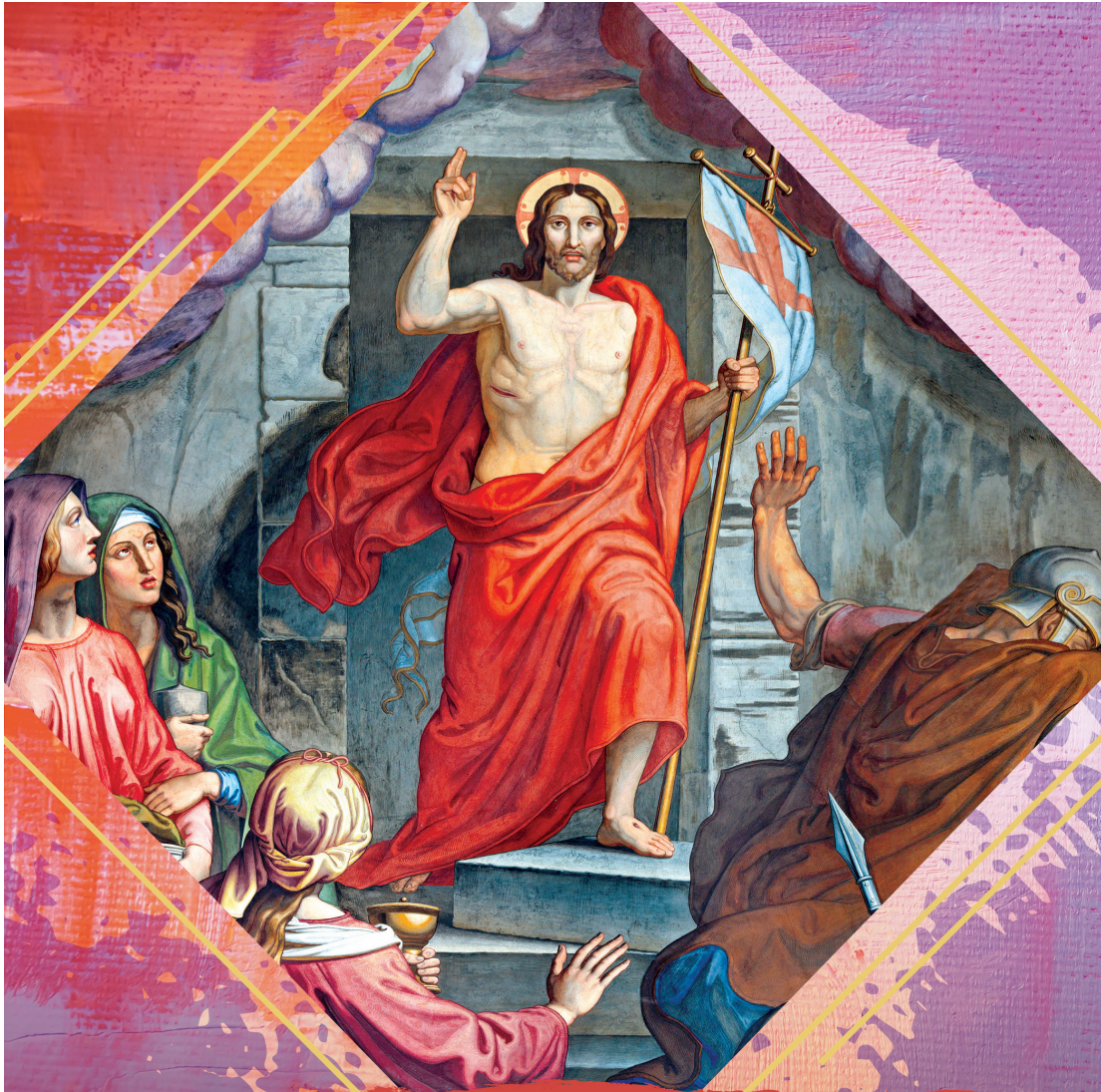


St. Raphael the Archangel



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



May the Easter joy of our Risen Savior be with you all!

Easter Sunday usually arrives when Spring weather has nature coming to life around us. The new life of 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.

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. 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 cannot be explained naturally, or dismissed as some kind of fiction, metaphor or symbol. 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 certain: all that lives will eventually die. By the power of Christ's Resurrection we break free of this death sentence. Jesus suffered the worst punishment the world could give, executed as a criminal by a 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 only 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 to be a beautiful Spring day. But even if it is cold or stormy, we will celebrate our life in Christ.

Upcoming Sundays: Bishop George Rassas will Confirm our 8th Graders at the 11 AM Mass on April 23. If 11:00 is your usual Mass time, please allow for the extra time of the Confirmation Rite that day. Second Graders will receive First Communion on Sunday April 30, also at the 11 AM Mass.

Palm Sunday attendance was the highest overall since Christmas. While I am glad to see high attendance, we were somewhat short on servers and ushers. Please keep St. Raphael church in mind when planning holiday travel: we need volunteers more than ever on special weekends!

Saturday Morning Mass: The 8:30 AM Mass on Saturdays is typically attended by less than 20 people. During the summer months I do not have visiting priests from the seminary available, but weddings increase and funerals continue as always. Therefore, the Saturday morning Mass will only be scheduled on two Saturdays per month. We will use all of our parish e-media (website, Flocknote, social media, our sign on 45) and the bulletin to inform you on the weeks when there is no Mass. I hope this alternating schedule will not be confusing, and also hope that I don't need to eliminate the Saturday morning Mass completely.

Easter blessings,

Fr. Matthew Kowalski



Easter Flower Memorials 2023

Christine H. Baron	The Lucansky Family
James F. Baron Sr.	Antonio Medina Family
James F. Baron Jr.	Alex & Rosie Medina Family
Luigi Borelli	Stanislaus & Florence Niedzieiko
Antionette Brzezinski	Helen Northcut
Stephen Bugel	Evelyn Ong
Francisco Cardenas	Llewellyn Ong
George & Anne Centko	The Ong Family
Baldomero & Dolores Cisneros	Dean and Bonnie Parkman
John R. Czerwinski	The Pellicci Family
Priscilla Damazo	Brzilisa Recometa
The Demarczyk Family	Roman Recometa Sr.
Edwin & Amolene Dobbins	Steve Redford
Ravi Edran	Robert P. Ringelstein
Patricia H. Flynn	Robert A. Ringelstein
Francis & Ruth Foley	The Robles Family
Karl-Heinz Grubert	Rae-Lynn Shepherd
Robert & Vinetta Hagerty	Ernesto & Elena Torrez
Encarnacion Hernando	Nico Vallejo
Vicente Hernando	Zonia Viterbo
Carl & Ruth Hickman	Rodelio Viterbo
Jeffrey Hutchings	Leo & Leone Woelfel
John Kerpan	John Wojdyla
Dolores Kerpan	Casey Wojdyla
Gabriele Laube	Fr. Migue Zavala

Council of Catholic Nurses

The Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County (CCNLC) will host their annual May meeting in honor of Nurses’ Week on Saturday, May 6, at St. Raphael the Archangel in Old Mill Creek. All local nurses are welcome to attend. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a breakfast brunch and a presentation by Fr. Matthew Kowalski. There is no cost for this event. Enjoy networking with nurses in the community, exploring topics of interest, opportunities for community outreach, and cultivating spirituality. Please contact Linda at (847) 837-1971 to RSVP. Hope you can join us! St. Raphael is located at 40000 U.S. 45 in Old Mill Creek, Illinois (1 mile south of 173).

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

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

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.



**St. Raphael the Archangel
Religious Education**

April Classes

Wednesday April 12, 19, 26

6:30—7:30 pm at Milburn School



Confirmation

Rehearsal Saturday, April 22nd 9:30 am at Church

Confirmation Mass Sunday, April 23rd 11 am at Church

First Holy Communion

Rehearsal Saturday, April 29th 9:30 am at Church

First Holy Communion Mass Sunday, April 30th

11:00 am at Church

For questions regarding religious education, you can reach Annette Wynn at:

religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org

**The Altar and Rosary Sodality
Women's Group**

The Book Club will meet again on Thursday, April 27 to discuss the first book in the Women of Genesis series: *Sarah* by Orson Scott Card. Pick up a copy and join us. Also watch for information on an April social event the week after Easter at Milwalky Taco in Libertyville. The next ARS business meeting will be on Monday, April 24 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. There are no dues and ALL ladies of the parish are welcome. Please join us whenever you can.



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.6 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

The Knights of Columbus planning meetings are held on first Fridays at Steve Laky's house at 7:00 pm; monthly meetings occur on the second Thursday at 6:30 pm starting with the Rosary. All men of the Parish are welcome to join us. If you are already a Knight and your E-mail or phone number have changed, please update your info to steve.laky@outlook.com. If you wish to become a Knight come to one of our meetings or E-mail steve.laky@outlook.com.

Easter Season 2023



I would like to conclude the past few bulletin articles by wishing you all a blessed Easter season! While the Easter season lasts until Pentecost, you can think of "extending it" to Corpus Christi, which happens two weeks later. Corpus Christi is a solemnity dating back to the 1200's which celebrates the Real Presence. It is also a perfect occasion for the choir to "end its season". What I am getting at is this: If you have been interested in joining the parish choir, there is still two months left before the choir takes a break for summer. One does not need to read music to join. A binder and hymnal will be provided. We are also always looking for instrumentalists to play with us, or at any weekend Masses. If any of this interests you, please contact the parish office, or visit me in the choir loft after Mass.

Thank you and God Bless,
Alex Fries
Director of Music

Diaper Drive—April 15-16

One in three children under the age of three live in economically disadvantaged families. Diapers are often overlooked as an everyday item needed by these families. Your donation will enable Catholic Charities to buy diapers for less than you can at 13 cent each. They then distribute the diapers to local food pantries, maternity programs and shelters. Checks should be made out to *Catholic Charities* with Diaper Drive on the Memo line. Cash and full or partial packages of diapers are also accepted. Thank you for your support.



Divine Mercy Sunday



The Feast of the Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. The feast is based on the devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and the special promises for the indulgence issued by the Catholic Church.

To receive the Divine Mercy Indulgence, the faithful must receive sacramental confession, receive Eucharistic Communion, and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis.

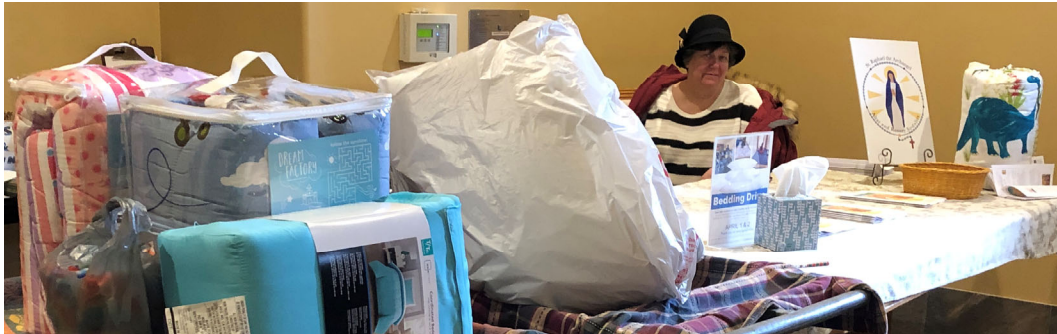
The following conditions must be met on Divine Mercy Sunday to receive the Divine Mercy Plenary Indulgence:

- Be in a state of grace
- Be detached from every affection for sin, including venial sin
- Take part in prayers and devotions in honor of Divine Mercy in the presence of the Eucharist(exposed or in the Tabernacle)
- Recite the Our Father and the Creed
- Add a devout prayer to the Merciful Lord Jesus

The general requirements for a plenary indulgence can be fulfilled ahead of time or over time. To ensure that one is in a state of grace to fulfill the particular indulgence of Divine Mercy Sunday, it is prudent to confess either that weekend or shortly before.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated cash or bedding last weekend in support of St. Joseph's Bedding Ministry. They are helping over 600 children in Lake County who do not have beds. They not only build the beds, but supply a set of linens. Your generosity will put smiles on many children's faces.



MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING FOR NEW MINISTERS OF CARE

Full participation in both training sessions will fulfill Archdiocesan requirements for mandation.

Topics and Presenters:

Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 9:00-10:45 Spirituality in the Ministry – Marlene Sweeney
- Break: 15 minutes**
- 11:00-12:30 The Experience of Suffering—Andrea Hug
- Lunch 12:30-1:00**
- 1:00-3:00 Ministerial Procedures—Diane Yannotta

Saturday, April 29, 2023

- 9:00-10:45 Pastoral Communication Skills—Amy Florian
- Break: 15 minutes**
- 11:00-12:30 Prayer in Care Ministry—Mary Ann Anichiai
- Lunch 12:30-1:00**
- 1:00-2:45 Theology of the Eucharist—Msg. John Canary
- 2:45-3:00 Closing prayer and sending forth

When: Saturdays, April 22 & April 29, 2023
Sign-in: 8:45-9:00 am
Session: 9:00 am -3:00 pm

Where: St. Edna Catholic Church
Fr. John Hurley Center
2525 North Arlington Heights
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004



Food: You are asked to bring your own brown bag lunch. A continental breakfast will be provided by St. Edna as well as beverages for lunch.

Reservations: You **MUST** contact the Ministry of Care Coordinator at your parish prior to registering for this workshop. You may register at www.vic1chicago.org. Questions? Please contact either Deacon Joseph Yannotta at JYANNOTTA@STEDNA.ORG or Diane Yannotta, Ministry Coordinator at DYANNOTTA@COMCAST.NET

Mass Intentions

Week of April 9, 2023

Requested by:

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023	8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service	
	1:00 pm	Blessing of Easter Food	
	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass	
Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023	9:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	Evelyn Ong
	11:00 am	The Siron Family	
Monday, April 10, 2023	8:30 am	† Gabrielle Anne Zambo	The Ken Gunther Family
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	8:30 am	The People of St. Raphael	
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	8:30 am	† Deceased members of the Forster Family	Bob & Elizabeth Forster
Thursday, April 13, 2023	8:30 am	The Kowalski Family	Cecilia Herdegen
Friday, April 14, 2023	8:30 am	The People of St. Raphael	
Saturday, April 15, 2023	8:30 am	† Alden Arul Rajan	The Arul Rajan
	4:00 pm	† Carol Ondricka	The Boutell Family
Sunday, April 16, 2023	9:00 am	† Rae Lyn Shepherd	Mario & Doug DeThorne
	11:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	

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

Belen Kling
Sharon Scavo
Lilly Downs
Marie Trusky

Kim Webster
Fr. Art Mattox
Frank Wihtelich
Richard Biel

Jim Wallace
Mary Lou Biel
Lynn (Lenny) Graham
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 April 15-16, 2023**

Mass Times	4:00 pm Saturday	9:00 am Sunday	11:00 am Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Matthew Kowalski	Fr. Jared Brogan	Fr. Matthew Kowalski
Lector	Garry Ryan	John Boldt	Ann Hitschel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Donna Pavelski	Victoria Cardenas	Bill Booker
Altar Servers	M. Dadvias 2 Open	K. Anen L. Anen L. Laredo	O. Fillipp G. Muzones M. Muzones
Ushers	Joseph Costa Norma Lucansky Paul Pavelski Ken VanBergen	Vicky Cardenas Tom Hagerty Tom Heinrich Jim Sitko	Mark Mrowiec Rafael Muzones 2 Open
Fellowship	Open	Wanda Hagerty	Open

Please Sign-up to Volunteer at St. Raphael the Archangel. Thank you!

