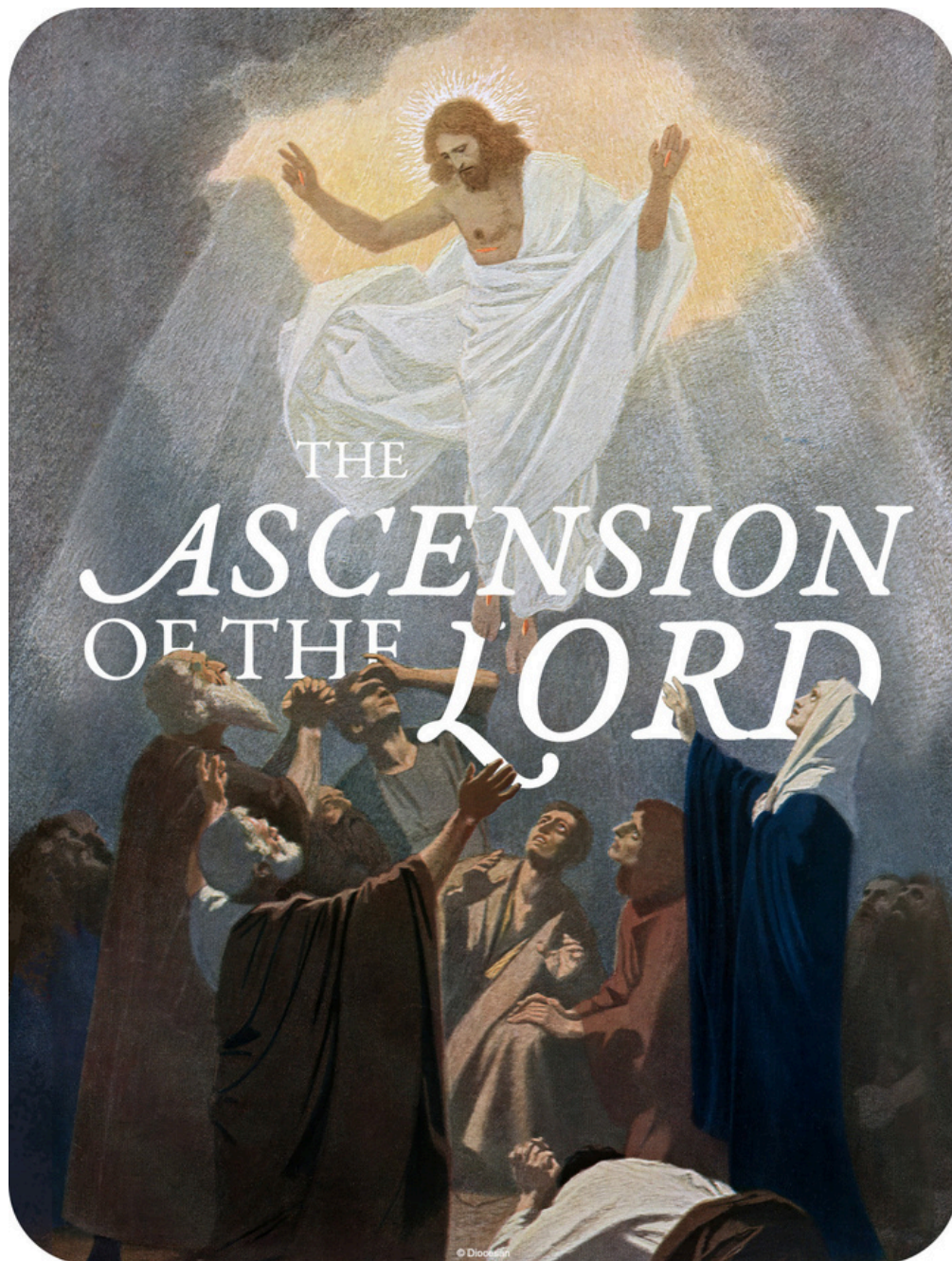




CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS



THE  
*ASCENSION*  
OF THE  
*LORD*

**May 17, 2026**

Liturgical Schedule: Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed 6:30am | Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:00am

