

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time &  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**August 8 & August 15, 2021**



## **St. Raphael Catholic Parish**

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**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 4:00 –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.*

Visit our website:

**[www.straphaelfairbanks.org](http://www.straphaelfairbanks.org)**

Our homepage has the daily readings as well  
as Father Ross' daily homilies. There is also an  
updated calendar link, a link to the weekly  
bulletin, and information on our COVID safety  
procedures.

### **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor  
ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget  
not the cries of those who seek you.

#### **First Reading**

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

Elijah grew tired as he walked in the desert. An angel appeared to  
him and gave him food and drink. After that Elijah walked forty  
more days to the mountain of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

#### **Second Reading**

**Ephesians 4:30– 5:2**

Paul encouraged the Ephesians to replace harsh words  
with kindness for each other. He wrote, "Be imitators of God,  
as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us  
and handed himself over for us."

#### **Gospel**

**John 6: 41-51**

Jesus claimed to be the bread from heaven.  
No one can go to the Father except through the Son.  
Anyone who believes and eats Jesus' bread  
will have everlasting life.

**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 Slagle at [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

## EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday August 7th Mass 6:00 pm

Sunday August 8th Mass 9:30 am

Thursday Aug 12th 4 pm-8 pm Adoration

Saturday August 14th Mass 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Retreat SHC 9:30-4:30

Sunday August 15th Mass 9:30 am

Saturday August 21st Mass 6:00 pm

Sunday August 22nd Mass 9:30 am



**August 3rd, 2021, Bishop Chad published a letter on the sanctity of life and protection of the unborn.**

“Our Catholic faith teaches us that every soul pro-created by the sacred hands of God is given a guardian angel. This beautiful relationship of angelic and incarnate creatures is perfected in the Incarnation of God himself. Joseph responded without hesitation to the message of one single angel on multiple occasions. There are over 62 million angels crying out from Heaven to us to similarly respond as Joseph, to be Protectors of the Incarnation. Joseph did not enter into dialogue with the angel, he simply did as the angel told him.”

Please take time to read the entire letter. It is found on our website, bulletin board, or in printed copy next to the bulletins.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Married? Planning Marriage? Want to learn more about the sacrament of Marriage?**

**Beloved Series: July 22– August 26th;  
Each Thursday 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at  
Immaculate Conception Church in the Social Hall.**

These sessions explore the keys to a healthy, happy, and holy friendship. Friendship is key to living a fulfilling life and essential for vibrant marriage and families. The mystery and beauty that each person reflects calls us to friendship – a communion of persons– in which we see the divine dignity of the other. Come and partake of this wonderful series.

**Have you signed up for the St. Joseph Retreat?**



*“Go to Joseph! Have recourse with special confidence to St. Joseph, for his protection is most powerful, as he is the patron of the universal Church.” Blessed Pope Pius IX*

Saturday, August 14th, 9:30– 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Hosted by the Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph with Sr. Dorothy Giloley, SSJ returning to Alaska as the Guest Speaker.

To register please email Patty Walter at [pattywalter@hotmail.com](mailto:pattywalter@hotmail.com) or find the link on our website. Suggested donation is \$25.

### Pray for Vocations

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.” Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocations office at (907) 374-9504 or email [vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org)*



Did you miss the Color Run fundraiser for the FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center? You can still donate to the St. Raphael team.

Go to: <https://fyndoutfree.com/2021-5k-1>, click Sponsor.

You can donate thru a specific runner; Stefani Bell is the St. Raphael team leader. Help support this essential community service and ministry.

