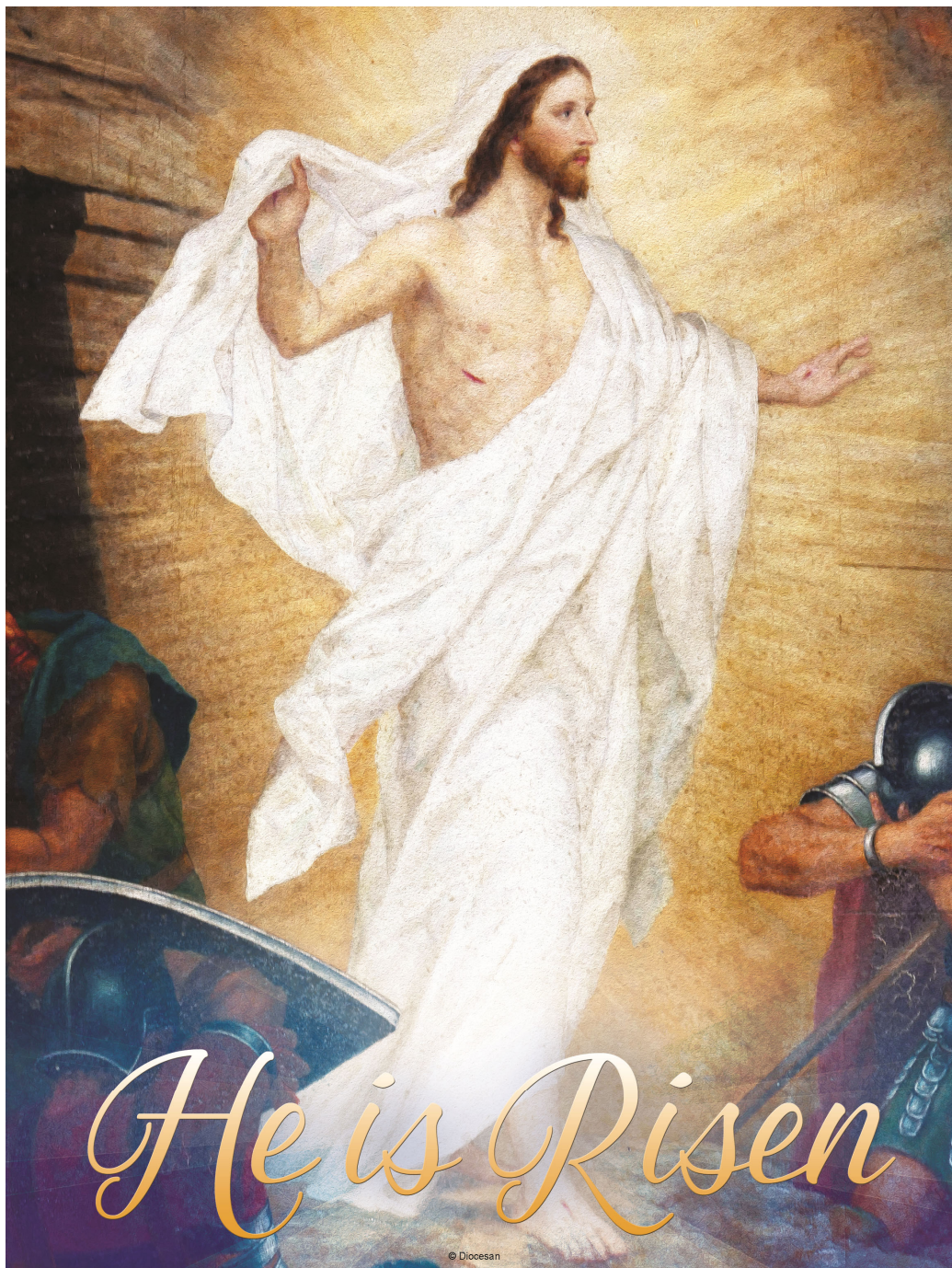




CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS



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.

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 csm.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.

