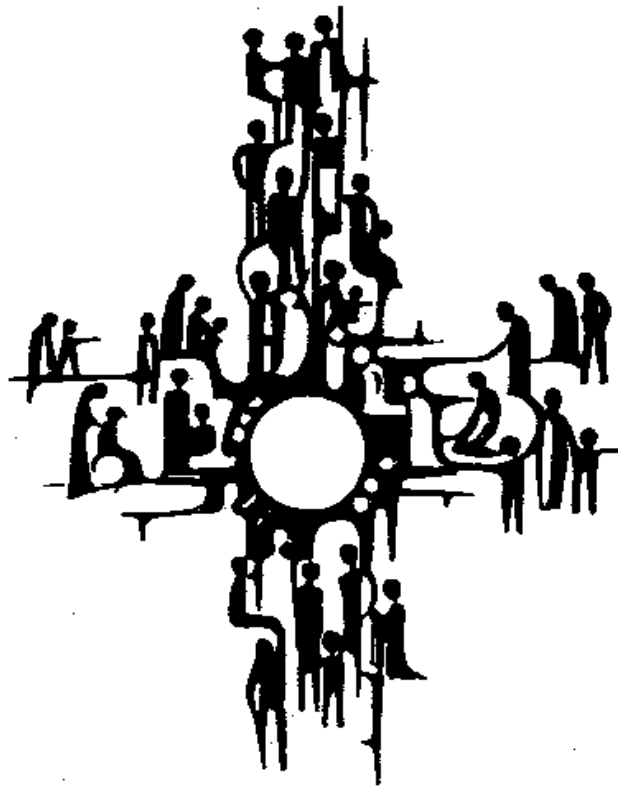


St. Raymond Catholic



Parish Handbook

Dear Friends,

It is a great joy to write this letter in our newest and latest revised parish handbook!

I am inspired by the generosity of time, talent and treasure that I have witnessed since I was assigned to serve the St. Raymond Community as pastor. This handbook is an attempt to describe some of the ways we try to follow the example of Jesus by what we say and do.

One day, each of us hopes the Lord will welcome us into God's Kingdom. We are assured of that hope when we follow Jesus' example of washing feet, of clothing the naked, of feeding that hungry, of comforting the sick, lonely or imprisoned and of embracing the sinner. We are a faith community committed to praying for one another as well as praying for the needs of the whole world.

I hope this guide will encourage you in the activities you are already involved in by assuring you that we do this together and do not ever have to do it alone. I hope that if you have not yet connected with any activity or ministry in the parish that this handbook will help to make that commitment. I promise you that we will all be enriched and better off as a parish when you

say yes to the choices presented here. I also promise that you will receive more than you give out again and again.

Please know that the entire Pastoral Staff is here to assist you. If you have questions about something in this booklet, please give a call. If you have suggestions for something you do not find here, but believe would help us demonstrate god's love by what we say and do, please call one of the staff.

For whatever reason, God has brought us together. When we experience each other in love, we have a foretaste of the Kingdom in our midst. May each of you find hospitality and love here. May each of us help the other on the way to the joy of God's Kingdom.

Fr. Robert J. McCann & The Entire Staff of
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ST. RAYMOND PARISH VISION STATEMENT

SAINT RAYMOND'S EMBRACES WHAT IT IS TO BE A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. OUR RICH FAITH HERITAGE GUIDES US AS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES LIVING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS THE SOURCE OF ALL WE ARE AND DO. NOURISHED BY LITURGY AND PERSONAL PRAYER, AS LIVED IN SERVICE TO GOD'S PEOPLE, WE ARE OPEN TO ALL, MAKING IT A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR MANY FACES BUT ONE FAMILY.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In the Spirit of the second Vatican Council, we are called upon as the people of Saint Raymond Catholic Community to Grow in our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and to each other through our worship, service and community efforts. We will strive to accomplish this mission by following the ten essentials of Parish Life. We do this by:

- ✘ **providing** for the spiritual and physical needs of our members as they are made known to us;
- ✘ **providing** quality faith formation for all ages through a comprehensive catechetical program that is sensitive to and nurtures the individual's faith journey within our community;
- ✘ **welcoming** all people with loving openness and hospitality; and
- ✘ **responding** to the diversity of our members by providing avenues of expression specific to the needs.

