

The Epiphany of The Lord

January 3, 2021



Adoration of the Magi
Murillo, 1660

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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



Epiphany used to always come 12 days after Christmas on an older Church calendar. This was the reason for the Twelve Days of Christmas, both the tradition and the song. Now it has been moved to the nearest Sunday, so the “12 Days” of Christmas can be anywhere from 10 to 14 days. The important thing is to celebrate the Christmas season, not the number of days. The Liturgical Christmas season lasts until the Baptism of the Lord, which is a week after Epiphany. I see a lot of homes where people leave their Christmas lights up until February 2, the Presentation of the Lord, which is also a good custom.

There are many different traditions associated with Christmas, coming from all the different nations where the faithful celebrate our Lord’s birth. Often these customs depend on the ethnic or national background of our family. We were not able to have any special celebration for Simbang Gabi this year because of Covid regulations. I admit I don’t know much about Simbang Gabi because my previous parishes did not have many Filipino members. So next year I hope to learn more about it. As Catholics, we have a rich assortment of national traditions that all fit into the larger structure of the Church.

The diversity of worldwide Catholicism is a good way to lead into talking about Epiphany. The word epiphany means to reveal something, to make it known. When we capitalize it, it refers to Jesus Christ being revealed as God’s perfect message to the whole world. The visit of the Magi is a powerful symbol to us: the young child born in obscurity in Bethlehem has a message for every nation on earth.

Some of our Epiphany traditions are not mentioned in scripture; the names of the Magi, the stories about where they were from and so on. We assume there were three Magi because of the three gifts; there could have been a larger entourage with them. The known history of the Holy Land gives us some clues. The Romans and the Parthian Empire to the east had been fighting over that region for decades. Matthew 2:3 tells us that the arrival of the Magi was very disturbing to both Herod and “all Jerusalem”. The political leaders were worried that another battle might be coming! But the real message of Epiphany was peace for everyone. The Gospel doesn’t favor any one nation over the others. Jesus is Prince of Peace for all nations, for anyone who chooses to believe in him.

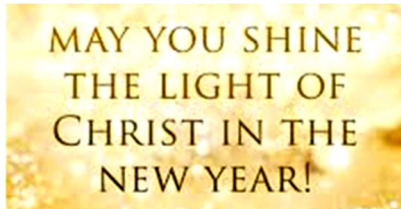
Our Church has been blessed with members from all the nations. It’s not bound to a single country or culture. This is part of what we celebrate at Epiphany.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Matthew Kowalski

**ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY
WOMEN'S GROUP**

The Altar & Rosary Sodality Women's Group would like to wish all the members of St. Raphael's a Blessed New Year



The March for Life Chicago

In January 2021, the March is expanding to seven different locations around the Midwest for a **March for Life Tour** and you're invited! The March for Life Chicago is hitting the road to build unity, community, and the pro-life movement across the Midwest! Leading up to the **March for Life in Chicago on January 23rd**, there will be six stops along the tour. Here is the schedule:

- Saturday January 2nd: Madison, WI
- Saturday January 9th: Des Moines, IA
- Sunday January 10th: Omaha, NE
- Saturday January 16th: Fort Wayne, IN
- Sunday January 17th: Mundelein, IL
- Friday January 22nd: Indianapolis, IN
- Saturday January 23rd: Chicago, IL

You can register for one or more of these tour stops. Tell your family. Tell your friends. In 2021, no matter what, we will march for LIFE!

Contact Information: 312-422-9300

Info@IllinoisRightToLife.org

Illinois Right to Life is a non-profit organization that educates on the beauty and value of all human life regardless of a person's size, gender, race, age, or disability. We use a grassroots approach to build a culture of life in Illinois that welcomes and loves all human life from conception through natural death.

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St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church recently received a donation of \$110.94 from AmazonSmile at no additional cost to customers.

Tell your relatives and friends!!
This is not restricted to parishioners!

Preached Silent Retreat for Men

Deacon Greg and the Knights of Columbus would like to invite the men of St. Raphael the Archangel to join us for a preached silent retreat at the Redemptorist Retreat House in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin the weekend February 5-7, 2021. The retreat starts Friday night and concludes after lunch on Sunday. This is our second year in attendance. Full COVID-19 protocols will be followed. To register, please call 262-567-6900, email rr@redemptoristretreat.org or online at redemptoristretreat.org. Mention "St. Raphael" when signing up. The cost of the retreat is \$220 per person and a \$50 deposit is needed at registration.

SAFETY FIRST PLEASE!

Sanitize your hands.

**Maintain social distance
of 6 feet apart. Wear masks**

PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON



The true story of the man behind the famous phrase, "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together," available on digital now. Visit iTunes for Pre-Sales beginning in December, and for home viewing and gift giving any time of the year. Watch the film with your loved ones and join the exciting new prayer campaign at PrayTogether-Now.com.

Experience the power of faith and prayer. Venerable Patrick Peyton became a priest on a mission to promote the Rosary and all family prayer, whether through mass media in Hollywood or with huge Rosary rallies around the world. This film will amaze and inspire you! Get info on iTunes pre-sales and sales at PrayTheFilm.com.

2020 Donation Statements

The parish office will send 2020 donation statements at the end of January to all who requested the statement in 2019. 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@straphaelcatholic.org) to request the 2020 statement. Statements will be sent via the email we have on record or U.S. Mail if there is no email address.

St. Raphael The Archangel

Current Mass Schedule and Times

- Weekday: 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday am)
- Saturday: 4:00 pm
- Sunday: 9:00 am

Reservations are required for Mass on Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.

