

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church

January 14, 2024



**2nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



The winter weeks of the Church Year: The Christmas season ended more abruptly than usual this year, as did Advent. Usually, the Sunday after Epiphany is the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, but this year that feast was relegated to a Monday. A similar quirk of the calendar reduced the Fourth Week of Advent to less than one full day in December. Lent comes early this year, almost as early as the Church year allows. This means we will only have about five weeks of "ordinary" church time before Ash Wednesday arrives Feb. 14.

These weeks of ordinary time feature green vestments, and generally have gospel readings from the public ministry of Jesus; especially his parables and miracles. The Lent and Easter seasons interrupt these weeks in the Springtime. The green vestments will return after Pentecost, and remain through the Summer and Autumn.

In the coming weeks, the gospels will describe Jesus calling his first disciples, and starting his public ministry. In keeping with these early weeks of 2024, we may consider it a season for new beginnings. The public life of Jesus was truly something new. These events had never been seen before in history, and will not likely be seen again before Christ's second coming. Jesus began his public life quietly, recruiting fishermen at the rural edges of the Holy Land. Who would have thought Jesus was beginning to change the world? As we pass through the cold days of Winter, we can remind ourselves that the new life of Spring cannot be rushed. The only way to get there is by patiently persevering in our faith.

Church Windows: Some of you have been around since the start of St. Raphael Church, and know that many people made donations for the beautiful windows and other works of church art. In the past week, we completed two more of the stained glass windows in the north stairwell. I call your attention to them because you might not notice unless you are walking upstairs to the choir loft. The windows show Jesus demonstrating forgiveness of sinners and care for the dying, illustrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick. As with most of our windows, they have been re-purposed from older panes taken from Chicago churches. Any broken sections were replaced to match the original stained glass. We are very thankful to have these beautiful works of art in St. Raphael church. One window was funded by a donation from Tom and Lucille Tomasello. We still have a few remaining windows in progress, including St. John of God and St. Peter Canisius for the front facade. These windows, in honor of the churches that provided our facade and sanctuary, have been funded by a donation from (+)Karl and Tina Grubert.

Bible Study resumes: Adult Bible study will start again this week, Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. We will pick up where we left off in Second Corinthians.

God bless,

Fr. Matthew

New Stained Glass Windows at St. Raphael the Archangel



National March for Life January 17-19, 2024



Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

INFO@MARCHFORLIFE.ORG; General Inquiries—Ben Kelley 202-234-3300x101.

Illinois March for Life, April 17, 2024

Springfield, IL; Register Today! [March for Life.org/Illinois/](http://MarchforLife.org/Illinois/)

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 3-3:40 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 Calendar

Wednesday Classes, January 17, 24, 31
at Milburn School, 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 31 at Milburn School, 6:30-7:30 pm Reconciliation Retreat for 2nd Grade

Saturday, February 3 at St. Raphael Church
10:00 am First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade

For more information about our Religious Education Program, please contact:
Annette Wynn, Coordinator, at Religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org



Altar and Rosary Sodality

 The Altar and Rosary Sodality had a busy 2023 helping others through the Angel Tree, food drive, diaper drive, bedding drive and school supply drive. We learned more about our faith through three church-wide movie nights and a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our annual Mass of Remembrance was especially important this year as we lost several ARS members. We've made new or better friendships while working on our Cookie Walk fundraiser and the church rummage sale. Enjoyable times were enjoyed together at dinners out, our Christmas social, the Book Club, and a trip to the Botanic Gardens. ARS sponsored the church picnic pony rides and our members helped our parish in various ways to include care of church flowers, altar linens, the St. Patrick's Day dinner, and set up of the church library.

We'd love to have you join us for any one of the ARS activities of your choice in 2024. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 22** at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Book Club will be meeting on **Thursday, January 18** at 6 pm to discuss *A Martyr's Crown* by Joyce Coronel.



The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Its mission is to support the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and to give aid to those in need. All the good works the Knights do are based on four core principles:

- Charity: Our mission and faith compel us to action;
- Unity: We know that together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually;
- Fraternity: In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another;
- Patriotism: Whatever our backgrounds, we are all Americans. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both.

All men of the Parish 18 years of age and older are invited to join us.

Family Faith Formation Group: January and February Events

Blanket Drive* to Support The Penny's Purpose (Antioch, IL) before and after each Mass at St. Raphael the Archangel Church on the following weekends:



January 13th & 14th

January 20th & 21st

January 27th & 28th

*Donations of clean and gently used blankets OR Fleece fabric (2 yds pattern and 2 yards solid complimentary solid color = 4 yards total) would be appreciated. As the blankets may be given to comfort adults or children, there are a variety of suggested themes for patterned fleece, including sports teams, patriotic, camping, fishing, butterflies, flowers, animals to name a few. For more requested themes, email Donna at FamilyFaithFormationGroup@gmail.com.



Coming up in February 2024: We will have a NO-SEW Blanket Making Party for The Penny's Purpose with donated fleece...More details to come!

Volunteering for the blanket drive and blanket making are great opportunities to earn service hours and will make a difference to those who could use a little extra comfort during trying times.

*[Please note that the **Family Faith Formation Group** does not host child "drop off" events as the intention is to provide opportunities for families to get to know each other in our parish while growing in our faith together through service and fellowship.]*

Family Faith Formation Bowling Event on 1/7/24



Worship & Spiritual Life Schedule
Mass Times for January 20 -21, 2024

Mass Times	4:00 pm Saturday	9:00 am Sunday	11:00 am Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Matthew Kowalski	Fr. Matthew Kowalski Dcn. John Haderlein	Fr. Matthew Kowalski Dcn. Bob Ochsner
Lector	Gary Hughes	Matthew Jerina	Ann Hitschel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Brian Bulicek	Norma Lucansky	Bill Booker
Altar Servers	3 Open	K. Anen L. Anen O. Fillipp	E. Herrera M. Muzones 1 Open
Ushers	4 Open	Peter Dadias Tom Hagerty Tom Heinrich Fritz Meyers	Rich Josten Nate Simutis 2 Open
Fellowship	Open	Ed Conarchy	Open

Events for the Week of January 14, 2024

Sunday January 14	Monday January 15	Tuesday January 16	Wednesday January 17	Thurs Jan 18	Friday Jan 19	Saturday Jan 20	Sunday Jan 21
9 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	8:30 am Mass	9 am Mass
10 am Choir practice		7 pm Bible Study	9:30 am Bible Study				10am Choir practice
10 am Rosary			6:30 pm	6-8 pm ARS Book Club		3-3:40 pm Confession	10 am Rosary
11 am Mass			Religious Ed Class	Mtg		4 pm Mass	11 am Mass
Noon-Choir practice			Milburn School	6:30 pm			Noon Choir practice
Family Faith For- mation Blanket Drive after Masses				OCIA			Family Faith Formation Blan- ket Drive after Masses

Please submit any articles, events or activities that you would like included in the bulletin, no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, ten days prior to publication.
 Early Publisher deadlines require earlier submissions. All articles are subject to approval.

Sunday Morning Rosary at St. Raphael the Archangel

Join in praying the Rosary on Sunday mornings immediately after the 9:00 am Mass, (approximately at 10:05 am) as we ask for God's mercy through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary is one of the treasures of our faith through which we ask for the mercy and help of God.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 14, 2024

Requested by:

Saturday, Jan 13, 2024	8:30 am 4:00 pm	Communion Service The People of St. Raphael	
Sunday, January 14, 2024	9:00 am 11:00 am	† Betty Laky † Ken Clark	The Laky Family Chuck & Kitty Boutell
Monday, January 15, 2024	8:30 am	† Agnes Pavelski	Jean Adkins
Tuesday, January 16, 2024	8:30 am	† Evelyn Mehalic	Marietta Centko
Wednesday, Jan 17, 2024	8:30 am	† Emil Mandel	
Thursday, Jan 18, 2024	8:30 am	† Franklin Link	Kimberly Geddes
Friday, January 19, 2024	8:30 am	The Salisbury & Sexton Families	Regina Penny & Family
Saturday, Jan 20, 2024	8:30 am 4:00 pm	† Morgan Gallagher The People of St. Raphael	Laura Carani
Sunday, January 21, 2024	9:00 am 11:00 am	Walter Lucansky Rozalia & Józef Robak	Norma Lucansky The Robak Family

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

Clarence Frounfelker	Belen Kling	Mary Lou Biel
Wayne Francke	Fr. Art Mattox	Residents of Rolling Hills
Bill Hutchings	Frank Wihtelich	
Tom Tomasello, Jr.	Richard Biel	

In Loving Memory of our recently deceased parishioner
Lizzie Bernhardt (daughter of Randal and Ramona Bernhardt)
May God's perpetual light shine upon her.

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

1 LT Mary Claire Lindroth, U.S. Army

SFC Robert L. Ochsner III, U.S. Army

1 LT Sarah Ochsner, U.S. Army

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

**Comisión de Ministerio de la Vicaría I****CAPACITACIÓN PARA MINISTROS
EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA SAGRADA
COMUNIÓN**

Fecha: Viernes, 16 de febrero de 2024
Horario: 6 – 9 p.m. (la inscripción comienza a las 5:30 p.m.)
Ubicación: Parroquia Santa María del Popolo
116 N. Lake St., Mundelein, IL 60060
Hospitalidad: Refrescos, agua, café y refrigerios
Presentado por: Rev. padre Emmanuel Torres
Inscripción: <https://bit.ly/EMspanfeb24>

¡El taller es gratis! (abierto a adultos y adolescentes que hayan recibido su confirmación)

ASISTENCIA CON LA INSCRIPCIÓN

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Magdalena González 847.309.4250
o envíe un correo electrónico a margonzalez@archchicago.org

