

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church

January 28, 2024



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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



The Authority of Jesus: As Jesus begins his public life in his home region of Galilee, the “people were astonished” because he taught “with authority” and not as their leaders did. The Pharisees and Sadducees based their teaching on the Jewish sacred writings, to us the Old Testament. They did not go beyond what was explicitly said in these writings, for reasons similar to the ancient warning given in today’s first reading from Deuteronomy. Just as in the modern Catholic Church, good teachers should not mix personal opinions with divine teachings. Doing so confuses the faithful, and can lead to disregard for the truth.

But as we see, Jesus is not trying to pass off opinions as truth. Jesus orders unclean spirits to be gone and they obey. Jesus tells the sick that their faith has cured them, and they are indeed made well. Jesus is *confirming* the ancient words of Moses, because His words are proven true. This is the authority of Jesus; an authority anchored in objective truth. We can argue about opinions all day long, but only a fool will try to argue against a proven fact. The miracles Jesus worked were not just to get people’s attention (although they did that); the miracles were proof that Jesus had power over the forces of nature. Such power could only come from the Creator of nature.

The cold weeks of Winter: Ash Wednesday is less than three weeks away, but cold weather will be with us for longer than that. The low temperatures and long nights might limit how we can make use of our evenings. These weeks are a good time to hole up at home with either a good book, or a good video about your Catholic faith. Our parish lending library has seen only light use in the months it has been available, so I encourage you to choose a book or video in these remaining weeks of winter. In my future columns I will focus on some online Catholic videos that are also useful.

Presentations for our Senior parishioners: You may know about the Village at Victory Lakes, just south of our parish boundary. It is a large retirement community for senior citizens, offering a range of care from assisted living to full nursing care. You may not know that Katie Monahan Brooks, their Director of Marketing, is a member of our parish and a professional counselor. We are planning for her to give a presentation on senior living options this April. This will not be just an advertisement for Victory Lakes. It is meant to be a resource for anyone of retirement age, to help them plan for living arrangements anywhere in Lake County. The date is yet to be arranged, but will probably be shortly after Easter. Katie also has experience as a grief counselor, and may be a resource for the bereavement meeting I have been wanting to organize for some time now. I hope to make progress on bereavement ministry soon. Please have patience with your pastor and his small staff!

God bless,

Fr. Matthew Kowalski

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 31;

February 7, 21 & 28; No class Feb 14—Ash Wed
Classes at Milburn School, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

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

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



Annette Wynn, Coordinator, at
Religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org



Please return last year's Palms

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Please return last year's palms to be burned and turned into the ashes that will mark our foreheads with the Cross. A basket will be in the narthex for the Palms this weekend and next, January 28 and February 5.

Altar and Rosary Sodality



The ARS has rescheduled their January 22nd meeting to January 29. The Book Club has also rescheduled its January meeting to Thursday, February 1, when we will discuss *A Martyr's Crown* by Joyce Coronel. At that meeting we will also be deciding on the next books to read so you don't want to miss it! All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us.

Blessing of Throats

St. Blaise is widely venerated by Christians in the East and West. According to tradition, he was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred by the Roman emperor Licinius (320-324 AD). A miracle attributed to St. Blaise is well-known among Catholics: while Blaise was imprisoned for his faith, a mother brought to the bishop her son who was choking. The bishop prayed over the boy and he recovered. There is a long tradition of blessing the throats of the faithful on February 3, asking St. Blaise to intercede for us and help us remain healthy. **The Blessing will be offered at the conclusion of all Masses the weekend of February 3rd and 4th.**

2023 Donation Statements

The parish office will send 2023 donation statements at the end of January to all who requested the statement in 2022. If you are new to the parish or did not request a statement last year, you can request a statement through the parish website at <https://straphaelcatholic.org/contribution-statements> or you can call the office at (847.395.3474) or email (rectory@straphaelcatholic.org) to request the 2023 statement. Statements will be sent via the email we have on record or U.S. Mail if there is no email address.

Family Faith Formation Group: January & February Events
Blanket Drive* to Support The Penny's Purpose (Antioch, IL)
After each Mass at St. Raphael the Archangel Church on 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.

Our NO SEW Blanket Making Party for The Penny's Purpose with donated fleece will take place Sunday, February 25th.



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.]*

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Results
We Reached Our Goal!

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education, and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.