## The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: (an on-going series)

### *Is Christ present during the celebration of the Eucharist in other ways in addition to his Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament?*

Yes. Christ is present during the Eucharist in various ways. He is present in the person of the priest who offers the sacrifice of the Mass. According to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, Christ is present in his Word "since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church." He is also present in the assembled people as they pray and sing, "for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (Mt 18:20)" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 7). Furthermore, he is likewise present in other sacraments; for example, "when anybody baptizes it is really Christ himself who baptizes" (*ibid.*). We speak of the presence of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine as "real" in order to emphasize the special nature of that presence. What appears to be bread and wine is in its very substance the Body and Blood of Christ. The entire Christ is present, God and man, body and blood, soul and divinity. While the other ways in which Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist are certainly not unreal, this way surpasses the others. "This presence is called 'real' not to exclude the idea that the others are 'real' too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man" (*Mysterium Fidei*, no. 39).

Produced by the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

### **Garden Volunteers for August:**

August 8-15 John Bunten

August 16-23 NEED A VOLUNTEER

Thank you to all our volunteers! We have already taken around 25 pounds of produce to the Fairbanks Food Bank. Walk down and check it out!



### **Knight's Corner**

**Have you purchased your Pot o' Gold tickets?**

\$25 per ticket, Grand Prize is \$15,000 and there are 10 \$1000 winners.

For each ticket sold by our Knights, \$12.50 stays in the local chapter to support their local charitable activities. See Jeff Gibson or one of the other Knights to purchase a ticket.

**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](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com). All ages are welcome!



### **Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen**

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](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org)



Couples of all ages and backgrounds come to Retrouvaille. Some are already separated or divorced but want to try again. Many are struggling to stay together, and some are just in need of a tune-up. All have one thing in common: A desire to have a stable and loving marriage. **Simply put, if you are experiencing any level of difficulty in your marriage, Retrouvaille is probably a perfect fit for you.**

For confidential information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend experience on **Sept. 10, 2021** call 907-863-8000 or email: [anchorage@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

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**Office Hours: Varies: Please call first to make sure someone is in. Phone messages are checked regularly.**

**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

June Collection: \$14,946

July Collection: \$14,000

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****Lectors**

August 8– Mark Martin  
August 15– Vince Matthews  
August 22– Peter Shier

**Hospitality (Snacks)**

August 15–  
August 22–

**Area Mass Times****Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Sat. 4:30 PM  
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, Th, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM

**Saint Nicholas, North Pole**

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM 12:00 PM  
M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 6:00 PM  
(Adoration 8:30 –9:00 am M,T,Th,F,  
6:00-6:30 PM W)

**St. Mark University Parish**

Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

**Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright**

No regular Masses

**Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB**

Sun. 10:30 AM

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 7	Ronald Swanson
Sunday, August 8	Our Parish
Tuesday, August 10	Ronald Swanson
Wednesday, August 11	Andrew Keller
Thursday, August 12	Pat Chardavoyne
Saturday, August 14	Ronald Swanson
Sunday, August 15	Our Parish
Tuesday, August 17	Ronald Swanson
Wednesday, August 18	Mary Lou Parkhurst
Thursday, August 19	Ronald Swanson

*If you would like to have a mass said, see Marie or Camille.*

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

***Please remember these friends in your prayers....***

Scott Stout(d), (son of Deena and Jon Thomas),  
Paul Wood (d), (brother of Gloria Slagle),  
Heather Karas (d), (sister of Coral Howe),  
Nancy Kelly (d),  
All those suffering from Covid-19,  
Vianne and baby girl, Rob Johnson, Betty & Frank Johnson,  
Robin Eagan, Fred, Celine Harrington, Bill Love, Michael & Leslie  
Harrington,

Please pray for seminarians Josh Miller, Piotr Oprych,  
Dominik Wojcick, and all priests & religious.





