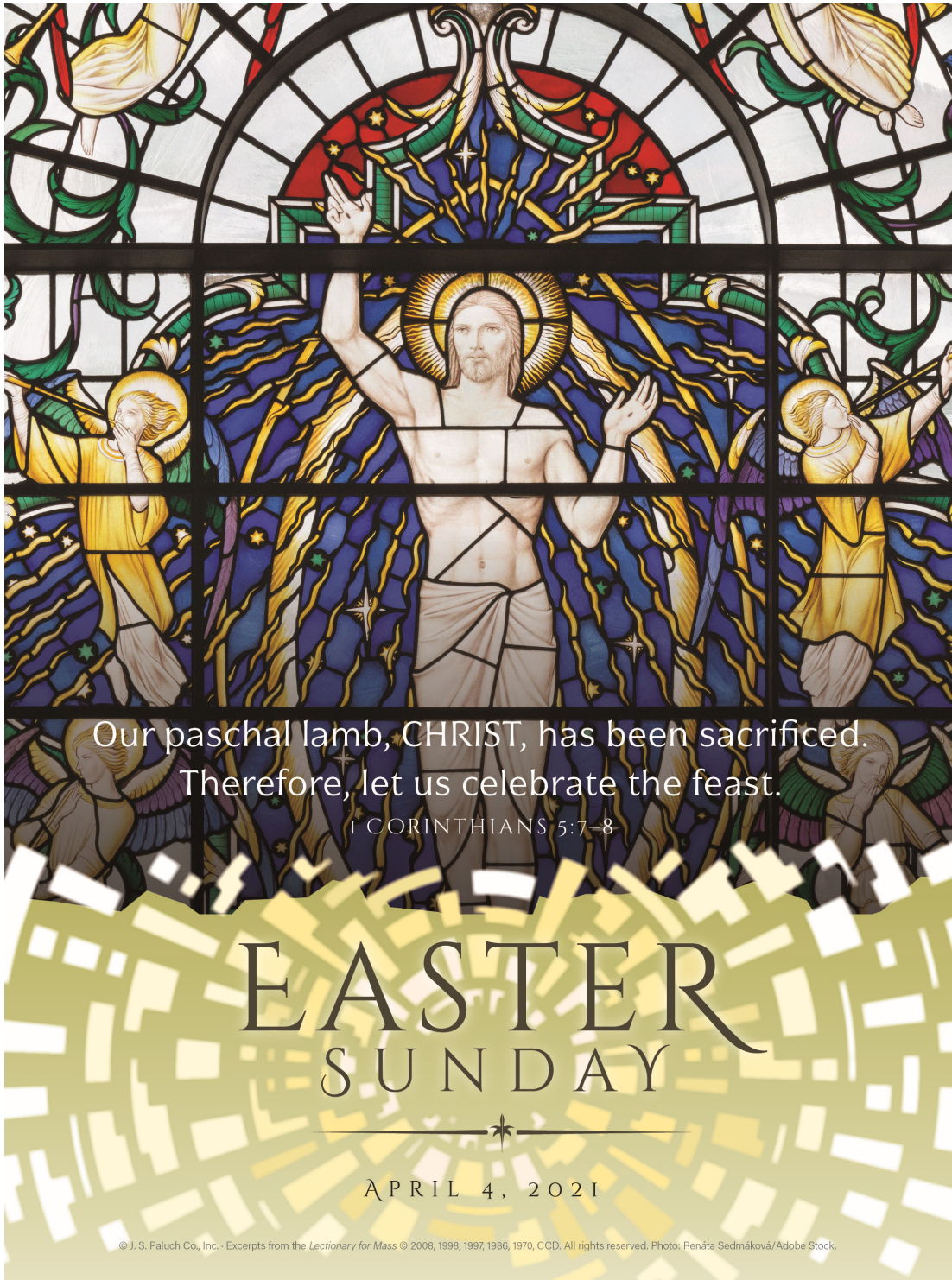


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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter! Easter Sunday usually arrives when Spring weather is in full bloom, and nature is coming to life all around us. Although the new life we see in this natural beauty can add to our Easter joy, we would be mistaken if we thought Easter was just a celebration of nature awakening. The new life that arrives in Spring may be a reminder to us of the New Life we celebrate in Jesus Christ, but it's only a small reminder of a much greater truth.

