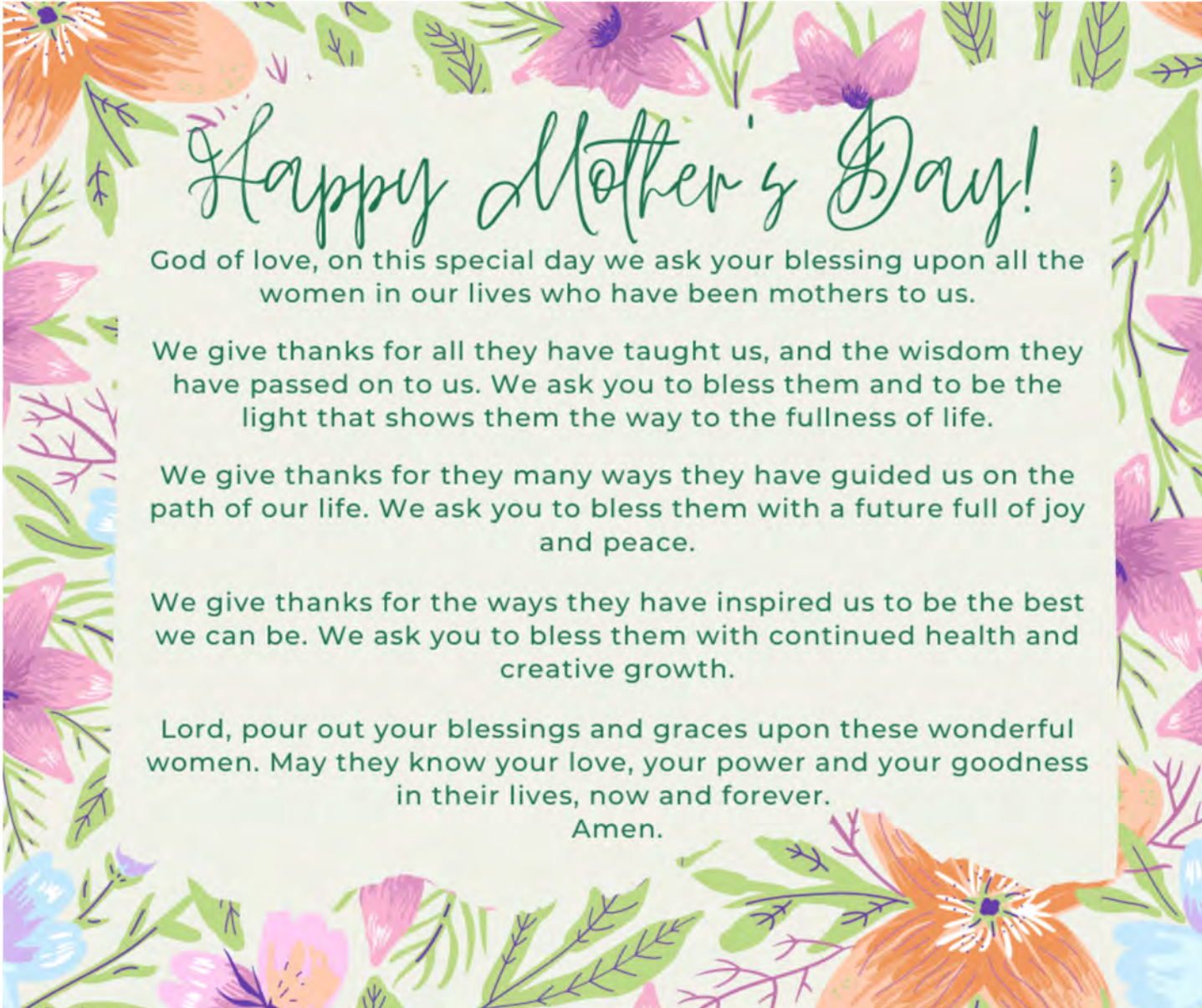
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday, from 4:00-4:30 p.m.**

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

## DAILY READINGS

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-6:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 6:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or  
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for  
Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,  
19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for As-  
cension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-  
23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20





# Happy Mother's Day!

God of love, on this special day we ask your blessing upon all the women in our lives who have been mothers to us.

We give thanks for all they have taught us, and the wisdom they have passed on to us. We ask you to bless them and to be the light that shows them the way to the fullness of life.

