



# ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

*Welcome. Love. Serve.*



O Lord of hosts, look  
down from heaven  
and see; take care of  
this vine, and protect  
what your right hand  
has planted.

— Psalm 80:15–16

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

### MASS SCHEDULE

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Monday at 8:30 a.m.    | Saturday at 5:00 p.m.                      |
| Tuesday at noon        | Sunday at 8:30 a.m.                        |
| Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. | Sunday at 11:00 a.m.<br>(live stream 11AM) |
| Thursday at noon       | 2nd Sundays at                             |
| Friday at 8:30 a.m.    | 6:30 p.m. (teen led)                       |

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

#### CHAPEL HOURS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Monday (13 Hour Adoration) 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Prayer  
Tuesday - Saturday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### DAILY READINGS

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| Monday:    | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38                              |
| Tuesday:   | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56                    |
| Thursday:  | Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66            |
| Friday:    | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;                 |



Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We joyfully celebrate the birth of the Lord. As we do so, we are also very much aware the challenges that we face—moving beyond the pandemic, building social peace in our society, and finding economic stability in uncertain times. In all of this, we reaffirm our faith that Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He accompanies us and walks with us. And that gives us great confidence and sure hope.

This year, Pope Francis has called the entire Church to reflect on synodality, a word that means “being on the road together,” as we make our life journey. We believe that Jesus is on the road with us. And our faith also leads us to commit ourselves to be on the road with each other. In this season, we take inspiration from the Christmas gospel stories of Mary and Joseph journeying on the road together to Bethlehem and the Magi on the road together to find Jesus.

I pray that, accompanied by the Lord, we may learn to be sources of encouragement for each other on the journey.

During this holy season, I will bring you, your loved ones, and your special intentions to the altar. As I pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me, so that together all of us may find renewal in the Lord.

God bless you and keep you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Blase Cupic*  
Archbishop of Chicago







# CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*During this Holy Season, we remember those  
lives reflected in the light of the son*

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND  
THE PROMISE HE BRINGS TO US ALL. IT IS ALSO A TIME TO REMEMBER OUR  
LOVED ONES WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, THE SANCTUARY ARTS MINISTRY INVITES MEMBERS  
OF THE ST. RAYMOND COMMUNITY TO BE A PART OF OUR ANNUAL  
REMEMBRANCE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL IN YOUR LIFE.  
YOUR DONATION WILL BE USED TO DECORATE THE WORSHIP SPACE.

WE KINDLY SUGGEST A MONETARY DONATION OF \$20 PER REMEMBRANCE. PLEASE SUBMIT  
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DONATIONS MAY BE LEFT IN THE COLLECTION BOXES IN CHURCH, DROPPED OFF/MAILED  
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BECAUSE OF EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES, REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED BY MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 13, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN.

GIVE CENTRAL LINK IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON ST-RAYMOND.ORG UNDER GIVE,  
ON-LINE BULLETIN AND SOCIAL MEDIA.



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ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

# Christmas

## 2021 Worship Schedule

There will be vibrant music played at each Mass, featuring vocal small groups or a cantor, along with instrumentalists. Prelude music to begin approximately 15 minutes before all Masses.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24, 2021

Vigil Solemnity of Christmas

2:00 p.m. *Christmas Vigil Liturgy*

4:30 p.m. *Christmas Vigil Liturgy*

12 :00 a.m. (Midnight) *Christmas Liturgy*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Solemnity of Christmas

9:00 a.m. *Christmas Liturgy*

11:00 a.m. *Christmas Liturgy*

(livestream will be available at this liturgy only)

Additional seating will be available in the Parish Life Center and Community Room. Masks are required to be worn when inside the parish facilities. Schedule and restrictions are subject to change. Please call the PMC Office or check the website for up-to-date information.

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PLEASE NOTE  
**SATURDAY**  
*Christmas Day*  
**NO 5PM MASS**



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

**LOOKING  
FOR SOME  
GOOD  
READING  
MATERIAL  
THIS  
ADVENT?**



Check out some of the new additions to our library in the Multi-Purpose Room after Mass.

Sign-out sheets are available. Please return books when finished.

