

St. Raymond de Penafort Catholic Church

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ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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OUR VISION

St. Raymond Catholic Community exists to become a people set on fire with the Holy Spirit going joyfully into the world to bring the love of Jesus Christ to all.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit (Galatians 5:25) as missionary disciples in our homes, in our church, and throughout our community.

THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT...

ARE ENLIGHTENED BY THE SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. (John 14:25)

We study the Bible and Christian tradition to become mature disciples of Jesus.

We engage the diverse ways of Christian prayer to deepen our relationship with God.

We accompany each other on our faith journey to grow in unity as the Body of Christ.

ARE GATHERED BY THE SPIRIT

In Christ, you are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:22)

We come together in inspiring worship to celebrate the Word of God and the Eucharist.

We live in solidarity through prayer for our families, friends, neighbors, and the world.

We serve one another with radical hospitality and inclusivity.

ARE CALLED BY THE SPIRIT

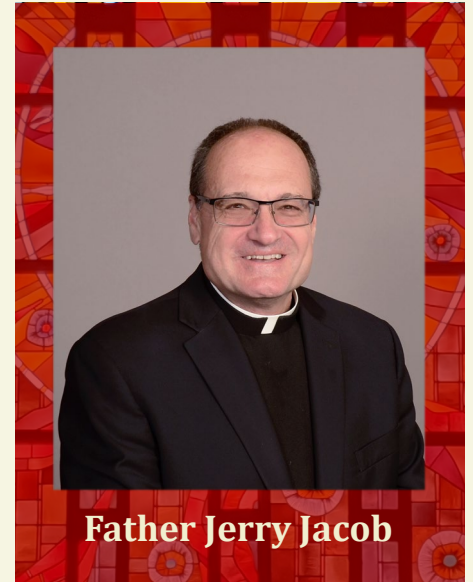
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

We promote justice and dignity for all human beings.

We seek to create unity through forgiveness and love.

We offer our unique spiritual gifts as instruments for the mission Jesus has given us.

All of you who were baptized in Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27-28)





Generation to Generation at St. Raymond

At St. Raymond Catholic Community, we are called to live in the Spirit and follow the Spirit (Galatians 5:25). **Our mission is clear: to rejoice in God's love for us and share God's love with all.** Our vision invites us to become a people set on fire with the Holy Spirit, joyfully going into the world to bring the love of Christ to all.

As we look ahead, we recognize that this moment belongs to us. We are entrusted with ensuring that St. Raymond remains a welcoming home for generations to come.

It is from this shared sense of responsibility that we launch our *Generation to Generation Capital Campaign*. This campaign is an opportunity for prayerful reflection and discernment as we consider the path forward for St. Raymond. Through dialogue and consultation with parish leadership, ministry partners, and our parish community, we have listened carefully to where God is calling us now. What has emerged is a clear and faithful path forward, one that aligns our values with essential priorities, ensuring the future we build is both mission-driven and sustainable.



“St. Raymond has been so good to us, and we hope we can continue to be good to this community in return.”



“You can feel the good candor and spirit here — it’s the way our people come together to get things done.”

Listening to Our Parish Community

In November 2025, St. Raymond embarked on a feasibility study to gather feedback and guidance from our parishioners on a potential campaign. The study tested reactions to our plans to ensure they align with what our community believes is essential. It also explored:

- ❖ How you perceive our current needs, strengths, and opportunities.
- ❖ Your reactions to the messaging and priorities outlined in a preliminary case for support.
- ❖ Your willingness to participate as a volunteer and/or donor.

What the Study Confirmed

Your responses helped us determine that the campaign is both realistic and well supported. The study confirmed that the campaign should prioritize:

- ❖ Addressing masonry damage in the front of the church.
- ❖ Redesigning Lincoln Street entrance and narthex.
- ❖ Fulfilling our Archdiocesan obligation.

These priorities support our goal to create a more welcoming and inspiring environment where *All Are Welcome Here*.

What is Possible With Your Support

Further cost estimates showed that all proposed projects could be completed through your generous, sacrificial giving, including:

- ❖ Replacing the original doors and windows facing Elmhurst Avenue and tower windows.
- ❖ Replacing or Restoring the pews, chairs, and kneelers.

The Campaign

Redesigning Lincoln Street Entrance and Narthex

A redesigned Entrance 28 and narthex will create a more welcoming and accessible entry into the church. By removing the altar server room and redirecting the indoor ADA ramp to flow directly into the narthex, we will open the space for easier movement and better connection, especially for those arriving from the Lincoln Street parking lot. Updated carpeting, ceilings, and lighting, and increased natural light from the new design will help transform the narthex into a bright, inviting gathering space.