We give thanks for they many ways they have guided us on the path of our life. We ask you to bless them with a future full of joy and peace.

We give thanks for the ways they have inspired us to be the best we can be. We ask you to bless them with continued health and creative growth.

Lord, pour out your blessings and graces upon these wonderful women. May they know your love, your power and your goodness in their lives, now and forever.

Amen.



## The Month of **MARY**

The O'Brien Prayer Garden is always available for personal prayer. The green box, labeled Holy Books, contains prayer books in English, Polish and Spanish, and rosaries provided by our Rosary Makers.



## Celebrations



### *Celebrating an Anniversary*

John & Barb Hazlett 40 years  
Isauro & Purita Rivera 50 years



*Congratulations*

Date: 5/1/21  
Theodore Walter Ogorek  
Proud parents: Matthew & Jeanine (Stanula)  
Godparents: Jeremy Ogorek & Pamela Magna



*Congratulations*

Date: 5/2/21  
Vada Rosemarie Forde  
Proud parents: Kaitlin and Dan  
Big brother: Finnegan  
Godparents: Melissa and Joe Forde





2019 11:15



2018 11:15



2019 9:30



2017 9:30



2018 9:30



2015 9:30

From the Men of St Raymond  
Mother's Day Choir  
and Orchestra



2017 11:15



2016 9:30

Happy Mother's Day



2015 11:15



# PRAY THE ROSARY

Thank you Moms Rosary Group for hosting the Rosary in-person and on-line as we start the celebration for the Month of Mary.

Please join us on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7PM for an online meeting. More details are available on [www.st-raymond.org](http://www.st-raymond.org) home page and the bulletin. Please call the office for additional assistance 847-253-8600.



TUESDAYS | 7:00 P.M.  
**PRAY THE ROSARY LIVE**

Let us be united in prayer even when we are apart.

Join us on:



[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/JOIN](https://zoom.us/join)

MEETING ID: 947 3249 7120 | PASSWORD: ROSARY

**PRAY THE ROSARY LIVE**  
THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 P.M.

JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING: [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/JOIN](https://zoom.us/join)  
MEETING ID: 918 6056 5978 PASSCODE: MAKERS





# ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL



Faith • Academic Excellence • Service

## **CAPANNARI'S COOLEST SCHOOL 2021 CONTEST**

### **HELP ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL WIN FIRST PLACE AGAIN!**



**All orders for ice cream or gift cards  
must be placed online only on MAY 10TH.**

Ten percent of all sales on our "Order Day" will go back to St. Raymond School.  
The top three schools will split 10% of the total sales for all the days combined.

The online order form will include pints and gift cards. All items purchased  
ONLINE on MAY 10TH will go towards your event total.

**Our first place in the fall raised almost \$2000 for SRS!**

**Please click on the link below or copy and past  
the following url into your browser:**

**[https://capannari-coolest-school.square.site/.](https://capannari-coolest-school.square.site/)**

**PICK UP  
DAY  
5/15 ★**

**PICK UP AT THE WAREHOUSE  
701 N. WHEELING RD.  
MOUNT PROSPECT**

**★ PICK UP  
TIME  
11A-3P**

# EASTER REMEMBRANCE

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TOWARD OUR ALTAR FLOWERS DURING THIS EASTER SEASON. WE WILL REMEMBER, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ALL THOSE IN WHOSE NAME THESE DONATIONS WERE MADE.

*In memory of:*

Chester Edward Zielinski  
Helen Marie Zielinski  
by Michael, Mark, Jennifer, Jordan and Jake Zielinski

## St. Raymond Teens!



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

Join us for our  
end-of-the-year social!  
***Come with your family***  
**bring a friend**  
**meet new people**  
and enjoy some snow cones!

**May 12, 2021**  
**6pm-7pm**

**Kona Ice truck will be  
parked on campus**

## CELEBRATING DEACON JOHN LORBACH

Please send us photos of your memories, a short video giving thanks, or audio/written memories...as we compile a video celebrating him in hopes to share at a proper celebration!  
[editor@st-raymond.org](mailto:editor@st-raymond.org) | subject: Lorbach



**VBS**  
**is**  
**BACK**  
**IN-PERSON IN JULY**

**VOLUNTEERS BOTH  
ADULT AND YOUTH NEEDED**  
**SERVICE HOURS**  
*limited space*

**contact Brandi @ [VBS@st-raymond.org](mailto:VBS@st-raymond.org)**



# Mount Prospect Historical Society

*Keeping Hometown Memories Alive*

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT



*Living in Mount Prospect, IL during the Pandemic of 2020-21*

## Pandemic 2020-21 Moments

The MPHS has been documenting many categories of this pandemic. We invite you to read more about "Preserving Religious Observances during a Pandemic" and "St. Raymond Catholic Church outsources its Lenten Fish Fry tradition" along with so many other "moments" in the area.

