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— 1 Corinthians 12:4

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday



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: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

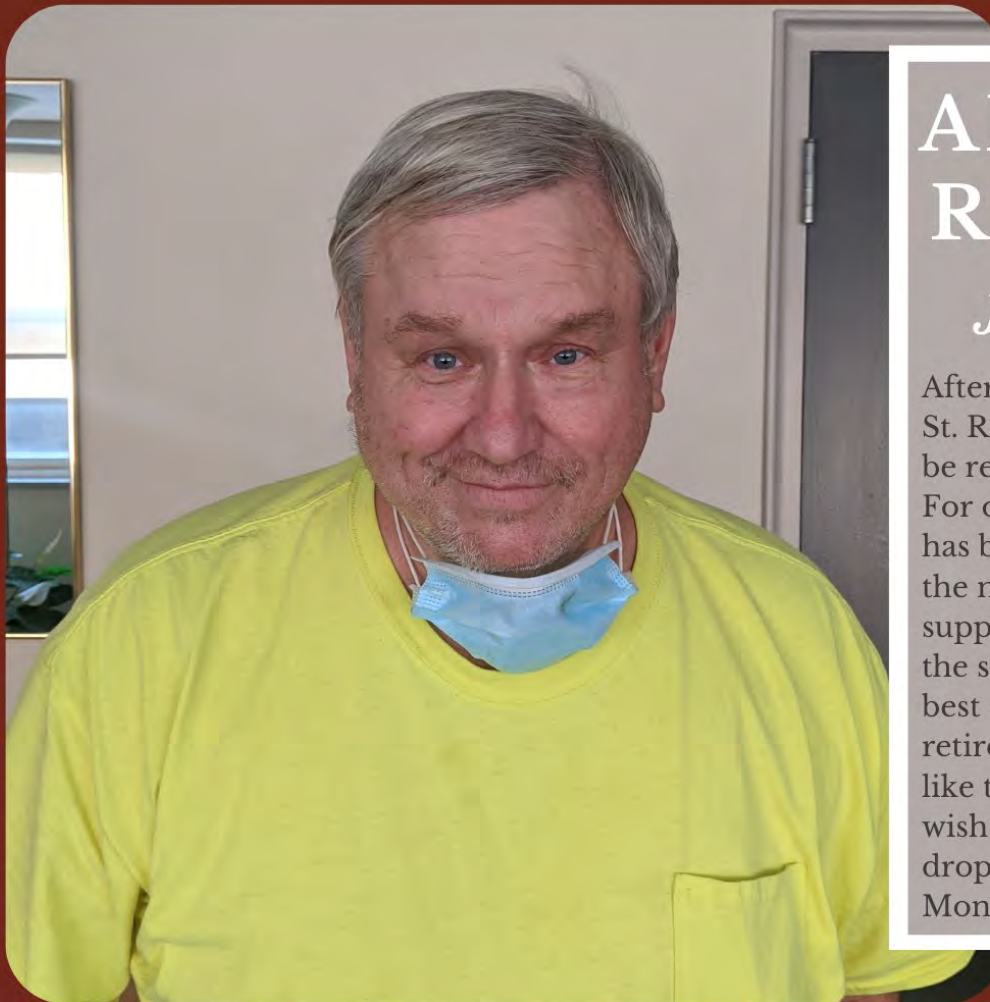
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



AL COOK RETIRES

June 30th

After 33 years of service to St. Raymond, Al Cook will be retiring on June 30th. For over three decades, Al has been a key member of the maintenance team supporting the church and the school. We wish Al the best on his well earned retirement. If anyone would like to send a card or best wishes to Al, please mail or drop off at the PMC by Monday, June 7th.

33 years of service

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ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

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.



Thank you for your continued support!

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

Celebrations



Wedding Banns
Kathy Menis & Patrick Donahue
Kerry Fulara & Steve Norak





Last Saturday, May 15, 2021,
we celebrated the
Interfaith Union School's First Eucharist.