The **SIGN** and **SOURCE** of our unity is the celebration of the **Eucharist** and all the sacraments as well as the vitality of our liturgical life. Continuing to enliven our faith through the Holy Spirit is central to our mission of giving ever clearer witness to the kingdom of God.

We encourage all parishioners to become involved in carrying out our mission as God's people. We invite each parishioner to pray for God's guidance and to seek a place in the exciting reality of God's work among us and through us to our community and world.

WE, THE COMMUNITY OF ST. RAYMOND PARISH, ARE COMMITTED TO:

- **deepening** our spiritual life through ongoing education, enhanced liturgical celebrations, and an expanded sense of community;
- **inviting** to fuller participation in our community those marginalized people whose needs we have not traditionally met;
- **providing** avenues of outreach into our local and neighboring communities by developing awareness of others' needs as well as an awareness of our call to apply Gospel values in meeting those needs;
- **continuing** to accommodate our parish growth by assessing and implementing facility upgrades to all areas of our parish plant to meet requirements of programs, both existing and planned.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.
Monday – Saturday

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Youth/Young Adult)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Holy Days: as announced (check bulletin for times)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 828-2460

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS: 365-0014

Monday 8-4:30
Tuesday-Wednesday 9-5:30
Thursday 10-7:30
Friday 8-12

ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 828-4064

Monday – Friday 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 365-0013

Office Hours Vary Please Call

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SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

For individual anointing call the parish office 828-2460. You may also see one of the priests after the morning masses to receive the sacrament.

If there is a medical emergency call the office number anytime. Anyone facing a serious illness or surgery may celebrate this Sacrament.

After hours if you have an emergency and you require a priest, call 828-2460 and then press 7.

BAPTISM:

Newborn to Grade 2:

contact the Parish Office, 828-2460
straymon@pacbell.net

Grade 3-5

contact the faith formation office 365-0014
Christina@st-raymond-dublin.org

Middle School & High School:

contact the Youth & Young Adult Ministries office, 365-0013
colleen@st-raymond-dublin.org

Adults: contact the Pastoral Associate, Diana Bitz, 365-0015
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CONFIRMATION

High School: (refer to the Youth and Young Adult section)

contact the Youth & Young Adult Ministries office, 365-0013
youthadmin@st-raymond-dublin.org

Adults: (refer to the Adult Spirituality & Faith Formation section)

contact the Pastoral Associate, 365-0015
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FIRST EUCHARIST

Grade 2 to Grade 5: (refer to the Faith Formation section)

contact the Faith Formation office, 365-0014
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Middle School & High School:

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MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners—preparation takes 12 months prior to the wedding. Call the parish office 828-2460 to start the process.

Your wedding day is, without a doubt, one of the most important days

of your life. We join you in celebrating your happiness and want to assist you in making your wedding day a joyous experience. So that the day of you wedding proceeds smoothly, a wedding coordinator will assist the couple in organizing the details of the ceremony and managing the rehearsal.

While the wedding is one day, the marriage is a lifetime. In order to provide a solid foundation of a healthy marriage, a year of preparation is required. The couple will meet with the priest and attend an Engaged Encounter. Both provide the couple with an opportunity to explore various aspects of married life such as God-in marriage, children, interpersonal relationships, and finances. This intense preparation will set the couple on the path to a lasting relationship.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

EUCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND

Homebound ministries enables elderly and ill parishioners to receive communion on a weekly basis. Contact the parish office 828-2460.

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FUNERALS

Contact the parish office 828-2460.

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the parish office 828-2460.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
ST. RAYMOND LIVES THE GOSPEL THROUGH...