Please Bring  
Your Bible

Lunch Provided

Saturday, August 14th

# YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH: OUR MODEL OF FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD

*"Go to Joseph! Have recourse with special confidence to St. Joseph,  
for his protection is most powerful, as he is the patron of the universal Church."  
Blessed Pope Pius IX*

\$25

Suggested  
Donation

PRE-REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/MVTVPHG](https://signup.com/go/MVTVPHG)

SIGN UP AT ABOVE LINK TO RESERVE SPOT

OR Email to Patty Walter [pattywalter@hotmail.com](mailto:pattywalter@hotmail.com)

OR Text *Your Name* and "Reserve" to 907-590-2501

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

9:30 AM DONUTS & COFFEE

10:00 AM PRAYER

10:30 AM PATRIS CORDE (WITH A FATHER'S HEART)  
AN APOSTOLIC LETTER BY POPE FRANCIS

11:15 AM SCRIPTURE SHARING ON ST JOSEPH

NOON LUNCH PROVIDED

1:00 PM ST JOSEPH: MODEL OF FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD

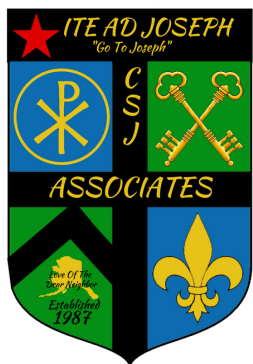
2:00 PM BREAK

2:30 PM ST JOSEPH: SAINT FOR THE ORDINARY

3:00 PM OPTIONAL CONFESSION  
REFLECTION & OUR FATHER MEDITATION

3:45 PM LIVING OUR RETREAT WITH ST JOSEPH  
& LITANY OF ST JOSEPH (CLOSING)

4:30 PM MASS



*Hosted By:*  
Sacred Heart Cathedral &  
The Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph

A list of the requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the *Year of Saint Joseph* will be provided at the Retreat. Some of the requirements can be fulfilled by participating in the Retreat.



*Presenting  
Guest Speaker:*

*Sr. Dorothy Giloley, SSJ*

*After serving fifteen years in the Alaskan Missions, Sister Dorothy returned to the Mother House of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Philadelphia, in 2016. She currently serves as Campus Minister at Rutgers University in the Diocese of Camden. During her time in the Diocese of Fairbanks, Sister Dorothy served as Director of Religious Education and traveled to thirteen mission churches in the villages in western and northern Alaska; she also served the nine road parishes.*





## DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS

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### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

3 August 2021

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On February 5, 1994, Mother Theresa of Calcutta was the main speaker for the National Prayer Breakfast held in Washington, D.C. This saintly icon of justice, peace, and care for the poor and abandoned delivered a message that focused on our responsibility to love God and our neighbor. As I read her message, her words stir me at the core of my being:

“It is not enough for us to say: “I love God,” but I also have to love my neighbor. How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbor whom you see, whom you touch, with whom you live?

We are talking of love of the child, which is where love and peace must begin. These are the things that break peace.

.... I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child... By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world.... Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”

Sadly, this week in the same place where Mother Theresa gave this motivating message about love of God and love of neighbors, especially the unborn, we heard some extremely disappointing news from our elected political leaders in the US House of Representatives. They voted to remove longstanding, bipartisan taxpayer and conscience protections including the Hyde Amendment. The House vote to make taxpayers pay for abortions is both an assault on the dignity of life and contrary to the wishes of most Americans.

The impetus to write comes from my prayer and reflection following the June USCCB meeting and current political climate. At this meeting, and in many pronouncements over the past seven months by Archbishop Naumann, Chair of the Pro-Life Committee, has brought to our attention various attacks on the sacredness of human life.

I by no means have ever seen myself as a scholarly theologian but rather a parish priest who hopefully has laid down his life in sacrifice to listen to and follow Christ the Good Shepherd. It is his voice that cries out to me as continual legislation comes forth from our current elected political leaders that is diametrically opposed to the foundational tenets of our Catholic faith, that call us to safeguard the sacredness and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

My spiritual reflection flows from a particular focus on the role of St. Joseph noted by our Holy Father in *Patris Corde*. In one of his roles, St. Joseph is identified as a “Courageous and Creative Father.” In

this role, he is referred to as “Guardian of the Holy Family or Protector of the Incarnation.”

St. Joseph began as Protector of the Incarnation when he wanted to quietly divorce Mary who had become pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. An angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream and instructed him to take Mary as his wife. He knew exactly what that meant in Jewish culture. He was to be a husband to her and an earthly father to the child whom the angel said would save his people from their sins. He would provide for them and protect them.