Through the guidance of Deacon John Lorbach, Rabbi Thomas Samuels, Janet Nuccio their catechist, and all their family and friends, they prepared for this special day. We continue to pray for them and their parents, as they continue their spiritual journey.

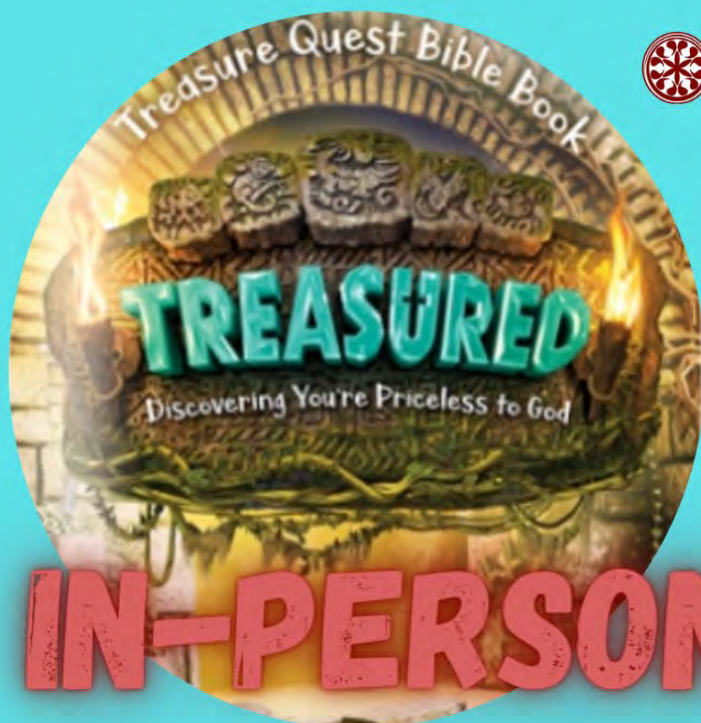


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Rachel Samuelson	Riley Silverman



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

VBS is BACK

IN-PERSON 4 DAYS

JULY 6-9

We are still pulling details together based on Arch restrictions. Please be patient.

limited space
registration soon
covid restrictions
morning time to be determined

Teens, this is a great opportunity for
SERVICE HOURS
Volunteer sign-up is open now.

VOLUNTEERS: BOTH
ADULT AND YOUTH NEEDED
6TH GRADE AND UP

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contact Brandi VBS@st-raymond.org

<https://www.st-raymond.org/vbs/>

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SAINTS "RAP" UP THE YEAR

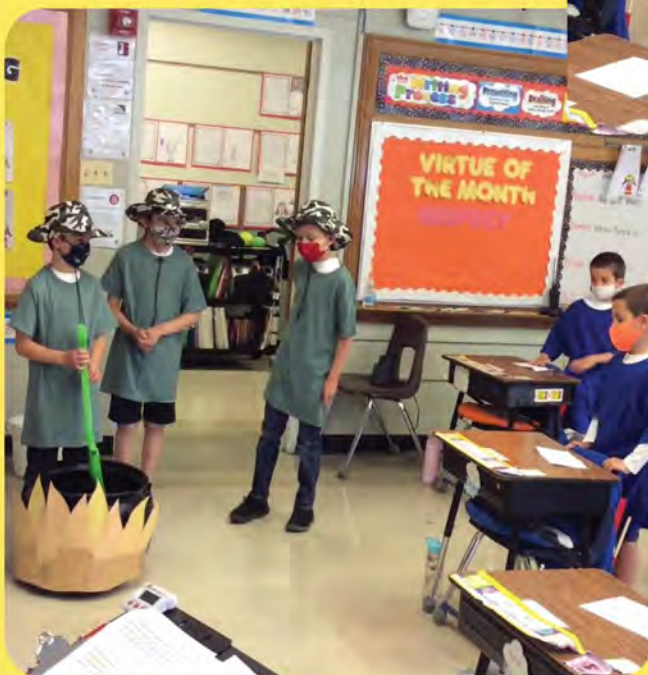
In keeping with St. Raymond traditions, our primary grades 1-3 were still able to perform their end of year music shows in a creative and fun way! Due to COVID guidelines, students are not allowed to sing this year in music class, but that has not stopped Mrs. Burt, our music teacher, from bringing clever and imaginative musical fun to our students. Mrs. Burt taught the students how to rap and chant their songs and the performances were video taped for all to enjoy. The first graders performed the *Three Nanny Goats Gruff Opera* and the second grade performed *Stone Soup - A Rock Opera*. Our third grade enjoyed performing a new show, *We Only Have One Planet*, which was Earth Day-focused with songs such as "Compost", "Use Less Water" and "Make a Difference." The students had a blast and shared some great comments - see them down below. Way to RAP up a great year SAINTS!