Liturgy:

- Altar Server
- Environment
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Linen Ministry
- Lector
- Pew Maintenance
- Projectionist
- Sacristan
- Hospitality (Usher/greeter)

Music Ministry:

- Children's Choir
- English Choir
- Filipino Family Choir
- Spanish Choir
- Youth & Young Adult Choir

Adult Faith Formation:

- Pre-Baptismal Catechesis
- RCIA
- Returning Catholics
- Scripture Studies

Adult Spirituality

- Cursillo Community
- Ignation Exercises
- M.A.T.S.—Men Awakening to Spirituality
- MOM'S—Ministry of Mother's Sharing
- Small Faith Communities
- WINGS—Women in God's Spirit
- Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group
- English Charismatic Prayer Group

Seasonal Parish Events

- Lenten Soup Nights
- Parish Seder
- Lent and Advent evenings of reflection
- Friday night prayer during Lent

School:

St. Raymond School Consultative Board

Faith Formation (*Religious Education*):

Nursery (co-op)

Sunday School (co-op)

ELEMENTARY:

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Faith Formation

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist

Vacation Bible Camp

Youth & Young Adult Ministries:

MIDDLE SCHOOL—JUMP:

Faith Formation Sessions

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism, First Reconciliation, First

Eucharist

JUMP Saturdays

HIGH SCHOOL—IGNITE:

Faith Formation Sessions

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation

Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist

Social Events

Service Projects

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YOUNG ADULT:

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YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Faith Sharing

Social Activities

Evangelization / Outreach

Gabriel Project
Job Link
Kairos Prison Ministry (Spanish and English)
Ministry to the Homebound
Prayer Chain
St. Vincent DePaul
Social Justice

Parish Committees:

Diverse Cultures
Facility Maintenance Committee
Finance Committee
Parish Festival
Pastoral Council
Stewardship Committee
Welcoming Committee
Condolence Committee
Liturgy Committee
Peace and Justice
Hispanic Leadership

Parish Organizations:

Catholic Daughters
CYO
Knights of Columbus
Women's Guild

Parish Organizations

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of America has grown and developed into the largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas. Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, its members are united by their faith in Jesus Christ and their devotion to the Church and Holy See. The purpose of the organization is to participate in the religious, charitable and educational apostolates of the church. Catholic Daughters of America engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their special God-given talents in a meaningful way to positively influence the welfare of the church and all peoples throughout the world.

CYO—Christian Youth Organization

CYO encourages Christian values through dedication of teamwork and sportsmanship. St. Raymond youth participate in a variety of sports.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic men's fraternal organization. Its purpose is to provide spiritual support and development to its members and to aid the parish and the community through various works of charity and fundraising activities.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild is one of the oldest organization in our parish! Its goal is to provide spiritual, charitable, social and educational opportunities for all women. while giving back as much as possible to the parish and the community. For those who are ill or may be in need, the guild has a prayer chain. The guild also provides a Round Robin of Food for those who have suffered the death of an immediate family member, and Joyful Meals provides meals on a short term basis for families in need of help during times of illness. The Guild's fund raising efforts enable them to make contributions to the St. Raymond Building Fund, Faith Formation program, Children's Bell Choir, high school scholarships, Hope Hospice, our sister parish and more. Monthly meetings are intended to be a social as well as educational opportunity providing interesting and informative speakers.

Liturgy

Celebrating the liturgy involves more than the “saying of the right words.” The celebration of the liturgy defines who we are and our relationship with God. As liturgical ministers, we are drawn to serve the parish community as we explore our own spirituality.

There are many ministries: Liturgy Committee, Environment, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Sacristan, Altar Server, Minister of Hospitality (ushers and greeters) Linen Ministry, Projection Ministry and Pew Cleaning. Each one of these ministries has a coordinator that does the scheduling, training and recruiting of volunteers from our parish. Over 300 members of our parish participate in these ministries that celebrate our community.

Altar Server

Altar Servers are young people from grades five through twelve who have received the Sacrament of First Communion. They assist the priest in the celebration of Sunday Mass and participate fully in the liturgy through prayer, song and action. Girls and boys are both welcome to serve as Altar Servers.

Liturgical Environment

The Environment committee is responsible for beautifying our worship space with banners, floral arrangements, lighting and other appropriate ornamentations during the different liturgical seasons of the Church year (Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter). Our committee creates a prayerful and inspirational environment that enhances our liturgical worship and that is representative of the various cultures and talents of the St. Raymond Parish community. We are always seeking volunteers of all ages who wish to participate. Artistic experience is not necessary, but a willingness and desire to enhance the quality of our worship is always required.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

The sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ is the source of our collective spiritual life. In this ministry you, with the priest, serve your sisters and brothers by sharing with them the mystery that makes us one. Extraordinary Ministers must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Linen Ministry

Volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that liturgical linens are crisp and clean for our celebrations. This ministry is important as there are guidelines to follow and a specific schedule to adhere to so that linens are ready for use at any time.

