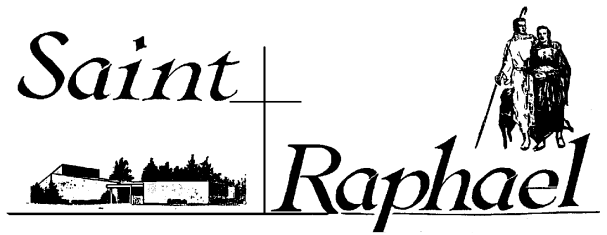




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**Pastoral Staff**

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**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays 9:00 a.m.: Tues., Wed. at St. R  
 Thurs., Fri. at St. J  
 Saturday: 4:30 p.m. at St. J  
 7:00 p.m. at St. R  
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. R  
 11:00 a.m. at St. J

**Office Hours**

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. at St. J  
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. at St. J  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at St. R  
 or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents interested in having their children baptized need to contact the Pastor for further information.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Those seeking this sacrament are required to contact the Pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-marriage instructions/classes are required.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Those in need should contact the parish office as soon as possible. The sacrament can be celebrated before and after Mass, home, hospital or where it is convenient.

**Christian Initiation of Adults**

Anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian or who would like to inquire about our faith should call the Pastor at the parish office.

**Parish Membership**

Welcome new Parishioners! Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment to register. Please notify us if you have a change of address or are moving outside the parish.

**Bulletin Deadline** - Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

**ST. JOSEPH/ST. RAPHAEL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

**"We are a welcoming spiritual home that provides community and personal growth through liturgy, evangelization, the Word of God and a call to His service."**

**Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Mass of Easter Day  
 April 1 2018**

**"The one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Happy Easter! You know that today is the most important day in our liturgical Calendar, without this day we cannot have hope and new life! I do not get tired of telling you this! This is the most important day because Christ is risen! This day we remember that God destroy death for us! He gave us new opportunity to live the life that His Father wanted to gave us when He created our world. Is it not great news! In this day during the more than two thousand year Christians have celebrated life and victory.

How about you? Has this day has brought you newness in your life? Are you afraid of God's surprises? Do you prefer to hold on to your own security? You know me! I really like to ask so many questions! Bear with me!

My friends in Christ, my hope for you, in this wonderful day, is that all of you can experience the love of God in your life and can understand a little more deep this wonderful act that every year we celebrate. Do you rejoice today? This is the big question for today. I read long time ago why we rejoice in this day, "The world rejoices because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice and tragedy has turned into comedy." Is it not great how many people feel it today? But what I asked before the most important question is your answer! The story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday is the story of triumph of falsity over truth, of injustice over justice, of evil over goodness. Death is not the end of the story, we heard that many times but did you experience in your life this freedom, this truth, and this joy? The most important answer that God wants to hear is your answer in this day. God wants to be part of your life and give you newness, meaning, and freedom. Remember this that God never gives up on you or anybody that are in need of his love and mercy. Some times, we ask this question, where is Jesus? We asked this question when we are going through very difficult times: through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, and misrepresentations; even when the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives.

**Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez**

**Schedule for  
Apr. 2 - Apr. 8**

**MONDAY- 4/2**

Acts 2: 14, 22-33, Mt 28: 8-15

**TUESDAY - 4/3**

Acts 2: 14, 22-33, Jn 20: 11-18

**9:00am (St. R)** - Mass followed by Adoration until 11:30pm  
**9:30am** - St. Raphael CCW Meeting  
**2:00pm** - Mass at Medical Care  
**7:00pm** - Tri-Saints, K of C Meeting at St. Raphael

**WEDNESDAY- 4/4**

Acts 3: 1-10, Lk 24: 13-35

**9:00am (St. R)** - For the Sick  
**9:30am (St. R)** - Bible Study  
**6:00pm** - St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting

**THURSDAY- 4/5**

Acts 3: 11-26, Lk 24: 35-48

**9:00am (St. J)** - For the Sick

**FRIDAY- 4/6**

Acts 4: 1-12, Jn 21: 1-14

**9:00am (St. J)** - For the Poor

**SATURDAY - 4/7**

Acts 4: 13-21, Mk 16: 9-15

**4:30pm (St. J)** - Steve Grajik (Dennis & Beverly Knoche)

**7:00pm (St. R)** - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael

**SUNDAY- 4/8**

Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6, Jn 20: 19-31

**8:00am** - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)

**8:30am (St. R)** - George Marcero (Marion)

**9:30am (St. J)** - Faith Formation Class

**11:00am (St. J)** - Karen Kurtz (Mom)

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

Mass Times: Thursday & Friday, 9:00am, Saturday, 4:30pm, Sunday, 11:00am

**FAITH FORMATION**

The next Faith Formation class will be Sunday, April 8th.



**Christ, being risen from the dead,  
 one who will die no more,  
 grant that sin, which is death,  
 may have no mastery over us  
 for whom you died.**

**Release all from the tyranny of sin  
 even as you set all free from death.  
 Enrich their minds with your truth,  
 their souls with your grace,  
 their hearts with you own love.**

**O Christ, with whom we lay buried in death,  
 with whom we have been raised up,  
 we are your servants! We are yours!**



**ALLELUIA!  
 CHRIST IS ALIVE!**



The Family of Irene Lyman would like to express their deepest gratitude to family, friends and the parish community for their support during our time of grief.

We would like to thank Fr. Ruben Munoz, altar servers, organist, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers and to all who were in attendance at Irene's funeral Mass.

We would like to thank the St. Joseph Ladies' Guild for the delicious meal and to those who donated food.

**ST. JOSEPH'S STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| ENVELOPE             | \$ 2,018.00 |
| OFFERTORY            |             |
| LOOSE                | \$ 518.16   |
| OFFERTORY            |             |
| CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY | \$ -----    |
| STIPEND              | \$ 20.00    |
| DONATION             | \$ -----    |
| TOTAL                | \$ 2,556.16 |
| BUILDING ENV.        | \$ -----    |
| D & L FUND-BLG.      | \$22,544.21 |
| FOOD PANTRY          | \$          |

**Prayer Requests**

Richie Anderson, June Bartlett, Kyleigh Borah, Mary Lynn Burchard, Anna Charlich, Martha Dirksen, Addy Hollifield, Tammy Holmes, Dennis Knoche, Joyce LaFleur, Florence Levandowski, Bonnie Levandowski, William Lotz, Marilyn Lotz, George Macko, John David Martuch, Julie Miller, Rob Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Mary Steen, Kay Thompson, Albert Valencia, Barbara Warner

**Happy Birthday!!**

- 4/1 - Luke Bradford
- 4/2 Aubree Lyman
- 4/3 - Paul Miller
- 4/7 - Dale Dixon, Rudy Gross

**Happy Anniversary!!**

- 4/1 - M/M Russell Pomeroy
- 4/2 - M/M Richard Deising
- 4/4 - M/M Peter Brown

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Tri-Saints, K of C Dinner and helped make it a huge success. We served approximately 190 people. A good time was had by all. Thank you so much for joining us in celebrating the St. Joseph Feast Day.

- Tri Saints Council #16643

**ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 7 & 8**

| Saturday, 4:30pm  | Sunday, 11:00am  |
|---|--|
| Lector - Beverly Knoche<br>Body of Christ - Beth Klajda<br>Precious Blood - Chris Goodrich & Pam Stokes<br>Altar Servers - Kyle Noggle & Sandra Bologna<br>Hospitality - Catherine Noggle | Lector - Linda Showalter<br>Body of Christ - Dan Long<br>Precious Blood - Maria Somsel & Tom Berard<br>Altar Servers - George Phillips & Hope Showalter<br>Hospitality - Peaches Sanovic |

**ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH**  
**Mass Times: Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:00am, Saturday, 7:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am**

