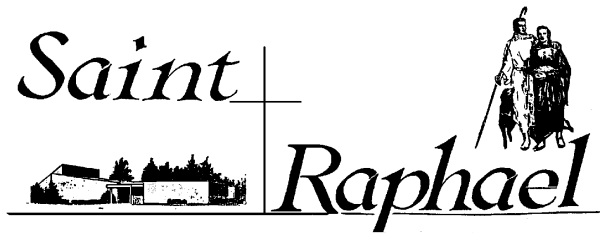




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Mass Schedule

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."

First Sunday of Advent B December 3, 2017

"Be watchful! Be alert!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this is our First Sunday of Advent in this new liturgical year. Today, we started the year B. I would like to start with these wonderful words of Saint Paul to Corinthians, "I give thanks to my God always on your account..." In this new liturgical year, my prayers and best wishes for you and your families that God in his infinite goodness continue giving you many spiritual gifts that you can grow a little more in your relationship with God.

I love the season of Advent because this is a very different preparation, a joyful preparation for a wonderful season of Christmas. God gives us a different grace in each season and I am very sure that this year God has a lot of beautiful surprises for all of us in our pilgrimage to his home.

Our main question for this season will be: are you preparing a way for that Lord? Remember that God gives a different grace in each season of the liturgical year. I really like to ask, when we start a new season, do you remember how many advent seasons have you lived? Do you remember a very powerful advent season that changes your life? During this season of advent in this year God has a grace to give you. Are you willing to receive the grace God is offering you this Advent? This season is very important for our Church that gives us four weeks to celebrate it. Advent is a time to renew and deepen our relationship with God. It is a time of patient waiting for God, prayerful and trustful waiting for God. During these four weeks, I would like to try to help you to prepare this season.

I am trying to look for a word that will help us to understand a little more this time and an easy way to remember every day that we are in an important moment. I was trying to make an acronym with the word advent in order that every week, we can reflect about a word. This week the word is accountability, I did not like this word but I think it is the best way that God is taking to me. When I look for definition I found this, "the fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility." This week our gospel is calling us to be responsible for our eternal salvation.

My brothers and sister our God wants to give us many graces in this season of advent let us reflect on this opportunity that be accountable for many chances that God is giving us to be with Him for ever. I invite you to think in this week in the ways that we can be more prepared for the coming of our Savior.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Schedule for Dec. 4 - Dec. 10
MONDAY- 12/4 Is 2: 1-5, Mt 8: 5-11 11:00am - St. Raphael CCW Christmas Luncheon at Platte River Inn in Honor
TUESDAY - 12/5 Is 11: 1-10, Lk 10: 21-24 9:00am (St. R) - For the Sick 2:00pm - Mass at Medical Care 7:00pm - K of C Tri-Saints Meeting at St. Raphael's
WEDNESDAY- 12/6 Is 25: 6-10a, Mt 15: 29-37 9:00am (St. R) - Mass followed by Adoration 9:45am - St. Raphael Finance Council Meeting 6:00pm - (St. J) Stewardship, Pastoral/Finance Council meeting for both parishes
THURSDAY- 12/7 Is 26: 1-6, Mt 7: 21, 24-27 9:00am (St. J) - For the Sick
FRIDAY- 12/8 Gn 3: 9-15, 20, Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12, Lk 1: 26-38 9:00am (St. J) - Immaculate Conception Mass - George Horton (Maureen) 5:00pm (St. R) - Immaculate Conception Mass
SATURDAY - 12/9 Is 30: 19-21, 23-26, Mt 9: 35--10:1, 5a, 6-8 4:30pm (St. J) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph 7:00pm (St. R) - George Marcero (Marion)
SUNDAY- 12/10 Is 40: 1-5, 9-11, 2 pt 3: 8-14, Mk 1: 1-18 Second Sunday of Advent 8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3) 8:30am (St. R) - Dolores & Gilbert Steinman (Carlina) 9:30am (St. J) - Faith Formation Class 11:00am (St. J) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph

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

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and RCIA classes starts promptly at 9:30am PLEASE!!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

St. Joseph Church
Friday, December 8th, 9:00am

2018 BIBLE STUDY

Please plan to join your friends for **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom** is an exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. Matthew demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Participants will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this study will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

This study will begin the first week of the new year on Wednesdays at St. Raphael and Fridays at St. Joseph following morning Mass. The 24 lessons will be divided into Spring and Fall sessions. To sign up call the office at 231-889-4254.

