

JANUARY 12, 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Baptism of Christ
Francesco Albani, c. 1640

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS SEASON

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord today, we reach the conclusion of the Christmas Season. Before we take down the manger scene and Christmas trees, I once again thank all who helped us celebrate Christmas so well at St. Raphael. I am grateful to everyone who helped with the liturgies and helped us welcome 1,800 people on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The last three weeks we have seen many new faces in church and I am glad that a number of visitors received our parish "Welcome Packet" and are planning to join St. Raphael. Thanks also to all who donated in support of our Christmas collection; your gifts to our parish helps make possible our various ministries. God bless you all in 2020!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Later this month we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. I am pleased that several Catholic schools in our region have asked to be present in the narthex of our church over the coming weekends, so they can share the good news of their respective schools. I am a firm believer in Catholic education and am forever grateful to my parents who supported my Catholic education at the primary, secondary and university levels. Please welcome our guests who will be representing Catholic schools in our area.

BLESSED FRANZ JAGERSTATTER

Last week I saw the movie "A Hidden Life". Directed by Terrence Malick, the movie depicts the final years of an Austrian Catholic farmer, Franz Jagerstatter. Living with his young family in Austria in the early 1940s, Jagerstatter refused to swear an oath of total obedience to Adolph Hitler, for which he was imprisoned and eventually executed. The film captures the joy and depth of Franz's marriage to his wife Franziska, as well as their deep Catholic faith. The film is in English and is still in theaters. I recommend it to you.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The liturgy recalls how Mary and Joseph presented the Child Jesus in the temple of Jerusalem forty days after his birth. There they encountered the elderly Simeon and Anna, who represented faithful Israel who waited for the coming of the Messiah. The liturgy, also referred to as Candlemas, falls on a Sunday this year and will be celebrated at each Mass the weekend of February 1/2.

BE CAREFUL OF SCAMS

Recently I heard from an advertiser in our bulletin, that someone using an out-of-state phone number contacted the advertiser by text claiming to be me. Thankfully, the advertiser contacted our parish office and I could tell the advertiser that someone out there is reading our bulletin and sending fraudulent emails/texts using my name trying to scam people. Please do not respond to such communications, but send an email to me at the address below or call me at the parish and verify if the contact is authentic. Thank you.

AWAY FROM MY DESK

I will be away from the parish January 14-17. The parish office will be open as usual from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

In our Lord,

Fr. Mike McGovern

mmcgovern@archchicago.org

The Presentation of The Lord, February 1-2



And after eight days were accomplished, that the child should be circumcised, his name was called JESUS, which was called by the angel, before he was conceived in the womb. And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord: As it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord: And to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons: And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was in him. (Luke 2: 21-25)

Father Jamnicky

For those who would like to contact Fr. Jamnicky, the following is his current address:

Reverend Father John A. Jamnicky
St. John Paul II Residence for Priests
2550 E. University Avenue, Unit 401
Georgetown, TX 78626-7631
(Please note correction)

Silent Preached Retreat for Men

Deacon Greg is coordinating going to the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin for a Silent Preached Retreat the weekend of February 7-9, 2020. The retreat starts Friday evening and concludes mid-day on Sunday. This will be an opportune time to get away and spend some quality time with the Lord. Registration may be made directly at: redemptoristretreat.org. Please email Deacon Greg to record your registration as well. The weekend fee is \$215.00. The center asks for a \$50.00 deposit with the balance of \$165 payable when you arrive. Linens and towels are provided. For more information, contact Deacon Greg at: gwebster@archchicago.org.



Religious Education

St. Raphael The Archangel

Religious Education Program

January Calendar

Wednesdays, January 15, 22 and 29
6:30-7:30 pm -Religious Education Classes
At Millburn School

For more information about our Religious Education Program, please contact Annette Wynn, Coordinator at (847)395-3474 or religionseducation@straphaelcatholic.org.

God Bless Bishop Rojas

All the faithful of Vicariate One are invited to a farewell gathering for Bishop Alberto Rojas. Join us at 5:30 pm for Evening Prayer and a reception at the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, Illinois.

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† **Parish Office Hours** †
Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mass Schedule and Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Weekday: 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday)

Confession

Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment;
First Friday of every month, 9:00 am

Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office at 847-395-3474.

Marriage Preparation

Registered and supporting members should call the office. A date should not be set until consulting the pastor.



