

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021



St. Raphael Catholic Parish

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Find our parish calendar!!

Liturgy Schedule

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays :

9:30am

Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Saturdays: 6:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 to

5:30 pm or by appointment

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Every 2nd

Thursday 3:00 –8:00 pm

Our Parish Mission:

*As a Catholic parish working together in
harmony with God, we share our gifts
and talents to promote healing, helping
and hospitality.*

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS

*We are glad you chose to join us. If you have any
questions please ask our hospitality ministers.*

*If you are new in town and looking for a parish
home we welcome you. If you are visiting and
only here for a weekend we welcome you.*

Readings for this Week:

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Esther C:12 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and
give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between
heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth.
To mark this covenant, the Lord set up a rainbow in the sky.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9,

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your
covenant.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

As the ark saved a chosen few in Noah's day, so does baptism by
faith save God's chosen today. Baptism is "an appeal to God for
a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Gospel

Matthew 4:4b

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days.
Afterwards, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming "the kingdom
of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Please call the office if you are ill or need assistance.

In the Hospital? Contact Fr. Ross to arrange a visit, or for

Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick.

Do you have a need for the parish prayer chain? Please email Gloria at stclare4@gmail.com

EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, February 20th Mass 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 21st Mass 9:30 am

Confirmation Class 10:30 am

Rite of Election SHC 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 23rd Parish Council 6:30

Thursday, February 25th DAILY MASS CANCELLED

Friday, February 26th Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 27th Mass 6:00 pm

Confirmation Retreat 9 am–9 pm

Sunday, February 28th Mass 9:30 am

Wednesday, March 3rd Healing Mass 5:30 pm

Rosary 6:00 pm Confession before or after Mass

Thursday, March 4th DAILY MASS CANCELLED

Friday, March 5th Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 6th Mass 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 7th Mass 9:30 pm

Tuesday, March 16th Chrism Mass SHC 7:00 pm



***Lent is the perfect time...to build
greater LOVE***

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Virtual Experience

March 20-21, 2021

Apply online by March 8th

<http://alaskawwme.org>

"Love one another as I have loved you"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) brings couples together to learn and grow. Our Experiences provide a safe supportive place to pause, reflect and recommit to the foundational relationship of your life: your marriage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Youth

ZOOM Super Saturday March 6th, 2021

10:00 am—11:00 am 1st Saturday each month

If not registered, email Camille or Marie for your invitation!!

All children pre-K thru 5th grade invited!

Confirmation class

Sunday February 14th, 10:30 am –12:30 pm

Sunday March 7th, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Retreat: February 27th All Day

Please support our video streaming:

As many of you know we have been streaming our 9:30 Sunday Mass and our 5:30 Wednesday evening Masses thru Facebook Live. This takes a variety of equipment that we do not own. We have been able to rent it, but need to get our own. We are working to get the live Mass onto our website directly, which will make it much more accessible for our parishioners and others who are home-bound because of COVID 19 precautions and for other reasons. These are all additional unbudgeted expenses for the parish. If you would like to help support this additional outreach, we would welcome designated donations for "Livestreaming". There is a donation link on our WeShare and we are happy to take checks as well, just write "livestreaming" in the memo line.

Have you been to our webpage lately?

www.straphaelfairbanks.org

Under Resources we have a variety of Lenten links including Dynamic Catholic, Formed.org, and Bishop Barron's Lenten reflections.

Our homepage has an updated calendar link, link to the weekly bulletin, Father Ross' daily homilies and a Facebook link for the livestreamed Sunday and Wednesday Masses.

Need more Catholic joy? Listen to KQHE 92.7 FM



Ash Wednesday was a few days ago, starting the Lenten countdown toward Holy Week and Easter.

But maybe some of us are not completely clear as to why these weeks of preparation are there in the first place.

One opinion is that Lent is a time to deprive yourself. You give up candy or smoking or desserts or heavy meals or ... well, choose your favorite and then give it up. These are part of Lenten practice. Lenten deprivation gave birth to Mardi Gras (literally meaning "Fat Tuesday"). In contrast to the toughness of Lent. Mardi Gras, at least in non-covid-19 years, had you eat all the fat you could, parade around in costume, go wild. The public usually does not recall that Mardi Gras has something to do with what is to them a quaint old practice, Lent. But that sharpens the question: what have they or we forgotten about Lent and its practices?

