



St. Raphael Catholic Parish

December 3, 2023
The First Sunday Of Advent

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.

Liturgy Schedule

Sun/Tues/Thurs 9:30am
Wed 5:30pm/Fri 6:00pm
Sat 6:00pm/Sun 9:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00pm to 5:30 pm or by appointment

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tue, Thurs 8:30am-9:30am
2nd Thurs 4:00pm -8:00pm

Wed 4:30pm-5:30pm/Fri 7am-6pm

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 are glad you joined us.

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 25 (24):1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 (2B)

Isaiah prophesied, "All our good deeds are like polluted rags; / we have all withered like leaves... / We are the clay and you are the potter: / we are all the work of your hands."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul wrote, "[Y]ou are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ... God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.... Watch, therefore" whether at sunset, midnight, cock crow or sunrise. "Watch!"

Did you know? Our parish website has Fr. Jingbe's weekly homilies available to read? These are a great resource for reflection as we go about our week.

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

In the Hospital? Contact Fr. Jingbe to arrange a visit, 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

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Calendar and Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2nd Super Saturday

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 5pm-6pm
- ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm
- ~ Mass 6pm- **Sheila Carter**

Sunday, December 3rd Super Sunday

- ~ Mass 9:30am - **For Our Parish Community**

Tuesday, December 5th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Gasper Vigil**

Wednesday, December 6th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 4:30pm-5:30pm
- ~ Healing Mass 5:30pm - **Heather Lucero**
- ~ Rosary 6pm Marian Group - All Are Welcome

Thursday, December 7th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Darien & Leroy Sandoval**
- ~ 6:30pm Franciscan Community Meeting

Friday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Celsey & Ryan**
- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 10am-6pm
- ~ Mass 6pm - **Mike Rieland**

Saturday, December 9th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 5pm-6pm
- ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm
- ~ Mass 6pm—**Sandoval Family**

Sunday, December 10th

- ~ Mass 9:30am - **For Our Parish Community**

Tuesday, December 12th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Madrid Family**

Wednesday, December 13th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 4:30pm-5:30pm
- ~ Healing Mass 5:30pm - **Baker Family**
- ~ Rosary 6pm Marian Group - All Are Welcome

Thursday, December 14th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Lisa Casey**

Friday, December 15th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 7am-6pm
- ~ Mass 6pm - **Sandy Baker**



The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful

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~ **James 5:16**

Please remember these friends in your prayers....

For the repose of the soul of Betty Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Theresa Brice, and Mike McCann. May God grant them eternal rest.

For health concerns of our parishioners, their friends and their families, especially: Meghan Slagle, Mary Lou Weese, Holly Bayless da Costa, Joan Donnelly (sister to Camille Terhune), Mary Ann Fey and Tom Slagle. For Jade, Meg Johnson, Tracy Haskell, and Deacon George's sisters, Laura, Linda and Bonita and his son, Brian. For Frank Johnson and family, Theresa Brice's family and for Mike McCann's family.

Safe travels for all who are traveling.

For the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.

All those suffering from illness and injury.

For seminarians, all priests & religious everywhere.

Second Collection Saturday and Sunday December 9 and 10:

"Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will help provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously on December 10th and 11th in the second collection.

Breaking Bread Missals: The 2024 Breaking Bread will be used for all readings, liturgy and music. There are still some of the 2023 Breaking Bread in the entryway if you would like to take one home please do so. Please do not take home the new ones that are in plastic covers. If you would like a new 2024 Breaking Bread there are extras in the back of Church on top of the coat rack.

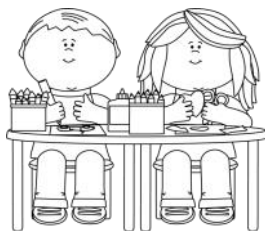
The local Franciscan community meets the first Thursday of each month at St. Raphael Church at 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. For information please contact Gloria Slagle: stclare4@gmail.com.



REQUEST A MASS INTENTION: The practice of requesting a Mass Intention to be offered for friends or loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition. If you wish the intention to be kept private (between you and the priest) this will be published and said as "Silent Intention" in the bulletin and during mass the priest will silently hold your intention during mass. Just stop by the parish office or call the office at 907-457-6603 to schedule your Mass Intention or fill out an envelope available in the rear of the church. Suggested minimum stipend is \$10.

This weekend IS SUPER!

