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Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Mr. Alex Fries, *Music Director*

Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



Annunciation of the Lord, March 25: This past Friday was a solemnity, but not a day of obligation. It might surprise us to see a reference to the Advent season here in the midst of Lent. The Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated exactly nine months before Christmas, to remind us of Archangel Gabriel's visit to Mary. It also reminds us of the full human nature of our Savior, that he was carried by his mother Mary in the exact same way as every other human being. Every one of us spent about nine months in our own mother's womb. Let us continue to pray also that children in the womb will eventually be shown the full human rights and protection they deserve under the law.

Lenten Confessions: Our Religious Education students had the Sacrament of Confession on Wednesday, March 16. For the last two years, the Covid situation has kept parishes from holding evening Penance Services during Lent. As we hopefully return to normal this Lent, some local churches are tentatively scheduling such services with the help of neighboring priests. Since our numbers are smaller than average, I am hoping to get by with some extra times for confession in lieu of a service for the entire parish. I will schedule an extra priest confessor at these times if the numbers warrant it. Please let me know if you have been unable to get to confession on our regular Saturday schedule: it will give me an idea of what numbers to expect. As most Catholics should know, you are free to choose any priest for confession besides your local pastor. Marytown in Libertyville and St. Peter's in Volo are known locally for their extended confession hours. Also, I am generally available by appointment during parish office hours.

Stained Glass: Most of you know the unique history of the beautiful artwork in our church. Our stained-glass windows were repurposed from older churches in Chicago, with some repairs or additions as needed. We have some additional art, also rescued from old churches, in storage. This consists of windows or other art that does not match up with what our building needs. A parish in Chicago has informed us they can use one of these extra windows in their church. I will be consulting our Parish Council about this.

Annual Appeal: There is still time to make a pledge to the Archdiocese's Annual Catholic Appeal, if you haven't already done so. Envelopes are available in church, or save the paperwork by going online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

May God bless you,

Fr. Matthew

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**St. Raphael The Archangel
Current Mass Schedule and Times**

Weekday: 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday am);
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

St. Raphael the Archangel Office Hours

The Church Office is open Monday - Thursday
from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and closed on Fridays.

Confession :

Saturday afternoons from 3:00 pm—3:40 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.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession)**

Saturday, April 2	3:00 pm
Thursday, April 7	Noon – 1:00 pm
Saturday, April 9	3:00 pm
Monday, April 11	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Good Friday, April 15	9:30 - 11:45 am



St. Raphael the Archangel Religious Education Calendar

Wednesday, March 30, Spring Break, No Class

April Classes: Wednesdays, April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. April 27th is the last class for the year.

CONFIRMATION is on Friday, April 22nd at 7 pm.

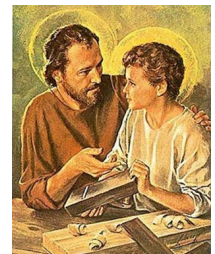
Rehearsal is Thursday, April 21st at 7 pm in the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is on Sunday, May 1st at the 11 am Mass.

Rehearsal is on Saturday, April 30th at 9:30 am in the church.

For more information about our Religious Education Program, please contact:

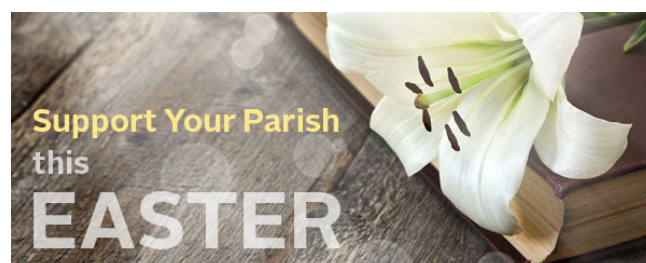
Annette Wynn, Coordinator, at Religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org



Update on Alex

As many of you are aware, our music director, Alex Fries, is being treated for stage 2 Hodgkin Lymphoma. In an effort to defray some of his medical costs, friends of Alex have created a *GoFundMe* page for him. If you would like to contribute and support Alex during this very difficult time, please go to: <https://gofund.me/bdcf12c2>. The link will also be on the St. Raphael website.

Thank you.





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 14

8:30 am – Morning Prayer Service
7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Good Friday, April 15

8:30 am – Morning Prayer Service
9:30 - 11:45 am Morning Confession
12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm – Liturgy of The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:30 am – Morning Prayer Service
1:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Food
No Confessions
8:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses – 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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Easter Flowers

Please consider a memorial or honorary donation for flowers to decorate our worship space this Easter. We will print out the names of your loved ones in the bulletin at Easter and enjoy the décor for several weeks, as the plants will remain in the church.

