



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Welcome. Love. Serve.



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.
Thursday at noon (live stream 11AM)
Friday at 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sundays at
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

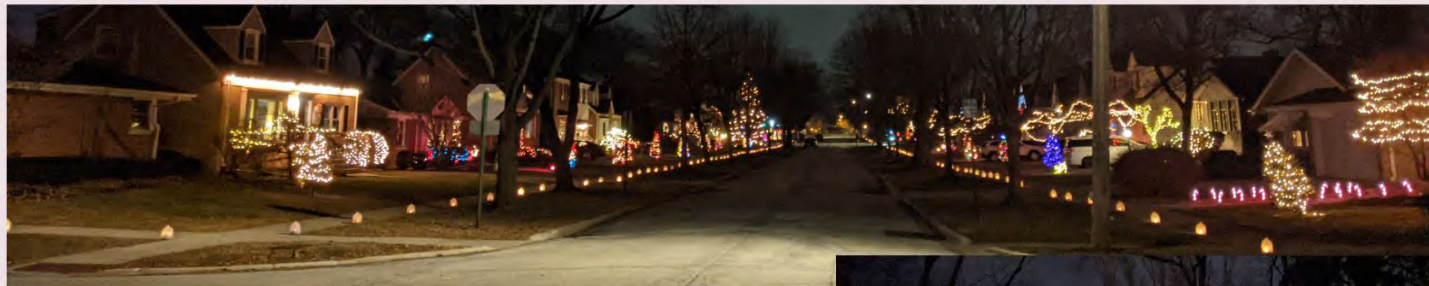
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

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.

History of the Luminaria

ON PINE ST. SINCE 1981

DECEMBER 2021



It all began when Renae McGovern befriended Dot Sheehan. Dot moved to the 400 block of South Pine Street from the State of Virginia. Dot had seen Luminaria there with milk jugs being used as the candle holders. Dot was organizing her block (400 & invited the 500 block) to join her with lighting Luminaria on Christmas Eve of 1981. Renae asked if she could join them in 1982 after witnessing the candle-lit milk jugs down our street.

In 1982 Renae organized our block as well as St. Mark Lutheran Church along Evergreen Ave. She also asked Rev. Robert J. Loftus, pastor of St. Raymond Parish if she could outline that block



with the same Luminaria candle glow-ing effect. He said "yes" and often took it upon himself to light candles as he walked around the block after inclement weather snuffed the candles out. Renae continued to organize with Dot Sheehan for 12 years.

