

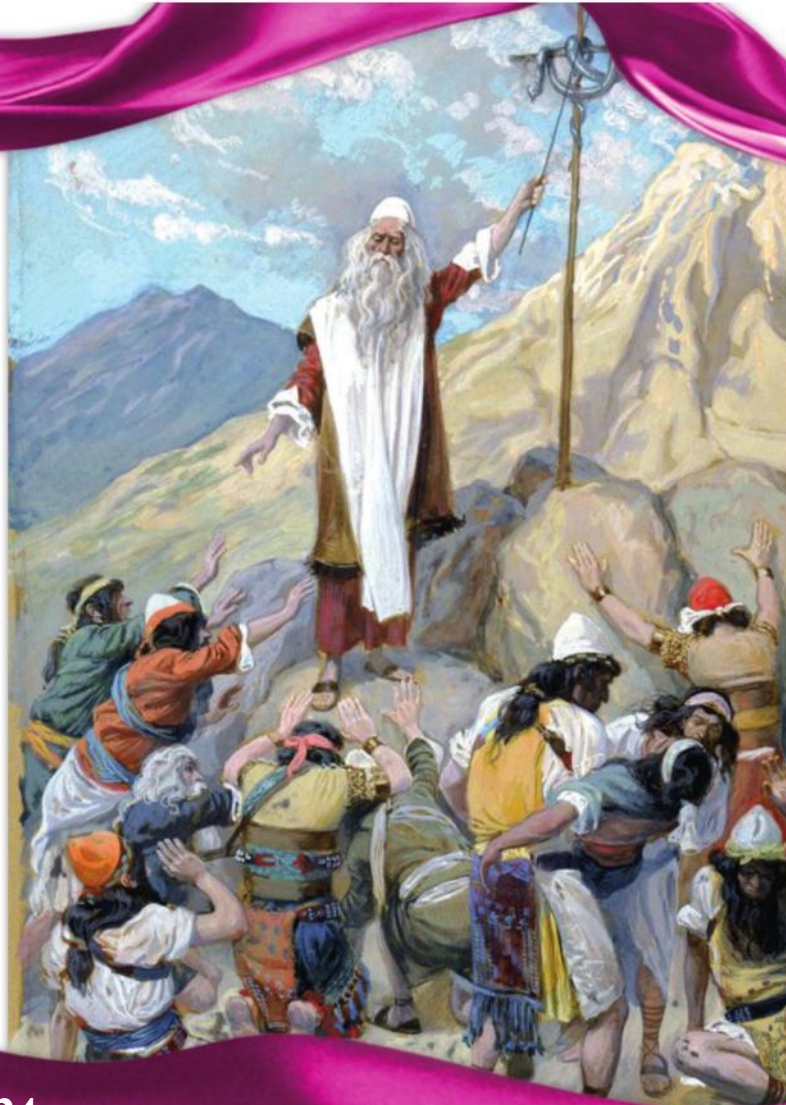


CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS

Jesus said to  
Nicodemus:  
“Just as Moses  
lifted up the  
serpent in the  
desert, so must  
the Son of Man  
be lifted up,  
so that everyone  
who believes  
in him may have  
eternal life.”

*John 3:14,15*

The Brazen Serpent  
by James Tissot, circa 1899



**March 10, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday**  
**of Lent**



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**Lent**

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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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CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS

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

*United by baptism, our parish family gathers together for worship and support. Empowered by the spirit of God's Love, we will preach, teach and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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](http://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 [csm.flocknote.com](http://csm.flocknote.com) to subscribe.

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**Download Our Parish App** text APP to phone number 55321 or visit [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) to download.

**Explore our Parish Website** [straymond.net](http://straymond.net) for sacramental preparation, ministry opportunities and contact information.

## Calendar of Events

- Mar 10 Daylight Savings—Spring Forward  
10:30am GS Family Mass  
GS Easter Egg Hunt—Commons—following 10:30am Mass
- Mar 11 Religious Education Classes—Grade School—4:45pm
- Mar 12 Eucharistic Adoration—Cathedral—5:00—7:00pm  
Baptismal Prep Workshop—Cathedral—7:00pm
- Mar 13 Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm
- Mar 14-16 Grade School Spring Musical—See page 4
- Mar 14 Scout Meeting—Bannon Room—Bannon Room  
Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm  
50+ Social Meeting—Tower—7:00pm
- Mar 15 School Mass—8:00am with choir  
Stations of the Cross—Cathedral—7:00pm
- Mar 16 Adoration following 8:00am Mass  
Memorial Mass—Cathedral—11:30am  
Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—1:00pm  
Be Formed—Tower—1:00pm  
Quinceanera Blessing following Mass—6:00—6:20pm  
**Spring Music Concert—Cathedral—7:00pm—see page 5**
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day  
Baptisms—Cathedral—12:00pm
- Mar 18 Religious Education Classes—Grade School—4:45pm  
St. Peregrine Devotion—Cathedral—7:00pm
- Mar 19 Confirmation—Cathedral—7:00pm
- Mar 20 Be My Witness—Tower—9:00am  
Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm
- Mar 21 Seniors Luncheon—Al's Steakhouse—12:00pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm
- Mar 22 No School Mass  
Lenten Deanery Confessions—Cathedral—3:00—7:00pm  
Stations of the Cross—Cathedral—7:00pm
- Mar 23 Adoration—Cathedral—8:30am  
Be Formed—Tower—1:00pm
- Mar 24 Palm Sunday  
CSRN @ Daybreak—5:00am  
Palm Sunday Mass, presider, Bishop Hicks—10:30am