Weekends: Sat. 4:00pm and Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

604 N. Raynor Avenue | Joliet, Illinois 60435 | 815.722.6653 | fax 815.722.3137 | [straymond.net](http://straymond.net)

**Welcome!**  
We truly believe that your presence with us today is a blessing. United by baptism, our parish family gathers for worship and support. Empowered by the spirit of God's Love, we will preach, teach, and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Register by calling 815-722-6653 or visiting straymond.net

Sign up for our weekly Flocknote email blast by texting CSRN to 845-76 or visiting csrn.flocknote.com

Like us on Facebook @CathedralofStRaymond

Parish App text APP to 55321

Explore Our Website straymond.net for sacraments, ministries, & contact info

Parish Directory

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—4:30pm  
 Friday 8:30am—3:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am -12:00pm

**St. Raymond Grade School**

608 N. Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL | 815-722-6626

**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.

**Marriage:** Couples requesting a wedding must be registered for a minimum of six months before a date can be secured. 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, June 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 us.

**Advertiser of the Week**

**The Timbers**

**CATHEDRAL OPEN**  
 Monday & Tuesday 6:30am-4:30pm  
 Wednesday 6:30am-2:30pm  
 Thursday & Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
 Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm  
 Sunday 7:30am - 11:30am

**CONFESSIONS**  
 Tuesday starting at 7:30am  
 Saturday starting at 3:00pm

**ADORATION**  
 Saturday 8:30am - 9:30am



**Calendar**

May 17	Be Formed - Tower - 9:00am Altar Server Training - Cathedral - 9:00am Adult Confirmation - Cathedral - 1:00pm
May 18	GS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Night - Gym - 6:00pm St. Peregrine Devotion - Cathedral - 7:00pm
May 19	GS Big / Little Friends Breakfast- Commons A/C - 8:00am
May 20	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Be My Witness - Tower - 9:00am Wedding Rehearsal - Cathedral - 6:00pm Adult Choir End of Year Gathering - Off Campus
May 21	Senior Club Luncheon - Commons - 12:00pm Gathered in Grace - Tower - 1:30pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation - Cathedral - 6:00pm
May 22	11:30am GS Dismissal Wedding - Cathedral - 4:00pm
May 23	Adoration - Cathedral - 8:30am Altar Server Training - Cathedral - 5:00pm
May 24	Pentecost SRN @ Daybreak Be Formed - Tower - 9:00am Baptisms - Cathedral - 12:00pm
May 25	Memorial Day Mass - 9:00am Offices CLOSED SRN @ Shepherd's Table - 9:00am
May 26	Pre School Party in the Park - 9:00am Kindergarten Year End Mass / Celebration - 5:00pm Gathered in Grace - Tower - 7:00pm
May 27	Small Christian Community (Renz) - Tower - 5:00pm
May 28	GS Rocket Walk & Field Day Noonan Academy Graduation - Cathedral 6:00pm
May 29	Last Day of School - 8:00am GS Mass
May 30	Adoration - Cathedral - 8:30 - 9:30am Funeral - Cathedral - 10:00am
June 3	Priestly Ordination Rehearsal - Cathedral - 3:00pm



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## CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS



After three years of dedicated service, Fr. Michael Groth has been appointed by Bishop Dennis Spies, our Apostolic Administrator, as the new Pastor of St. James in Glen Ellyn, effective July 1, 2026. As he transitions into this new role, we at St. Raymond want to extend our heartfelt thanks for his three years of devoted ministry at St. Raymond. His unwavering commitment, compassion, and spiritual guidance have truly been a blessing to our community. To honor his contributions and bid him farewell, we will host a reception after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 20, and the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, June 21, providing an opportunity for everyone to express their gratitude and best wishes.

We are also excited to welcome Fr. Luis Ron as our new Parochial Vicar starting July 1st. Many will remember Fr. Luis (then Deacon Luis) from his summer residency at St. Raymond in 2023. He was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of St. Raymond on May 20, 2024, and has since served as the Parochial Vicar at Saint Mary Catholic Church in West Chicago. We look forward to having him back in our community and benefiting from his pastoral care.



Our prayers are with both Fr. Michael and Fr. Luis as they embark on these new chapters in their lives, and we trust that God will continue to bless and guide them in their ministries.

# Cathedral Senior Luncheon

All are Welcome  
THURSDAY, May 21  
Parish Commons

Bella Cucina Catering  
MENU:

Lettuce Salad, Tortellini Pasta Salad, Assorted Silver Dollar Sandwiches, 1 Petite Chicken & 1 Stuffed Turkey croissant, Dessert Bar and Bottled water.

\$18.00

RESERVATIONS due by: Monday, May 18

Please adhere to deadline! Place reservations in the Sunday collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or register online at [straymond.net/seniorclub](http://straymond.net/seniorclub)

ENTERTAINMENT:



James Lukancic, Battalion Chief of CRR  
Joliet Fire Department

Split the Pot and Door Prizes

Questions, Please call Glenda Gumina at 412-999-8854  
or email [ggumina04@gmail.com](mailto:ggumina04@gmail.com)



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A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

# PROMISED LAND GARDENS

2026 Season

*fresh food  
for the hungry*

Whether a beginner  
or bearer of a **GREEN THUMB**,  
tend a plot this season.

Produce goes to local food pantries and soup kitchens.

Parishioners can assist in other ways as well-

- provide supplies like plants, garden tools, or mulch
- deliver to the sites
- be a vacation sub
- speak encouragingly to the plants...

*I believe  
in you,  
lil' greenie!*

[www.straymond.net/gardens](http://www.straymond.net/gardens)

[kevin@straymond.net](mailto:kevin@straymond.net) 815 722-6653

**FILL THE BINS:**

**Help feed our local neighbors**

**SUPPORT TWO VITAL LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES:**

The Family Table Soup  
Kitchen at Sacred Heart

St. John's Food Pantry



Many who rely on these pantries are "working poor" individuals and families working multiple minimum wage jobs who still struggle to make ends meet.

As grocery and gas prices rise while government funding decreases, our neighbors needs have never been greater. Your generosity provides immediate relief and nourishment.



**HOW TO HELP**

Please bring non-perishable items to church and place in the Bins Located at Each Entrance.  
All donations are delivered weekly.



**MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

**PERSONAL CARE:**

- Body Wash
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes
- Women's Personal Items



**FOOD ITEMS:**

- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Meats (Tuna, Ham, Chicken)
- Canned Spaghetti or Ravioli
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- Crackers (Saltines, Graham, Snack)
- Soup



**A PARTNERSHIP OF THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL  
SOCIETY (SVDP) AT ST. RAYMOND.**



**St. Vincent de Paul**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul** is a worldwide organization who helps to serve those in need. The St. Raymond conference consists of 17 active members, 5 associate members and YOU!

We cannot carry out this ministry without you! Your contributions have allowed us to help hundreds of families in need in our community, through rental or utility emergencies, and miscellaneous needs such as food, clothing, shelter and transportation.

Please donate by placing a specially marked envelope in the Sunday collection, using provided monthly envelope or online at [straymond.net](http://straymond.net).

Our conference is always looking for dedicated members to assist us in serving our community. If you are interested in joining the group or simply have questions please call the parish office.

In need of assistance, or know someone who is, please call SVDP at 815-773-4167. A volunteer will return your call within 48 hours. For security purposes, return calls are made from a private/blocked line not recognized by caller ID's.



# VBS FUN AT ST. RAY'S!



**CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-5  
JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER VBS!**

Register today! [www.straymond.net/vbs](http://www.straymond.net/vbs)

**Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 26th**  
\$20 per child

Hands on Arts and Science, Scripture, games, and more!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATIE RE@STRAYMOND.NET



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SNACKS NEEDED!

Would you like to help us?  
Please contact Katie Choudhary  
for the list of items.  
[re@straymond.net](mailto:re@straymond.net)

## Pray and Play Baskets

*for families with little ones at Mass*

- You may have noticed teens and/or women with baskets of items for little ones to use during Mass.
- These items have been carefully picked to assist children in prayer during the Mass.
- Our items are well loved and some are in need of replacements!
- We would like to add to our collection too.