Estimated Cost: \$700,000–\$750,000

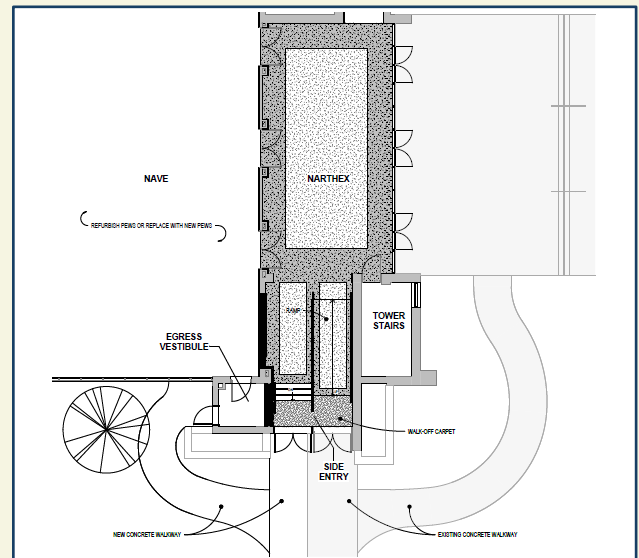
Rendering 1 - Lincoln St. Parking Lot Entrance



Low wall separating main entrance and emergency egress. Provides extra light and openness.

Updated two-tone carpet.

First Floor Plan



Rendering 2 - Elmhurst Ave. Entrance



Replaced acoustical tile with monolithic drywall ceiling.

Renderings provided by JNKA Architects

The Campaign

Addressing Masonry Damage in the Front of the Church

Masonry damage near the choir and altar area requires attention to properly care for our worship space. Early assessments indicate the work will focus on the roof and chimney area, with no structural concerns identified. Addressing these repairs now will preserve the space where our community gathers for mass each week.

Estimated Cost: Under \$100,000



Fulfilling Our Archdiocesan Obligation

As part of the wider Catholic Church, we share responsibility for strengthening the mission we hold in common. Our contribution supports the Archdiocese of Chicago's goals to spiritually renew our parishes, support our priests, and assist vulnerable communities. By engaging, we affirm our unity, express gratitude for those who minister among us, and contribute to the flourishing of the Church throughout our region.

Maximum Contribution: \$858,000

Overview of the Archdiocesan Campaign

Spiritually Renew Our Parishes

We will support parishes as they refocus efforts to reach out the less engaged and accompany them along the path of Christian discipleship. We will provide intensive parish renewal support, renewal formation, and direct outreach to people exploring faith.

Support Our Priests

We will invest in seminarian education, pastoral, and professional development, and caring for the health and well-being of active and retired priests.

Assist Vulnerable Communities

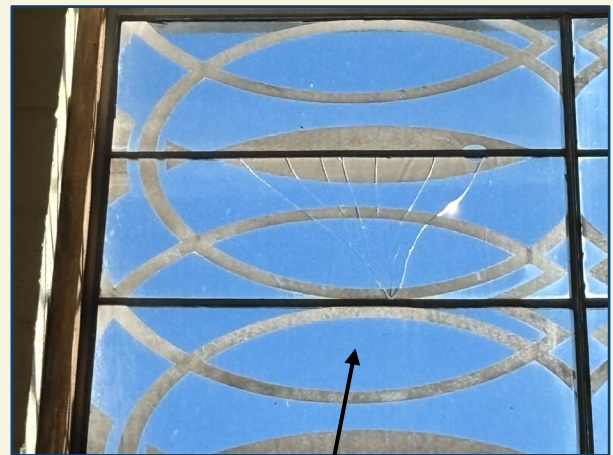
We will support our schools and parishes in economically challenged areas through Catholic school scholarships and the Parish Vitality Fund, which supports facility maintenance and ministries at parishes serving low-income communities.

The Campaign

Replacing Original Doors and Windows

The main entrance doors and windows facing Elmhurst Avenue, along with the aging tower windows, have reached the end of their functional life. The tower windows are beginning to leak and no longer match the surrounding architecture. Replacing them will greatly improve energy efficiency, comfort in the narthex throughout the seasons, and visual harmony with the updated Entrance 28 design.

Estimated Cost: \$300,000–\$400,000



All windows are single-pane, original to the Church, and have begun to crack and leak.



ADA Door & Push Button location will not change.

The Campaign

Replacing or Restoring Church Seating

Our pews, chairs, and kneelers have served the parish faithfully for decades and now require significant renewal. While restoration remains an option, replacing the pews is generally more cost effective due to the high transportation costs for off-site refinishing. Replacement offers a long-term solution that restoration cannot achieve.

