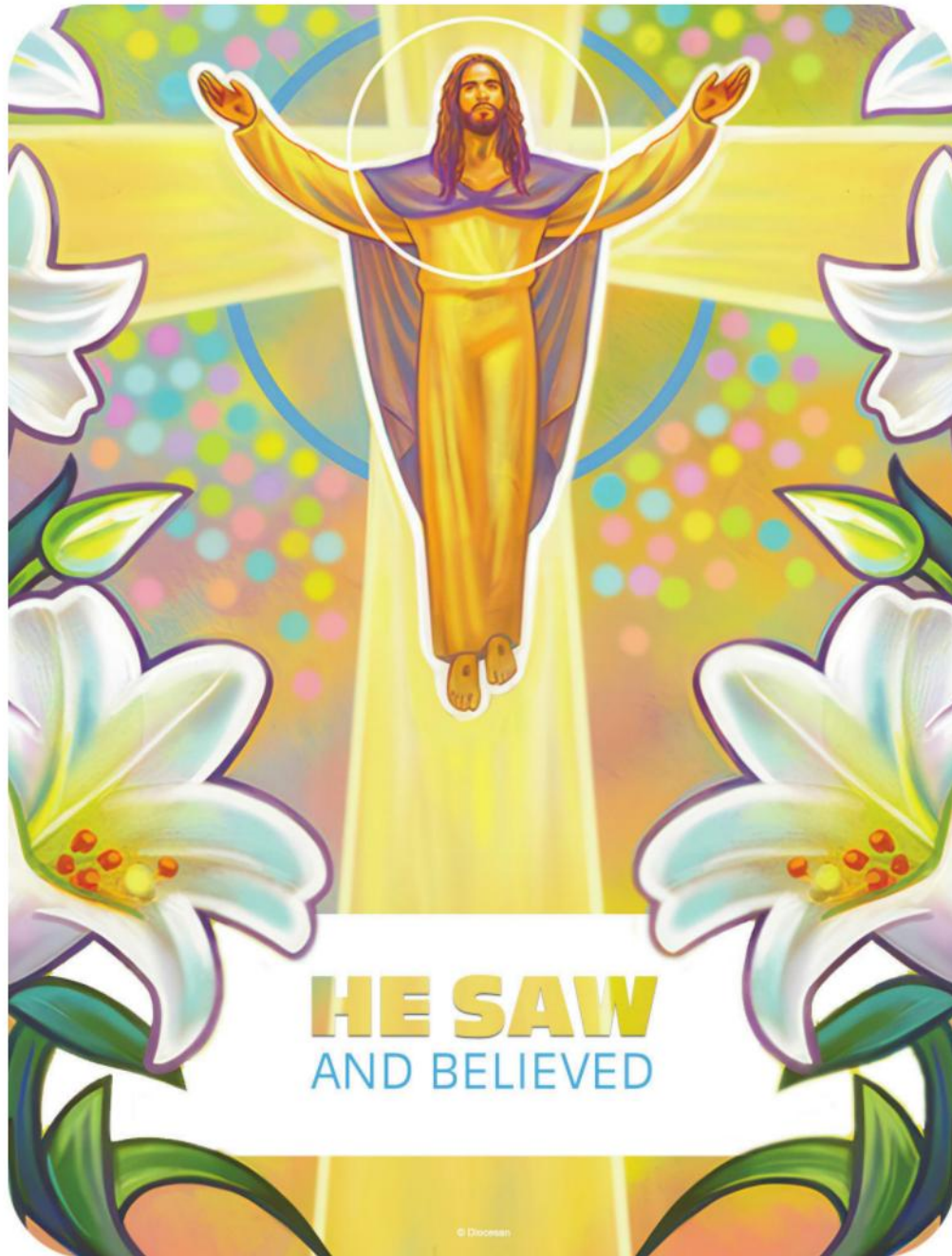




CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS



April 20, 2025

Liturgical Schedule: Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed 6:30am | Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:00am
Weekends: Sat. 4:00pm and Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

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Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—4:30pm

Friday 8:30am—3:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

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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 of Children

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.

