

August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Murillo, 1670

ST. RAPHAEL the ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

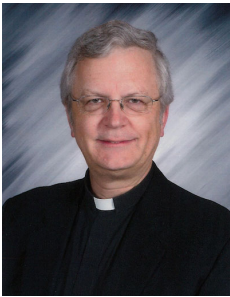
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Dear Parishioners of St. Raphael,



The Gospels for the last two Sundays have told of the most amazing miracles worked by Jesus: the feeding of the multitude and walking on water. Far beyond the healings that Jesus worked, these two miracles seem to openly defy the laws of nature, and call into question the “real world” as many people understand it. For this reason, some skeptics would like to simply dismiss these miracles as impossible, unbelievable. But a miracle by its very definition is something we notice because it is extraordinary. What the Church teaches, and does not teach about miracles can be misunderstood in modern society.

For example, there are cases in history of people recovering from serious illnesses or injuries, even when their caregivers had lost any hope. These are not always true miracles. They could be rare examples of Nature that medicine does not fully understand. Whenever the Catholic Church considers canonizing a person as a Saint, there must be two miracles attributed to the person’s intercession. These cases must be investigated and documented by local medical experts. And skeptics might be surprised to learn that the Church has many such cases on file. Most of us have never witnessed a miracle, and probably never will in our lifetimes. Miracles are rare to be sure, but over many years, with millions of Catholics around the world, miracles have undeniably been witnessed.

Miracles seriously challenge the assumptions of atheists and agnostics who would like to dismiss faith as something unreasonable. There is a modern philosophy called *Materialism* that assumes the only real things are those that can be measured scientifically. Some people have made this assumption without even realizing it. If they hear about a miracle they automatically assume it was faked. It may be true that various people have at times tried to scam the gullible with fake miracles. I have heard stories about television evangelists who staged miracles of healing. But such fakers are easily found out, and this is why the Catholic Church does not approve any claim without an investigation. Any miracle used in a Canonization Process must be supported by this kind of evidence. This should challenge the beliefs of modern skeptics, just as Jesus challenged the leaders who denied His authority.

I’ll write some more about miracles next week.

God Bless you all,

Fr Matthew Kowalski

Farewell

All are invited to join us for a final farewell to Father Michael McGovern the weekend of August 29/30. It will be an opportunity for us to congratulate him on his new position and to thank him for his care of the parishioners of St. Raphael the Archangel during his four years of service as our pastor.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a relationship with a trained director with whom to discuss and pray about what is happening in your life in God. During the pandemic, Deacon Greg is available to talk privately online. To schedule a time, email Deacon Greg at brotherinthestole@gmail.com.



Seeking a Parish Operations Director

St. Raphael the Archangel Church is seeking an Operations Director for a part-time position, approximately 20 hours per week. Previous bookkeeping and/or business office experience required. Previous experience in Archdiocesan work is a plus. This position includes:

- Financial Management (budgets, financial reports, accounts payable, bank liaison, tax compliance.)
- Buildings Management (manages repairs and maintenance, Archdiocesan policies, security, rentals.)
- Human Resources (payroll and staff management, ensures Archdiocesan policies.)
- Official communications (oversees public information, parish data, office technology)
- Other Projects as needed. (Archdiocesan and staff meetings)



Beginning August 19, Prince of Peace students will be back in the school and learning five days a week from 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. The school will follow Phase 4 state status for Illinois as well as the Archdiocesan guidelines. The school has implemented new strategies, procedures and protocols to provide students with a safe learning environment. However, its Catholic identity will not change: faith-based learning remains incorporated throughout the curriculum. The school is prepared with a Remote Learning Plan should it need to move to remote learning at any time during the academic year.

To find out more about Prince of Peace Catholic School, contact Principal Stephanie Stoneberg at 847-356-6111 or visit <http://>

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

- Betty Laky
- Patrick Lucansky
- Marcy Novak
- Paula Emmerth
- Dean Pedersen
- Bob Geske
- Residents of Rolling Hills



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Catholic Charities Collection August 30, 2020

Please consider helping mothers, children and seniors from our community who are struggling.