Our 2023 Parish Goal: \$23,027

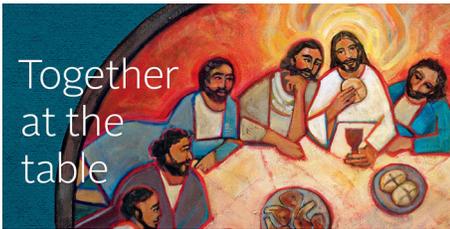
Amount Collected: \$24,679

Thank you for your generosity toward this important ministry. Watch for information regarding the beginning of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal over the next few weeks.

40 Days of Life



From Ash Wednesday, February 14th through Sunday, March 24th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Waukegan Planned Parenthood at 1601 N. Lewis Avenue in Waukegan, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Leslie at (847)951-1064 or hazfam6@com or the website, www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan.

Together at the Table

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the table." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Ways to Make ACA Gifts One-time gifts, pledges, sustaining recurring gifts, as well as gifts made through stock, Donor Advised Funds and IRA distributions can be made by cash, check or credit card through the following methods:

- Reply form received in the cardinal's direct mailings
- Online at annualcatholicappeal.com
- In-pew envelopes (pre-addressed)
- Telephone — Annual Catholic Appeal — 312.534.7959
- Mail to — Annual Catholic Appeal, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2030
- Charitable Gift Funds — Legal Name: The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Federal tax ID #36-2170826

Divorce: Dying, Death and Resurrection A Saturday Series in Lent

What does the Catholic Church teach about marriage & divorce? Are you feeling broken?

Is your divorce making you feel stigmatized? Are you seeking healing?

What about your children? How can you heal from your divorce?

How can you use forgiveness to move on? How can God help you find new life?

How does a Catholic annulment work?

Come join Deacon John Haderlein, Attorney at Law, for this Lenten series.

Saturdays in Lent: Feb 17 – Mar 23, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

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40000 N. U.S. Hwy. 45, Old Mill Creek, Illinois 60046
& by Zoom/FaceTime**

To register, call: 847-395-3474 or email: rectory@straphaelcatholic.org
(This series is limited to divorcing & divorced Catholic men and women only.)



Worship & Spiritual Life Schedule Mass Times for February 3—4, 2024

Mass Times	4:00 pm Saturday	9:00 am Sunday	11:00 am Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Matthew Kowalski Dcn. Greg Webster	Fr. Matthew Kowalski Dcn. Colin Patrick	Fr. Matthew Kowalski Dcn. John Haderlein
Lector	Gary Hughes	Steve Laky	Elizabeth Simutis
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Brian Bulicek	Victoria Cardenas	Melissa Tebben
Altar Servers	M. Dadvivas 2 Open	K. Anen O. Fillipp A. Rayes	G. Muzones M. Muzones J. Simutis
Ushers	Dan Bulicek Joseph Costa Peter Dadvivas 1 Open	Angie Badame Vicky Cardenas Tom Hagerty Catherine Laky	Mark Mrowiec Rafael Muzones Nate Simutis Joel Wendt
Fellowship	Open	Wanda Hagerty	Open

Events for the Week of January 28, 2024

Sunday Jan 28	Monday Jan 29	Tuesday Jan 30	Wednesday Jan 31	Thursday Feb 1	Friday Feb 2	Saturday Feb 3	Sunday Feb 4
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
10am Choir practice			9:30 am Bible Study	6 - 8 pm Book Club	6 pm Knights of C Meeting - Steve Laky's House	Blessing of Throats after Masses	Blessing of Throats after Masses
10 am Rosary	7pm ARS Meeting	7 pm Bible Study	6:30 pm Religious Ed Milburn School	6:30 pm OCIA		Blessing of Throats after Masses	10am Choir practice
11 am Mass						10 am First Reconcilia- tion	10 am Rosary
Noon Choir practice						3-3:40 pm Confession	11 am Mass
Family Faith Formation						4 pm Mass	Noon Choir practice
Blanket Drive after Masses						Last year's Palm return Narthex	Last year's Palm return-Narthex
East Lake Academy Visit							
Last year's Palm return Narthex							

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.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 28, 2024

Requested by:

Saturday, Jan 27, 2024	8:30 am	† Alden Arul Rajan	The Arul Rajan Family
	4:00 pm	The People of St. Raphael	
Sunday, January 28, 2024	9:00 am	† Eugene T. Goral	Lillian & Bill Jarrett
	11:00 am	† George & Wanda Zacharias	Werner & Marilyn Baeckelandt
Monday, January 29, 2024	8:30 am	† Mary Whiting	Jean Adkins
Tuesday, January 30, 2024	8:30 am	Rod & (+) Dee Brenner	Ruth Blood
Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024	8:30 am	Trevor Corcoran	Marietta Centko
Thursday, Feb 1, 2024	8:30 am	† Morgan Gallagher	Laura Carani
Friday, Feb 2, 2024	8:30 am	† Bernadine Mehalic	Marietta Centko
Saturday, Feb 3, 2024	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	† Mildred Wiesnet	Garry & Gail Ryan
Sunday, Feb 4, 2024	9:00 am	The People of St. Raphael	Chuck & Kitty Boutell
	11:00 am	† Ken Clark	

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

Dcn. Bob Ochsner
Susie Masella
Clarence Frounfelker
Wayne Francke

Bill Hutchings
Tom Tomasello, Jr.
Belen Kling
Fr. Art Mattox

Frank Wihtelich
Richard Biel
Mary Lou Biel
Residents of Rolling Hills

In Loving Memory of our recently deceased parishioner

Robert M. McClish

May God's perpetual light shine upon him.

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

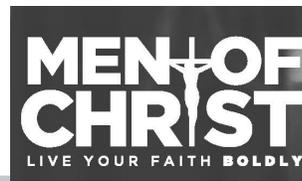
SFC Robert L. Ochsner III, U.S. Army

1 LT Sarah Ochsner, U.S. Army

Mastering What Matters

Saturday 17 February 2024

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



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.



TICKETS
\$20

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

Conference Contact

Mike Nuzzo
mikenuzzo52@gmail.com

Alan Padlock
alanpadlock@yahoo.com

Parish Contact

Name:
Email:
Phone:



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!



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

January 28 2024 Collection for the Church in Latin America



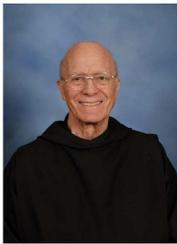
For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has allowed us to join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Next weekend our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. Your generosity helps people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean grow closer to Christ! Support the Church in Latin America at Mass next week! [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://twitter.com/iGiveCatholicTogether) also accepts funds for the collection. [#ShareYourFaith](https://twitter.com/ShareYourFaith) [#1church1mission](https://twitter.com/1church1mission) www.usccb.org/latin-america

Faith and Reason Practical Applications

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

On Saturday, February 3rd, 9:30am – 2:00pm

Presenters:



Fr. Daniel



Br. Matthew

**All Guests must register by
Call and reserve your spot today!
262-396-4311, ext. 104
\$10.00 per person, lunch included**

Come Rebuild my Church with Saints Francis and Clare



FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN

January 19-21 or February 23-25

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS
of Christian Charity**

fsc-calledtobe.org

Call/Text 920-323-9632



Pre-Super Bowl LVIII 2024 AA Spiritual Retreat, February 2—4, 2024 Marytown Retreat and Conference Center, Libertyville, IL

For information and to register for the retreat, contact: igfam3@comcast.net

Please send a deposit of \$50 to reserve your spot at the retreat, check payable to PSBR and mail to:
Denney 1 at 242 Saugus Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60073.

Preparation for Confirmation for Spanish-speaking Adults in Vicariate I:

1) Santa Maria del Popolo Parish, 116 N. Lake, Mundelein will offer Confirmation preparation beginning **February 6**. Please call (847) 990-6857 for information. 2) Most Blessed Trinity Parish, 450 Keller Ave., Waukegan: Deacon Fredy Muñoz invites inquiries at fmunoz@archchicago.org.

Catholic Women's Club of Lake County's Valentine Luncheon Fundraiser

Thursday, February 8th, 2024 Little Flower Parish at St. Dismas

Rosary at 11:00 am followed by Social and Luncheon

Musical Entertainment and Cash Raffle. Everyone Invited!

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person. **RSVP by February 2nd**. Make Payment Payable to: *Catholic Women's Club*

Mail RSVP to: Mary Alice Morrissey, 2536 Golfview Court, Waukegan, IL 60087

Questions contact Doreen. Ph. 847-623-3378

***Proceeds support the education of Seminarians
at The University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary***