

Liturgical Schedule: Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed 6:30am | Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:00am | Weekends: Sat. 5:00pm and Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

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Welcome! We are truly blessed by your presence with us today.

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If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by calling us at 815-722-6653 or visiting our website straymond.net.

Sign up for our weekly Flocknote email blast for information about upcoming events within our parish community and ministries by texting CSRN to 845-76 from your smartphone or visit csrn.flocknote.com to subscribe.

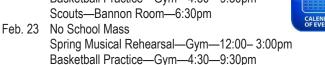
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Download Our Parish App text APP to phone number 55321 or visit myparishapp.com to download.

Explore our Parish Website straymond.net for sacramental preparation, ministry opportunities and contact information.

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 18 Respect Life Baby Shower—Tag Pick Up Choir @ 10:30am Mass Rite of Election—Cathedral—2:00pm
- Feb. 19 President's Day—Offices Closed
 Basketball Practice—Gym—4:30—9:30pm
 St. Peregrine Devotion—Cathedral—7:00pm
- Feb. 20 First Reconciliation—Cathedral—7:00pm
- Feb. 21 Be My Witness—Tower—9:00am Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm Basketball Practice—Gym—4:30—9:30pm
- Feb. 22 GS Stations—Cathedral—2:30pm Basketball Practice—Gym—4:30—9:30pm Scouts—Bannon Room—6:30pm



Stations of the Cross—7:00pm

Feb. 24 Respect Life Gift Return Weekend
Adoration—8:30am—Cathedral
Basketball Practice—9:00am—2:00pm
Cathedral Reserved—Stacy Sienko—1:00pm

Be Formed—Tower—1:00pm

- Feb. 25 Respect Life Gift Return Weekend
 Baptisms—Cathedral—12:00pm
 Parish Mission with Dn. Darrell Kelsey—see next page
- Feb. 26 Religious Education Classes—Grade School—4:45pm Basketball Practice—Gym—6:30—9:30pm
- Feb. 27 Basketball Practice—Gym—4:30—9:30pm
- Feb. 28 Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm Basketball Practice—Gym—4:30—9:30pm





Sacramental Information

Anointing of the Sick

To arrange a pastoral visit or for those that would like their name added to the bulletin please call the parish office.

Baptism

Please call the parish office to make arrangements or visit our website to complete a Baptism Request Form. First time parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Workshop. In order to serve as a Catholic Godparent, one must be a practicing Catholic who has been confirmed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are held Saturdays at 4:00pm or by appointment.

Wedding

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered for a minimum of six months before the date can be reserved . Please contact the parish office a year in advance.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact us for further information regarding the instruction for those discerning whether to become members of our Catholic community and how to begin the process.

Join Us For Prayer!

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us **Tuesday, March 12 from 5:00—7:00pm** or every second Tuesday of the month for Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral.

St. Peregrine Devotion

Join us in praying for those who suffer with cancer or incurable disease or condition **Monday, February 19 at 7:00pm** or every third Monday for St. Peregrine Devotion in the Cathedral.

Prayer Connection

Have a special need for prayer? The Cathedral Prayer connection will assist by praying for your intention. Please call Yvonne Callans 815-723-4495 with your requests or your desire to join the prayer ministry.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—4:30pm, Friday 8:30am—3:00pm & Saturday 9:00am—12:00pm.

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Respect Life Baby Shower

This year, the St. Raymond Respect Life Ministry and Birthright of Joliet have chosen to begin the New Year standing up for life.

THIS WEEKEND, STOP BY ONE OF OUR TABLES TO PICK UP A "GIFT TAG!"

Next weekend, donations can be dropped off at Masses or at the Parish office during business hours.

All proceeds will help the newly born babies and mothers in our community who receive services at Birthright of Joliet.

Collection bins will be located at all entrances.

Donations can also be made online at straymond.net through our online platform or checks can be made out to Birthright and placed in the Sunday Collection.

Items Most Needed:

Baby Wash
Baby Lotion
Baby Bottles—Small and Large
Size 3 Diapers
Diaper Wipes





Thank you for helping young mothers give life to their babies. God bless you for providing for "the least among us."



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois joyfully announces and requests the honor of your presence at the ordination of

Mr. Christian Sinclair

to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks,
Bishop of Joliet-in-Illinois.

Saturday, the ninth of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty four at eleven o'clock in the morning.



The Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus 604 N. Raynor Avenue Joliet, Illinois 60435

A reception will follow.



Lenten Mission 7 PM — Sunday, Feb 25 Parish Commons

You Who Come to Me Shall Not Hunger



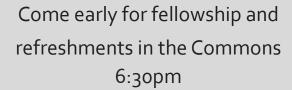
A Reflection on the Eucharist

According to John



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Revival Event

with Deacon Darrell Kelsey



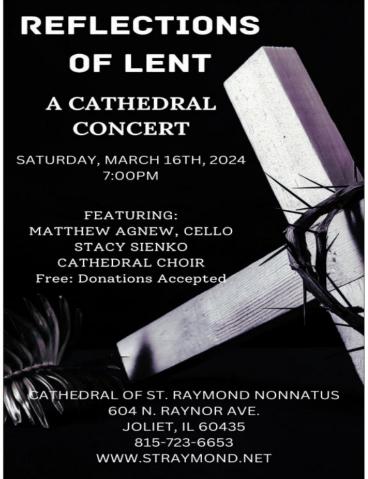




This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own.

This is a diocese-wide effort. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$77,100 goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. Thank you in advance for your support!





THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO SIGN UP!

Many of you are listed in our church directory, but we're missing your picture!

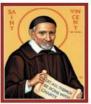
Please don't be shy: many of us rely on pictures to put names to faces.

There are many ways to have your photo added to the Directory:

- 1. Drop off your photo at the parish or school office. We will scan and return your photo to you the same day.
- 2. Drop your photo in the Sunday collection with your name and contact number on the envelope.

 We will call you to pick up your photo once uploaded.
- 3. Email your photo to karen@straymond.net
- 4. (please include family name/s).

If you need someone to take a current photo of you or your family, stop by the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.



In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing in food, help for utilities, rent and other bills.

THANK YOU!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cathedral Conference relies on the generosity of the donations received through St. Raymond Parish. 100% of the money that we receive goes to the support of our less fortunate neighbors! Thank you for your continued support!

SVDP is a Catholic lay organization supported solely through donations. We meet 1-2x a week, usually at St. Raymond, and are always looking to expand and diversify our membership to better reach those in need. Please consider joining us and experience the joy of being the hands and feet of Christ! For more information contact us at 815-773-4167 or email at SVDP@straymond.net and one of our members will contact you.

In need of assistance, or know someone who is, leave a message at 815.773.4167 or SVDP@straymond.net. A volunteer will return your inquiry within 48 hours. Calls are returned "private/ blocked" to protect the privacy of the caller.

Just a reminder to bring donations of non-perishable food or hygiene items to any of our daily or weekend Masses and place them in the donation baskets. All donations collected help to restock the micro pantry and through our St. Vincent de Paul Society are used to support the local food pantries.



RECONNECT THIS LENT

Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of the season of Lent, when we will spend 40 days preparing for Easter with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season reminds us to retrace our steps and focus on things that lead us toward GOD, to love our neighbor and fulfill our mission that Christ entrusted to us. We invite you to enter this Lenten season with a contrite heart and a desire to reconnect.

Here are some ways to reconnect this Lent:

† Lenten Mission

We invite you to join us for our Parish Mission on Sunday, February 25, "You Who Come To Me Shall Not Hunger" A reflection on the Eucharist, according to John with Deacon Darrell Kelsey.

† Mass, Confession and Adoration

The **Holy Mass** is the highest form of prayer! This Lent, we encourage you to rededicate yourself to attending Mass, perhaps during the week as well as Sunday.

Confession is available every Saturday beginning at 4:00pm. Deanery wide confessions are scheduled for **Friday**, **March 22 from 3:00—7:00pm** here at the Cathedral.

Adoration will be offered following our Saturday 8:00am Mass on February 17 & 24 and on March 2, 16, 23. Come sit in silence with our Lord and spend time with Him, free from distraction.

† Attend Reflections of Lent—A Cathedral Concert

Saturday, March 16 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral. Featuring Matthew Agnew, Cello, Stacy Sienko and the Cathedral Choir.

† Pray the Rosary

One way we can grow in holiness this Lent is by incorporating the Rosary into our daily practices and Lenten observances. Meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will assist you in your love for Jesus and His sacrifice.

† Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm in the Cathedral. Good Friday stations will be prayed at 6:00pm.