**ST. RAPHAEL'S  
 STEWARDSHIP OF  
 TREASURE**

**ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS**

**Happy Birthday!!**

May Our Lord bless us through  
 our generosity

If you would like to remember your loved one with a plaque on the Memory Board, call the office at 231-889-4254. APPROXIMATE cost is \$20.00

- 3/29 - Joan Willis
- 4/3 - Tanya Carr
- 4/5 - Emily Fouchey, Walter Jankowski
- 4/7 - Barbara DeVoll

|                 |    |          |
|-----------------|----|----------|
| ENVELOPE        | \$ | 850.00   |
| OFFERTORY       |    |          |
| LOOSE OFFERTORY | \$ | 544.00   |
| V. LTS          | \$ | 15.30    |
| COFFEE          | \$ | -----    |
| FUEL            | \$ | -----    |
| STIPEND         | \$ | -----    |
| EASTER FLOWERS  | \$ | 130.00   |
| DONATION        | \$ | -----    |
| TOTAL           | \$ | 1,529.30 |
| BUILDING        | \$ | -----    |

The first **CCW Meeting** of the year will be held on **Tuesday, April 3rd**. We will attend Mass from 9:00-9:30, followed by our meeting, 9:30-11:00am with closing of Adoration, 11:00-11:30am. Hostess for this month is Gerry Kastl. All Ladies of the parish are cordially invited, and new members are always needed. Please consider joining us!!

If you are a registered parishioner, and no longer have a house phone, or just use your cell phone, would you please call the office with that number so we can update our records. Thank you!

**Prayer Requests**

Marty Bailey, Dennis Daldine, DeVoll Family, Bill Dowd, Mary Evans, William Hogarth, Karen Ling, Mike Ling, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Kenneth O. Milliron, Dale Moody, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Albert Valencia, Don Walston, Gary Willis

**Without Easter**

**Without Easter,  
 there would be no hope of heaven.  
 Without the hope of heaven,  
 there would be no repentance,  
 no personal transformation,  
 no attempt to follow biblical principles.**

**Without Easter,  
 the world would be in chaos  
 and darkness.  
 Jesus' death and resurrection  
 means we can be reborn,  
 to live better, to do better,  
 to shine light into the shadows.  
 Hallelujah!**

*- By Joanna Fuchs*



**BEHOLD,  
 CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

| <b>ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 7 &amp; 8</b>  |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Saturday, 7:00pm</b>   | <b>Sunday, 8:30am</b>   |
| Lector -<br>Body of Christ - Gerry Kastl<br>Precious Blood - Ann Fouchey<br>Altar Servers - Michael Schaub & Isabelle Fouchey | Lector -David Clous<br>Body of Christ - Flo Smith<br>Precious Blood - Maria Saul & Ruth Schaub<br>Altar Servers - Bob Saul & Rose Clous |



Please pray for all service men and women who are serving our country.

**SrA Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF, Ssgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF, Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN, 2 Lt. Daniel J. Debano, Engineer, MIARNG, Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army, Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army, Charles Draeger, USAF Special Unit, MIARNG, , Coast Guard, Navy, Olivia Fouchey, USAF, SFC Jeremy A. Kott, Army, Jay Long, Mike Meyers, Air Force, Adam O'Neill, Army, Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army, 2nd Lt. Karina Pierce-Pingel, Army, Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Army, Sgt. First Class Philip Sedlar, Jr., Andrew Saul, Navy, Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF, Austin Soller, Navy, Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Capt. Kent Turner, Army, Yeoman John Tucker, CG, Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG, Daniel Tanner, Navy**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior Amen.

If you know of someone serving our country and would like a his/her name printed in our military corner please call the

## ST. JOSEPH LADIES GUILD NEWS

\*\*The Ladies Guild will have next meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 . ALL women of the parish are invited to join us when we meet again!! Come and meet your fellow parishioners. Our church needs your helping hands, and the good ideas in your heads. Need a ride? Call the church secretary and she will contact us to help. **SEE YOU THERE!!!** The St. Joseph Ladies' Guild new project will be **saving Family Fare receipts** that may be put in the same box in the entry. When you go to Family Fare all you have to do is sign-up for their reward card. We are collecting General Mills box tops for education. When you are cutting out the box top for education we need the **General Mills Box Top for Education** not the save 25-75%.