In about or around 1993 Renae asked me to take on

Luminaria expansion AT ST. RAYMOND

DECEMBER 2021

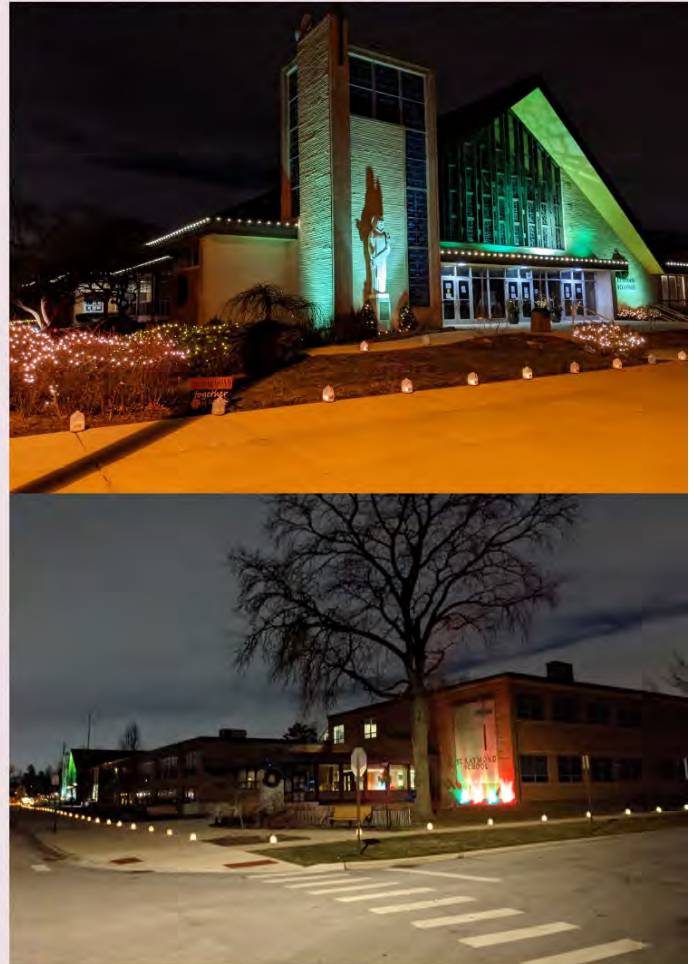
SINCE 1982

the Luminaria project. The 100 & 300 blocks came on board through the years and have grown to almost complete participation. There is a captain living on each of the 5 blocks. I order the candles from Monk Wine & Candle and they deliver all the candles we use to the office at St. Raymond Parish.

I hope this gives you some idea of how long ago and how this all continues to be such a large part of our neighborhood Christmas celebration each and every year.

If someone is eager to help or to take on the organizing - I will be happy to assist in any way that I can. I look forward to seeing the candles blazing again on December 24, 2022.

Thanks to all of you and have a great Christmas Season! Rosie Hinkemeyer



A video was taken on Christmas Eve 2020, that you can view on St. Raymond's website.
Just go to st-raymond.org home page to view through January.

Lamplighters of OF ST. RAYMOND

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES WHO MADE OUR CHRISTMAS EVE BRIGHTER BY LIGHTING THE LUMINARIA SURROUNDING ST. RAYMOND CHURCH. SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN LIGHTING THE CANDLES FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THEM!

A WALK AROUND OUR CAMPUS PROVIDED US WITH A GRAND DISPLAY OF LIGHT GLowing FROM THE CANDLES. THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR TIME ON A BUSY HOLIDAY.

ADAM & LIZ THEISS FAMILY

CHRISTINE CHENGARY FAMILY

JOHN LARSON & FAMILY

GREG MCNALLY & FAMILY

WALTER WRONA & FAMILY

TIM BOPP-BENDEN FAMILY

ANDREW SHAROS FAMILY

DAVID MACK & FAMILY

KATHLEEN MURPHY & FAMILY

GEOFFREY & ANNE ROSEAN & FAMILY

TOM & MARY CARRICO FAMILY

JOHN GERACI FAMILY

RYAN & JESSICA MEDINA FAMILY

ANGELO PACINI & FAMILY

Fr Jack Dewes



A few weeks ago we were informed of the passing of Father John W. Dewes. Father Jack, as he was known to us, was an Associate Pastor at Saint Raymond's in the 1970s. He became a lifelong friend to me and my family and to many of us. I can remember the times, though I was a child when Fr. Dewes arrived at Saint Raymond. He was a visible part of daily life at Saint Raymond's School and on Sunday at Church. I was an altar server and attended the school during this period of time and watched very closely, Father Jack, saying mass from the altar and it was an amazing time. "While at the time, we were all beneficiaries of Fr. Jack's vision of Church, perhaps what we will remember most is his uncanny ability to connect with every person he encountered with a smile, a hug, and, so often, a story. His stories helped people relate their current places in life—their personal challenges, families, work, friends, and neighbors—to the Gospel."¹ Father Jack had the unique ability to retell the stories of Jesus' life from memory. He had memorized the gospel of John. I had never met anyone who could bring the story to life, then or now. "Jack's style is like a lot of Chicago priests, liturgically speaking, tending toward the familiar and loose around the edges. But it is always prayerful and inviting, and his personable and generous way came naturally to him."²



He will be remembered for many things by many people but at his center, Jack Dewes was a Vatican II priest and the first that I had ever met. He also had a real penchant for celebration. In his own way, his ministry opened the window for me to understand the post-Vatican II changes at Saint Raymond school, on the altar, and in Catholic life that we all witnessed and have over the last 50 years now, grown used to. But in the early 1970s, there were big changes. Mount Prospect in the 1970s: Saint Raymond was changing, the Branches program had taken root with the High School students and we felt safe during a turbulent time with the priests who were assigned to us. Father Dewes was fond of theater and music, and these passions came through in his public style. I was told recently that he very much enjoyed his time at Saint Raymond. Please take the time to read Jean Powley Murphy's Book about our history.³ If you don't have one, please ask to borrow a copy. In honor of the 25 Year Anniversary 1949 -1974, which was named the Saint Raymond's Jubilee, and along with many other events and activities around the Saint Raymond's complex, Father Dewes and some parishioners formed The Jubilee Players, to add a little adult entertainment to the celebration. Jubilee as it was called, was a 2-weekend Vaudeville-like celebration held in the school and gym during the spring break. Music, Gambling, and fun. The following year the newly created ensemble, "The Jubilee Players" under the direction of parishioners Rich Nolan,



Cye Race, and Father Dewes produced their first original show. The Day After Tomorrow was a parish-wide dinner theater production. The cast, chorus, set construction, food table service, bar service, and the massive nightly clean-up was handled by parishioners and eventually the Branches students were included. It seemed like the entire parish had a job and was involved. The play's original theme content featuring believable real characters singing heartfelt solos, well-rehearsed musical numbers, and sequenced dancers made it wonderfully entertaining and an instant hit. Each night sold out and was met with roaring, standing ovations. While other parishes were performing The King & I or The Music Man, "The Day After Tomorrow" was an original story about a multigenerational family living in a Chicago Bungalow as the neighborhood around them transitions in the 1970s. The story focuses on the life of the family's uncle as he and the family navigate the changes in our city and their lives. Changes in the neighborhood, changes in the church, life after World War II, newfound freedoms in a post-Vatican 2 world.

Everything from work changes to a reconfiguration of the Catholic Church mass and especially the more visible changes to the family's local church and altar including the shocking no more Latin mass. The entire story hit close to home. These changes had begun at Saint Raymond. The gates to the altar had been removed allowing people full access to the altar and sacristy. In

order to receive the holy communion, we would stand in lines as in a procession. The Saint Raymond Covenant at 301 I-Oka street which was home to our beloved sisters of the Sisters of Mercy order, no longer wore the traditional habit but wore smart pantsuits if they chose. Jean Murphy's book talks about this history in the parish but the musical forced the public debate again. Parishioners had a lot to say, both good and bad but definitely, it was controversial. Father Jack Dewes was a Vatican II priest and he made sure that all of us knew about those changes and why the new church was going to be better for all of us. "The Day After Tomorrow" was a semi-autobiographical story of Fr. Jack's family, his real uncle, and his life before entering High School at Quigley North. The message and recurring theme are found in the songs, "We are Changing" and, "Pictures in a Scrapbook". Only the photos had stayed the same but everything else had changed. We constantly compare the past to the present. Even today this is a constant theme and conversation topic here at Saint Raymond. We fight against the tide and search for a buoy to help us and guide us. I'm told that Barbara Streisand had purchased the rights to the song "Pictures in a Scrapbook" but I was not able to confirm it. Over the next few years, more original plays were produced. For Love or Money, was an original story about a man whose wife had passed away and he is thrust quickly into grief, change, and eventually hope and new love. The Man who loved Fairy Tales is a spoof of the Chicago political climate in the 1970s. The story is told and narrated by a six-foot frog who resembles Richard J. Daily. Pure humor. - The Jubilee Players continued to perform and produce quality entertainment at Saint Raymond de Peñafort and we are grateful to Father John W. Dewes for rallying the troops then and perhaps now and helping us to see a special part of the outcome of Vatican II by making religion and community more accessible to the message of Christ, and by introducing theater into our lives. It's more important now than ever that our motto and our heartfelt conviction that "All Are Welcome in this place" rings true for all of us in this place. Hopefully, the ability to laugh out loud at ourselves and the ongoing changes is Father Jack would have wanted for us.