Advent

message from  
Bishop Grob



<https://youtu.be/HrHN6SjsGWE>

Visit our home page for direct link

What Can we Hope for?  
**REFLECTIONS FOR**  
with Fr. Scott Hebden *Advent*

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

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SPECIAL PODCAST DURING ADVENT

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WEEK ONE

A NEW  
POWER

WEEK TWO

A NEW  
SELF

WEEK THREE

A NEW  
HUMANITY

WEEK FOUR

A NEW  
COVENANT



# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

*Greeting* from  
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## All about the *Advent Wreath*

Advent is a time of **LONGING AND WAITING** for the Lord to come. The Advent Wreath is a symbol used as a way to prayerfully reflect, in anticipation of what is to come.

The wreath is usually made from evergreen branches forming a circle and topped with 4 candles - 3 purple (Hope, Love, & Peace) and 1 pink (Joy).

## ADVENT 2021

November 28 - December 19

The wreath of **EVERGREENS**, which has no beginning or end, reminds us of God's promise of everlasting life through the gift of Jesus Christ, sent down and made flesh to save us.

The wreath is blessed and one candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent; a candle is lit every Sunday until four are burning brightly.

During this time we recall the past, celebrate the present, and look to the future with hope.

The act of **LIGHTING THE CANDLES** each week symbolizes the hope and expectation of the Lord's first coming into the world and serves as a reminder that Jesus Christ, is the Light for the world that continues to shine brightly throughout his Church.

The **PINK CANDLE** for the third Sunday reminds us of the Joy brought to the world with the birth of Christ which is coming soon and we must continue to prepare.

The **VIOLET CANDLES** symbolize our prayerful preparation as we are waiting and longing for the arrival of Jesus Christ; the color also signifies penance.

## PRAYER

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring new life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen



## DAILY READINGS

Lk 1:67-79

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Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;

## Wedding Announcements



### WEDDING BANNS

ERIN MURPHY & BRANNON SIMMONS

## St. Raymond School Class of 1968



The Class of 1968 is trying to organize a class reunion. Please email Debbie Stephen at

deb.stephen@gmail.com

if you are a graduate (or know anyone who is a graduate) of this class.



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

FROM THE STAFF OF ST RAYMOND

*Merry Christmas*  
**WISHING YOU**  
*a safe and healthy holiday!*

### *Christmas and New Years Holiday Office Hours*

Thursday, December 23rd

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 31st

Office closed

Friday, December 24th

Office closed

Saturday, January 1st

Office closed

Saturday, December 25th

Office closed

Sunday, January 2nd

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th

Office closed

*Phone messages will be checked regularly*



# Advent Taizé

This is available online during  
the Advent Season. Visit  
[www.st-raymond.org](http://www.st-raymond.org)



FROM DECEMBER 2, 2021

PRAYER,  
SONG, AND  
REFLECTION



The evening would not be  
possible without music and  
the word of God.

A beautiful evening was enjoyed by  
many in-person and online. We hope  
you continue to feel the presence  
through all of Advent.



## 60th Anniversary Tabernacle Project 2021

More information on  
our webpage under  
Welcome

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The Illinois Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program awarded scholarships to more than 9,300 students in the first four years. This year, as a global pandemic has created so many uncertainties in our society, you can still invest in a brighter future for children from our most vulnerable communities. By contributing through the Illinois **Invest in Kids** program you can make the lifelong advantage of a Catholic school education possible.

**Thanks to the generosity of several donors, between Dec. 1, 2021 and Feb. 28, 2022, you can take advantage of a 2-for-1 matching gift program that will triple the impact of your gift! Limitations apply. A donation can be made using cash, check, appreciated stock or credit card.**

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

**The Garcia family makes \$50,000/year and pays \$2,475 in Illinois state income taxes.**

| Family Income \$50,000/year   | Option A       | Option B       | Option C       |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Illinois state taxes at 4.95%   | \$2,475        | \$2,475        | \$2,475        |
| Invest in Kids donation   | <b>\$500</b>   | <b>\$1,000</b> | <b>\$3,300</b> |
| Tax refund  | \$375          | \$750          | \$2,475        |
| Total taxes paid to Illinois (after refund)   | <b>\$2,100</b> | <b>\$1,725</b> | <b>\$0</b>     |
| Cost of donation to family after refund   | \$125          | \$250          | \$825          |
| <b>2-for-1 matching gift program triples impact and provides three times the scholarships</b> | <b>\$1,500</b> | <b>\$3,000</b> | <b>\$9,900</b> |

Each option provides a refund to the family; however, **Option C** completely eliminates the family's tax burden and provides nearly \$10,000 in scholarships for students to attend Catholic schools.