Well, what if we described Lent as a "Retreat"?

A Retreat, in Catholic and other religions, is a space of days taken out to pray and to be with the Lord. Often one goes to a retreat house to do these. In St. Louis, for instance, there is a beautiful place called "White House"—different from the one for the president—which has a stunning view of the Mississippi River. For many decades Jesuits have preached retreats there every weekend and sometimes during the week. Sizeable groups of men or women stay for two or three days to meditate, listen to talks, and refresh their spiritual lives.

I am not saying that you should disappear to the nearest retreat house for the five weeks of Lent. But what about letting each Lenten day partake of certain retreat practices? For instance, what about setting aside a little time each day to let your insides settle down for a while, to create a space within you to welcome God. Maybe set up a special place in your home or someplace else just to pray. How about a picture or crucifix or maybe a candle? Or just 10 minutes of silence?

And why not use some time to read in advance the gospel from the upcoming Sunday Mass? Sit down, read it slowly, and let the scene described take place within the your heart and mind. This week you could ask Jesus how it felt to have the Spirit drive him into the desert, as described in this week's Gospel.

The point?

Let the Lord's loving deeds be your motivation for "giving up" anything during Lent. Make a gift of gratitude to God—rather than just refraining from something or other. How does any of this prepare you for Holy Week and Easter? By doing exactly what Jesus does when he makes of himself a gift consisting of suffering and death. He is returning a gift of love to the Father. Lent prepares us to witness this reality of our savior.

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Knight's Corner

Next meeting:

February 20 2021 8:00 am

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Fairbanks Court
(ICC, St. Raphael, Sacred Heart
Cathedral, St. Mark's)
Next Meeting TBA**

Looking for new daughters!

For info see Nancy Kelly

ALL ARE WELCOME...!



The Marian Prayer Group:

Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm after
mass.

You are welcome to join in person OR
on ZOOM. If you would like to join
through ZOOM please contact Gloria
Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com.

WATCH ST RAPHAEL LIVESTREAM MASSES

**We are livestreaming our Sunday
9:30 Mass and our Wednesday 5:30
Mass on Facebook.**

**Go to: www.straphaelfairbanks.org
and scroll down the homepage until
you see the Facebook feed on the
lower lefthand side. Click on the
arrow and the livestream will begin.**

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen

is always is always in need of volunteers and donations.

There is more information on the website:

<https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

You can also donate \$\$ directly to the soup kitchen thru
Immaculate Conception Church's giving link on the website.

Contact Nick Shamrell to volunteer:

iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am—2 pm

Sacramental Information:

Baptism: Please call the office to schedule class a month in advance. **Marriage:** Please contact the office at least six months prior to schedule your date and begin preparation classes.

Parish Finances July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Budgeted Need \$217,100.00

Monthly Need \$18,091.67

Week 1 collection \$

Week 2 collection \$

Week 3 collection \$

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**Lector**

Mike Hendrichs February 21st
Charlene Hendrichs February 28th

Hospitality**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 20	Deceased member of our parish
Sunday, February 21	Our Parish
Tuesday, February 23	Doris R. Munzesheimer (d)
Wednesday February 24	Our Parish
Thursday February 25	Diocese donors' intentions
Saturday, February 27	Deceased member of our parish
Sunday, February 28	Our Parish

If you would like to have a mass said, see Nancy Kelly.

Area Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Sat. 4:30 PM livestreamed
Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM (livestreamed)
1:00 PM Spanish
Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

Immaculate Conception
Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM
M, T, T, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM
All Masses livestreamed

Saint Nicholas, North Pole
Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM
M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 6:30 PM

St. Mark University Parish
Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright
Sunday 9:00 am

*The fervent prayer of a righteous person
is very powerful .. James 5:16*

Please remember these friends in your prayers....

Linda Winkler, Theresa Tomczak,
Our Doctors, Nurses, medical staff;
Everyone affected by COVID 19;
Betty & Frank Johnson, Rob Johnson,
Scott Stout, Robin Eagan, Nancy Kelly,
Laurel Ruth, special Lady, Fred,
Bill Love, Michael & Leslie Harrington,
Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Kaspar Mallavarapu, Fr. Ross
Tozzi, Josh Miller (our seminarian). Seminarians Piotr
Oprych, Dominik Wojcick, Michael Kohler, and all priests
& religious.