Thank you for reading. -Chris Gordon

<https://www.davenportfamily.com/obituary/FatherJohn-JackDewes>

1 Rory Cooney <http://rorycooney.blogspot.com/2015/04/a-doozy-with-heart-of-shepherd-fr-jack.html>

2 Rory Cooney <http://rorycooney.blogspot.com/2015/04/a-doozy-with-heart-of-shepherd-fr-jack.html>

3 History of St. Raymond on the st-raymond.org home page under welcome.



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TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Fund a Child's Future



Donate now, reduce your state income tax and invest in our children's future! Take advantage of a limited time 2-for-1 matching gift.

Looking for a way to decrease your Illinois state income tax liability? What if you could decrease what you owe to the state and potentially increase your state tax refund, while also helping fund scholarships for low-income students to attend the Catholic school of their choice?

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	\$500	\$1,000	\$3,300
Tax refund	\$375	\$750	\$2,475
Total taxes paid to Illinois (after refund)	\$2,100	\$1,725	\$0
Cost of donation to family after refund	\$125	\$250	\$825
2-for-1 matching gift program triples impact and provides three times the scholarships	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$9,900

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



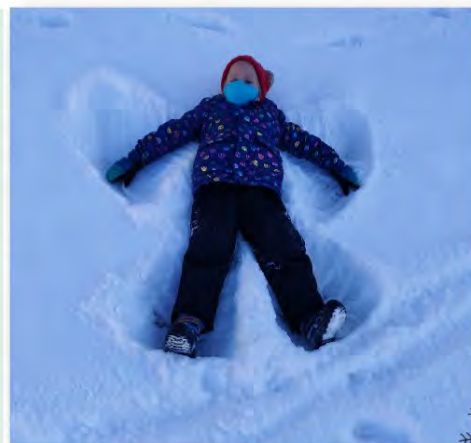
Faith • Academic Excellence • Service

Out with Snow, in with the New Year!



Not only Saints, but "angels", too!

Students were excited to return to school in the New Year - 2022! Our preschool students have been having fun this week reconnecting with friends, exploring the outdoors and playing in the snow!



Our 8th grade students also rang in the New Year with creative activities. Their first writing assignment was a "Break Up with 2021 Letter". In the letter, the students reflected on the highs and lows of the past year. Though sad to "break up" with 2021, the students look forward to the adventures and excitement that their new relationship with 2022 will bring!



2ND SUNDAY EVENING MASS
HOSTED BY TEENS OF ST. RAYMOND



Evening Mass is open to All.
Please join us for Mass at 6:30pm!

JAN 9 FEB 6*

* Please note adjustment for Super Bowl

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

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

Rose Ocwieja
Louis Ocwieja
Florian Zuber
By Don and Kathy Ocwieja

Walter Hackett MD.
The Andrew Polek Family
Charles Brien
By Andrea Brien-Hackett

Kevin James Murphy
By The Murphy Family

Frank and Dolores Trapani
By Doug and Susan Vitale



Pray for our Sick

*infant

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

† We Remember †

Monday—January 10, 2022
8:30 am † William Schmitt

Tuesday—January 11, 2022
12:00 pm † Robert Odmark

Wednesday—January 12, 2022
8:30 am † Thomas Glavin
† Margaret Johnson

Thursday—January 13, 2022
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00 pm † Rose Wolfinger

Friday—January 14, 2022
8:30 am † Michael Lojewski

Saturday—January 15, 2022
5:00 pm † Ellen Nowickas
† Scott Pulaski

Sunday—January 16, 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am † Kazimierz Kochanek
† Amy Schreiner
11:00 am † Greg Buchberger
† Dolores Miske
† Scott Pulaski
† Joseph Taylor



