



St. Raphael Catholic Parish

December 10th, 2023
The Second 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
Wed 4:30pm-5:30pm

Fri 7:00am-6:00pm

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 — cf Isaiah 30:19, 30

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading — Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B)

Speaking for God, Isaiah said, " ' Comfort, give comfort to my people,' / says your God. / Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and / proclaim to her / that her service is at an end."

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading — 2 Peter 3:8-14

Peter wrote that God does not want anyone to perish but wants all to repent, for the day of the Lord comes like a thief at night.

Gospel Acclamation — Luke 3:4, 6

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel — Mark 1:1-8

Fulfilling what Isaiah foretold, John appeared in the desert as a messenger making ready the way of the Lord and proclaiming a baptism of repentance.



Weekly Readings are emailed every Friday so you can prepare for mass. If you do not receive these emails contact the Office Manager to get added to the mailing list. secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org

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 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**

Saturday, December 16th

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

Sunday, December 17th

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

Tuesday, December 19th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Caylee Hege**

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Thursday, December 21st

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Amy & Brian Pumphrey**
- ~ Reconciliation Service 7:00pm
- ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:00pm till 9:00pm

Friday, December 22nd

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 7am-6pm
- ~ Mass 6pm - **Thomas Vigil**



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

Support a lifetime of service:

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

Rebuilding and Renewing our parish:

I am sure many of you noticed the new prayer of gratitude we prayed together before Mass last weekend. As a parish we



are beginning a new program focused on Rebuilding and Renewing our Parish. Father Jingbe and a group of ministry leaders and parish council members sat down this month to talk about a renewed focus on stewardship, and on our mission as a parish family. If you don't remember our parish mission statement, check the front of the bulletin! The best place to begin any endeavor is with prayer. So as we pray these words together each week, pay special attention to the call to the Holy Spirit - to lead us individually and as family and community to find ways to put our gifts and talents to use. Stay tuned in the coming weeks as we solidify our plans. If you feel called to join our planning group please let a staff member or Fr. Jingbe know.



Advent Giving Tree

The Advent Giving tree still has some tags hanging on it. Donations of those which have tags from the tree can

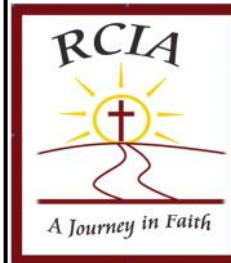
go under the tree, any donations of Socks and Gloves for the Stone Soup Cafe can go in the box next to the tree. Please do not wrap any gifts as all gifts must be unwrapped before they are distributed. All gifts must be brought to the Social Hall no later than December 17, 2023.



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.



Faith Formation - This week the RCIA session will be open for all to attend. Ask yourself: Do you understand what the "Paschal Mystery" is and what it means to our faith? Join us as we explore the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and how this relates to the story of Salvation and what it means when we hear it in the context of Mass and in sacramental rites. What does God reveal to us through the death and resurrection of his son?



Advent Reconciliation Service:

Thursday December 21st, 2023 Service will begin at 7:00pm. Following the service, priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation until 9:00pm. Advent is a season of anticipation but also a season of penance. Be ready to celebrate with a clean heart, a clean mind and a clean conscience when Christ comes again.

Why do Catholics confess their sins to a man?

On the supernatural level, we confess our sins to a priest because Jesus gave to His Apostles the authority to forgive sins (Matthew 18:18 and John 20:21-23). The Apostles passed this authority on to their successors, the Bishops, who in turn extend this authority to the Priests. The normal human mode of communication is to speak and to hear, so the ordinary means of forgiveness is through confession of our sins and hearing the words of absolution.

We must remember that as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, when we sin we offend not only the person against whom we have sinned, but also Our Lord and His Church. For this reason we need to be reconciled with the person against whom we sinned, with God and with His Church. The priest during reconciliation is the representative of God and the Church.

Please consider this opportunity.

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

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

LECTORS

December 10: Mark M / Marie M

December 17: Tammy / Peter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 10: Christian S, Andy B.

December 17: Jeannine L, Anna A.

HOSPITALITY

December 9/10:

Bev K. / Monica and Reid O.

December 16/17:

Bev K. / Jennette G. & Sue R.

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.

Prelude music 20 minutes before Christmas Eve Masses

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 prayer for the second week of Advent:

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever . Amen.



Christmas Poinsettias: Envelopes are in the rear of church for donations for Christmas Poinsettias. The price is \$15 each. There is also a link in WeShare for these donations.

You can also scan the QR code here and it will open in WeShare on the Poinsettia donation form. There are also a few other larger flower arrangements available to make a donation toward. If you are interested in making a memorial donation for one of these please see Andrew, Camille or Elizabeth.



Parish Finances July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

Budgeted Need \$252,300.00

Monthly Need \$21,025.00

July Collections: \$19,143.00

August Collections: \$18,956.00

October Collections: \$22,609.08

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!