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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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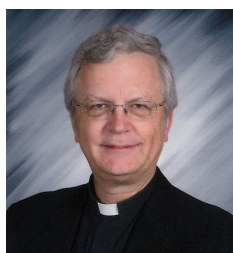
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Dear St. Raphael parishioners,



Tuesday, September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels: SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. It is the Feast of our patron Saint. I will remember all parishioners at a special way that morning at Mass.

Angels are part of our Catholic Faith. Some Catholics have devotions to the angels, others may not think about them much. But angels are as real as anything else revealed in scripture. Raphael, Michael and Gabriel are the only angels mentioned by name in the Bible. Of these three, Michael is the only one mentioned in both New and Old testaments. St. Raphael appears only in the book of Tobit, where he assists Tobit's son Tobias on the important mission of finding a wife. Along the way Raphael catches a large fish and defeats a demon. You can see some of this story portrayed by his statue in our church. St. Raphael is the patron saint of travelers and medical workers. We are fortunate to have him as our patron during this time of medical uncertainty.

In spite of all the limits in place because of virus concerns, we've had a pretty active late summer this year. With Bishop McGovern's reception, Confirmation, First Communion now done, we've also had some weddings and baptisms recently. I was pretty busy with confessions last week, I am glad to say. I've enjoyed the hospitality of some parishioners lately, and I always appreciate that. So COVID is not keeping us from some semblance of normal parish life.

Saturday 4PM attendance is slowly increasing, but we still have plenty of room for more. Fr. Pelrine will continue assisting with Masses. With his help, I could bring back the 11 AM Sunday Mass, but our ushers and sanitizers are already stretched a bit thin. If you know of parishioners interested in attending the 11 AM Mass and are willing to help with the added chores, please encourage them to contact us!

This is another good time to remind all our parishioners how easily you can make your donation online. Simply go to our website – straphaelcatholic.com and click on the word "Give" near the top right of the screen. Credit card information from this screen is kept as securely as if it was being processed in a retail store.

God bless you all,

Fr. Matthew

First Holy Communion 2020
St. Raphael the Archangel Religious Education



Interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?

The process for this is called RCIA or, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The St. Raphael RCIA program is scheduled to run on Thursday evenings beginning the first week of October and run through the 2021 Easter Vigil. *Because of Covid-19, we are planning online meetings using Teams.* Adults needing just to complete their Sacrament of Confirmation can either join the St. Raphael RCIA program or register for a separate vicariate program for this starting in early 2021. For more information or to register, please contact the Rectory Office at 847.395.3474.

St. Raphael The Archangel Religious Education Program

For more information about our Religious Education Program, please contact Annette Wynn, Coordinator at (847)395-3474 or religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org

Altar & Rosary Sodality Women's Group

The Women's Group (ARS) will be starting up again after our summer break. Plan join our zoom meeting this Monday, **September 28** at 7 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more information about ARS.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a relationship with a trained director with whom to discuss and pray about what is happening in your life in God. During the pandemic, Deacon Greg is available to talk privately online. To schedule a time, email Deacon Greg at brotherinthestole@gmail.com.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Date Change

Since we are still not allowed to resume choir rehearsals or singing for Sunday Mass, we will instead be restarting rehearsals for our handbell choir! Our goal will be to play for at least one Christmas Mass. You may have heard our handbell choir perform for the Epiphany concert earlier this year. We were also preparing an Easter concert before the shutdowns. You do not have to read music to join! Rehearsals will be on Wednesday night starting at 7pm, for at least one hour. **The First rehearsal is October 7th.** The more the merrier! More ringers means we can perform more interesting and challenging music. Please contact Alex Fries at the parish office, or visit the choir loft after Mass if you are interested in joining!



THE WOMEN'S CENTER

VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE PROJECT- October is Respect Life Month and The Women's Center needs your help more than ever. Each year, the Baby Bottle Project has been our major fundraising effort. Because of your generosity we have been able to save a multitude of Mothers and their babies from the sorrow of abortion. With parish Mass attendance restricted, the traditional distribution of physical baby bottles will be limited. Because of these uncertain times, we are inaugurating a Virtual Baby Bottle Project. We thank you for your past generosity. You can make your donation at www.gotwc.org. Please be sure to note your parish or organization name so that we can thank the entire group for their generosity.

SEEKING FAMILY ROOM DONATIONS: We need car seats for 20 to 40 pounds, plus infant car seat/carriers (*by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old*), high chairs, strollers, baby carriers, pack n plays, toddler beds, cribs (no drop down sides). For more information, please call 773-794-1313.



You are invited to come and join us to our vigil for all of those that cannot be heard, the unborn.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE consists in participating in fasting and prayer outside the new planned parenthood facility in Waukegan for all babies in danger of being aborted.