Lector

As a lector, you are called to proclaim the Word of God. The liturgical celebration becomes the continuing, complete, and effective presentation of God's word. Since as a storyteller you are called to speak the words of salvation, you must have a willingness to study and practice the weekly scripture. Lectors must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Ministers of Hospitality (ushers/greeters)

Visitors to our parish often comment about how warm and welcoming we are! The Ministers of Hospitality are a key part of that welcome as they greet parishioners prior to the start of Mass. During the liturgy, they set an example of reverence, maintain order, coordinate the preparation of gifts and take up the collection.

Pew Maintenance

To help keep our church beautiful, once every three months on a Saturday morning, a crew of hardy volunteers wipe down the fabric on the pews. Every six months, they wax the woodwork. In addition, the volunteers look for any items that may need repair.

Projectionist

To assist parishioners and visitors to fully participate in our liturgical celebration, the songs and some prayers are displayed on screens. The Projectionist operates a laptop computer and works with the music director to coordinate the timing of the display. The presentation is already prepared and a printout is provided. Volunteers will serve at the Mass they attend.

Sacristan

The Sacristan oversees the "behind the scenes" preparation for the liturgy by preparing the hosts and wine, setting out linens, setting up for special liturgies and preparing for baptisms. They stay in the sanctuary during Mass to respond to any additional needs. Following the Mass, the Sacristan returns everything to its proper place. In addition, the Sacristan does what is necessary to keep the sanctuary and sacristy clean and orderly.

Music Ministry

The role of music within the context of the liturgy is an ancient one. We echo the worship of our foremothers and forefathers in faith, the Jews, who worshipped using many instruments and much singing in their liturgies, most especially with the Psalms. The only way to approach God was with the sound of the sung human voice, a view which our Church maintains. St. Augustine said that when we sing, we pray twice.

Ministry through Music is something that we take very seriously here at St. Raymond. We spend many hours preparing for our liturgies to ensure that we bring the best we have to offer to our God by learning how to make music as well as we possibly can including learning healthy singing techniques, as well as reading music and studying the fundamental aspects of music. We also spend time studying Scripture and understanding more fully the functions of music within the liturgy to bring about a prayerful experience for all and, most importantly, a worship experience that inspires the participation of both assembly and choir.

And we manage to do all of this while building meaningful relationships with each other and having a whole lot of fun doing it: we laugh together; we cry together; we bear each other's pain together; all while we sing together of the goodness of our God's love. No previous experience required except for a love of making music, vocal or instrumental.

Music Ministry is one choir with opportunities for the children from Kindergarten through eighth grade to sing at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday; for your youth or young adult to sing at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday; for adults to sing at the Spanish Mass at the 7:00 Mass on Saturday; with the Filipino Community on the third Sunday of the month at the Noon Mass; or at the 7:30 and 10:30 Masses, which are in English.

St. Raymond School

School

The school as an extension of the parish, offers a quality education in a Catholic environment. Classes are offered for children in grades K-8. The school is committed to the cognitive, emotional and spiritual growth of each student. Children receive the benefit of education programs whose objective is to foster faith development, as well as academic and social skills. Our philosophy adheres to the Catholic tradition involving parents in the educational process, providing our students with sound academic and spiritual preparation. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the various ministries the parish offers.

School Consultative Board

The Consultative Board is composed of elected members from the parish and school community. They aid and advise the administration of the school in areas such as finance, public relations, long range planning and policy. They also are a liaison between the school and parish and the community at large.



Adult Spirituality & Faith Formation

RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each person is led by God on his or her own spiritual journey. As individuals make this journey, some seek a way to learn more about the Catholic Church and to explore the idea of becoming Catholic. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults who are either unbaptized, baptized in a Christian faith, or baptized in the Catholic Faith and need to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

RCIA is a process based on theological principles that initiates adults into the Catholic Christian faith. Participants meet on a weekly basis to pray, reflect on scripture, ask questions, and share stories. Together with the volunteers that serve as sponsors and Team Members, the adults grow in their individual relationship with the Lord Jesus and learn how to live out the Christian faith as Catholics.