## 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, March 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.

## St. Raymond Grade School

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Read about events and activities at  
[diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th)

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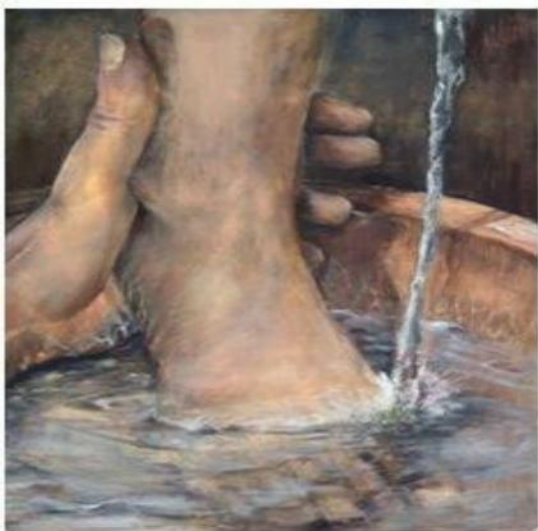
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## Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet

At the Last Supper, Jesus offered Himself to God as our sacrifice, and to us as both spiritual nourishment and a model of service to others. The commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of the apostles is one of the most memorable events of Holy Week.

If you would like to participate in the Holy Thursday foot washing ceremony this year, please call the parish office at 815-722-6653.

We will take up to twelve participants from our community, students 10 years old and up, young adults, elderly and anyone in between.

Volunteers are asked to be at the Cathedral by 6:30pm on Holy Thursday, March 28.

JOIN US AT THE ST RAY'S HSA

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**MARCH 10TH**  
AFTER FAMILY MASS  
**ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL COMMONS**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
INDOOR & OUTDOOR - WEATHER PERMITTING

**Egg Hunt & Prizes! Crafts! Sugar Cookie Decorating!**  
**Get a photo with the Easter Bunny!**

Pre-Registration Preferred by March 6th  
\$5 per child/Max \$20 per Family  
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## What is Laetare Sunday? The **fourth** Sunday of Lent

### Laetare means to rejoice

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass:

"Laetare, Jerusalem"

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66: 10-11

ALSO KNOWN AS:  
Mothering Sunday,  
Refreshment Sunday,  
Mid-Lent Sunday,  
Mi-Carême,  
Mediana or  
Rose Sunday



### What's different?

- Priests may wear rose vestments at Mass
- Flowers may adorn the Altar
- The organ may be played

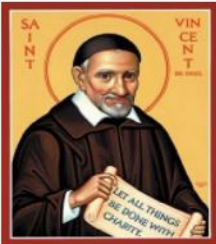
### Why celebrate it?

Laetare Sunday provides us **encouragement** as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.





This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think

Is there a family you know who needs assistance?

Please tell them to call our Society of St. Vincent de Paul helpline at 815.773.4167 or email [SUDP@straymond.net](mailto:SUDP@straymond.net). A volunteer will return their call within 48 hours. Calls are returned "private/ blocked" to protect the privacy of the caller. Together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team  
Presents our 16th Annual Event

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SO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO!**



**An entertaining night of hilarious skits and  
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**Acts  
of  
Renewal**

Friday, April 19, 2024  
St. Scholastica School Gym in Woodridge, IL  
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Registration \$30 per couple  
Beer, Wine, Soda and Snacks Available (Cash Only)



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[www.imetevents.org](http://www.imetevents.org) or scan  
the QR Code.



## Cathedral Senior Luncheon Welcome members and friends

Join us **Thursday March 21, 2024**

12:00 NOON

Al's Steakhouse, Joliet, IL



### MENU

St Patrick's Day

Corn Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes,  
Ice cream and cookies, rolls and butter, coffee, tea  
\$25.00 pp

Cash bar for alcohol drinks, beer, wine and pop

**Reservations due by Sunday, March 17**

**Entertainment:** Mary Pfeifer, Singer

Please place reservations in Sunday collection basket,  
drop it off at the Parish Office or mail it to the  
Parish Office by Sunday, March 17.

**Split the Pot and Door Prizes**

Questions please call or email  
Laura Orr @ 815-722-6754 or [ljorr55@gmail.com](mailto:ljorr55@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE**

Thursday April 18, 2024 in the Parish Commons  
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If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, we sincerely thank you! Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

Please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese. Envelopes are still available in the church or pledges can be made online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, \$ 77,100, the diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Thank you in advance for your support!