**1601 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085
September 23 - November 1
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Mass Intentions

Week of September 27, 2020		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, September 26, 2020	8:30 am 4:00 pm	The Siron Family † Sir Knight Rodney C. Loomis	Evelyn Ong Knights of Columbus Quarter Assembly
Sunday, September 27, 2020	9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel † Mrs. Salvacion Tellano	Evelyn Ong
Monday, September 28, 2020	8:30 am	† Mrs. Salvacion Tellano	Evelyn Ong
Tuesday September 29, 2020	8:30 am	Barbara Roche	Bishop McGovern
Wednesday, September 30, 2020	8:30 am	† Gordon Sims	Annette Wynn
Thursday, October 1, 2020	8:30 am	William Hough	The Tebben Family
Friday, October 2, 2020	8:30 am	† Laura Reid	Richard McGovern
Saturday, October 3, 2020	8:30 am 4:00 pm	The Siron Family Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel	Evelyn Ong
Sunday, October 4, 2020	9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel	
		† Sir Knight Rodney C. Loomis	Knights of Columbus Quarter Assembly
		† Alden Arul Rajan	The Alden Arul Rajan Family

Please pray for those in our parish and community who are sick:

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Meet our staff and hear from our students.

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Connection Program; Entrance Exam.

To register for any of our admissions events, families complete an inquiry form. In addition to allowing our team to share information about scheduled programs and life as a Corsair, completing an inquiry form will grant prospective families access to the Admissions Portal, where they will be able to sign-up for events as they are announced. For information: 847-566-300 or carmelhs.org

Carmel Catholic High School, 1 Carmel Pkwy, Mundelein, IL 60060

Ora et Labora Retreat-Hearing God's Voice in all parts of your life, Women's Virtual Discernment Retreat-Fall 2020. "Ora et Labora" translates as "prayer and work." This phrase reflects the call for a balanced life that is part of Benedictine spirituality. Come and learn more about hearing God's voice in all parts of your life, from your work life to your prayer life. These Benedictine values help us navigate the modern world as women of faith. Join single, Catholic women ages 18-50 for a virtual day exploring how our work and our prayer reveals God to us and how they can lead us closer to God. When: Saturday, October 3, 2020, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Where: Zoom, Learn more: osbchicago.org/programs Register: email vocation@osbchicago.org or call Sister Belinda 847.859.9887.





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mrs. tellez!

My name is Maria Tellez, I've lived in Round Lake for almost 30 years. I am married and I have 3 wonderful boys. My youngest is a Junior at Round Lake High School.

I take pride in everything I do and feel blessed to have the opportunity to work at St. Bede School. I am looking forward to a great experience.

Together, we can accomplish anything!

God Bless,
Mrs. Maria Tellez



It's Time to Move On

You may already have heard the news, but I wanted to take a moment to let you know that I am leaving my position at St. Bede School. My husband and I have sold our home in Spring Grove and hope to become snowbirds down in Florida and return to the area for the Summer months.

I have enjoyed my time here, and I appreciate having had the opportunity to work and meet with all of you. Please keep in touch! I can be reached at my personal email address at ksmott@comcast.net.

Thanks again for everything. I wish you all the best.
Till we meet again!
Karen Smott



FALCONS SPIRITWEAR FRIDAYS

Students will be permitted to wear St. Bede School spirit wear shirts/sweatshirts with their uniforms on Fridays during the school year. We are excited to show off our St. Bede School PRIDE in our community!!

GO FALCONS!! If you need additional information, please contact the main office at 847-587-5541.



Share Letters with Our Seniors!

Looking for a meaningful project for your kids in between Zoom classes or for yourself or your family to make difference for someone in need during the pandemic? You can brighten the day of one of the thousands of seniors Catholic Charities cares for with a letter, drawing, or other creative expression. Let a senior who may feel vulnerable or isolated know that you're thinking of them and wish them well. We'll make sure your notes get to the people who need them most! Share how your family is coping during these strange times. Let the kids have fun with stickers, paint, crayons, poems, jokes, and more. Please send cards and letters to: Catholic Home Care At St. Casimir, Senior Surprise, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629

D'vine Affair Home Tasting Parties are Going Virtual!

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of d'Vine Affair—a celebration of wine that raises critical dollars for Catholic Charities! We invite you to join by hosting a Virtual Home Tasting Party. This is a fun and innovative way of gathering and interacting with friends and family while being introduced to some of the finest wines of the season. Each guest will enjoy a sample wine kit that includes six 2oz bottles of wine and a wine guide, all courtesy of Louis Glunz Wines. Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, engagement or simply create a virtual gathering to stay connected during the pandemic. We will provide you with full support throughout the entire process to ensure that this a memorable tasting experience for you and your guests. All proceeds from this virtual event will benefit Catholic Charities' Self-Sufficiency Programs. To learn more about a Virtual Home Tasting Party and how you and your guests can enter to win fabulous raffle prizes, call today at: 773-756-6937. Cheers!

Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the **Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line** at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

Are you interested in helping seniors in your community? Catholic Charities partners with Meals on Wheels America to provide a noontime meal for those who are homebound or unable to prepare their own food due to physical or mental difficulties. Many of our Meals-on-Wheels clients see only one person per day—our volunteers. Many of them would be unable to live independently without home-delivered meals. Volunteers are needed throughout Lake County, but the need is greatest right now in **Fox Lake, Wauconda, and Mundelein**. This is a great role for a group or individual who has a few hours once a week or once a month. Substitute and seasonal volunteers are needed as well! For more information, please visit <https://www.ccofchicagovolunteer.com/volunteer-sign-up> or contact Sue Fowler at (847) 782-4126 or sfowler@catholiccharities.net.

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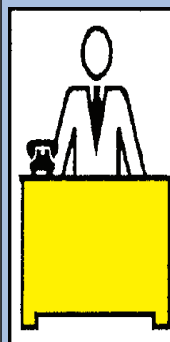
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