Confession

Saturday afternoons from 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

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.



Share in the Care Retirement Fund for the Religious

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Many elder religious have worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by nearly three to one. Please be make your tax-deductible check payable to St. Raphael the Archangel with *Retirement for Religious on the memo line*. Thank you!

The Year of St. Joseph

Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster Father of Jesus.

In a December 8 apostolic letter, *Patris Corde* (with a father's heart), the Pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

Mass Intentions

Week of January 3, 2021		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, January 2, 2021	8:30 am	The Siron Family Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm		
Sunday, January 3, 2021	9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel † Father William Costello	Altar and Rosary Sodality
Monday, January 4, 2020	8:30 am	Tristan Blood	Ruth Blood
Tuesday January 5, 2020	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle	Ruth Blood
Wednesday, January 6, 2020	8:30 am	† Steven Hudak	Annette Wynn
Thursday, January 7, 2020	4:00 pm	† Betsy Mosteller	Annette Wynn
Friday, January 8, 2021	8:30 am	† Father William Costello	Bob and Elizabeth Forster
Saturday, January 9, 2021	8:30 am	† Vytautas Suopys	Al Suopys
	4:00 pm	† Nan Stefo	Altar & Rosary Sodality
Sunday, January 10, 2021	9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Raphael The Archangel	

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

James Freedman; Lynn (Lenny) Graham; Bonnie Parkman
 Marcy Novak; Paula Emmerth; Bob Geske
 Residents of Rolling Hills

Catholic Charities January 3 2021

Counseling Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the **Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line** at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

Legal Assistance Available

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.

Give the Gift of Wine

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of Catholic Charities' d'Vine Affair—a celebration of wine that raises critical dollars for Catholic Charities' programs and services! We invite you to join by hosting a *Virtual Home Tasting Party*. This is a fun and innovative way of gathering and interacting with friends and family while being introduced to some of the finest wines of the season. Each guest will enjoy a sample wine kit that includes six, 2 oz. bottles of wine and a wine guide. Celebrate the new year, a birthday, anniversary, engagement or simply create a virtual gathering to stay connected during the pandemic. We will provide you with full support throughout the entire process to ensure that this a memorable tasting experience for you and your guests. All proceeds from this virtual event will benefit Catholic Charities' Self-Sufficiency Programs. To learn more about a Virtual Home Tasting Party and how you and your guests can enter to win fabulous raffle prizes, call 773-756-6937. Cheers!

The Face of Hope is You

Our sincere thanks to the Catholic parish community for your generous support of Catholic Charities this year when the needs have been so great. You have brought care, light, and hope to thousands. If you can, please consider a contribution at www.catholiccharities.net. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours from all of us at Catholic Charities

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive News

In the past, the Knights of Columbus have held blood drives either in the Lifesource (now Vitalant) mobile collection van or in the church basement. Because of low turnout and COVID, we haven't been able to hold a blood drive since the middle of 2019.

Vitalant (formerly Lifesource) will run a "Virtual Blood Drive." Parishioners are asked to go to one of the Vitalant Donor Centers in Gurnee, Lake Bluff or Crystal Lake in February, May, August and/or November. If things improve by then, hopefully we can switch to onsite drives. The Virtual Drives would run for a period of 4 weeks in order to give donors the opportunity to go into one of our centers.

Vitalant has had many cancellations for donations and are at critically low levels. The strain on the blood supply is critical and more blood is needed for COVID-19 patients that are put onto respirators and require donations.

Please help make a difference during this pandemic.

**Confirmation for Adults – Vicariate I
Preparation Sessions begin Monday, March 1, 2021**

Where: St. Edna Church – Doherty Center, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Hts., 60004

Who may attend:

A candidate must be 18 years old **AND** out of high school
have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion

On the first night please bring:

- 1) Registration form below, signed by a priest or staff member from the candidate’s home parish
- 2) Registration fee of \$50.00; Cash or check payable to St. Edna Parish
- 3) A copy of baptismal certificate

Preparation Sessions:

Mondays at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 12, 19, 26; May 3
Rehearsal and Reconciliation (required) Thursday May 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Edna Parish
Confirmation Mass: Tuesday May 18, 7 p.m.
(note: save May 11 if 2nd date needed) at St. Edna Parish

NOTE: if classes can not be conducted on grounds we will do Zoom and independent study.

For additional information, please e-mail Lorie Crepeau at lcrepeau@stedna.org.
The registration form and a copy of baptismal certificate can also be e-mailed or mailed to Lorie
St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

REGISTRATION FORM- 2021 ADULT CONFIRMATION- Vicariate 1 (Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parish Name/Town _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

***Priest/Staff Signature from current/home parish** _____

Please bring registration form and a copy of your baptismal certificate.





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"BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL SHOWCASE"

**Monday,
January 4, 2021**

Instructional Planning Day
for Teachers —
No School

**Tuesday,
January 5, 2021—
Friday,
January 15, 2021**

Remote learning for all
students



TCS Informational Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
@ 6:30 pm
The Application Process

This session is for families who would like to apply for the Empower Illinois Scholarship for the FY22 school year. Please call the office at 847-587-5541 or email Mrs. Tellez at mtellez@stbedeschool.com to reserve your spot. We will send you the link to join our zoom meeting.



Our next PA meeting will be on January 13, 2021
@ 6:30 pm.
Email Nikki Brooks at brooks-Nicole@att.net if you would like to attend via zoom.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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