# REFLECTIONS OF LENT

## A CATHEDRAL CONCERT

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024  
7:00PM

FEATURING:

**MATTHEW AGNEW, CELLO**

**ANTHONY SEEMAN, TENOR**

**STACY SIENKO, SOPRANO**

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### Our Church Directory is Online! Are you in it?

**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](mailto:karen@straymond.net) (please include family name/s).
4. We are happy to take a current photo of you or your family, stop by the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

You can access the directory at anytime by creating a login. Once we reach a reasonable number of participants, we will upload a copy of the directory to our website for viewing.







## HALLOW



"Lent Pray40 Prayer Challenge." Pray each day, be inspired by meditations, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent  
@7:00pm  
Good Friday  
@6:00pm



It is not too late to take a Rice Bowl, regardless of where we are with the season of Lent. Please help yourself, if you haven't already. To send donations, follow the instructions on the Rice Bowl, or bowls can be placed in the

offertory collection. For more information including spiritual reflections, short video presentations and virtual Stations of the Cross, visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org>.



## Join Our Bible Study!

**Who:** Young adults ages 18-29

**Where:** Cathedral of St. Raymond Bell Tower\*

**When:** Starting Friday, April 5th from 7pm - 8:30pm (half hour of social time followed by study for the night)

**BYOB! (Bring Your Own Bible!)**

Questions? Contact Ben McCune at [bmccune14@gmail.com](mailto:bmccune14@gmail.com)

\*Park in the parking lot off of Raynor Ave.

## All Are Welcome!

The Catholic Parishes of the  
Joliet Area will offer

### Lenten Confessions

**Friday, March 22, 2024**

Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus  
604 N. Raynor Avenue, Joliet, IL

**CONFESSIONS:**  
**3:00 to 7:00 PM**



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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks, presiding  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00 pm: Reading of the Lord's Passion,  
Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion  
Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks, presiding  
6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 am: Blessing of the Easter Baskets  
8:00 pm: Easter Vigil Mass  
Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks, presiding

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 am: Easter Mass  
10:30 am: Easter Mass



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**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - 7:00PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 - 7:00PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - 10:00AM**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 11, 2024

6:30 AM Francis H. Heenan (anv.), req. Family

### Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30 AM Michael John Horn, req. Joan Horn

### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:30 AM Lorraine Bannon, req. Husband

Mary Birkey, req. Diane, Lora and Linda

### Thursday, March 14, 2024

8:00 AM Rita Ohlson, req. Catherine and Walter Ballek

### Friday, March 15, 2024

8:00 AM Theresa Marie and Walter Wiers, req. Family

### Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:00 AM Thomas Tapella, req. Janet and Frank Jurmann

5:00 PM Donna Wunderlich, req. Larry and Donna Tomasic

### Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 AM H.P. Graham, req. Colleen, Tom and Katie Dow

10:30 AM Frank "Chip" Kodiak, req. Family

St. Raymond Parish Family



## Please Pray For...

### WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Megan Arnold  
Dorothy A Brown  
Patricia Buchwald  
Tyler Centorbi  
Colleen Cler  
Mari Condon  
Sharon DelRose

Charlotte Friehe  
Patrocino Fernandez  
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Aurelie Hagstrom  
Jim Louch  
Maria Masterson  
Tim Goolsby

Lydia O'Donnell  
Lillianna Peylo  
Lynda Scheuber  
Bernie Spieler  
Chuck Sroka  
David Stahl  
Joseph Spiech

### WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

2LT Nicholas Zelehovits PFC  
CAPT Faith C.E. Moore D.O.  
Brandon Vasquez, PFC  
Ryan Grill, SSG

2nd Lieutenant Isabel Izquierdo  
Midshipman Victor Izquierdo  
PFC Ryan Vander Tuuk

**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, March 16 • 5:00pm

**Lectors:** Felix Gumina

**EM's:** Diane Dow, Jan Kopman, Pat McShane, Larry Ryan

**Servers:** Scarlett Sullivan, Maggie Jakovich, Sam Baltz

### Sunday, March 17 • 8:00am

**Lectors:** Steve O'Connor

**EM's:** Rhonda Callans, Anthony Choudhary, Maggie Colabuono, Jennifer Errthum

**Servers:** Kaelynn Carlson, Kaylie Carlson, Avery Medved

### Sunday, March 17 • 10:30am

**Lectors:** Maggie Bednarowicz

**EM's:** McCune Family, Kim Bell, Judy Botka

**Servers:** Natalie Heimer, Tyler Casing, Audrey Rodriguez

## Stewardship

Date	3/3	YTD
Collection Offering	\$ 14,218	\$ 588,223
Budgeted	\$ 17,570	\$ 632,520
Overage / Shortage \$	(\$3,352)	(\$44,297)
Overage / Shortage %	(19.1%)	(7.0%)
Annual Budget	\$ 896,000	

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Bishop of Joliet  
**Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon,**  
Bishop Emeritus

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