Returning Catholics

Inactive or Returning Catholics: consider this an invitation to take another look at the Catholic Church. The “Returning Catholics” program, sponsored by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, St. Michael's Parish of Livermore and St. Raymond Parish of Dublin, provides discussion of important issues in today's Church, education on current belief and practice, opportunities to tell your story, ask questions, and renew your faith in a supportive and non-judgmental environment. Some of the topics include: Vatican II, the Bible, annulments, conscience formation and Church authority, changes in the Mass, and many more.

W.I.N.G.S. — Women in God's Spirit

W.I.N.G.S. is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. WINGS welcomes women of all ages from the Christian community who want to grow in their relationship with God and each other.

M.A.T.S.—Men's Awakening to Spirituality

MATS offers guest speakers, small group discussion, prayer and meditation. Their goal is to awaken men spiritually by welcoming them on a journey of faith, fellowship, love, and development of a personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

M.O.M.S. – Ministry of Mothers Sharing

Ministry of Mothers Sharing is a seven-week journey that leads a group of women through an experience of peer ministry, self-discovery, mutual support, and prayer. Participants use a personal journal to read and record their personal reflections. Each two-hour session deals with issues that are common concerns in today's world.

Small Faith Communities

This is an opportunity to share faith with others in an intimate setting in someone's home. Prayer, scripture, meditation, and sharing are the focus of these groups.

Ignation Exercises

"The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius" is a journey through prayer and contemplation that offers a personal encounter with God that frees us to be more ourselves. It is an opportunity to become closer to God by opening up your mind and spirit to the Lord. It is accomplished through scripture, meditation and prayer based on the focus of the church year.

Cursillo

The movement of Cursillo in Christianity is a powerful instrument of renewal in the church. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Cursillo gives those who attend it a living understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to serve Christ. What's more, it provides a means to continue the Christian formation which is just begun in the three-day exercises. The Cursillo movement community spirit is continued after the three days through the "ultreya" or reunions of the community, which are available on a regular basis. Reunions of smaller groups are also available.

Scripture Studies

St. Raymond's Web Page (www.st-raymond-dublin.org) offers a Scripture Study focusing on the Sunday Mass readings to aid you in your reflection upon the Word proclaimed Sunday after Sunday.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation 1st – 5th Grade

Faith Formation is offered three different days a week for the convenience of the parents.

The curriculum used in our Faith Formation Program is called Faith First. The publisher is RCL. Highlights of the program include; The Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments, Christian Morality, Prayer, and Liturgical year Celebrations. The curriculum is enhanced by music, arts and crafts, and storytelling.

We not only teach the children love and compassion for others, we show them through examples. The children are involved with adopting families in need during the Christmas Season and help provide food for families through the Holiday Food Basket Drives. They spend quality family time together during the Parish Family Advent Celebrations. They become involved in the Liturgy during the Christmas Eve Celebration by reenacting the birth of Jesus. They grow in their understanding of the Stations of the Cross during the Parish Lenten Soup days. All of this is above and beyond the weekly teachings of the Bible-based Faith Formation Program offered here. The program is successful because of parent involvement and their level of commitment to their children. Their Christian lives truly are examples for their children.

Sacramental Preparation

Our second grade students from the parish school and faith formation program prepare to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Parents are also educated on the two sacraments through workshops.

Students culminate the year with a one-day retreat centered around the celebration of the Eucharist.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children 3rd- 5th Grade

Students who have not received First Eucharist and/or First Reconciliation prepare for these sacraments. This preparation includes weekly faith formation classes and a one day retreat centered around the celebration of the Eucharist. They then receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Baptism

Children from birth through the second grade may receive the Sacrament of infant baptism. St. Raymond Parish requires baptismal catechesis for all parents wishing to baptize their children. Parents attend classes that emphasize Baptism Rites and Rituals, the meaning of Baptism, symbols and their importance, the history of the Sacrament, and how Baptism is celebrated at St. Raymond.

Nursery (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

Nursery services are offered at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday. It is open to all children six months to three years old. It is run as a co-op with parents taking an active role in covering the needed supervision. This program is offered year round.

Sunday School (9:00 & 10:30 a.m.)

This is a program offered to children ages three to five years during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. We hope to develop the children's knowledge of God's existence. It is run as a co-op. Parents are trained as teachers and assistants. The program is enhanced with music, lectionary-based Bible stories, arts and crafts.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (9:00 a.m.)