2020-21



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MOUNT PROSPECT COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Pandemic Personal Accounts

*Once Upon a Difficult Time... We Coped:*  
True tales of Our Perseverance & Innovations  
during COVID-19

<https://www.mtphist.org/preserving-religious-observances-during-a-pandemic/>

<https://www.mtphist.org/st-raymond-catholic-church-outsources-its-lenten-fish-fry-tradition/>

<https://www.mtphist.org/pandemic-moments-2020/>

# SUMMER SUPPERS

Summer Suppers are hosted by area churches. We offer supper in a drive thru style format. If you are hungry, homeless or not, come and pick up a meal. Check the schedule to see what church hosts which night.

6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

on

May 10th

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

questions

847-253-8600

see more info on next page

## ST. MARK & ST. RAYMOND

THANK ALL IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE DONATED FOOD, MONEY, TIME, OR PRAYERS TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

# Happiest Mother's Day

To all the women in our lives who  
have been mothers to us!

From the Staff of St. Raymond



## Pray for our Sick

\*infant

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

## † We Remember †

**Monday—May 10, 2021**

**Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest**

**Tuesday—May 11, 2021**

**Wednesday—May 12, 2021**

**Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;  
Saint Pancras, Martyr**

9:00 am † Rosemary Petitte

**Thursday—May 13, 2021**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

12:00 pm † Virginia Hogan

**Friday—May 14, 2021**

**Saint Matthias, Apostle**

† Beatrice Swanson

**Saturday—May 15, 2021**

**Saint Isidore**

5:00 pm † Carol Cutler  
† John & June Engel  
† Natalina Nicolosi  
† Margaret Wood

**Sunday—May 16, 2021**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

8:30 am † Mary Ann Baker  
† John Weidenbach  
11:00 am † Bill Gordon, Jr.  
† Bill Gordon, Sr.  
† Kazimierz Kochanek  
† Jay Kramer  
† Dan Neugebauer  
† John Rogon  
† Jean Skarb

God of peace, whose love guides us throughout the changing seasons of every year: In the fullness of time, you fashioned in Mary a dwelling place for your Word made flesh among us.

God of love and joy, you desire our complete happiness. Like Mary, may we find that very happiness in your every blessings.

God of all hope, bring comfort to all who suffer in this pandemic, bring success for research, treatments, and vaccines, bring consolation to all who have lost loved ones, or jobs, or homes, or hope.

May we, like Mary, our Blessed Mother, rejoice in grace and embrace your will.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Stanley Komparda, Father of Mary and William**

**Jay Kramer, Husband of Pat, Father of Patty,  
Jay and Katie Eriser, and Grandfather of  
Benjamin, Emmett and Isa**

## 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 DE PEÑAFORT LIVE**  
St. Raymond is increasing our in-person capacity for all masses. This slight change remains within the Archdiocese of Chicago guidelines. Please continue to pre-register if attending mass in-person through the website: [www.st-raymond.org](http://www.st-raymond.org)

**STREAMING**

Livestream masses with outdoor communion afterwards will continue on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