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**ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:** The next month's Food Pantry will **April 27, 2018** beginning at **10 a.m.** **Your financial support is appreciated and encouraged.** Every dollar you contribute goes toward purchase of food and household items.

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**Stewardship by the Book** - Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

### **Stewardship Reflections -**

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:20*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

**Family Perspective** - That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life, there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles, we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

**Promise to Protect; Pledge to Heal** - In an effort to protect all children and to promote healing, the Diocese of Gaylord encourages victims of child abuse or neglect to report the matter. In fact, many professionals are required by Michigan State law to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or minor. Individuals should contact their local office of the Department of Human Services. If an allegation involves sexual misconduct of a minor by clergy or any employee of the Diocese of Gaylord, even if it is in the past, individuals may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistant Coordinator, Larry LaCross at 989-705-9010.

**2018 Diocesan Conference** - Save the date for the 2018 Diocesan Conference taking place September 21 & 22 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Entitled "This Little Light of Mine: Shining Christ's Light, Sunrise to Sunset," the conference will focus on ways to 'shine your light' in all facets of life and will even feature special breakout sessions for teens. Our Friday-night keynote speaker and emcee/musician for the weekend is internationally-renowned singer-songwriter Jesse Manibusan, author of "Open My Eyes," a hymn that has been published in many languages for both Catholic and Protestant Churches around the world. Dr. Timothy O'Malley, Ph.D., director of the Center for Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame will present

on Saturday. Bring your family for a weekend of faith and fun and take advantage of the special lodging and golf rates offered by Treetops. More information is available at [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org). Stay tuned as more presenters and a full schedule will be announced!

**2018 Annual DCCW Convention - "Mary, Undoer of Knots"** - The Gaylord Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to the 2018 Annual Convention on Wednesday, May 9, at the Cooney Conference Center in Gaylord. This year's theme is "Mary Undoer of Knots" and will feature Elizabeth Gengle from St. Francis Parish in Petoskey as the key note speaker. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m. The cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Registrations and checks (payable to Gaylord DCCW) should be sent to Ruth Grant, 5574 W. Weir Road, Oscoda, MI 48750, no later than April 27. For more information, contact Ruth at 989.739.2363.

### GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES

Divine Mercy Parish is offering a seven-week Grief Recovery Series. We strive to live in the image of Jesus Christ who wept with those who mourned. We believe that no one should grieve alone. To that end we pray for and with each family that loses a loved one and attempt to bring comfort and consolation to all the bereaved. The upcoming sessions will begin with a "Come & See" registration time on April 10th at 7:00pm. The sessions will take place in the St. Joseph Parish Center Library at 249 Sixth Street. The series is open to all persons in the Manistee and surrounding area who have experienced the death of a loved one regardless of the length of time it has been since your loss. For more information, please call Kris Malone at 398-9368, Lynn Modrzyński at 723-6745, Shirley Skiera at 723-9680, or the Parish Office at 723-2619.

### GOOD GRIEF GATHERING

Good Grief Gathering, Tuesday, April 10th, NOON at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kaleva. Chicken wings for lunch.

- Sandra Mrosko  
(231) 477-5667

### WinSome Women Retreat

Are you thriving in Christ? Come, enjoy award-winning musician Sandi Patty and best-selling author Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth along with speakers Sarah Schieber and Ben Manthei. Learn of God's faithfulness and be encouraged to your walk with the Lord. Don't miss out. Be sure to come with your friends and experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambiance of Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinaw Island. Mark your calendar for the Spring retreats May 15 & 16, 16 & 17 and 17 & 18. Register now at [wswretreats.org](http://wswretreats.org).