The offering for a memorial is \$10.00. Please fill out the information below and place it in an envelope with your offering. **Please mail the form or bring it to the Parish Office by Monday, April 4.**

Orders may also be placed on the parish website: straphaelcatholic.org. Orders must be received by April 4 for Memorials to be published in the bulletin.

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Praying with Mary

The Archdiocesan Council Catholic Women (ACCW) Vicariate 1
Invites all women to a *Pre-Holy Week Evening of Reflection* with Sharon Pawula

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Saint Anne Parish, 130 Ela Street, Barrington, IL 60010

RSVP no later than March 30

Mail name, email address and Parish Name and address to:
Mary McKenna, P.O. Box 273, Barrington, IL 60011; 312.966.5354

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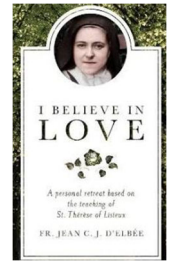
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The Altar & Rosary Sodality Women's Group Book Club



The Book Club will be meeting in April to discuss *I Believe in Love: A Personal Retreat Based on the Teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux* by Jean du Coeur de Jesus d'Elbe. Goodreads says this is a distillation of the teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux on God's love and on confidence in Him; on humility, peace, and charity; on the Cross; and on abandonment to Providence. Learn to rest in God amid troubles, living joyfully with Him always. We are meeting in a home and enjoying time together in addition to discussing the book. Please join us.



The next ARS meeting will be this Monday, March 28 at 7 pm, Rosary at 6:30. We will be resuming refreshments and playing a game after the meeting. All are welcome to join us.

Bundle-Up Weekend

Thank You to all who donated clothing and household items to assist St. Vincent DePaul serve needy families. Your generosity is appreciated!

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Besides helping Parish Communities, Catholic Schools, Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens, the Annual Catholic Appeal Funds are helping people around the World, helping CRS to assist the poor and vulnerable.

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Gifts made through stock, Donor Advised Funds and IRA distributions can also be made by calling 312.534.7959.

Mass Intentions

Week of March 27, 2022		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, March 26, 2022	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	† Jennifer Ryan	Garry and Gail Ryan
Sunday, March 27, 2022	9:00 am	† John Kerpan	Diane and Tom Brown
	11:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	
Monday, March 28, 2022	8:30 am	† Ron Mrowiec	Lenette Sadek
Tuesday, March 29, 2022	8:30 am	Cortney Benton	Kimberly Allen
Wednesday, March 30, 2022	8:30 am	† Frank Leskovec	Tanya Dornik
Thursday, March 31, 2022	8:30 am	The People of St. Raphael	
Friday, April 1, 2022	8:30 am	† Joseph S. Wynn	Annette Wynn
Saturday, April 2, 2022	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	† Egizia Pellicci	Norma and Pat Lucansky
Sunday, April 3, 2022	9:00 am	† Bob Ringelstein	Sandy Czerwinski
	11:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	

Mass Intentions for 2022

If you would like a Mass Intention for a family member or friend, contact the Parish Office (847.395.3474). Please specify if your Intention is for the living or deceased.

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

Richard Varga	Alex Fries	Dean Parkman
Jim Sitko	Mark Gardner	Linda Pedersen
Mary Lou Biel	Lynn (Lenny) Graham	Residents of Rolling Hills
Tanya Dornik	Bonnie Parkman	

St. Raphael

Serving in the Armed Forces

The names of active duty military personnel from the St. Raphael community are listed below. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they protect our country and freedom. Please notify the parish office if you would like to add someone to the list or if your service person is no longer active in the military.

Captain Nicholas A. DeSilvia, U. S. Air Force

2LT Mary Claire Simutis, U.S. Army.

Worship & Spiritual Life Schedule Mass Times for April 3, 2022

Mass Times	4:00 pm Saturday	9:00 am Sunday	11:00 am Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Carlos Rodriguez	Fr. Matthew Kowalski	Fr. Carlos Rodriguez
Lector	Gary Hughes	Matthew Jerina	Ann Hitschel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Norma Lucansky	Open	Open
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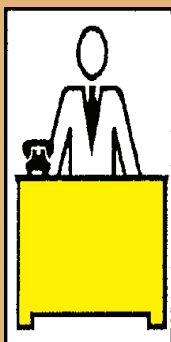
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