If you would like to support this ministry to families,  
please contact Katie Choudhary at [re@straymond.net](mailto:re@straymond.net)



2026-2027

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

- |                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Sunday Mornings:<br>9-10:15am | • Service Projects         |
| • September through May         | • Weekly Gospel Discussion |
| • Community Building            | • Nurturing Catechists     |
| • Peer Prayer Partners          | • Cooperative Games        |
|                                 | • Coffee Bar for Parents   |

Come join our dynamic Religious Education program that will  
enrich your family's life in our Catholic faith!  
<https://www.straymond.net/religious-education>



**Cathedral of St. Raymond Parish**

Katie Choudhary, Director of Religious Education  
[re@straymond.net](mailto:re@straymond.net)



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## Gathered in Grace

Women of St. Raymond

*A welcoming space for women to  
share our stories, listen with open hearts, and  
pray together for one another's intentions.*



Tuesdays 5/12 and 5/26 7-8pm  
Thursday 5/21 1:30-2:30pm  
Cathedral Bell Tower

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them."  
-Matthew 18:20*

Questions? Contact Katie Choudhary [re@straymond.net](mailto:re@straymond.net)

# 2026 PENTECOST MASS OF ALL THE NATIONS

Celebrate Pentecost Sunday with us at our Mass of All Nations, where we rejoice as one family in Christ, united by the Holy Spirit.



*"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit"*

📅 Date: Sunday, May 24th  
🕒 Time: 12 Noon  
📍 St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bolingbrook, IL

Followed by a fellowship celebration with Multicultural food, music, entertainment, and more.

-  Auxiliary Bishop Dennis E. Spies
-  Rev. Dindo Billote Parish Pastor
-  Rev. Patrick Murphy In Residence

*Let us come together and celebrate; all are welcome*

For more information:  
<https://www.stfrancisbb.org/>



## FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Support children in Head Start and local schools across Will County while building connections & making an impact.

Apply now to join our upcoming training & be ready to serve in classrooms this fall!  
Training Dates:  
June 29-30 & July 13-14, 2026  
Apply by June 1, 2026 - Space is limited

### VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE

- ✓ Tax-free stipend
- ✓ Paid training (20 hours)
- ✓ Transportation + meal reimbursement
- ✓ PTO + paid holidays
- ✓ Ongoing support and recognition

- Apply by June 1
- Complete training in July
- Start in classrooms August/September

### REQUIREMENTS

- Background Check
- Meet income guidelines for stipend eligibility
- Attend training and monthly meetings

Questions or ready to apply?  
815-724-1157  
[dsirek@cc-doj.org](mailto:dsirek@cc-doj.org)

\*The stipend helps cover expenses you may incur while volunteering.



We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

# FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

COME AND WORSHIP TOGETHER

*A night of lively praise and worship, an inspiring talk, and openness to the Holy Spirit moving among us.*

2026 **FRIDAY** 6:30 PM -  
**MAY 29** 8:30 PM

At the Guadalupe Garden. Please bring your chair or blanket

ST MARY CHURCH | 901 N CENTER ST | PLANO IL | SAINTMARYPLANO.COM



## BE PART OF THE DIRECTOR'S CLASSIC GOLF OUTING JUNE 10, 2026

All proceeds directly benefit the St. Stephen's Fund which supports deacons during times of need.

### How you can help:

- **Play:** Gather friends or coworkers for a competitive and meaningful day of golf.
- **Sponsor:** Promote your business while supporting a great cause. Several sponsorship levels available.
- **Donate:** Consider a donation to the St. Stephen Fund
- **Dine:** Not a golfer? Join us for the awards dinner and silent auction at 5pm for just \$35/per person.

### REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$150/golfer or \$500/Foursome Includes green fee, cart, lunch, and dinner
- Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course  
19433 Renwick Road, Crest Hill 60403  
11:30 am shotgun start



QUESTIONS? CONTACT DEACON  
VIC PUSCAS AT 815-221-6172

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 18

6:30 AM Patricia Sterr, req. Visitation and Aid Society

### Tuesday, May 19

6:30 AM Donald Tures, req. Frances Naal and Family

### Wednesday, May 20

6:30 AM Ed Beltzhoover, req. Family

### Thursday, May 21

8:00 AM Colleen McAsey-Ryan, req. Raymond Ryan

### Friday, May 22

8:00 AM Robert and Janet Korst 50th Wedding Ann. (living)  
req. Carmie & Jerry

### Saturday, May 23

8:00 AM Most Rev. Martin D. McNamara (anv.)

