



St. Raphael Catholic Parish

December 17th, 2023

The Third Sunday Of Advent—Gaudete Sunday!

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 *Philippians 4:4, 5*

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (8B)*

The spirit of the Lord God enabled Isaiah to proclaim good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.

Responsorial Psalm *Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54*

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Paul exhorted the faithful of the Thessolonians to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

Gospel Acclamation *Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Gospel *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

John the Baptizer was not the light but testified to it. He declared himself "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."

Communion Antiphon *cf. Isaiah 35:4*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

How many holy days of obligation are there in the liturgical calendar? Did you know these days are set as a part of Canon Law? What does Canon law say about attending church on Sundays?

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 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 & Meghan Slagle**

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**

Saturday, December 23rd

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

Sunday, December 24th

- ~ Mass 9:30am - **For Our Parish Community**
- ~ *Spiritual Music Prelude 4:10pm*
- ~ *Mass 4:30pm -*
- ~ *Spiritual Prelude Music 8:40pm*
- ~ *Mass 9:00pm - Conelly/Terhune/Mullins Families*

Monday, December 25th

- ~ Mass 10:00am - **(Silent Intention)**

Tuesday, December 26th

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

Wednesday, December 27th

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

Thursday, December 28th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-9:30am
- ~ Mass 9:30am - **Patrick Cartwer Jr. +**

Friday, December 29th

- ~ Eucharistic Adoration 7am-6pm
- ~ Mass 6pm - **Diocese Of Fairbanks/CBNA**



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, Bobby Trujillo, 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.

Thank You:

"A sister shares: "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift has helped, please visit retiredreligious.org"

Rebuilding and Renewing our parish:

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

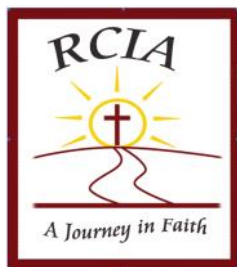
"Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

If you feel called to join our planning group please let a staff member or Fr. Jingbe know.

Can. 1246 §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed: the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints.

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.



Faith Formation - This week the RCIA session will be open for all to attend. Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit work in our lives and in the life of the Church? Why is it so important

that we know and love him? Come Join us downstairs in the large Religious Education room at 11:15 as Dn. George leads a discussion about the wonder of the amazing Holy Spirit

Would you like St. Nicholas to visit your children? Available now through January 6, St. Nick and a helper can make a visit to your house. Contact Deacon George

Did you hear that? No, it isn't a team of Elves, it's not even the choirs of Angels and Saints, Its all the wonderful enthusiastic people that make up this amazing parish working together to achieve a common goal! Yes, that means You, after mass today (if you are reading this on Sunday December 17) **we will all be called to help decorate the church for Christmas.** There are all sorts of things to be done from big to small and if we all do something it will all get done very quickly. So when mass ends, go get a cup of coffee and a cookie and come gather back in the church to make the Joy of the season be seen by all who come into the house of the Lord.



St. Raphaels Knights couldn't do it without the support of the parish. We count our blessings and send everyone a heartfelt Christmas hug. Here is a list of finished and upcoming programs we do as a community :)

- Our Blood Drive finished with the donation of 31 pints, over 3 1/2 gallons. Our random donor winner of \$100 was parishioner, Jeff Jackson and a new KOC member.. Thank you all for supporting this Blood Bank drive.
- We have seen a generous donation of over 150 coats from our parish, earmarked for those in need in our broader Fbks. community.
- The statewide POT OF GOLD RAFFLE was a huge success. The winner of the biggest prize, \$15,000, was from Fairbanks, along with two other Fairbanksans who were \$1000 prizewinners. Ticket sales from our council raised \$980.00 for our parish KOC activities.
- Our St. Raphael KOC Council 12431 will be establishing a QR code to allow parishoners to use credit/debit cards to make donations for KofC fundraisers
- The Rescue Mission received 5 beautiful turkeys and 12 humongous pies for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. All from the generous donations of parishioners.
- On January 10th, 2024, the Knights are hosting an Adult Men's Game Night and Fellowship at the church. Starting time is after Wednesday's service, about 6:15 pm. Be there or be square :)

Advent Giving 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 This Sunday December 17, 2023. There is a box next to the tree for Socks and Gloves. There has been a huge outpouring so far for all of the organizations we support. Thank you to all who have already brought your gifts!

Gaudete—Rejoice

The excerpt from the Code of Canon Law, Book IV, Part III, Title II, *Sacred Times* (Cann. 1244-1253) that is printed on the opposite page is there to remind and encourage us all that even in the Code of Law that the Vatican follows that the first and most important day of obligation to the church is "The Lord's Day" which occurs every Sunday, So let us all see each other here next and every Sunday (or Saturday evening) to celebrate The Lords Day. Sunday is The Heart of our Catholic Belief.

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

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

LECTORS

December 17: Tammy / Peter

December 24:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 17: Jeannine L, Anna A.

December 24: Andrew B, Mark T

HOSPITALITY

December 16/17:

Bev K. / Jennette G. & Sue R.

December 23/24:

Wanda B / Monica & 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.

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

Blessing of a Manger or Nativity Scene:

Read: Luke 2:1-8 or Isaiah 7:10-15

Then all present join hands and the leader says:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. 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



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!