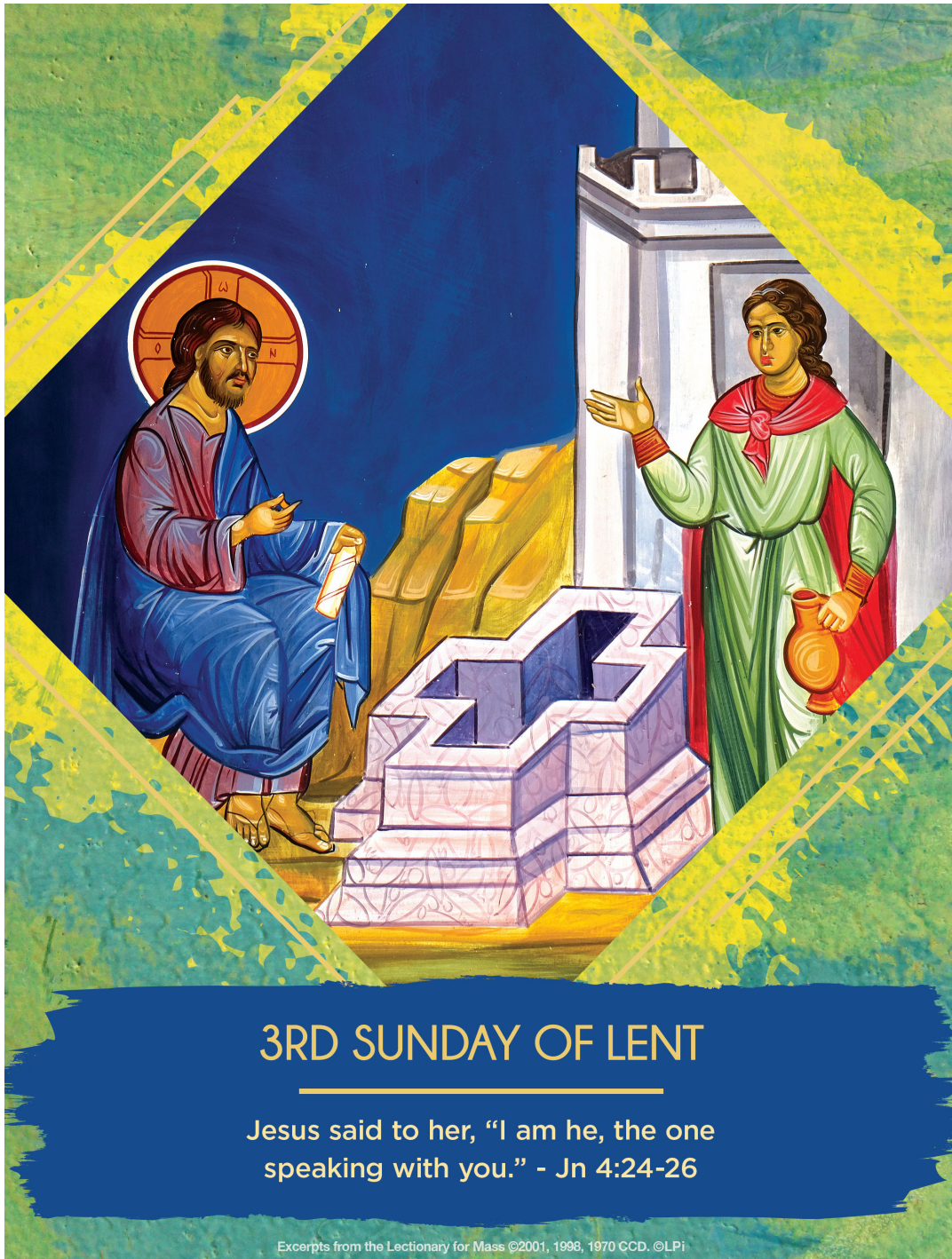


St. Raphael the Archangel



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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



The Samaritan woman at the well: Some events in the Gospels make reference to parts of the Old Testament. There is often no specific mention of the reference in the gospel itself. You might see it in a footnote in your edition of the bible, or somebody educated in the scriptures would catch the reference. In the book of Genesis, Isaac and Jacob both meet their future wives at a well. So when Jesus meets the unnamed Samaritan woman at the local well, it would remind educated Jews of these Old Testament passages. This might be why the apostles were surprised to see Jesus speaking with her. Jesus was not seeking a wife, and nowhere does it ever say he was married. (No upstanding Jewish man would even consider taking a wife from among the Samaritans, or vice versa.) Yet the Gospel of John refers to Jesus three times as a bridegroom! The Gospel of John has a number of subtle mysteries like this. It's a way of telling us to look a little closer, to reflect on what Jesus is teaching us.