For more information please contact the TCS hotline at **312.534.2617** or **tcs@archchicago.org**, or visit **archchicago.org/tcs**.  
<https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships>





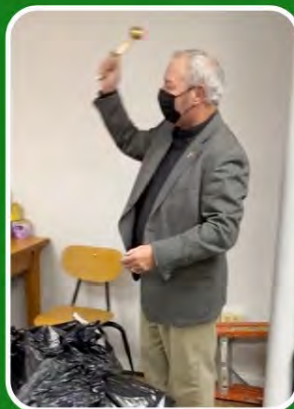
# ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL



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## 6th Grade Lead Annual Toy Drive

Students from 6th grade have been very busy this Advent season coordinating our annual school toy drive for the children of our sharing parish, Holy Family in Chicago. The 6th graders spoke to the younger classes about this school-wide service project and led the charge in promoting the project through posters and school announcements. They also tracked how many gifts were donated and provided updates so the school would know how close we were to reaching our goal of 400 presents. We are thrilled to announce that we surpassed our goal with 622 donated toys! SRS also collected over \$1,068 in spare change at the Book Fair to purchase 197 books to donate! Parent volunteers filled their "sleighs" and drove the gifts to Holy Family. The parish was overwhelmed with the generosity of SRS, and Deacon Larry Sorce offered a special blessing over the toys and our parent volunteers. This was truly a school community outreach. We are proud of the 6th graders and all of our SRS students and families for starting Christmas by sharing with others!





## Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested In Becoming Catholic?

Each year all the parishes send their RCIA candidates, sponsors and team to Holy Name Cathedral for the "Rite of Election." There are so many people involved that this prayer service is offered five times during Lent – and the cathedral is filled each time.

One of the most important aspects of our life at St. Raymond Parish is our continued efforts to share our faith with others. We do this in so many ways: through our liturgies, formation and education programs, outreach programs and our socializing and hospitality. We continually strive to create an atmosphere where God's active presence will be discovered among us.

Sometimes all we need is a gentle invitation -- a little encouragement from someone to do something that we've been thinking about for a long time -- a little encouragement to stop putting something off -- and recognize that perhaps now is the time to take action. We encourage you, our parishioners, to prayerfully consider people you know -- a spouse, friend, relative, co-worker, or neighbor -- and invite them to explore our faith.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is designed for women and men who have never been baptized or who were baptized in another Christian denomination and are considering becoming Catholic. It is also appropriate for baptized Catholics who have received little formal religious education or who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.



The RCIA is a wonderful process, involving some of our own parishioners who accompany the candidates on their faith journey. Our regular meetings are held on Monday evening beginning in mid-September. For more



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## Have questions about getting started?