Shortly after the child was born, an angel appeared to Joseph and instructed him to take Mary and the child to Egypt to escape the evil wrath of Herod. Herod, heard about the birth of a newborn king, and saw him as a threat to his egotistical power. He sent his soldiers throughout the region to slaughter every male child under the age of two. In honor of these massacred children, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents on 28 December.

When it was time for them to return from Egypt, the angel instructed Joseph, the Protector of the Incarnation, to return to the region where they settled in Nazareth. This fulfilled the words of the prophet, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

As St. Joseph was called directly by God to protect, and provide a healthy, holy and loving environment for this child, so we are called to be protectors of this divine blueprint that lives in every person. By the command of an angel, St. Joseph without hesitation responded as a Protector of the Incarnation and took Mary and the baby Jesus to safety to flee the wrath of the wicked Herod.

The threat of Herod, to destroy the Incarnation of God, continues to exist today. It is ultimately perpetrated by the Evil One who has complete hatred for all of humanity from conception to natural death. Archbishop Gomez in his address to the General Assembly recalled the words of Pope Francis in 2016, “we are living in a moment of annihilation of man as image of God.”

The threat of Herod that we face today comes in the form of government systems and leaders throughout the world, and sadly in our own nation, who advance the killing of the unborn. Sadly, our nation has recently approved millions of dollars to spread this slaughter throughout the world, along with the proliferation of contraception. Yes, this is a slaughter of the innocents. Yes, this is the desecration of the divine blueprint, the stamp of the Incarnation of Christ living and dwelling in every person. Yes, this destruction of the divine image is not limited to the unborn.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that every soul pro-created by the sacred hands of God is given a guardian angel. This beautiful relationship of angelic and incarnate creatures is perfected in the Incarnation of God himself. Joseph responded without hesitation to the message of one single angel on multiple occasions. There are over 62 million angels crying out from Heaven to us to similarly respond as Joseph, to be Protectors of the Incarnation. Joseph did not enter into dialogue with the angel, he simply did as the angel told him.

The first reading for Mass for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday was from the Prophet Jeremiah, “Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord.” I must personally admit that this rattles my heart, mind and soul. As a bishop, Successor of the Apostles, I am called to shepherd the faithful of the Diocese of Fairbanks. I must seriously ponder my culpability for not responding “full throated” as a prophet, a Protector of the Incarnation. St. Catherine of Siena boldly reminds us: “We’ve had enough exhortations to be silent. Cry out with a thousand tongues – I see the world is rotten because of silence.” The words of St. Catherine and the Prophet Jeremiah stir me to the core of my being.

This is a cry from Heaven to respond in our baptismal calling as priest, prophet and king to be Protector's of the Incarnation. Like the priests commanded by Joshua to blow the horns in unison with the shouts of the faithful of God (Joshua 6), we must believe in the commands of the Lord to sound the trumpet. We have to believe that countless angels and saints of Heaven join us in a triumphal voice, and that this voice of truth will crumble the walls of any political leader or institution that advances the desecration of the beauty, goodness and truth of the divine blueprint of life.

God gives us the very gift of the Incarnation of Himself as a source of strength, the Holy Eucharist. The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Corpus Christi Sunday reminds us that the Eucharist is a "perfect gift of praise and the single bond of charity" that unites the entire human family. Our Amen, our "Yes", to our encounter with the Incarnate Christ in the reception of Holy Communion is a public and loud proclamation to be a Protector of the Incarnation in unison with the action of St. Joseph. In the words of our Lord himself, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one" (Mt 5:37). May we pray more fervently, "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

As the angel announced the birth of the Incarnation of God, "I bring to you good news", may we, Protectors of the Incarnation, embrace with countless angels the same command at the conclusion of the celebration of the Sacrifice of Mass, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

Fraternally in Christ,



†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski  
Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska  
Diocese of Fairbanks



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