Open Arms Mission Food Pantry

1548 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

St. Raphael the Archangel parishioners volunteer the second Wednesday and fifth Tuesday of each month. **Wednesday, February 12, 2020**, is the next date when our help is needed.

To volunteer, call Pat Clark at 847.395.5683.

Handbell Choir

St. Raphael's is fortunate to have on loan a set of beautiful handbells. We need 10-15 people to be able to successfully utilize them. The ability to read music notation is not required, but helpful. Rehearsals will take place Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and/or Sundays at 12:00 pm.

Please contact Director of Music Alex Fries via the parish office if you are interested:

rectory@straphaelcatholic.org.

Thank you!



SAVE THE DATES!

Important Dates in 2020

Wednesday, February 26	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, April 9	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 10	Good Friday
Saturday, April 11	Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 12	Easter

Other important dates will be published in future bulletins. All are invited to join us on these holy days.

Please pray for those in our parish and community who are sick:

Mia Polacek

The ArulRajan Family

Paula Emmerth

Dean Pedersen

Bob Geske

Rod Loomis

Residents of

Rolling Hills

To request prayers

please call the parish office: 847.395.3474.

HOW TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Tuesday, February 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm
and Wednesday, February 5 from 9:15-10:15 am

St. Raphael the Archangel Church

No registration is needed.

Everyone is invited.

Join Fr. Mike McGovern to learn

How to Make Arrangements

For a Catholic Funeral

Available to every baptized Catholic.

We'll discuss:

- The importance of a Catholic funeral Mass
- Sharing your wish for a funeral Mass with loved ones
- The Catholic funeral - readings, prayers and music
- Arrangements - simple and personal



Collection for the Church in Latin America

On the weekend of January 25-26 we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Life is a Gift from God

I encourage your renewed prayers and works in support of the dignity of each and every human life as our nation, on January 22, marks another year since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in the United States. Since 1973 the death of so many children waiting to be born is heart wrenching. But there are signs of hope: there are ordinary people, including many young people, who are inspiring hearts and minds to embrace a culture where the dignity of each human life is respected and cherished from conception to natural death. There is still so much needed in terms of works of charity for mothers and their children, formation of youth and advocacy in the legislature; let's do our part to be signs of hope in building a pro-life culture today.

Give God Permission

Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a wonderful way of saying very important things using very few words. A Catholic bishop once asked Mother Teresa how he could improve his spiritual life; Mother replied: "Give God permission." Those three words convey an important spiritual truth: that we have to give God permission to direct us and our entire lives according to His holy will.

Many of us ask God for signs: signs that reassure us about the decisions we are making, or what is the best direction for our lives. We seek signs that reassure us that God genuinely cares about us and that we are not alone. Yet, how many of the saints like Mother Teresa remind us that Christian faith is not so much about asking God for signs, but giving God permission to make me into a sign; that my very life becomes a testimony to the presence, love and action of God at work in the world in 2020. I encourage each of us to give God permission to be God of our lives and transform us into signs of His presence and love.



Fr. McGovern

EXPLORING THE PRIESTHOOD

Our Church is taking a number of steps to improve our vitality as a community of disciples. An important part of the life and health of the Church is having good priests along with consecrated men and women in religious life. Mundelein Seminary is hosting an "Exploring Priest Weekend" for men who are interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic priest. The next weekends are January 24-26, 2020, and March 20-22, 2020. Please see www.usml.edu/epw. Contact Father Tom Byrne at: tbyrne@archchicago.org. You may also contact Father Mike McGovern at: mmcgovern@archchicago.org.

Worship & Spiritual Life Schedule Sunday Masses, January 18-19, 2020				
Mass Times	4:00 pm Saturday	7:00 am Sunday	9:00 am Sunday	11:00 am Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Welter	Fr. McGovern	Fr. McGovern	Fr. McGovern
Lector	Marie Huml	Steve Laky	John Boldt	Ann Hitschel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Gary Hughes Donna Pavelski Garry Ryan		Tina Grubert Victoria Cardenas 1 Open	Brian Bulicek Belen Kling 1 Open
Altar Servers	N. Simutis 2 Open	T. Garnier	F. Conarchy G. Conarchy 1 Open	E. Gardner J. Gardner M. Muzones
Ushers	Dan Bulicek Dean Parkman Paul Pavelski Ken Van Bergen	Vicky Cardenas 1 Open	Bob Forster Tom Heinrich Jim Sitko 1 Open	Rafael Muzones Jon Olander 2 Open
Fellowship	Agnieszka-Vivian Mruk	Elizabeth Forster	Elizabeth Forster	Marietta Centko