Childrens Religious Education is
Saturday 9:30am till 12:00pm.



Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is set up and will be present throughout Advent. We will be supporting 3 local organizations. Stone Soup Café, S.O.A.P (Street Outreach and Advocacy Program) and the Immaculate Conception Church Soup Kitchen. There are tags for any of these organizations on the tree that can be taken and when you return the donations please tape the tag to the package. Please do not wrap anything. Any of the tags for ICC or Stone Soup can be duplicated so do not feel obligated to take the tag, you can simply note on a donation which organization it is for. Stone Soup has expressed a dire need this year for two specific items: Socks of any type and gloves. Lets help keep Fairbanks warm this Christmas and have everyone donate at least one pair of socks or one pair of gloves. Even if it is that extra pair you have at home you were keeping as a spare.



All gifts must brought be to the Social Hall no later than December 17, 2023. A box will be placed near the tree for donations of Socks and Gloves.

Faith Formation - This week RCIA will be for the candidates and their Spouses only. Next week we will resume regular meetings. We look forward to a very good discussion about the Paschal Mystery on December 10. We will see you then.

Advent Season Resources: Resources to help your Faith grow throughout this Advent season are available on the table in the rear of the Church. Some resources are already gone but more will be added as we move through the season.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

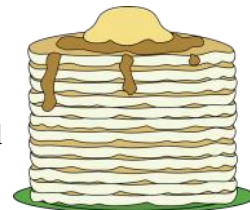


KOC are collecting **coats for many organizations in the area.** If you would like to donate, there will be a box in the social hall.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday December 3

Donations this week will go toward purchasing children's coats for the coat drive.



December 8th is The Feast of The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Pastoral Feast Day of the United States Of America

which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 9:30am and at 6:00pm with Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am till 9:30am and following that mass till the start of the 6:00pm mass.



Our seasonal Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday December 21 at 7:00pm.

A solemn service of reflection after which priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation till 9pm. Take this opportunity to spiritually prepare for the joyous Christmas Season.

Founders' Memorial Wall Display

Please talk with Madeline Nance if you have photos, stories or ideas.



Parish Office Hours
Tuesday and Friday: 10am-3pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-5:30pm

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

LECTORS

December 3: Super Sunday-Super Kids

December 10: Mark M / Marie M

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 3: Mark T, Tammy M, Camille T.

December 10: Christian S, Andy B.

HOSPITALITY

December 2/3:

Bev K. / Leo and Colleen Z.

December 9/10:

Bev K. / Monica and Reid O.

Area Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM

1:00 PM Spanish

M, T, Th, F. 7:30 AM Wed 12:10 PM

Latin Mass: Sacred Heart Cathedral @ 6:30pm

See Cathedral website

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 7:00 PM

St. Mark University Parish

Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sun. 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB

Sun. 10:30 AM

Tue.-Wed-Thur. 11:30 AM

Masses December 23, 24 and 25:

Regular mass on Saturday December 23 at 6:00pm and on Sunday December 24 at 9:30 am to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Christmas masses will be:

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 at 4:30pm which will be The Christmas Vigil readings and 9:00pm will have the readings for: Christmas Mass during the Night.

Christmas Day, Monday December 25 at 10:00am which will celebrate: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):The Mass at Dawn

Please remember: Sunday December 24th has not received Dispensation from the Nuncio or the Papacy therefore the Sunday evening masses will not fulfill the obligation for regular Sunday Mass. If you would like more information you can look to:



A Short Advent prayer:

Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for your arrival. May everything I do—every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share—remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen

Seven Sisters Apostolate is still seeking 3 more ladies to fill Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you are worried that there are weeks you wont be able to fulfill do not worry there are substitutes waiting to fill in when needed.

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen is seeking volunteers. Currently the soup kitchen is only serving meals on Saturdays and Sundays; however, even to do that they are in need of additional help. There is a signup form on the ICC website and a reminder that Safe Environment training must be completed by all volunteers. The soup kitchen is also looking for donations of Hot Beverages like cocoa, tea and coffee as well as sugar for coffee. Donations can be taken to ICC during normal business hours Tuesday thru Friday.



Parish Finances July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

Budgeted Need \$252,300.00

Monthly Need \$21,025.00

June Collections: \$19,991.81

July Collections: \$19,143.00

August Collections: \$18,956.00

October Collections: \$22,609.08

Thank you for your generosity and continued