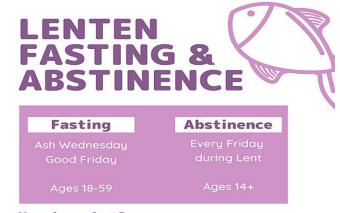
† Community Care and St. Vincent de Paul

Almsgiving and caring for those in need are part of our Christian Lenten Discipline. We encourage you to make this a habit by sacrificing non-essential spending for a greater good. Consider volunteering and financially supporting our St. Vincent de Paul Society, our micro pantry or by volunteering at one of our local food pantries.

† Hallow



Just as we did in Advent, we have partnered with Hallow to present "Lent Pray40 Prayer Challenge." Pray each day, be in spired by meditations, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.



How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.





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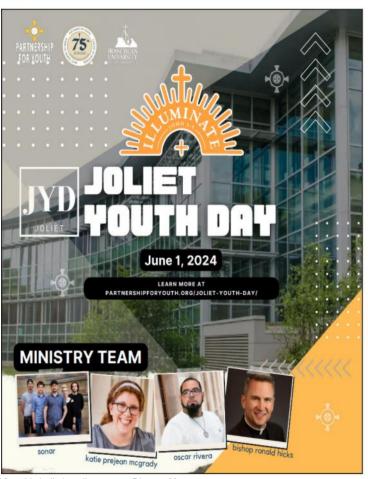
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Join St. Raymond School to honor and pray for all Law Enforcement and First Responders at the



Friday, March 1, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL

The public is welcome to join us in prayer.



RSVP by Feb. 26th.

Please register using the QR code if you would like to join us for refreshments after Mass.

Adoration will be offered for one hour following 8:00am on the following Saturdays:

February 17th & 24th

March 2nd, 16th, and 23rd.

Adoration



One of the classic items you'll see around church as we are in the Lenten season are the CRS Rice Bowls. Please help yourself to one at the exits of the church. Rice Bowls are often thought to be a project for younger kids, but the bowl now comes with a calendar of useful activities that can be done by anyone or with a little creativity, adapted into something for adults as well.

Even if you don't start the rice Bowl right at the beginning of Lent, no problem, pick on up at any time and get started. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19, 2024

6:30 AM Maureen Bedore (anv.), reg. Gerald Bedore Family

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:30 AM Ida Keegan Meixler Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Castillo and Martinez Families 6:30 AM

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Barbara Vidano, reg. Gina Bianchetta 8:00 AM

Friday, February 23, 2024 8:00 AM Thaddius Rydzon

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Mary Roa, req. Cathedral Seniors Club 8:00 AM

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the John Ripingill Family, req. David Stahl

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 AM Michael Castagna, reg. Bob and Janet Korst

10:30 AM St. Raymond Parish Family

Susanne "GG" Manner, reg. Torres Family

Mass stipends are due in January / February for any annual Mass requests for 2024. The fee remains \$ 10.00 per Mass. Please indicate the following with your Mass request: Name, Contact Number, Requested Date, email address. Mass intentions can be emailed to mary@straymond.net, mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the Sunday collection basket. Please mark envelopes "Mass Intention."

Please Pray For...

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George Voitik

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Lvdia O'Donnell Sharon DelRose

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Reporting Sexual Abuse: Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE or local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

Liturgical Ministers of the Mass

Saturday, February 24 ● 5:00pm

Lectors: Felix Gumina

EM's: Jan /Tom Novotny or Jeanne Allgood, Sandra Campbell,

Beverly Reeves

Servers: Emmaline Backhaus, Annie Homolka, Connor Kodiak

Sunday, February 25 • 8:00am

Lectors: Katie Choudhary

EM's: Marilyn Skelly, Kathy DelRose, Melody Grizzle,

Rhonda Callans

Servers: A.J. Gruber. Ben Gruber. Julia O'Connell

Sunday, February 25 • 10:30am

Lectors: Maggie Bednarowciz

EM's: McCune Family Member, Kim Bell, Judy Botka Servers: Alex Flood, Alex Zanzola, Audrey Rodriguez

Stewardship		
Date	2/11	YTD
Collection Offering	\$ 15,937	\$ 542,604
Budgeted	\$ 17,570	\$ 579,810
Overage / Shortage \$	(\$1,633)	(\$37,206)
Overage / Shortage %	(9.3%)	(6.4%)
Annual Budget	\$ 896,000	

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