When we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, we go far beyond the simple happiness found on a Spring day. At Easter, we receive the message passed down to us through the ages from the apostles. This message tells us that God's creation, awakening from winter, is only the faintest reflection of a far greater truth. The God who created nature, and created each of us as a unique soul, is now inviting us to a life that will never end. The reason we believe this is because the man Jesus Christ was dead beyond all question, and then was seen living, also beyond any question.

The Resurrection of Jesus cannot be explained naturally, or explained away as some kind of fiction, metaphor or symbol. Any attempt to rationalize it would also make it completely meaningless. This is why the meaning of Easter cannot be reduced to nature coming back to life at Springtime: by His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus revealed to us a hope that is not bound by the laws of this world.

The laws of nature are fairly predictable: one season follows another in cycles. But the laws of nature can also be cruel and merciless: the strong survive and the weak do not. Only by the power of Christ's Resurrection can we break out of this order. Jesus suffered the worst punishment the world could give, executed as a criminal by an absolute tyrannical government. In the eyes of nature, there would be no hope for Jesus or his followers. Yet here we are, thousands of years later proclaiming His life, while the Roman Empire is distant history.

This is the true Joy of Easter: we have hope when the world says there is no hope, we proclaim Christ Risen in season and out of season. I hope this Easter Sunday turns out as a beautiful Spring day. But even if it's cold or stormy, our joy as Christians should be here among us.

Easter blessings,

Fr. Matthew Kowalski

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Easter 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Once again this year we celebrate Easter in the midst of a pandemic, in a time of social unrest, and in a period of natural disasters that seem to be consequences of climate change. So, our mood may be somber or even sad. Still, there are reasons for hope and optimism. The vaccines are addressing the pandemic. Our commitment to justice for all people can reshape our life together. And each of us can do our part in making a difference to forestall climate change. But there are even stronger foundations of hope for us as people of faith and followers of Jesus.

In the Resurrection of Jesus, we begin to share in the victory of life over death, grace over sin, and hope over despair. In faith, we know the direction of our future. Although we cannot and ought not to deny our struggles, we move forward through them with a resilient confidence rooted in the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil during the lighting of the Paschal candle from the new fire, I pray in your name: "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." And I will continue to raise that prayer to God for all of us in this holy season. Join me in that same prayer and lift up your petition with a confident and trusting heart.

May God bless, keep, and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Card. Cury".

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Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

April 4, 2021

St. Raphael The Archangel Current Mass Schedule and Times

Weekday: 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday am)
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

Reservations are required for Mass on
Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.

Confession

Saturday afternoons from 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office at 847-395-3474.

Marriage Preparation

Registered and supporting members should call the office. A date should not be set until consulting the pastor.

St. Raphael the Archangel Religious Education Confirmation (8th grade) Retreat

Saturday, April 10th, 1:00—4:00 pm

Families are invited to attend the 4pm Mass with their student.

First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 18th, 11:00 am Mass

Rehearsal Saturday, April 17th, 9:30 am

Confirmation

Sunday, May 2nd, 1:00 pm Mass

Rehearsal Saturday, May 1st, 9:30 am

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

Dana Arends	Marcy Novak
Paula Emmerth	Bonnie Parkman
Bob Geske	Claire Pavelski
Lynn (Lenny) Graham	Emma Williams
Wanda Hagerty	Residents of Rolling Hills

Altar & Rosary Sodality (ARS) Women's Group



Altar & Rosary Sodality (ARS) is a group of faithful women promoting love of God and our neighbor through spiritual, social, and service activities that support our community and our parish. We are guided by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We sponsor a variety of service, fundraising, spiritual and social activities throughout the year and have managed to stay active despite the limits of the pandemic.