Calendar of Events

April 1-5 GS Spring Break

April 1 Easter Monday—8:00am Mass (No 6:30am Mass)

April 6 Be Formed—Tower—1:00pm

April 7 Baptisms—Cathedral 12:00pm

April 9 Eucharistic Adoration—Cathedral—5-7pm

Baptismal Prep—Cathedral—7:00pm

April 10 Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm

HSA Meeting—Commons—6:30pm

April 11 Scouts—Bannon Room—6:30pm

50+ Social—Tower—7:00pm

April 12 Grade School Mass—8:00am

Wedding Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:00pm

April 13 Be Formed—Commons 1:00pm

Wedding—Cathedral—2:00pm

April 14 Choir @ 10:30am Mass

April 15 St. Peregrine Devotion—Cathedral—7:00pm

April 17 Be My Witness—Tower—9:00am

Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm

April 18 Senior Club Luncheon—Commons 12:00pm

CCW Women of the Year Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:00pm

April 19 GS PS Breakfast—Commons A/C—7:45am

GS Mass—Cathedral—8:00am

GS Jr. High Spring Fling—Gym—6:00pm

April 20 CCW Women of the Year—Cathedral—1:00pm

Be Formed—Tower—1:00pm

April 21 Baptisms—Cathedral—12:00pm

April 23 PS Parent Meeting—Commons / Gym—6:00pm

April 24 Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm



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, April 9 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, April 15 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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William Conte**

Read about events and activities at
dijoliet.org/75th





EASTER BLESSINGS

FR. BILL DEWAN
FR. MICHAEL GROTH
CATHEDRAL DEACONS
PARISH AND GRADE SCHOOL STAFF
WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR
ST. RAYMOND COMMUNITY
A JOYOUS AND BLESSED EASTER SEASON!



Thank you Carmine Castanga, Jerry Gruender and all our Palm Weavers for your time, dedication and gift of Palm weaving craftsmanship. It has been a long standing tradition of St. Raymond to adorn our processional cross and create beautiful palm sprays for our Bishop, priest and deacons on Palm Sunday. Thank you for keeping this tradition thriving!



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

*Park in the parking lot off of Raynor Ave.

Thank you to all who helped contribute to our beautiful Easter Environment...

Ryan Alm
Natalie Bayci
James & Kimberly Bell
Joann Bennett
Michael & Rhonda Callans
Teresa Campanale
Patricia & Elbert Carroll
Linda Cassineri
Howard & Suzanne Chan
Steve & Nancy Daoust
Rudolph & Kathleen Delrose
John & Diane Dibiasé
Mary Ditsch
Diane Dow
Daniel Earl
Bredget Garavalia



Colette
Pamela
Janes & Patricia
Felix & Glenda
Patrick & Nancy
Ann
Amanda
Eric & Aileen
Raymod & Lynette
Auerl & Advena
Les & Jeanne
Phillip & Marguerite
Priscilla
Stephen & JoAnn
Jeffrey & Mary
Claire
John
Sergio & Beverly
John
Beverly

Garavalia
Geary
Greenan
Gumina
Hallihan
Hintze
Johnson
Koesche
Kripple
Legayada
Lindholm
Marchio
Marquardt
Midlock
Miller
Millweard
Misak
Murer
Nemanich
Nolan



Carole
Stephen
Joseph & Beatrice
Moirá
Laura
Veronica
Greg & Diane
Frederick & Jean
Lawrence & Charleen
Michael & Kay
Victoria
James & Linda
William & Katherine
Carol
Len & Noreen
Joan
Annette
Mark & Diane
Kenneth & Carol
Ed & Carmen

North
O'Connor
O'Connor
Olivetti
Orr
Patino
Ratajczak
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Ryan
Schmitz
Schmitz
Schultz
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Stubbs
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Online Giving

from Our Sunday Visitor

St. Raymond offers a convenient service for contributions!

- Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Account and contribution information is encrypted and stored securely.
- Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the internet.
- Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage.
- Once you have an account set up, you have the freedom to set up your own donation schedule, view completed and scheduled transactions, and make changes and updates on a 24 hour per day basis.
- You can make contributions from your checking or savings account, credit or debit card.
- When travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program allows your offering to continue on an uninterrupted basis.
- You may print a statement at any time. Go to “My Online Giving History” for a printable record of your donations. In addition, the Parish Office will continue to send the “end of year statement” in January with your donations listed.
- By using Online Giving you are helping the parish to improve our operational efficiency.
- If you haven't already signed up please visit straymond.net and select the Online Giving option located on the home page or scan the QR code provided.
- Thank you for your support!





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March 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I typically do not write to you unless it's an important matter. We have some financial concerns that have to be addressed. Prior to Covid19, we received in the Sunday collection just over 1 million dollars. During the worst of Covid19, we were down \$200,000.00; more recently we have remained at a deficit of \$150,000.00. In other words, our income has never recovered from pre-Covid19 levels.

How have we survived the past few years? During the last two years, we have received significant funding by way of the "Payroll Protection Program" (PPP) and the "Employee Retention Credit" (ERC) program. We have also been the beneficiary of two significant bequests from long term parishioners. Government funding has ended and there is no guarantee of future bequests. This past year we have also had to use a significant portion of our cash reserves. Next fiscal year (beginning July 1st), we have no further options to help us remain solvent.

You should know that we are current on all of our bills; we have not incurred any additional debt; and we have supported our parochial school and RE program at the same levels they received pre-Covid19.

I need to address these financial issues before our next fiscal year begins. I plan on a multi-level approach to raise our income. Here are some of my ideas:

- ◆ I have been hesitant to do an "increased offertory" program especially given all the capital campaigns you have endured over the years. This Fall, I will implement an increased offertory program. Please note that over my 6 years as the Rector, I have never approached you asking for additional funds for St. Ray's. Yet the time has come for me to do so.
- ◆ Bishop Hicks has approved that we place in every worship aide for every diocesan event at the Cathedral a QR code which will link our many visitors to an opportunity to support our Cathedral ministries. Soon you will see QR codes, placed on the backs of the pews, asking the same. Many Cathedrals receive support from other sources than just their parishioners.
- ◆ I will be asking each school and RE family to discern their ability to support the Cathedral on a regular basis, especially given the substantial subsidy that is offered to the school and RE programs.
- ◆ We will continue to discern ways to invite all our parishioners to come to Mass on a regular basis. Unfortunately, more than 75% of our parishioners do not attend Mass with any regularity, yet they all look to us for support for baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.
- ◆ I have seriously looked at our staffing at the parish office. Honestly, we do more with less staff than most other parishes. I do not see any way to reduce staff without seriously compromising our ministries.
- ◆ We have and will continue to review all expenses looking for ways to streamline our costs.

Please note that we must continue to maintain our buildings and grounds. We have very old buildings which are very expensive to maintain. While our funds for operations are in crisis, we do have some funds set aside from the diocese and also from restricted donations that will allow us to fund upcoming capital projects. For example, we are in need of tuck pointing on the North and South exteriors of the Cathedral; and we always seem to have heating and A/C issues, and roof leaks. The good news is we can still fund some of these projects, but since the funds are restricted to capital repairs and maintenance, we can't use them for operations. So if you see a capital project underway, don't assume we are now "flush" with money. By diocesan policy, restricted funds and operating funds are always kept separate.

I ask for your prayers and your assistance as we resolve these financial issues.

In Christ,

Rev. William G. Dewan

Rector

Previously sent via Flocknote on March 17 & 24



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS
A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Tend a Garden

The Promised Land Vegetable Gardens

Plant, tend and harvest from one or two plots on the south end of our campus (April through October) or help with as-needed projects like preparing the plots, mulching or adding dirt. We also need volunteers to deliver produce, or freeze and sauce produce.



Ornamental Gardening

Working with staff and master gardener volunteers, develop and maintain areas with flowers and seasonal plantings to beautify the Cathedral grounds.

*We provide the supplies.
Produce goes to
local food programs.*



Contact kevin@straymond.net
815 722-6653, ext. 217



Cathedral Senior Club Luncheon Welcome Members and friends



Join us Thursday, April 18, 2024
12:00 NOON
Cathedral Commons



Catering by Bella Cucina Catering
MENU:

Bella Signature Stuffed Chicken, Bella Signature Salad, Greens Beans Almondine, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Rollas, Dessert & Bottled Water \$ 18.00pp

Reservations due by Sunday, April 14—Please Adhere

Entertainment: Peter Oprisko performing pop standards and hits

Please place your reservation in the Sunday collection basket, drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office or pay on line at straymond.net by Sunday, April 14.

Split the Pot and Door Prizes.

**Jewel Osco Pharmacy will be onsite to administer vaccines.
NO FLU SHOTS!**

Shingles, Tetanus, Prevna20 and
Covid update (must be 4 months since last Covid).