Besides being a Samaritan, the woman has a questionable past, which Jesus somehow knows. She is a perfect example of the "lost sheep" that Jesus came to reach. We don't need to have our life in perfect order for God to reach out to us. Jesus is the bridegroom not for some individual woman, but of the entire new People of God. The woman, who might have had an uncertain reputation before this, becomes a messenger of salvation to the people of her village. Her life was changed by her brief encounter with Jesus at the well. She became a true disciple who led others to Christ. In this way she is an example for all of us.

Disciple Maker Index: So far about 20% of the parish has filled out the online survey. Probably even more of you by now, and paper surveys are still coming in. The more of you we hear from, the more useful the results will be. See instructions on page four, just below the picture of Mass servers.

St. Patrick Dinner March 18: There are still tickets available for the special dinner next Saturday. Tickets **must** be bought in advance so we know how much food to prepare. In honor of a noteworthy Irish product, I might be willing to play "Whiskey Before Breakfast" that evening. The song title is not good dietary advice, however.

God bless you all,

Fr. Matthew

St. Raphael The Archangel 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, March 18	3:00 pm
Saturday, March 25	3:00 pm
Thursday, March 30	Noon – 1:00 pm
Saturday, April 1	3:00 pm
Monday, April 3	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Good Friday, April 7	9:30 - 11:45 am



St. Raphael the Archangel Religious Education

Wednesday Class at Milburn Middle School March 22, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Saturday, March 11, **Confirmation Retreat** for 8th Grade Students begins at 10:00 am in the church. *Families are invited to join the students for Adoration at 3:00 pm and Mass at 4:00 pm.*

Sunday, March 12, **Family Mass** at 11:00 am Grades 4 & 5 assisting, St. Raphael Church

Wednesday, March 15, **Lenten Penance Service** Grades 2-8, St. Raphael Church; No Class PK-1

Wednesday, March 22nd- Class at 6:30 pm at Millburn; **Safety Training** is scheduled that day for grades K through 6; K to 3rd grade will meet during first half of class (1/2 hour), 4th to 6th grade will meet during second half of class (1/2 hour)

Wednesday, March 29- No class - Spring Break

For questions regarding religious education, you can reach Annette Wynn at: religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 18, 2023**

5:00-7:00pm

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

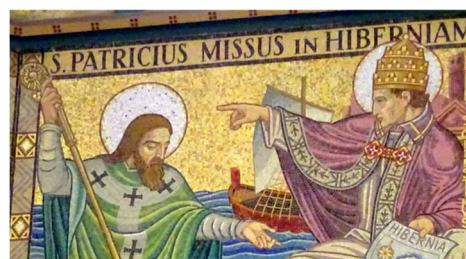
No Sales At The Door

Cost: \$20 - Per Person, Children Under 12 - \$5

The Knights of Columbus and the Altar and Rosary Sodality

The Knights of Columbus and the Altar and Rosary Sodality are hosting a St Patrick's dinner on Saturday, March 18 for the first 100 people that purchase tickets. Carryout will be available also. Tickets will be sold in the Narthex after each Mass.

There will be no Fellowship after Mass on March 18 due to the St. Patrick's Day dinner being held in the Fellowship Hall.



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The Altar and Rosary Sodality Women's Group



The Book Club is looking forward to discussing the last two books in the Lois Lowery's *Gathering Blue* series, *The Messenger* and *Son*, on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 pm. We meet in a home and enjoy getting to know each other as well as the book discussion. Consider joining us. The next ARS business meeting will be Monday, March 27 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall, preceded by the Rosary at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. If you'd like additional information, call the Rectory or email ARS@straphaelcatholic.org.