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## Pray for our Sick

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Adamo, Mary Jane        | Herling, Liam              | Reynolds, Mary Jo         |
| Adams, Kathie           | Heslinga, Kathy            | Richards, Joan            |
| Adams, Robert           | Hill, Ron                  | Riley, Liz                |
| Allen, Tyler            | Hunt, Ann                  | Rodriguez, Irma & Julio   |
| Baines, Melissa         | Janas, Becky               | Ryan, Thomas              |
| Baldassano, Dina        | Juell, Cathy               | Sadeghloo, Donna          |
| Banadera, Leonida       | Kamaryt, Becky             | Sadeghloo, John           |
| Barrett, Joshua         | Kamaryt, Donald            | Sanchez, Claire           |
| Benden, Jeff            | Karson, Steve              | Sanders, Rosemary         |
| Bina, Steven            | Kegermann, Jack            | Schmitt, William          |
| Brown, Gerald L. "Chip" | Kenny, Mary                | Schreiner, Amy            |
| Buchberger, Greg        | King, Marianne             | Shea, Dorothy             |
| Bychowski, Mike         | Koszyk, Christopher        | Shubert, Sylvia           |
| Cabanski, Karen         | Kramer, Eleanor            | Siefke, Michelle          |
| Carr, Patrick           | Kuzniak, Krzysztof         | Sineni, Brody*            |
| Comanici, Coca          | Lapinski, Louise           | Skonicki, Jim             |
| Concannon, Sean         | Leuzzi, Angela             | Skowron, Blake            |
| Cotto, Mason            | Lopatkowicz, Christine     | Smerek, Kate              |
| Cox, Marty              | Maher, Elena               | Sommers, Georgia          |
| Crooks, Richard         | Maslon, Emilija            | St. Louis, Paula          |
| Czajka, Donna           | Mathews, JoAnn             | Swietek, Evelyn & Chester |
| Czajka, Frank           | McDermott, Eddie           | Tabbert, Cindy            |
| Dauer, Elizabeth Anne   | Monson, Dorothy & Clarence | Theis, Tim                |
| David, Pauline          | Morris, Molly              | Tilpe, Hans               |
| DeRoche, David          | Murphy, Aria*              | Tortorello, Carol         |
| Doheny, Gini            | Murphy, Bill               | Walkowiak, Gloria         |
| Donna, Dorothy          | Ne Collins, Martin         | Waters, Ruth              |
| Drain, Daniel           | Nitkiewicz, Tony           | Wilson, Irene             |
| Dzurisin, John          | Nowak, Thomas J.           | Withey, Michael           |
| Flores, Philip          | Nykiel, Antonina           | Wyman, Bonnie             |
| Froelich, Roy           | Nykiel, Linda              | Zabawski, Alice           |
| Hackney, Cynthia        | O'Keefe, Debbie            | Zlabis, Zachary           |
| Hauswirth, Joseph       | Olsen, Julia               |                           |

## † WE REMEMBER †

### Monday—December 20, 2021

8:30 am † Polly Lapcewich

### Tuesday—December 21, 2021

**Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

12:00 pm † Edward J. Conlon III

### Wednesday—December 22, 2021

8:30 am † Irmi Ullrich

### Thursday—December 23, 2021

**Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

12:00 pm † Paul Moats

### Friday—December 24, 2021

**Vigil of Christmas**

2:00 pm † For the People of Saint Raymond Parish both living and deceased

4:30 pm † For the People of Saint Raymond Parish both living and deceased

12:00 am † For the People of Saint Raymond Parish both living and deceased

### Saturday—December 25, 2021

**The Nativity of the Lord**

9:00 am † For the People of Saint Raymond Parish both living and deceased

11:00 am † For the People of Saint Raymond Parish both living and deceased

### Sunday—December 26, 2021

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:30 am † Tom & Mary McGough

11:00 am † Gene Myszkowski

† Michael Myszkowski

† Scott Pulaski

Ever-faithful and loving God, place your healing hand upon all who suffer illness, bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. Reassure their hearts of your ever-presence at every hospital bed and of your divine hand tenderly grasping the hand of all who are alone. Open our eyes to see each other as sisters and brothers of one human family. Fill our hearts with compassion and encourage us to follow your Son, Jesus, who taught us to reach out to each other in love and in service. Remind us always that we are your beloved ones. Hold us closer to yourself, O Lord, as we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest peacefully in your loving arms.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, at 847-253-8600



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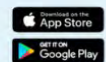
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### seeking gentle used donations

Diaper bags Baby towels  
Baby swings  
Exersaucers Single Strollers  
High Chairs  
Boys winter clothes size 14/16 and under  
Girls clothes size newborn-24 months & 4T-14/16  
Infant car seats/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old)

### seeking NEW donations

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Lanolin nursing pads  
Hygiene products (toothpaste, etc.)  
Baby boy clothes sizes 3-6 & 6 months and 9-12 & 12 months  
Baby girl sizes 0-12 months sleepers and outfits

LET US UNITE AS A COMMUNITY IN PRAYING FOR RENEWAL AND GUIDANCE...

**Lord Jesus, you came into the world to bring new life.  
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us.  
Enable us to imagine our future boldly,  
to discern your direction wisely,  
to embrace the greater good generously, to remain  
united in the bond of peace, so that we may hand on  
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