Marriage

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!

St. Peregrine Devotion

Join us in praying for those who suffer with cancer or incurable disease or condition **Monday, April 21 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.

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.

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.

Like us on Facebook @ CathedralofStRaymond.

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.

Parish Directory

Our online password-protected directory can be accessed anytime, anywhere; upload or change your information within minutes. To access you will need to create a login using your email address on file. <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/signup>



- April 20 Easter Masses—Cathedral—8:00am & 10:30am
- April 21 Offices Closed
- 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Club—Tower—1:00pm
- St. Peregrine Devotion—Cathedral—7:00pm
- April 22 Intramurals Practice—Gym—5:00pm
- April 23 Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:00pm
- Small Christian Community (Judie Renz) - Tower—4:30pm
- Intramurals Practice—Gym—6:00pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm
- April 24 GS Mass—Cathedral—8:00am
- GS Curriculum Night—Grade School / Commons—6:00pm
- Adoration / Confessions —Cathedral—6:00pm
- April 25 Intramurals Practice—Gym—5:00pm
- Ladies Bingo Night—Commons—6:00pm
- April 26 Adoration—Cathedral—8:30am
- PS & K Screening—Commons B/D—9:00am
- April 27 SRN @ Daybreak—5:00am
- Fellowship Sunday following Sunday Masses—Commons
- Be Formed (Katie Choudhary) - Commons B/D—9:00am
- Baptisms—Cathedral—12:00pm
- April 28-May 2 GS Book Fair —Commons A
- April 28 SRN @ Shepherd's Table—9:00am
- 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Book Club—Tower—1:00pm
- Intramurals Practice / Games—Gym—5:00pm
- April 29 Intramurals Practice / Games—Gym—5:00pm
- April 30 Intramurals Practice / Games—Gym—5:00pm



HOURS FOR PRAYER

Monday

6:30am—4:30pm

Tuesday

6:30am—7:00pm

Wednesday

6:30am—2:30pm

Thursday

8:00am—7:00pm

Friday

8:00am—4:30pm

Saturday

8:00am—5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am—11:30am

CONFESSION

Thursday

Starting at 6:00pm
(during Adoration)

Saturday

Starting at 3:00pm

*Holidays and
special events
may affect
these times.*

ADORATION

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Thursday

6:00—7:00pm

Saturday

8:30—9:30am



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Fellowship Sunday

April 27

Following 8:00am and 10:30am
Masses

Hosted by our
Cathedral Garden Ministry

Blessing of the Soil

We invite you to join us as we bless the soil for our Promised Land Gardens and ask for God's blessing on the land, ensuring fertile soil, abundant harvests for those in need, and protection from harm. At all masses April 26 / 27.



Last year, the Promised Land Garden project on the south side of the Cathedral campus harvested more than 60 bushels of produce that was sent to food pantries in the area.

We are, again, looking for individuals, families, groups or multi-families to commit to planting, nurturing and harvesting one 4 x 8 foot raised bed.

Here are the basics:

- Gardeners are asked to tend their gardens weekly, keep their beds weed free and watered throughout the growing season.
- When harvested, gardeners are asked to deliver fresh produce to local pantries and soup kitchens.

Please consider this unique service project! So many plusses for participants:

- **Great for first-time gardeners!** We will teach you. You do not have to be experienced to succeed!
- **Got a Green Thumb?** What a great way to share your expertise!
- **Family Bonding!** Everyone can get involved! Summer-long science lessons for the kids.
- **Get Exercise!** Even better...Exercise in the sunshine!
- **Build Community!** Make new friends!

And most of all, **share the joy of fresh, sun-kissed produce with those in need!**

Please consider volunteering to tend one or two of the plots. The tasks will be planting the beds, weeding and watering, and then harvesting throughout the season.