**Comisión de Ministerio de la Vicaría I****CAPACITACIÓN PARA
PROCLAMADOR DE LA PALABRA**

Fecha: Viernes, 19 de enero de 2024
Horario: 6 – 9 p.m. (la inscripción comienza a las 5:30 p.m.)
Ubicación: Parroquia Santa María del Popolo
116 N. Lake St., Mundelein, IL 60060
Hospitalidad: Refrescos, agua, café y refrigerios
Presentado por: Rev. padre Emmanuel Torres
Inscripción: <https://bit.ly/wordspanjan24>

¡El taller es gratis! (Para adultos y alumnos de escuela secundaria)

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Saturday with the Saints

at St. Benedict Abbey Retreat Center, Benet Lake, WI

Saturday, January 20th**from 10:00-2:00pm**

Presented by Brother Matthew

**and**

You

The Saints

Registration closes 48 hours before each retreat**Call to reserve your spot at 262-396-4311, ext. 104****Fee \$10 per person, lunch include****ST. BEDE SCHOOL**36399 N. Wilson Rd. Ingleside, IL 60041 - 847-587-5541- www.stbedeschool.com**NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**Save St. Bede School – Fund the Falcons!
Shop or Dine-In at Antioch

The Fund the Falcons drive to earn \$400,000 by January 26 is making great progress! We thank you for your help spreading the word and donating. A few businesses in Antioch are partnering with us in this effort and we invite you to visit them with friends and family to help us reach our goal!

Shop – January 16-18 and 23-25

15 Lakes Butcher on North Ave in Antioch, will donate 20% of purchases to St. Bede School when you shop on January 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25.

**Dine Out – January 22**

The Rivahly Alehouse and The Lodge on Rt E8 in Antioch, will donate 20% of your purchase to St. Bede School when you eat in one of the restaurants or order carry-out.



The local communities are embracing our school – let's help them by purchasing your meat from 15 Lakes Butcher or enjoy being waited on at The Rivahly or The Lodge.

BE SURE TO MENTION YOU ARE FROM ST. BEDE SCHOOL.

Can't make it to these events, but still want to help St. Bede?

Donate directly here

Fund the Falcons
All School Bake Sale!

Our next bake sale will take place during the girls basketball tournament
January 17-20!

BAKERS ARE NEEDED!

This bake sale will be held at St. Bede School during the tournaments Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and all-day Saturday to help us reach a larger audience.

Items can be dropped off in the conference room at St. Bede School January 17, 18, and 19 by 8am on January 20. You are more than welcome to bring items to drop off on January 17-19 and will receive an hour of volunteer time for every two items (maximum of 2 hours).

Please contact Sarah Fick with any questions.
Call or text at (847)703-6012

All proceeds will go to Fund the Falcons!





SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2024

Kenosha/Racine Conference | St. Joseph Catholic Academy | 2401 69th Street Kenosha, Wis.

START WITH CHRIST

The day begins with Mass and ends with a spiritual renewal.

BRING YOUR SONS

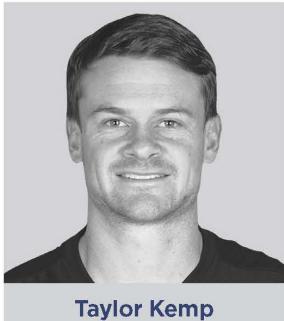
And sons, bring your Father. Build a special bond with a powerful blessing.

WIVES & DAUGHTERS

Support the men in your life and your parish throughout the morning in prayer.

COURAGEOUS PRIESTS

Our spiritual leaders will hear many confessions and heal countless souls.



Taylor Kemp

Taylor Kemp is a husband, Catholic convert, and former Major League Soccer player. He retired in 2018, and now shares the beauty of the faith through his testimony. Apart from God for many years, he experienced the challenges of converting from within a professional locker room, learning to share his faith, and evangelizing effectively. As Director of Formed for the Augustine Institute, Taylor helps those searching for, or struggling to live out, their faith.



Fr. Michael Lightner

Fr. Michael Lightner is a Pastor at Saints Mary and John the Baptist in Menasha. With a promising pro-career after being recognized as a standout football lineman, he was invited to try out for the NFL's Cleveland Browns. The path of playing football changed directions when he took a pilgrimage to Medjugorje and he experienced something so profound during confession. You won't want to miss this talk!



**TICKETS
\$20**

7:30 Mass
8:30 Hot Breakfast
9:30-12:00 Presentations
12:45-1:30 Optional Breakouts

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Parish Contact

Name:
Email:
Phone:



Scan the QR code or visit: koc973.org/events



You are invited to
St. Patrick School's
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 2024
From 9:00—12:00

- Tour the School
- Meet Students & Faculty Members
- Visit ALL the classrooms
- Enjoy the Open House Pancake Breakfast
- Discover Our Many Attributes: Technology, Art , Music, P.E. and STEM
- Learn About Busing, Extra-Curricular Activities , Sports, and Our Before & After Care Programs
- Discuss Financial Aid
- Get Your Questions Answered

What We Offer:

Preschool-3 Yr. Olds—8th Grade

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[Www.spswadsworth.org](http://www.spswadsworth.org)