Bundle Up Weekend, March 18 -19



There will be a St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) trailer in the church parking lot before and after our Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9 am and 11 am Masses the weekend of March 18-19. Please drop off any small household items, clothing, etc. They do not accept furniture, electronics or children's toys. Your donations will help many people in need.



It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



Vicariate I Recognition Mass for Youth Altar Servers

Bishop Grob invites you and your altar servers to celebrate their dedication and commitment to this important ministry. As a gesture of our gratitude for the gifts these disciples offer in serving their parishes, servers from across Vicariate I are invited to a recognition Mass and to share in a meal together afterward.

Sunday, March 26 | 3 pm at

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish

1201 East Anderson Drive, Palatine, IL

Please visit bit.ly/3luYt1p or scan the QR code to register by Thursday, March 23. This is a family event and parents are expected to accompany their child (ren). This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. After Mass, we will be sharing in a meal of cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza along with dessert. Please help us to best serve you by registering and noting any dietary restrictions.



**Knights of
Columbus**

Brother Knights, our schedule for our monthly planning meeting will be on the first Saturday of the month at the Church in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am until further notice. The Business meeting will be on the second Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall. The Rosary will be said at 6:30 pm followed by our 7:00 pm meeting. Please attend at least one of the meetings to keep updated on our latest events .

This month the Knights will be assisting the Altar and Rosary Sodality for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Saturday, March 18th.



2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6

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 7

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 8

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

Easter Sunday, April 9

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 March 29.**

Orders may also be placed on the parish website: straphaelcatholic.org. Orders must be received by March 25 for Memorials to be published in the bulletin.

Thank you for your support of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish and for adding to the beauty of our prayer environment during the Easter Season.

Complete and Return. Please Print Clearly. Thank You!

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Mass Intentions

Week of March 12, 2023

Requested by:

Saturday, March 11, 2023	8:30 am	The People of St. Raphael	Garry & Gail Ryan
	4:00 pm	† Jennifer Ryan	
Sunday, March 12, 2023	9:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	The Edran Family
	11:00 am	Ranilo Edran	
Monday, March 13, 2023	8:30 am	Tony & Penny Shepherd	Gidget Leable
Tuesday, March 14, 2023	8:30 am	The Kowalski Family	Cecilia Herdegen
Wed, March 15, 2023	8:30 am	Shepherd Black Boscaccy	Tom & Wanda Hagerty
Thursday, March 16, 2023	8:30 am	The Living & Deceased Members of the Herbét & Arnone Families	Joe Arnone
Friday, March 17, 2023	8:30 am	† Alden Arul Rajan	The Arul Rajan Family
Saturday, March 18, 2023	8:30 am	60th Birthday Blessing for Joseph Jachymial	The Kasper Family
	4:00 pm	The People of St. Raphael	
Sunday, March 19, 2023	9:00 am	† Alden Arul Rajan	The Arul Rajan Family
	11:00 am	Julian Robak	The Robak Family

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

Sharon Scavo	Fr. Art Mattox	Mary Lou Biel
Lilly Downs	Frank Wihtelich	Tanya Dornik
Marie Trusky	Richard Biel	Lynn (Lenny) Graham
Kim Webster	Jim Wallace	Residents of Rolling Hills

St. Raphael the Archangel 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 March 19, 2023			
Mass Times	4:00 pm Saturday	9:00 am Sunday	11:00 am Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Matthew Kowalski Dcn. Greg Webster	Fr. Matthew Kowalski	Fr. Ric Halvorson
Lector	Gary Hughes	Matthew Jerina	Belen Kling
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Brian Bulicek	Bill Booker	Jeannette Heiney
Altar Servers	3 Open	M. Dativas E. Marry T. Marry	G. Muzones M. Muzones M. Muzones
Ushers	Dan Bulicek Dennis Civic Paul Pavelski 1 Open	Peter Dativas Tom Hagerty Fritz Meyers Jim Sitko	Rafael Muzones 3 Open
Fellowship	No Fellowship today	Ed Conarchy	Elizabeth Forster

The 2023 Illinois March for Life will be held in Springfield on March 21, and includes additional events.