Please bring photo ID, Medicare, & Supplemental Insurance Cards

Questions please call or email Laura Orr
815-722-6754 or ljorr55@gmail.com

Jeremiah Day

FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-10
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
MUNDELEIN SEMINARY



The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us.

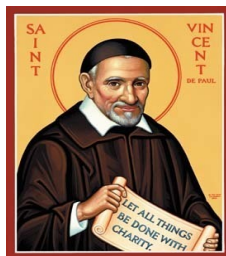
For boys (Grades 7-10) to enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.



Highlight this QR code on your phone to sign up today!

Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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vocations.diojoliet.org



Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

As you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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 SVDP@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.

ANNOUNCING THE 46TH ANNUAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



August 25, 2024

2 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Pre-registration is required by July 28, 2024. Scan the QR code or click link below.



<https://forms.office.com/r/Zc5nE3Nma7>

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS To request your annual contribution statement for 2023 please send an email to danielle@straymond.net or call the parish office at 815-722-6653. Statements can be mailed, emailed or picked up Monday-Friday during regular office hours. Donors using our online giving program who wish to pull their own statements in the [OSV Online Giving Portal](#) can log into their online account and click on "My Online Giving History. Thank you for your generous support of St. Raymond throughout this past year!

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1, 2024

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sciarine Family, req. Bev Nolan
Mrs. Leo Aschenbrenner, req. Alice Aschenbrenner

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

6:30 AM Renee Allegrucci, req. Family
Arthur Zaleski, req. The Schultz-Breef Family

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

6:30 AM Audrey Hornicak (anv.), req. Bill and Kathy Starasinich

Thursday, April 4, 2024

8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. John Pasdertz, Jr., req. Sochan Family

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:00 AM Chuck Bernard, req. Family

Saturday, April 6, 2024

8:00 AM Mitchell Claffy (anv.), req. Egizio Family
5:00 PM Donna Wunderlich, req. Larry and Donna Tomasic

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:00 AM Kenneth Wruk, Sr., req. Family
St. Raymond Parish Family
10:30 AM H.P. Graham (anv.), req. Colleen, Tom and Katie Dow

Please Pray For...



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Charlene M. Juricic

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Megan Arnold	Charlotte Friehe	Lydia O'Donnell
Dorothy A Brown	Patrocino Fernandez	Lillianna Peylo
Patricia Buchwald	Robert Greenly	Lynda Scheuber
Tyler Centorbi	Aurelie Hagstrom	Bernie Spieler
Colleen Cler	Jim Louch	Chuck Sroka
Mari Condon	Maria Masterson	David Stahl
Sharon DelRose	Tim Goolsby	Joseph Spiech

WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

2LT Nicholas Zelehovitis PFC	2nd Lieutenant Isabel Izquierdo
CAPT Faith C.E. Moore D.O.	Midshipman Victor Izquierdo
Brandon Vasquez, PFC	PFC Ryan Vander Tuuk
Ryan Grill, SSG	

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 6 • 5:00pm

Lectors: Felix Gumina
EM's: Jan or Tom Novotny or Jeanne Allgood, JoAnn McDonald, Beverly Reeves
Servers: Maggie Jakovich, Scarlett Sullivan, Annie Homolka

Sunday, April 7 • 8:00am

Lectors: Katie Choudhary
EM's: Rhonda Callans, Anthony Choudhary, Sue Batis, Jennifer Errthum
Servers: Max Kinsella, Julian Nieves, Joe Schertz

Sunday, April 7 • 10:30am

Lectors: Eugenie Cheko
EM's: McCune Family, Kim Bel, Judy Botka
Servers: Tanner Pilz, Allison Benaitis, Michael Benaitis



Stewardship

Date	3/24	YTD
Collection Offering	\$ 15,311	\$ 637,115
Budgeted	\$ 17,570	\$ 685,230
Overage / Shortage \$	(\$ 2,259)	(\$ 48,115)
Overage / Shortage %	(12.9%)	(7.0%)
Annual Budget	\$ 896,000	

Meet Our Staff

Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of Joliet
Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop Emeritus

Very Rev. William G. Dewan, Rector
Rev. Michael Groth, Parochial Vicar

Dn. James Batis, Deacon
Dn. Karl Huebner, Deacon
Dn. Darrell Kelsey, Deacon
Dn. Len Penkala, Liturgy Coordinator
Dn. Edwin Petak, Deacon
Dn. John Shea, Deacon

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