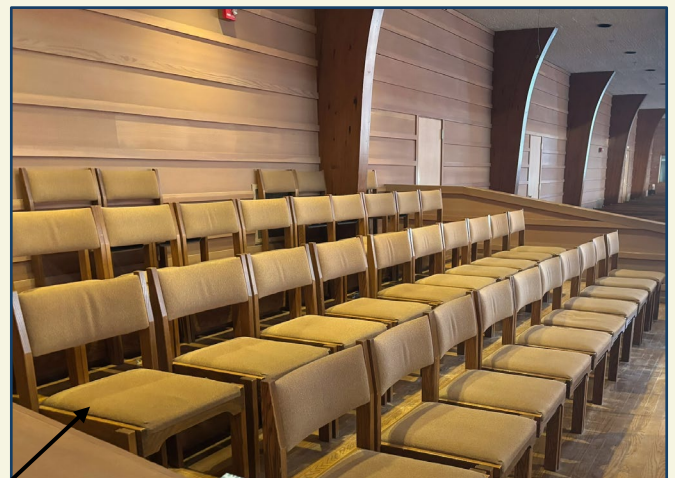
Estimated Cost: \$250,000-\$450,000



Heavy use has made many kneelers noisy and unstable.



All seating, pews and chairs included, will be replaced to maintain consistent appearance and durability.



Unstable chairs throughout both sections.

An Invitation to Join

Every generation of St. Raymond has faced a moment when standing still was not an option. Our responsibility is not simply to preserve what has been entrusted to us, but to imagine what St. Raymond is called to become.

Our Mission, Reimagined for the Future

God is calling us forward to respond and to lead. At St. Raymond, we answer that call by fostering belonging, preserving prayerful worship, and embracing a spirit of welcome. In doing so, we shape a living model of the Church that extends beyond our walls, bringing meaning and purpose into the heart of our community and the wider world. To be a living model of the Church, we believe St. Raymond's call is expressed through a **Spirit of Welcome, Faithful Worship, and a Community of Belonging.**

A Spirit of Welcome

St. Raymond has long been a parish defined not by boundaries, but by openness. Our strength comes from parishioners who seek faith, hope, and connection. This campaign calls us to carry that spirit forward and renew the spaces that shape our communal life. By enhancing the functionality and accessibility of our main gathering space, we build today what will shape a future of hope, hospitality, and belonging far beyond ourselves.

Faithful Worship at the Heart

Worship is the source of our life as a parish. It is where hearts open, wounds are healed, and hope is renewed. Through prayer, music, and sacrament, we encounter Christ and are sent forth to share His love. To sustain this gift, we must care for our sacred worship space by addressing essential repairs that ensure our environment continues to support spirited liturgy and heartfelt prayer.

A Community of Belonging

At the heart of St. Raymond's mission is belonging: walking together in faith, supporting one another, and growing as disciples. As a parish, we are called to better the spaces that help our connections flourish and our faith deepen. Ensuring our gathering spaces promote connection and serve the needs of our parish community is central to this vision.

Join Us

Let us follow the Spirit together. Let us rejoice in God's love and share God's love with all. With your support, we will ensure that St. Raymond remains a place where hearts are set on fire with the Holy Spirit, today and for generations to come.

Total Gift	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$63
\$10,500	\$2,100	\$175	\$44
\$7,500	\$1,500	\$125	\$31
\$4,500	\$900	\$75	\$19

**Gifts have been rounded to the nearest dollar*

Ways to Give

Every family is invited to participate through prayer and a personal commitment toward our \$2 million campaign goal, with a \$2.25 million stretch goal. Pledges payable over five years offer families the opportunity for intentional giving, often enabling a greater level of support than a one-time gift could comfortably achieve.

Giving Options:

- Credit Card
- Automatic Bank Withdrawal
- Check
- Donor Advised Funds
- Qualified Charitable Distribution from IRA
- Gifts of Securities
- Matching Gifts
- Planned Giving

By including St. Raymond in your estate plans, you extend your impact across generations, ensuring that the parish you love continues to serve, welcome, and inspire for years to come.

"When we consider giving, we remember all we've been given by St. Raymond and how much of our lives are centered here — it makes giving feel more natural."

Campaign Prayer

God of abundant and generous mercy,
we gratefully acknowledge the many gifts
you have given us across the years
from the sacrifice of generations before us.
And so, we confidently trust that you will walk
with us into the future.

We echo the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
truly, your mercy is from generation to generation.
Help us now to respond generously to your gifts,
as we support St. Raymond Catholic Community
and work to bring faith forward
for the generations that follow us.

By your grace and help, let our gifts be a blessing
for our children, our grandchildren,
and those who follow them.

Through Christ our Lord.