CLW is offered to students in 1st-5th grade during the 9:00 Mass. The students are sent out at the beginning of the Mass to a classroom where they can hear and discuss the Sunday readings at their level. They learn how the readings affect their lives today. They return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Vacation Bible Camp

VBC is offered to children *four years old* through the 6th grade. It is a one-week opportunity for the high school and middle school students to become camp counselors. They guide the children on an adventure to build their faith and belief in the Lord's love for them. Lessons are provided through music, arts and crafts, games, and stories. Each child receives a camp t-shirt, music CD, and new lifetime friends.

L.I.F.T.—Life Inspiring Family Time

This is a family opportunity to get together and share quality time together. Guest speakers, movie night, games, picnics are all parts of this ministry.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Rite of Christian Initiation for Middle School and High School

The Rite of Christian Initiation prepares youth for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and/or First Eucharist. Through faith sharing, Scripture study, prayer, and reflection, our young people prepare for initiation into our faith community. Middle school youth meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., & High School youth meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Confirmation

The Confirmation preparation process begins in September of freshman year and continues through junior year with the reception of the Sacrament taking place during the Easter Season of junior year. Throughout the three-year formation process candidates participate in weekly faith formation session, attend retreats and serve the community through various service and outreach projects.

Middle School Youth Ministry

St. Raymond offers a comprehensive middle school program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders entitled **JUMP**. There are two components to the **JUMP** program, Faith Formation Sessions and JUMP Saturdays. Faith Formation takes place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning in September and ending in May. JUMP Saturdays offer an opportunity for middle school youth to take part in service projects, socialize with one another, and participate in our weekly parish Youth and Young Adult Liturgy.

High School Youth Ministry

St. Raymond offers a comprehensive high school youth ministry program for high school youth entitled **IGNITE!** Faith formation takes place on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning in September and ending in May. In addition to the faith sharing and learning that takes place on Monday nights, there are occasional guest speakers that speak to our youth on topics of particular interest to teens. **IGNITE!** also offers many opportunities for service to the community, retreats, and social events.

Young Adult Youth Ministry

St. Raymond offers a comprehensive young adult program for college age young adults. This program serves the young adults of our parish by offering opportunities for them to gather and share their faith experiences with one another. This is done through social activities, service opportunities and retreat experiences.

Young Adults with Special Needs Youth Ministry

Our parish Young Adult with Special Needs Group serves those of us in our parish with developmental disabilities. They meet for faith sharing and outings such as attending movies and celebrating each other's birthdays by going out to dinner. For further information please contact the St. Raymond Youth and Young Adult Ministries office.



Evangelization / Outreach

Condolence Committee

This new ministry is now forming. It is a dream that this ministry can be the center of the circle that will surround our parishioners and family members during their time of loss and grief. The smallest gift of time will ripple outward and forever affect the memory and feeling of support the family members can have.

There are so many areas that each of us can make a difference to a parishioner in their lonely and grieving times..... a written card reminding the parishioner that they are remembered and cared for; or a warm meal waiting for them when there is no energy left to cook; or help in getting a family member to/from the airport; or companionship during the funeral planning process; or help with and during the funeral mass.

Gabriel Project

This is a program where we as a parish support pregnant women in crisis in whatever way possible. Some of the areas of need are shelter, friendship, emotional support, financial assistance, prayer support, etc. St. Raymond has also been called on several occasions to begin the prayer chain for those entering the clinic who were thinking about abortions and are being counseled about other options. The Core Team at St. Raymond says that "If we can help save one life, it is worth all the effort in the world."

Job Link

Our purpose is to provide spiritual support and practical help to anyone looking for a job, whether you are out of work or are ready for a change. Job search can be a very lonely and anxious time. Join Job Link and find ways to share support with each other.

Some of the practical help we can provide is in areas such as:

- ✘ Resume preparation
- ✘ Interviewing skills
- ✘ Finding resources
- ✘ Networking
- ✘ Knowing yourself

If you are a JOB SEEKER—please come.

If you know a JOB SEEKER—please send him or her.

If you want to HELP fellow parishioners—please come.