You can contribute online at
www.catholiccharities.net/donate
or mail your check directly to
Catholic Charities
721 N. LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60454.

“I encourage you to keep in mind all those people around us who are trapped in the cycle of poverty. They too need to be given hope.”

– Pope Francis

Deacons Round Table

WSFI 88.5 FM Catholic Radio
Fourth Saturday of the Month at 7:00 pm
Lively conversations and interviews
examine how to live a life of faith.



Altar and Rosary Sodality Women's Group (ARS)

ARS will be holding its next Game Day this Monday, August 17 at 11:30 a.m. in a member's home. There will be a light lunch potluck, followed by board & card games. Contact Nancy January at: nanjanil@sbcglobal.net if interested.



Electricity is now hooked up on our new sign!

St. Raphael The Archangel Current Mass Schedule and Times

Weekday: 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday)

Sunday: 9:00 am
Reservations Required.

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.

Confession

Saturday afternoons from 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
Reservations Required.

SAFETY FIRST PLEASE

- Sanitize your hands
- Maintain social distance
of 6 feet apart
- Wear masks



Thank you to our Parishioner who has been adding flowers to the Mary & Joseph Altars.

Mass Intentions

Week of August 16, 2020		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, August 15, 2020	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
Sunday, August 16, 2020	9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel † John Wolowic † Charles Lincoln † Sebastian Kowalski	
Monday, August 17, 2020	8:30 am	† George and Anne Centko	The Centko Family
Tuesday August 18, 2020	8:30 am	Donna Czerniewski	
Wednesday, August 19, 2020	8:30 am	† Paul Athanasas	
Thursday, August 20, 2020	8:30 am	† Rebecca Parkman	
Friday, August 21, 2020	8:30 am	Amber Foley	
Saturday, August 22, 2020	8:30 am	Deidra Carson-Barry	
Sunday, August 23, 2020	9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel † Marilyn Ross Miles Tebben Teresa Przyborowska	

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)





ST. BEDE SCHOOL

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"BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL SHOWCASE"



Medical/Dental Requirements for the 2020-2021 School Year

Preschool: If your child is new to the program, we need a physical with proof of immunizations.

Kindergarten: Physical with proof of immunizations, Dental Exam & Eye Exam

2nd Grade: Dental Exam

6th Grade: Physical with proof of immunizations, & Dental Exam



Bus Service

Due to circumstances beyond our control, school districts in our area are going with the full eLearning option. With that being said, we are not able to offer bus service to some of our communities that do not have public school in session. At this time, Big Hollow and Gavin will not be able to provide us with bus service. We are working on our bus schedule for Antioch and Fox Lake riders. Round Lake bus service is working with us to accommodate our needs. As soon as we have more information on the Round Lake service, we will let you know. Thank you for understanding.

welcome our new preschool teacher!

ms. schroeder!



- My first 5 years of teaching was at St. Joseph School in Round Lake, IL
- 1st year I taught preschool in the morning and then 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math in the afternoon
- For the last 4 years I taught kindergarten
- I am engaged to my fiancé Elliott. Our wedding date is 10/15/2021
- I grew up in McHenry with my mom, dad and (older)brother
- Teaching brings joy to my life and I love to share that joy with my students in and outside of the classroom
- I enjoy the movies, being on the water (I have a kayak), walking (5K's), playing games, camping/boating, road trips and hanging out and spending time with my family and friends
- I believe in being positive, spreading cheerfulness, helping others, I love hugs, being around others and I am a Godmother of my three godsons
- Go Cubbies, Da Bears....football season is my favorite time of year!

I am looking forward to starting this school year at St. Bede. I feel blessed to have this opportunity to make new connections with families at St. Bede and welcome all of the families that are coming from St. Joseph School. I look forward to continuing our relationship and to see your child grow as they continue their education.

**Introducing
2020-2021
PA Board**



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- Michelle Cerasani, Parent Ambassador Coordinator**