Our ministries include care of altar server albs, Angel Prayer emails, Christmas Angel Tree, Bereavement, Diaper Depot, Fellowship, Quarterly Spiritual Activities, Weddings, the Christmas Cookie Walk, and Religious Articles Sales. Socially we have a monthly game day and restaurant outing once we are able to do those again..

The ARS Book Club will be reading *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. Grab a copy and join us for discussion via Zoom on **Thursday, April 8** at 7 p.m. Our next monthly meeting will be **Monday, April 26** at 7 p.m.

All women of the parish are welcome and it's a great way to get to know people and feel more connected. We would love to have you join us!

For information email Mary Ellen Riley, President at ars@staphaelcatholic.org or call 847.395.3474.

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Mass Intentions

Week of April 4, 2021		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Holy Saturday April 3, 2021	7:00 pm	The People of St. Raphael the Archangel	
Easter Sunday April 4, 2021	9:00 am 11:00 am	The People of St. Raphael the Archangel	
Monday, April 5, 2021	8:30 am	Sophie Nuñez	The Tebben Famil
Tuesday April 6, 2021	8:30 am	† Robert Stanfield and Family	Mary Ellen & Rachel Simms; Katy & Mark Teichert
Wednesday, April 7, 2021	8:30 am	† Henry Hoffman	The James Freedman Family
Thursday, April 8, 2021	8:30 am	† Anne and George Centko	The Centko Family
Friday, April 9, 2021	8:30 am	† Thayne Parkman	Bonnie and Dean Parkman
Saturday, April 10, 2021	8:30 am 4:00 pm	† Alden Arul Rajan The People of St. Raphael the Archangel	The Alden Arul Rajan Family
Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2021	9:00 am	The People of St. Raphael the Archangel	

Three options for viewing Mass online are:

Mass at St. Raphael the Archangel: www.straphaelcatholic.org

EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live> Masses at 7:00 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

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Links to these sites and other helpful information can be found at archchicago.org/coronavirus

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

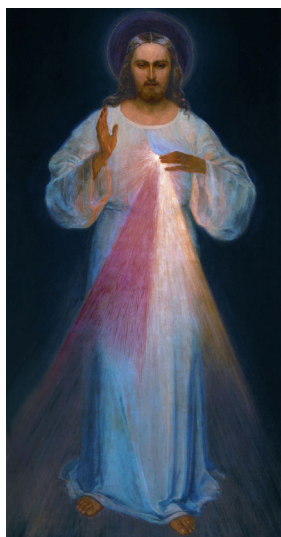
In the past, the Knights of Columbus have held blood drives either in the Lifesource (now Vitalant) mobile collection van or in the church basement. Because of low turnout and COVID, we haven't been able to hold a blood drive since the middle of 2019.

Vitalant (formerly Lifesource) will run a "Virtual Blood Drive." Parishioners are asked to go to one of the Vitalant Donor Centers in Gurnee, Lake Bluff or Crystal Lake **in May, August and/or November**. If things improve by then, hopefully we can switch to onsite drives. The Virtual Drives would run for a period of 4 weeks in order to give donors the opportunity to go into one of our centers.

Vitalant has had many cancellations for donations and are at critically low levels. The strain on the blood supply is critical and more blood is needed for COVID-19 patients that are put onto respirators and require donations. Please help make a difference during this pandemic.

Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 11, 2021

Pope Francis reminds us of Jesus' words to Saint Faustina



"I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy" (Diary, 14 September 1937). At one time, the Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered him all of her life and all that she had. But Jesus' answer stunned her: 'You have not offered me the thing is truly yours.' What had that holy nun kept for herself? Jesus said to her with kindness: 'My daughter, give me your failings' (10 October 1937).

We too can ask ourselves: 'Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up?' Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person... The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy."

—Pope Francis, Homily, Holy Mass on the Feast of Divine Mercy, April 19, 2020

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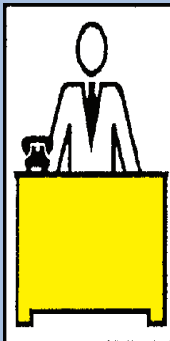


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