Greg Buchberger, Husband of Chris, and Father of Katie and Kevin

William Uelsmann, Family friend of Chester and Evelyn Swietek

William Schmitt, Husband of Joan, Father of Valerie, Mike and Peter, Grandfather of Mia, Cody, Sophie, Wyatt, Owen, Alexis and Ben

Catherine "Cookie" Birkner, Mother of Patricia Marshall, and Grandmother of Kelly, Dan, Michelle, and David

Robert Odmark, Brother of Susan Odmark

Louise Lapinski, Mother of Dan, Anthony, and Eva

Good and gracious God, I bring before you all who are suffering in body or spirit. Give healing to their bodies, peace to their spirits, and your comforting assurance that they are not alone. Help them to know your nearness, your care, and compassion as you walk with them in their pain. 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

ST. RAYMOND YOUTH MINISTRY

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS 6:30PM-8PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

2ND SUNDAY MASS AT 6:30PM FOR ALL AGES

JANUARY

Jan. 9- Teen Mass

Jan. 16- Session

*Jan. 30- Session

FEBRUARY

*Feb. 6- Teen Mass

Feb. 20- Session

*note adjustment for
Super Bowl

MARCH

March 6- Session

March 13- Teen Mass

March 20 -Session

APRIL

April 3- Session

April 10- Teen Mass

April 24- Session



Join us from 6:30pm-8pm in the Community Room and bring a friend!



All teens in grades 9-12 are welcomed to join us for youth ministry gatherings. Come and meet others, learn more about our faith, and have fun! Entry through courtyard door or main church doors. No registration required.

The 2nd Sunday of each month is a teen led and teen focused mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for Mass at 6:30PM!

Mass is not just for high school. Contact Diana to participate as a lector, or Brian for Choir.

EMAIL DIANA IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT
D.ARIZMENDI@ST-RAYMOND.ORG

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

RECOVERY IS A PROCESS.

STAY SOBER AND LEARN TO TAKE IT ONE DAY AT A TIME.

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
MARIE MCGARRY 847-398-0415
BOB O'DONNELL 630-400-9479
DAN LAPINSKI 847-259-4645

CHECK THE PARISH CALENDAR
FOR MEETING INFORMATION

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

SATURDAY SUNRISE SCRIPTURE GROUP

PLEASE JOIN US: Saturdays at 6:00 a.m.
Coggins Hall (Parish Office)

Start your weekend with God in scripture and prayer! And meet some great St. Raymond members. Check us out if you are an early morning riser. If you have any questions, please reach out to John Ruskuls at mazais11@hotmail.com

Email EDITOR@ST-RAYMOND.ORG with your ministry dates and meeting time



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

JOIN US IN PRAYING

The Rosary
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

A blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.
Deuteronomy 23:5

JOIN ZOOM MEETING
[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/JOIN](https://zoom.us/join)
MEETING ID: 947 3249 7120
PASSWORD: ROSARY

Prayer united even when apart



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary Live



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

Do you knit or crochet?

If yes, please consider joining us for 2 hours a month. We gather to make prayer shawls that are given to men, women, and children who are in need of our prayer and love.

PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY

2021-2022

MEETS EVERY
3RD
THURSDAY
OF THE
MONTH
6:30 - 8:30
P.M.

January 20, 2022
February 17, 2022
March 17, 2022
April 21, 2022
May 19, 2022

"I received the lovely shawl this week! It was a wonderful surprise! It means the world to me. It's so comforting to know someone is thinking of you when you have been ill. I have wrapped myself up with it many times."

EVERY SHAWL IS UNIQUE
AND A SYMBOL OF GOD'S
LOVE. IT BECOMES A
SPIRITUAL HUB FROM GOD
WHEN IT IS WORN.

"You formed me in my inmost being
you knit me in my mother's womb."
(Psalm 139:13)



Widows
Circle
Ministry

Please email us if you have questions or want to be added to the group email list at widowscircle56@gmail.com.

The Widows Circle Ministry is for widows who are moving forward with their lives. This ministry is not for widows who have recently lost their spouses or need a grief support group.