Name: _____; Address, City, State: _____

Phone: _____; Email: _____

Your Availability: _____

Volunteer Opportunity you are interested in:

____ Altar Server ____ Choir/Music ____ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

____ Fellowship after Mass ____ Lector ____ Ministers of Care ____ Usher

____ Religious Education

Please drop this form in the Sunday basket, bring to the Parish Office, or you may sign-up at

www.straphaelcatholic.org. Feel free to contact the parish office at 847.395.3474 if you have any

additional questions. Thank you for your willingness to support our parish!

Attention Parents

Please remember to accompany all children to the washroom in the lower level. The ushers have been instructed to direct unaccompanied children to return and get a parent to accompany them.

Thank you.

MINISTROS DE LA COMUNION Formación y Entrenamiento

Patrocinado por la Comisión Ministerio - Vicariato I

"El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna, y yo lo resucitaré el último día. Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida" (Jn 6:54-55).

En cada celebración de la Eucaristía deberá haber un número suficiente de ministros de la Sagrada Comunión para que pueda ser distribuida de manera ordenada y reverente. (SSV, 27)

FECHA: Sábado 22 de Abril, 2023

HORARIO: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

LUGAR: Parroquia San José

114 Lincoln Ave. Round Lake, IL 60073

FACILITADOR: Sr. Ricardo López

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- **Elia Arias** (847) 436 - 8784 helia.arias@yahoo.com
- **Magdalena G.** (847) 526 - 6400 margonzalez@archchicago.org
- **Registro del sitio web:** <https://vic1chicago.org/4-22-ministros-de-la-comunion-formacion-y-entrenamiento>

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Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunity Round Lake Suppers

Catholic Charities food pantry in Round Lake, Illinois, at 101 N Cedar Lake Road is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. People in need of food are welcome to come once every month. Volunteers are paired with a needy family to guide them through the food pantry and select items based on their family size. Volunteers should dress comfortably and be ready to walk a lot!

<https://www.ccofchicagovolunteer.com/opportunity/a0C6e00000zLJu0EAG/round-lake-food-pantry-distribution-f22>

Gun BuyBack

Local law enforcement and community leaders will host a "gun buyback" event in Waukegan on April 29, 2023. Most Blessed Trinity Parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago have partnered with the Waukegan Police Department to address the issue of gun-related crimes by getting unneeded and unwanted firearms off the streets. Firearms will be purchased. No questions asked.

To donate funds to this program, checks may be made out and sent to Most Blessed Trinity Parish, Attention: Marvin Sabido/Gun Buyback Program, 450 Keller Avenue, Waukegan 60085.

30th Celebration of Mundelein *An Evening of Tribute*

This event takes place at the Sheraton Grand Chicago on April 20th, 2023 to honor Very Reverend Esequiel Sanchez with the *As Those Who Serve Award* in recognition of their ministry to build bridges between Christ and His people at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Jennifer Corliss Reid for the *Christo Gloria Award* which is given to an outstanding lay Catholic whose life exemplifies the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Support Group for Separated and Recently Divorced

This non-denominational support group for separated and divorced will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00pm-8:15pm at Prince of Peace continuing through May. Contact Norb Pozen at 815-245-7415 or the parish office at 847-356-7915 or for more information.

Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

June 24 & 25, 2023 (2-day program)
For more information, call: 708-354-7211;
e-mail joyfulagain7211@gmail.com



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All are welcome to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, Ingleside. Mass times are as follows:

Monday: 8:30am | Tuesday: 8:30am | Wednesday: 8:30am

Friday: 8:30am | Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am



Our Daddy/Daughter dance was so much fun! Thank you to all who helped put it all together. It truly was an exceptional evening.



APRIL 15, 2023

There's still time to register for this fun, family event. All are welcome to join. For all the details, please visit

<https://sites.google.com/stbedeschool.com/roadrally>