*Thank you for your continued support!*



## Addresses of the Religious Communities Serving Drive Thru Summer Suppers in 2021

### All Saints Lutheran Church

630 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine

### Christus Victor Lutheran Church

1045 S. Arlington Heights Rd., Elk Grove Village

### Congregational United Church of Christ

1001 W. Kirchhoff Rd., Arlington Heights

### Cross and Crown Lutheran Church

1122 N. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights

### Faith Lutheran Church

431 S. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights

### First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

302 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights

### First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights

1903 E. Euclid, Arlington Heights

### Holy Family Catholic Community

2515 Palatine Rd., Inverness (Door#20)

### Kingswood United Methodist Church

401 W. Dundee Rd., Buffalo Grove

### OLBS/St. Julian Eymard Catholic Church

601 Biesterfeld Rd., Elk Grove Village

### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

304 W. Palatine Rd., Prospect Heights

### Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights

### Redeeming Grace Church

304 W. Palatine Rd., Prospect Heights

### St. Edna Catholic Church

2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights

### St. James Catholic Church

820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights

### St. Mark Lutheran Church

200 S. Wille, Mt. Prospect

### St. Paul United Church of Christ

401 E. Main St., Barrington

### St. Simon's Episcopal Church

717 W. Kirchhoff Rd., Arlington Heights

### Sikh Religious Society

1280 Winnetka St., Palatine

### The Orchard

1330 N. Douglas Ave., Arlington Heights

### Supporting Religious Communities and Civic Organization

Christian Church of Arlington Heights

Kiwanis Club of Arlington Heights

SAI Center, Buffalo Grove

St. Peters Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights

St. Raymond Catholic Church, Mt. Prospect

### COVID19 Restrictions

*To assure our ability to meet public health guidelines, Summer Suppers in 2021 will be drive thru only. Please wear a mask while on church property; do not loiter or eat on church property. Guests will not have access to church buildings. We look forward to being able to gather around a table for supper in person again next year.*

## SEPTEMBER

|    |      |                                        |
|----|------|----------------------------------------|
| 1  | WED  | Our Saviours Lutheran Church           |
| 2  | THUR | OLBS/St. Julian Eymard Catholic Church |
| 3  | FRI  | Christus Victor Lutheran Church        |
| 4  | SAT  |                                        |
| 5  | SUN  | St. Edna Catholic Church               |
| 6  | MON  |                                        |
| 7  | TUE  | Kingswood United Methodist Church      |
| 8  | WED  | All Saints Lutheran Church             |
| 9  | THUR | Our Redeemer Lutheran Church           |
| 10 | FRI  | Our Saviours Lutheran Church           |
| 11 | SAT  | Sikh Religious Society                 |
| 12 | SUN  | St. Paul U.C.C.                        |
| 13 | MON  | St. Mark Lutheran Church               |
| 14 | TUE  | Kiwanis Club of AH at Faith Lutheran   |
| 15 | WED  | St. James Catholic Church              |
| 16 | THUR | Faith Lutheran Church                  |
| 17 | FRI  | Christus Victor Lutheran Church        |
| 18 | SAT  | Redeeming Grace Church                 |
| 19 | SUN  | St. Edna Catholic Church               |
| 20 | MON  | First Presbyterian Church of AH        |
| 21 | TUE  | First United Methodist Church AH       |
| 22 | WED  | Congregational U.C.C.                  |
| 23 | THUR | The Orchard                            |
| 24 | FRI  |                                        |
| 25 | SAT  | Sikh Religious Society                 |
| 26 | SUN  | St. Paul U.C.C.                        |
| 27 | MON  | Holy Family Catholic Community         |
| 28 | TUE  | St. Simon's Episcopal Church           |
| 29 | WED  | All Saints Lutheran Church             |
| 30 | THUR | OLBS/St. Julian Eymard Catholic Church |

## Summer Suppers



FREE Drive Thru  
COMMUNITY MEALS

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



All are welcome

4-6-21

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### MAY

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| 27 | THUR | The Orchard                            |
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| 31 | MON  |                                        |

### JUNE

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|----|------|----------------------------------------|
| 1  | TUE  | Kingswood United Methodist Church      |
| 2  | WED  | Our Saviours Lutheran Church           |
| 3  | THUR | OLBS/St. Julian Eymard Catholic Church |
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| 30 | WED  | All Saints Lutheran Church             |

### JULY

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| 1  | THUR | OLBS/St. Julian Eymard Catholic Church |
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| 28 | WED  | Congregational U.C. C.                 |
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| 30 | FRI  |                                        |
| 31 | SAT  | Sikh Religious Society                 |

### AUGUST

|    |      |                                        |
|----|------|----------------------------------------|
| 1  | SUN  | St. Edna Catholic Church               |
| 2  | MON  |                                        |
| 3  | TUE  | Kingswood United Methodist Church      |
| 4  | WED  | Our Saviours Lutheran Church           |
| 5  | THUR | OLBS/St. Julian Eymard Catholic Church |
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| 31 | TUE  | Kingswood United Methodist Church      |

Every Saturday—Cross and Crown Lutheran Church offers breakfast sandwiches at 9:30 a.m.; and a bag lunch to go at 11:30 a.m.