Kairos Prison Ministry

The word Kairos is Greek for "God's time". Kairos prison ministry began in the late 70's in Florida. It has proven to be very successful in bringing the word of God to a large number of prison inmates. Retreats are held several times a year in state and federal prisons. The retreat is designed to provide an atmosphere for sharing, praying and learning about God. The retreat is modeled after a Cursillo retreat in which an individual examines his or her relationship with God. The format is adapted to accommodate the very intense and emotional prison environment. The individual who facilitates the Kairos retreats must have made a Cursillo and facilitated a retreat. Inmates who participate in a retreat are invited to participate in a monthly group reunion.

Ministry to the Homebound

The ministers to the homebound are called to bring communion and community to the elderly and ill parishioners of St. Raymond, who are unable to get to mass. This is a ministry of presence; the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the presence of the visiting minister.

Prayer Chain

The St. Raymond telephone prayer chain provides an opportunity to pray for those in our parish who are ill or have special needs. Please call the parish office to place someone on the prayer chain.

Social Justice

The Social Justice committee aims to raise awareness about a broad range of social justice issues in our community. They strive to provide information about issues and ways in which our parish can become more involved.

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charity that provides emergency assistance to those in need. Vincentians are called upon to volunteer at the dining hall, coordinate clothing drives twice a year, prepare holiday food baskets, and distribute food and financial assistance to needy members of the community.

Parish Committees

Diverse Culture Committee

This committee assists the parish in seeking God through a better understanding of the diversity that makes up our parish. Help us plan the Annual Multi-Cultural Celebration.

Facility Maintenance Committee

This committee develops the long range plan for maintaining the parish facility, both buildings and grounds.

Finance Committee

This committee helps the pastor oversee the financial concerns of the parish. Among the responsibilities, they prepare and present the annual budget, meet monthly to review parish income and expenditures, assist the pastoral council and subcommittees in preparing budgets, and provide parishioners with periodic reports of the financial position of the parish. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee shapes the direction of worship for each liturgical season based on the Sunday readings, feast days and special events. Through study, listening to the community and prayer, this committee helps to structure the life giving liturgy so prevalent here. The committee meets once per month, Training and formation is offered.

Parish Festival

Our annual fall festival is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to enjoy great food, games, entertainment and fellowship. Many volunteers are needed to make this a successful event.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is a group of volunteer parishioners, who together with the pastor, are responsible for planning and maintaining the long-range vision of God's ministry for St. Raymond Parish. Guided by a Mission Statement and a 5-year plan (updated annually) the Pastoral Council collaborates with staff members, parishioners, committees, ministries, and organizations to carry out this vision. Pastoral Council members serve a three year term. Three new members are commissioned each year through a discernment process.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is responsible for coordinating a program of Time, Talent and Treasure. Believing that the seeds of stewardship grow throughout our lives, our committee provides suggestions for stewardship for different phases of life.

Welcoming Committee

The function of the Welcoming committee is to welcome the new families who register in the parish. The committee invites the new families to meet other parishioners in Moran Hall for coffee and doughnuts on the first and third Sundays of the month. At that time, the new families visit with members of the Welcome Committee to get acquainted with the activities and organizations in the parish.

Grupo de Oracion Carismatico Spanish and English Charismatic Prayer Groups

Nuestro empoque es conocer a nuestro Senor JesuChristo y tener una relacion intima con dios. Por medio de: alabanzas, oracion, meditacion, escrituras biblicas, predicadores misas de sanacion y retiros.

Overall Spiritual growth through: prayer, meditation, singing, scripture reading and sharing, guest speakers, healing masses and retreats. Our purpose is to get to know our Lord Jesus Christ and to have an intimate relationship with Him.

Seasonal Parish Events

The following events need many hands to make them a reality. Your assistance with any of these events, or any other social events is always appreciated. Please call the parish office to help.

Lenten Soup Nights

Parish Seder

Lenten Friday night prayer

Lent and Advent evenings of reflection

Adult Education Series

All Souls mass and reception

Holiday Food Baskets

Parish Picnics

Parish Receptions and Social Events

The Parish Pastoral Staff hopes you find this booklet useful. Our goal is to live the promise:

WE DO THIS TOGETHER

Hand and hand with our loving God,
St. Raymond Parish community continues to be a
place of welcome, friendship, deep spirituality
and a visible presence of God's love in the world.

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