Although it might seem like a lot of work, it really isn't all that much and is a nice project for a family after Mass.

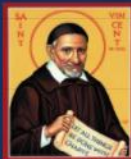
Contact Kevin O'Donnell at kevin@straymond.net or 815-722-6653.



We are thrilled to share that Cherry Hill Studios will be present on Sunday, May 18, after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. We cordially invite all families to join us in helping us to craft an amazing parish directory. Our directory is a little over a year old and we are still missing many of your smiling faces. Don't forget to wear your Sunday best!

Our online directory is user-friendly and secure, enabling you to update your information whenever and wherever you need. Already have a photo you would like to share, simply create a login using your registered email at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/signup>.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL



If you or someone you know is in need, please contact us at 815-773-4167 and a volunteer will be in contact with you within 48 hours.



Volunteer Spotlight – Getting to Know Us

By Mary Spesia

The St. Vincent de Paul Society began here at St. Ray's in 2004, and I got involved almost immediately. At the time, I was a mother of three young children, so my participation was limited to attending meetings—but even that gave me an appreciation for the importance of the ministry's work. Today, I'm honored to be serving in my fourth year as President.

I've always loved volunteering, especially when it involves serving the poor. As a parishioner for 26 years, I've also been involved with Daybreak, Religious Education, and served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Each of these ministries has been meaningful in its own way, but all of them have strengthened my faith.

Through my time with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I've come to realize that if you truly want to understand the struggles of the poor, this is the place to learn. Those we serve are considered our "friends," and meeting with them has given me a balanced perspective on life.

I've become more compassionate and less judgmental. I now better understand the difficult choices people face when living paycheck to paycheck – or no paycheck at all. There are often complex stories behind what might appear to be "bad" decisions—like choosing between repairing a car or paying rent or a utility bill. Life's circumstances can be complicated! I've realized it's not my place to judge the choices others make, but to offer support where I can.

Over the years, I've met many individuals and families in need. I've walked into empty apartments where families were sleeping on the floor. In these moments, we build relationships. They may be short-term, but they are powerful—especially through the shared prayer that brings God into the room with us. Despite their challenges, many of the people we meet have amazing faith. It's humbling.

I've also witnessed the power of hope. Hope for a better day. Hope for enough money to buy gas. Hope for children to have a good meal. Hope for the job interview to result in a job closer to home. Hope for a pillow and bed and warm place to live. Hope for a better tomorrow.

And I've learned that the generosity of our parishioners can truly make a difference. Sometimes, a little help goes a long way: covering a medical bill while someone waits for Social Security benefits to begin; providing an apartment rental deposit when saving that kind of money has been impossible; paying for public transportation so someone can get to work.

When I reflect on those we serve, I also feel hope. Our ministry may not change the world—but it does make life a little easier for someone in need. And sometimes, that's everything.

If you want to learn more about the Society of St. Vincent dePaul ministry, reach out to me through our Helpline at (815) 773-4167.

Serving with hope and gratitude,
Mary



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Couples' Night Out at St Ray's!

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Dessert

Saturday, May 10th
4pm Mass
5-7pm Dinner and Dessert
\$60 per couple
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Friday, April 25th
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Parish Commons
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Questions? Contact Katie Choudhary at re@straymond.net



Jesus was not in the tomb, and 2 angels told them, "He has risen!"

First, connect the dots. A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V
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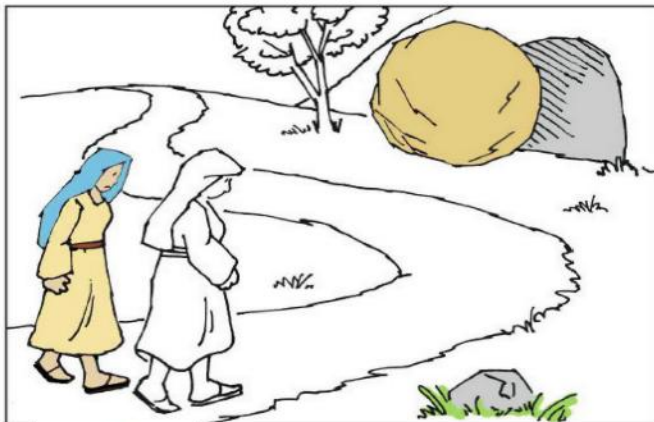
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April 20, 2025 • Luke 24:1-12