Find more  
Information  
about all of  
these on our  
website

[ST-RAYMOND.ORG](http://ST-RAYMOND.ORG)



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In-person registration can be found at  
[st-raymond.org](http://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>



# The Faith Community of St Raymond de Peñafort

the 1970s.

Only the best parts of the system were kept by Fran Harwas when she became principal in 1976. Music and art teacher Marguerite King spearheaded efforts at integrated learning. Each year a different subject was chosen and many areas of that subject investigated by all of the classes. One



*Dressing in a smock and painting at an easel has been one of the highlights of pre-school since it was initiated at St. Raymond in 1979.*

*The Sisters of Mercy, who had served the parish so faithfully, dwindled in numbers to the point that it made sense to close the convent. Times had changed. Service formerly done by members of religious communities was being turned over to the laity. So the convent was turned into a pastoral ministry center to facilitate this new involvement by parishioners.*



year had a Native American theme and it culminated in a huge Pow Wow in the courtyard. In 1976 the school celebrated the nation's Bicentennial with a parade down the neighboring streets in authentic costumes. Other themes included the circus, the Renaissance and the Olympics.

"We encouraged the children to put themselves into a different time and/or place and learn everything they could about it – right down to the foods and the money," King explains.

Meanwhile, enrollment had slipped as population numbers dipped. So kindergarten was added in 1975. Its first teacher was Robin Hafey. And another parishioner, Evann Balmes, developed a pre-school program which the school instituted in 1979. She taught three-year-olds two mornings a week and four-year-olds the other three mornings each week.

The upheaval of the late 1960s and early 1970s had also caused a dip in religious vocations and it became more and more difficult to find nuns to teach at the school. The last Sister of Mercy departed St. Raymond's convent in September, 1976, ending the order's 22-year involvement in the parish.

"The Sisters of Mercy just dwindled in numbers here," recalls Jeanette White. "They never formally left."

But the handwriting was on the wall. The future of the school was in the hands of the lay teachers because nuns were too scarce. So the convent was closed and it quickly became a center for other ministry



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functions like religious education, marriage and baptismal preparation offices and Branches.

Unfortunately, too, when the kinks inevitable in any new enterprise appeared at St. Raymond, Father Buhrfeind convinced himself that his grand experiment with letting the laity handle more of the decision-making, was probably a mistake.

"My associates and I had decided at the beginning to try giving the decision-making power to the Parish Council, the Education Board and the other parishioner-run bodies and after several years, we realized that it just wasn't working," Father Buhrfeind states. "The people there were so good to me and it was a tremendous experience, but I had delegated too much power. All I had asked of them at the beginning was for them not to do anything that would get me in trouble with the Bishop."

"But it turned into a power struggle between the various boards to whom we had given decision-making ability," he explains. "We knew that we needed to take the power back from the various committees to which we had delegated it."

It was at that point that the 66-year-old pastor decided that he had "contributed as much as he could to St. Raymond" and asked permission to retire. Once permission was granted, he and members of his staff traveled downtown to lay out their dilemma and confer with the Archdiocese personnel board about his replacement.

"I remember the head of the personnel board saying to me at that meeting, 'Well, Bill, I think you have pretty much made yourself unnecessary.'," Father Buhrfeind admits.

Ironically, Father Buhrfeind was simply 20 years ahead of his time. Shortages of priests were soon to make increased involvement by the laity a necessity, not a boon. And a pastor who could set up a lay leadership which could render himself virtually unnecessary would be congratulated.

Father Buhrfeind was named "Pastor Emeritus" on June 27, 1979 and subsequently set off for retirement in Arkansas. But he only remained in that southern state for four years. In 1983 he returned to the Chicago



area and has been living at St. Gerald Parish in Oak Lawn ever since.

Yet his legacy at St. Raymond persists to this day. Many of the parish's strong lay leaders, who make St. Raymond a parish envied by others, cut their teeth, so to speak, during Father Buhrfeind's tenure. He gave them the chance to become involved and help lead their church and since then, they have never been content to simply sit passively in the pew each Sunday.



*Father Buhrfeind had a gift for making everyone feel welcome and included in the St. Raymond de Penafort family.*

*When Pope John Paul visited Chicago in 1979, the people of St. Raymond held a special outdoor Mass in the parking lot in his honor.*





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