Events for the Week of January 12, 2020							
Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15	Thur 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
10:20 am Parish Rosary Church			6:30 pm Religious Education Millburn School 7:00 pm Choir Practice Loft			3:00 pm Confession	10:20 am Parish Rosary Church

Please submit any articles, events or activities that you would like included in the bulletin, no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, eleven days prior to publication. All articles are subject to approval. Please include your contact information in case we have any questions.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 12, 2020		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, January 11, 2020	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	† Agnes Pavelski	Donna & Paul Pavelski
Sunday, January 12, 2020	7:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel	
	9:00 am	Betty Foley	Linda Foley
	11:00 am	† Judith Kenny	The Lamb Family
Monday, January 13, 2020	8:30 am	† Thomas J. Farrow	The Farrow and Hawk Families
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	8:30 am	† Brian Terryberry	Jean Terryberry
Wednesday, January 15, 2020	8:30 am	† Evelyn Mehalic	Marietta Centko
Thursday, January 16, 2020	8:30 am	Sister Mary Alvina	Sister Theophila
Friday, January 17, 2020	8:30 am	Sister Ursula	Sister Theophila
Saturday, January 18, 2020	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	† Eliza Moreno Vasquez	The Cardenas Family
Sunday, January 19, 2020	7:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel	
	9:00 am	† Steven Redford	James & Diane Kuzma
	11:00 am	† Luigi Borelli	Rob Borelli

If you would like to have a Mass said for a beloved family member, friend, or special intention, please call the parish office at 847.395.3474. (†Deceased)

Join us for Taizé Prayer
 Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm
 Our Lady of The Lakes St. Peter Church
 557 Lake Street, Antioch, Illinois



***Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Saint Bede School
A National Blue Ribbon School***

36399 N. Wilson Road Ingleside, Illinois
847-587-5541; www.stbedeschool.com.

Save the date! Saint Bede School Open, House January 26th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Everyone (including parents/guardians of current students, parents/guardians of prospective students, grandparents and/or anyone who would like to find learn more about financial assistance at Saint Bede School) is invited to attend this meeting. We will explain the various scholarships that are available and the application procedures for each one. Also, questions regarding Saint Bede School and the school's admissions process will be answered. Find out how a Saint Bede education can be financially possible for your child. For more information, contact Mrs. Strang at 847-587-5541 or pstrang@stbedeschool.com

Stewardship Report

Budgeted Weekly: \$7,203

December 1, 2019

Donations Received: \$5,271
Over (Under) Budget: (\$1,932)

December 8, 2019

Donations Received: \$6,316
Over (Under) Budget: (\$887)

December 15, 2019

Donations Received: \$8,299
Over (Under) Budget: \$1,096

December 22, 2019

Donations Received: \$7,570
Over (Under) Budget: \$367

December 24/25

TBA

December 29, 2019

Donations Received: \$6,337
Over (Under) Budget: (\$866)

December 2019 Total

Donations Received: \$33,793
Over (Under) Budget: (\$2,222)

Building Fund

December 22, 2019

Pledge Redemption: \$69
Donations: \$2,732

December 29, 2019

Pledge Redemption: \$42
Donations: \$2,594

**You are invited to an Open House Tour
at East Lake Academy**

January 14 and 15 at 9:30 am
Pre-K3 through Grade 8

Come visit us to witness extraordinary Catholic education in action. Ask us about our growing school including our new science lab which will be ready for the 2020-2021 school year. East Lake Academy is conveniently located in West Lake Forest off Bradley Road near Route 176 and Interstate 294 at 13911 West Laurel Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045. RSVP:

Admissions@eastlakeacademy.org;
847-247- 0035; www.eastlakeacademy.org

2019 Donation Statements

The parish office will send 2019 donation statements at the end of January to all who requested the statement in 2018. If you are new to the parish or did not request a statement last year, please call the office at 847.395.3474 or email rectory@raphaelcatholic.org. To request the 2019 statement.

Statements will be sent via the email we have on record or U.S. Mail if there is no email address.