"I AM A STAR!"



**"WHEN IS
OUR NEXT
ONE?"**

**"CAN WE DO IT
AGAIN?"**



**"I WAS SO NERVOUS, BUT NOW
I KNOW I AM FAMOUS!"**





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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
subject: Lorbach

AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR PARISH

Volunteers from the St. Raymond parish offer compassionate care and support to every family who desire to celebrate the life of their deceased loved one in the funeral liturgy.

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT **Bereavement Ministry**

AN INVITATION TO SERVE

If you are interested in learning more about this special way of being present to those suffering loss, please contact Sr. Val, Director of Care Ministries, at 847-253-8600 x 143 or Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org. Materials and training are provided.

TUESDAYS | 7:00 P.M.

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*infant

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Baldassano, Dina	Hopkins, Karen	Julio
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Brown, Gerald L.	Kamaryt, Donald	Schreiner, Amy
"Chip"	Karson, Steve	Shea, Dorothy
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Buchberger, Greg	Kenny, Mary	Siefke, Michelle
Buchberger, Katie	King, Marianne	Skillman, John
Bychowski, Mike	Kramer, Eleanor	Skowron, Blake
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Carr, Patrick	Lapinski, Louise	Sommers, Georgia
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Comanici, Coca	Maher, Elena	Theis, Tim
Cotto, Mason	Maslon, Emilija	Tilpe, Hans
Cox, Marty	Monson, Dorothy &	Tortorello, Carol
Crooks, Richard	Clarence	Walkowiak, Gloria
Czajka, Donna	Murphy, Aria*	Wilson, Irene
Czajka, Frank	Murphy, Bill	Zabawski, Alice
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DeRoche, David	Nowak, Thomas J.	
Doheny, Gini	Nykiel, Antonina	
Donna, Dorothy	O'Brien, Michael	
Dowling, Beau	O'Keefe, Debbie	
Drain, Daniel	O'Keefe, Shiela	
Dzurisin, John	Olsen, Julia	

† We Remember †

Monday—May 24, 2021

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday—May 25, 2021

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

† Kelly Lorbach

Wednesday—May 26, 2021

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

9:00 am † Bill Bruso

Thursday—May 27, 2021

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

12:00 pm † Mary E. LaCosse

Friday—May 28, 2021

Saturday—May 29, 2021

Saint Paul VI, Pope

5:00 pm † Genevieve Pilipowski

† Chris Cacioppo

Sunday—May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 am † Michael Patte

† Gertrude Ratajczyk

11:00 am † Jay Kramer

† John Weidenbach



Bill Bruso, Husband of Maxine

Lord, look upon those who are suffering with the eyes of Your mercy. May your healing hand rest upon them and may your life-giving spirit flow into them, that they may be restored to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

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.



3rd Annual Mental Health Matters Virtual Event

DISCUSSING THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
ON THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS

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GONE, NOT FORGOTTEN

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Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

St. Raymond de Peñafort

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Please pre-register online to join us in-person (masks are still required): <https://www.st-raymond.org/reopening/>

To participate via livestream, please visit:

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

If you have questions or need assistance, please call our parish office at 847-253-8600.