Mass for Life

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.
Sangamon Auditorium, UI-Springfield Campus
Celebrated by Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki
Sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield

Adoration

March 21, 2023 from 12:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 62703
Pray for an end to abortion

March for Life

March 21, 2023 at 12 p.m.
Springfield, IL
Meet at the Lincoln Statue at the Capitol
Sponsored by all Illinois dioceses

Life Advocacy Day

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Includes training, lobbying and lunch
Sponsored by all Illinois dioceses

There are rooms available at the Courtyard Marriott Springfield from Monday through Wednesday night at a special group rate of \$125 per night. Register for the March and contact Dawn Fitzpatrick at dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org to get the code.

More information and links to sign up are available at respectlifechicago.org.

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VICARIATE I EUCHARISTIC EVENING OF PRAYER

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7 pm, St. Emily Parish, 1400 East Central Road, Mt Prospect, IL



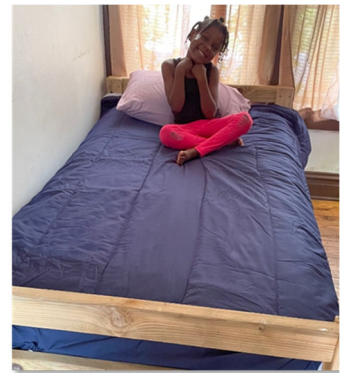
The Archdiocese of Chicago is at a pivotal moment of structural and spiritual renewal, and that is a cause for great hope. We take up this effort at a moment in which the United States bishops have launched a Eucharistic Revival. This convergence reminds us that true renewal of the Church always involves recovering the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our life as Catholics. From the Eucharistic celebration flows all the Church's prayer, activities and ministries. Pope Francis recently wrote that "the Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive or it does not exist."

Join us in Vicariate I to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other which we experience at Mass, by coming together for this celebration of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob.

Over 600 Children in Lake County IL do not have beds

Please help by donating twin-size bedding sets, comforters, and pillows to go with hand-build beds for children in need. We are asking the members of our parish to come to the assistance of this local Bed Ministry that builds beds for those in need. "Bed in a Bag" sets available at Walmart and other local stores, provide everything that is needed. These sets must be new. They also welcome handmade quilts. They can be dropped off in the Narthex after Masses on April 1st and 2nd.

Thank you for your generosity! Contact Dan Harris at dharris@sjlibertyville.org to learn more about the St. Joseph Bed Ministry. Go to SJBEDS.org.



God, conscience, religious schism, kings, friends, enemies . . . they are all the ingredients for a great faith-filled movie! Join the Institute for Pastoral Leadership for "Friends and Foes," a screening and discussion of the classic film "A Man for All Seasons," Friday, March 24, 6:30 to 9 pm on the University of St. Mary of the Lake campus.

Based on author Robert Bolt's stage play, the film tackles the relationship between St. Thomas More and King Henry VIII and the choices More wrestles with to be faithful to God amid religious and political controversy. Leading the discussion and answering questions will be Paul Hilliard, Ph.D., history department Chair for the University. The screening is part of the Institute's Continuing Education series. The evening is \$16 and includes plenty of popcorn.

For more information and to register: <https://amanforallseasons.eventbrite.com>.



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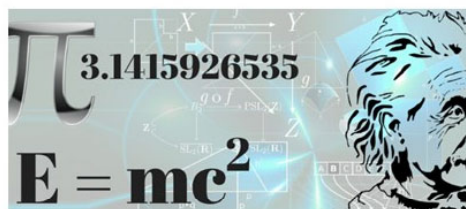
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NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



March Madness
tickets are due
Monday, March 13,
2023.

In honor of PI Day (3-14-23) we will be having a Lou Malnati's fundraiser. You can order Lou gift cards and they will be distributed before Easter. Order forms went home on March 6th. Forms are due on March 20th.



Thursday, March 16, 2023: Parent/Teacher conferences form 3pm to 8pm

Friday, March 17, 2023:



Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland.

For Enrollment information

Call St. Bede Catholic School at 847-587-5541, email
mtellez@stbedeschool.com
Or visit us on our website
<https://www.stbedeschool.com/enrollment>