Lunch meetings are on the last Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm at various neighborhood restaurants. Sometimes the date changes. Sometimes we go to various neighborhood events together.

Thank you.

Theresa Drangines & Harriet Malinowski

Our next lunch meeting is on Sunday, January 30th

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements showing parishioners' contributions to St. Raymond Parish during the 2021 calendar year will be mailed Monday, January 29th to any family who contributed \$1 or more during the year. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please call the parish office at 847-253-8600.

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Thank you for supporting St. Raymond Parish.



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Thank you, thank you, thank you!

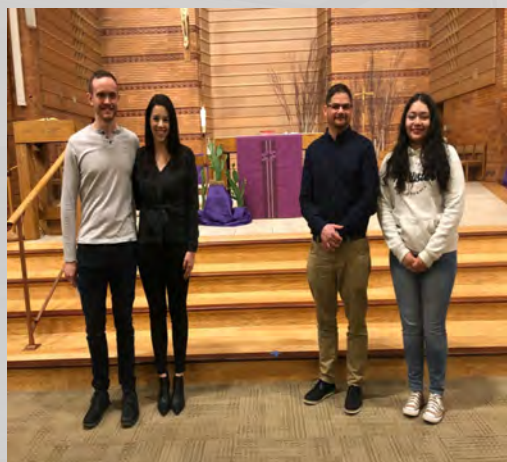
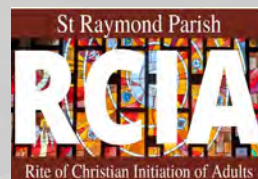
St. Raymond de Penafort has a long history of parishioners who have been responsive to the needs of our parish community. During the past year our parishioners have made extraordinary efforts to continue their parish contributions. Sending donations through the mail, dropping them at the parish office and signing up for electronic giving. Your continued, faithful sacrifice and support has been a blessing.

If you currently are not enrolled in electronic giving, please consider enrolling today. St. Raymond Parish offers electronic giving through Give Central.org and Direct Debit through the parish bank. Give Central is a simple secure online giving platform. Direct Debit contributions are processed through the parish bank account by the parish business office. More information about electronic giving is available on the parish website or call Mary Siefke in the parish office at 847-253-8600.

If you give with cash or check in your offertory envelopes and wish to continue, thank you for your generous support.

Interested In Becoming Catholic?

Each year Saint Raymond's RCIA candidates, sponsors and team goes to Holy Name Cathedral for the "Rite of Election."



One of the **hallmarks** of the Catholic Church is that we are a **people-on-mission**. The Good News (of **God's active, loving presence in our lives**) is not ours to hoard. Rather, the Spirit of God **compels us to share it!** Therefore, we ask **you**, the **Church of St. Raymond**, to think of people you know (a neighbor, a co-worker, a friend) who might be at a place in their lives where they are searching for something "more." We encourage you to reach out and invite these people to consider exploring the Catholic faith here at St. Raymond's.

We have a wonderful group of **parishioners** who will **accompany** these men and women on a journey of **exploring God's call** in their lives. For further information about the RCIA (**R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**ddults), please call or email Deacon Dave Babczak (847-253-8600, D.Babczak@St-Raymond.org).

Find more
information about
all of these and
more on our website
ST-RAYMOND.ORG

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 **Kenneth
Young
Center**
drivers needed



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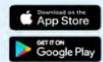
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<https://www.st-raymond.org/shopwithscrip-com/>



Introducing our new mobile app

 **RaiseRight**
by ShopWithScrip



Upcoming dates

2nd Sunday Mass	1/9	6:30PM
PRAYER SHAWL	1/20	6:30PM
RACIAL JUSTICE	1/21	8PM
WIDOW CIRCLE	1/30	12:30PM

Check parish calendar for more

see st-raymond.org for more information

 **The Women's Centers** of Greater Chicago
www.GOTWC.org

seeking gentle used donations

Diaper bags
Baby swings
Exersaucers
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

Enfamil "Gentlease" baby formula
Baby towels and washcloths
receiving blankets
baby toys
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.
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