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in our community

In-person registration can be found at
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Registration for Mass and Events
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The Faith Community of St Raymond de Peñafort

"One of his major achievements was taking that 'white elephant' of a convent and bringing it back to life as a true parish ministry center," states Bob Bush. "It was in serious disrepair when he got here, sitting relatively empty for over three years. When

many other parishes in the Archdiocese were letting their convents remain dormant, he made it into offices and used it for CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) weekends, meetings, funeral luncheons and limited social functions."

Father Loftus recruited an old friend from St. Joseph Church in Homewood, Sister Kathleen O'Connell, to oversee the job and named her Director of the Pastoral Ministry Center.

"I came to St. Raymond in September of 1980 and spent almost the entire first year studying the old convent, deciding what to do with it and getting quotes," the Adrian Dominican sister recalls. "When I came here the front part of the building was used by the religious education people; the living room was used for occasional meetings; the school was using the basement recreation room as a music room; and the Branches youth group also had an office in the basement. The rest was empty."

They began updating the building by painting and recarpeting it in May, 1981 and many parish functions were moved into the building in 1982, Sister Kathleen says.

Religious education was moved to the south end of the first floor; the parish bookkeeper and secretaries moved over from the rectory and set up operations in the front area; a big computer was put in a basement room off of the laundry room; and the upstairs bedrooms were spruced up so they



could be used for retreat work.

The priests, however, kept their offices in the rectory. They simply maintained one small 'priests' office in the PMC which they could all use to meet with people.

Father Loftus also renovated the former janitor's house at 218 S. Elmhurst Avenue, which had fallen into disrepair after some years of renting and vacancy. In addition, he renovated the rectory, knocking down walls and replacing carpet. He gave the school all new windows and doors, replaced the carpet, built a new office area and renovated the preschool and kindergarten units.

The biggest and most controversial renovation, however, took place in the church.

Revitalization of convent building was one of Father Loftus' goals. Even though it was being used as a pastoral ministry center, it was not being fully utilized, so Sister Kathleen O'Connell was hired to transform it into a meeting and office center.



Statues like this which had adorned the corners of the Church were moved to hallways and chapels during the 1988 renovation of St. Raymond de Penafort Church.

Father Loftus put together a committee, headed by Father Robert Banzin, associate pastor, to study the "Environment and Art in Catholic Worship" document developed by the American bishops in 1978, in which they

urged the simplification of American Catholic churches. The document called for "more austere interiors with fewer objects on the walls and in the corners . . . a space in which people are involved as participants and not as spectators." The statement said that it was an historical problem wherein the churches themselves had somehow attained "a dominance over the people assembled in them."

The committee was comprised of several parishioners and a few staff members. They were a very serious committee, according to Bob Bush, which took the time to review the then present church environment and some of its recognized problems and finer points and related them to the bishops' proposals. Early in the process, open meetings were held with parishioners, many of whom wanted to leave the church as it was. There were mixed emotions among the committee members, too.

"I had had three daughters married in the church and I was very proud of its appearance," Bush says. "But when you really stepped back and looked at it, there were conflicting vertical and horizontal lines in the wood treatments, as well as different kinds of wood, multi-colored bricks and glass blocks, and highly decorative marble. I could see that it wouldn't hurt to simplify it."

After several weeks of study and debate, the committee's thoughts and proposals were discussed with the architects engaged by Father Loftus. Several renderings were offered for consideration and a general consensus was reached in favor of the renovation, explains Bush.

A huge controversy ensued, with articles even appearing in the local newspapers and The Chicago Tribune. In the Tribune article one Chicago priest even complained that "in their zeal to change, they <are making> the churches look more like Protestant churches or Quaker meeting houses."

And parishioner Nancy Kaye admitted in the Chicago Tribune article that, "I was used to praying to a statue. It has been hard getting used to praying to a blank wall." Others called the church with its new look "a barn" and said that their only consolation was that Christ was born in a barn.

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