The Resurrection of Jesus

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Mass Intentions



Monday, April 21, 2025

6:30 AM Msgr. Edwin V. Hoover (anv.)
Robert Pucel, req. Family

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

6:30 AM Stanley Turk (anv.), req. Michael & Kathy; Pat & Laura Turk

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

:30:00 AM Robert Cus, req. Rick Moore

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:00 AM Intentions of Dom and Rita Egizio
Fidelito Lamdagan, req. Wife and Family

Friday, April 25, 2025

8:00 AM Harry and Cecilia Tracy, req. Mary Paul

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:00 AM Linda Scheuber, req. Scheuber Family
4:00 PM Ralph E. O'Malley, req. Maureen and Howard Zinser
Terry Powers, req. Family

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM Ildefonso, Edurijes & Nelia Legayada, req. Aurel Legayda
St. Raymond Parish Family
10:30 AM Fred Rohder, req. Rohder Family
Thomas McGrath, req. Karen Chignoli

Please Pray For...

WE PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Noah Henry Haluska

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Beatrice Semrov



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Megan Arnold	Sharon DelRose	Lydia O'Donnell
Silvie Belue	Patrocino Fernandez	Lillianna Peylo
Judy Botka	Edward Gannon	Joseph Spiech
Dorothy A Brown	Robert Greenly	Katherine Spiech
Patricia Buchwald	Ernest Hankins	Bernie Spieler
Tyler Centorbi	Aurelie Hagstrom	Chuck Sroka
Colleen Cler	Ross Karraker	Patricia Wisniewski
Mari Condon	Maria Masterson	
Judy Delaney	Patricia McShaffrey	

WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

2LT Nicholas Zelehovitis PFC	Adrianna Soltis SPC
CAPT Faith C.E. Moore D.O.	PFC Ryan Vander Tuuk
Brandon Vasquez, PFC	COL David Conner
Ryan Grill, SSG	LTC Donald Erickson
2nd Lieutenant Isabel Izquierdo	Danielle M. Wyatt
Midshipman Victor Izquierdo	Midshipman Leo Anastopoulos

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, April 26 • 8:00pm

Lectors: Mary P Barney
EM's: Diane Dow, JoAnn McDonald, Jeanne Lindholm, Larry Ryan
Servers:

Sunday, April 27 • 8:00am

Lectors: Eric Englert
EM's: Anthony Choudhary, Kathy Delrose, Rhonda Callans, Maggie Colabundo
Servers:

Sunday, April 27 • 10:30am

Lectors: Ben McCune
EM's: McCune Family, udy Stengele, Michele Slape
Servers:



Consider Us in Your Estate Plan- When considering gifts to a charity in your Will or Trust please remember St. Raymond Parish or School. Gifts can be made in the following manner through your Will or Trust: **-A specific dollar amount. -A percentage of your estate. -A particular asset such as real estate or other valuables.** You may also name the parish as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. For more information on how to title the Parish in your Will or Trust, please contact our Business Manager, Pete Pluth.

Stewardship

Date	4/13	YTD
Collection Offering	\$ 20,384	4 783,013
Budgeted	\$ 17,570	\$ 720,370
Overage / Shortage \$	\$ 2,814	\$ 62,643
Overage / Shortage %	16.0%	8.7%
Annual Budget	\$ 896,000	



Meet Our Staff

Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks,
Bishop of Joliet
Most Rev. Dennis E Spies
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet
Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon,
Bishop Emeritus

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Dn. Len Penkala, Liturgy Coordinator
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