4:00 PM Wright and Turk Families, req. Jeanette D'Arcy

### Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM Tom Geary, req. Family

St. Raymond Parish Family

10:30 AM Nancy Munday, req. Husband and Family

Please Pray For...

## OUR SICK

Megan Arnold  
Silvie Belue  
Patricia Buchwald  
Anne Casing  
Tyler Centorbi  
Colleen Cler  
Mari Condon  
Arlene Day  
Judy Delaney  
Patrocino Fernandez

Robert Greenly  
Ernest Hankins  
Aurelie Hagstrom  
David Hampton  
Janet Jurmann  
Ross Karraker  
Patricia McShaffrey  
Lydia O'Donnell  
Juan Ochoa  
Lillianna Peylo

Bonnie Salamon  
Sharon Sladicek  
Joseph Spiech  
Katherine Spiech  
Bernie Spieler  
Chuck Sroka  
Colleen & Tom Stonis  
Kathy Wise

## OUR MILITARY

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

Sgt. Ryan VanderTuuk  
COL David Conner  
LTC Donald Erickson  
Danielle M. Wyatt Midshipman  
Leo Anastopoulos  
Ryan Wilhelmi

## Meet Our Staff

### Most Rev. Dennis E Spies

Apostolic Administrator  
for the Diocese of Joliet

### Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon

Bishop Emeritus

### Very Rev. William G. Dewan

Rector

### Rev. Michael Groth

Parochial Vicar

**Dn. Ralph Bias**, Deacon

**Dn. James Batis**, Deacon

**Dn. Karl Huebner**, Deacon

**Dn. Darrell Kelsey**, Deacon / OCIA

**Dn. Edwin Petak**, Deacon

**John Ankeney**, Maintenance Engineer

**Linda Cassineri**, Main Office

**Katie Choudhary**, Dir of Religious Ed

**Marjorie Hill**, Grade School Principal

**Kevin O'Donnell**, Pastoral Associate

**Pete Pluth**, Business Manager

**Danielle Schumacher**, Admin Asst

**Stacy Sienko**, Dir of Music

**Karen Slattery**, Main Office/Baptisms

**Mary Wheaton**, Bookkeeper

## Liturgical Ministers of the Mass

### Saturday, May 23 - 4:00pm

**Lector:** Mary Lawson

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

**Servers:** Hunter Hepfinger, Julia O'Connell, Claire Moretti

### Sunday, May 24 - 8:00am

**Lector:** Austin Hough

**EM:** Marilyn Skelly, Ava Pritz, Jen Errthum, Judy Botka

**Servers:** Alex Flood, Eddie Winarski, Colton Cannaday

### Sunday, May 24 - 10:30am

**Lector:** Billie Terrell

**EM:** McCune (2), Veronica & Francisco Rodriguez

**Servers:** Jack Jaworski, Audrey Rodriguez, Mason Benson

### Monday, May 25 - 9:00am - Memorial Day

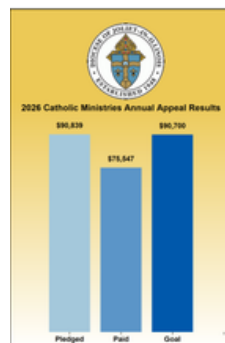
**Lector:** Maggie Bednarowicz

**EM:** TBD

**Servers:** TBD

## Stewardship

Date	May 10	Year to Date
Collection Offering	\$ 18,423	\$ 899,820
Budgeted	\$ 20,098	\$ 884,512
Overage / Shortage \$	(\$1,675)	\$ 15,308
Overage / Shortage %	(8.3%)	(1.7%)
Annual Budget	\$1,025,000	



Monthly pledge payments are due in the next few days. These payments are essential to reaching our parish goal. Once we reach our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

## 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 Spies 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 815-263-6467.