K of C Tri-Saints is sponsoring the **"Keep Christ in Christmas"** poster contest for children or grandchildren aged 5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 14. A \$25 gift card will be awarded to the winner in each age group. Posters must be submitted by December 17th, 2017. See the announcement poster and entry forms that are available in the vestibule for all contest rules or contact Grand Knight Dan Daberkoe 231-510-9053 with any questions.

UP COMING EVENTS

- **Medical Care Mass**, Tuesday, December 5th, 2:00pm
- **K of C Tri-Saints meeting**, Tuesday, December 5th, 7:00pm at St. Raphael's
- **Stewardship Committee, Pastoral/Finance Council meeting**, Wednesday, December 6th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph
- **Immaculate Conception Mass**, Friday, December 8th, 9:00am at St. Joseph
- **Christmas Caroling**, Sunday December 10th, potluck after Mass followed by caroling at the Manistee Medical Care
- **St. Joseph Adoration**, December 14th, 9am-8pm
- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Communal Penance Service**, December 21st, 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church

ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 9 & 10	
Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Dennis Knoche Body of Christ - Chris Goodrich Precious Blood - Dale Mrosko & Catherine Noggle Hospitality - George Goodrich & Beverly Knoche Altar Servers - Gabe & Katie Sidor	Lector - Maria Somsel Body of Christ - Nan Kamaloski Precious Blood - Nancy Watt & Tom Berard Hospitalilty - Tom Greve & Peaches Sanovic Altar Servers - George Phillips & Linda Showalter

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

May Our Lord bless us
through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 1,444.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 655.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ -----
STIPEND	\$ -----
DONATION	\$ -----
CD/BOOKS	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 2,099.00
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 110.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$29,767.67
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 1,512.09

Prayer Requests

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

Happy Birthday!!

- 12/2** - Brittany Howes, Robert Wojczynski
- 12/5** - Jack Daberkoe, Mairin McCarthy
- 12/7** - Lucas Porter
- 12/8** - Cyril Kosmowski, IV, Jerome Ray
- 12/11** - George Goodrich

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The choirs of St. Joseph/St. Raphael and children of the Faith Formation Class will be going to the Manistee County Medical Care to sing Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 10th. We will start with a potluck in the St. Joseph's Hall and then go to the Medical Care. Anyone wishing to join in may do so!!! Please bring a dish to pass.

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

**ST. RAPHAEL'S
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ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS

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

St. Raphael's CCW Christmas Luncheon is being held on **Monday, December 4th** at the Platte River Inn in Honor. The luncheon is at 11:30am and there will be a \$10.00 gift exchange. To make your reservation, please call either Kim Wojnarski at 231-885-1258 or viva Kastl at 231-885-2295. **LAST DAY** to make reservations is Monday, November 27th.

Our **GIVING TREE** will be set up once again this year, and there are families once again who are in need of our generosity. Please take the tag you wish from the tree, purchase the item listed, wrap the gift and return with the **TAG RE-ATTACHED**. All gifts must be returned by **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH**. Thanking you in advance for making some families Christmas a little brighter

There will be **no CCW Meetings** until **March 2018**.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious Collection.

Happy Birthday!!

- 12/6 - John Schaub
- 12/8 - Michael Chandler

UP COMING EVENTS

- **Mass with Adoration**, Wednesday, December 6th, 9:00am-11:00am at St. Raphael
- **St. Raphael Finance Council Meeting**, Wednesday, December 6th, 9:45am
- **Stewardship Committee, Pastoral/Finance Council meeting**, Wednesday, December 6th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph
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FAITH FORMATION/RCIA

Looking for volunteers for assistance with Faith Formation and/or RCIA. I will provide all the materials needed for the sessions. Just in need of teachers! I can be contacted by email: sophieengstrom@sbcglobal.net or cell phone 231-590-3156

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	657.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	316.23
V. LTS	\$	16.00
COFFEE	\$	-----
STIPEND	\$	40.00
DONATION	\$	-----
FLOWERS	\$	202.00
TOTAL	\$	1,231.23
BUILDING ENV.	\$	-----

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

**IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION MASS**

St. Raphael Church
Friday, December 8th, 5:00pm

PLEASE remember to turn off all cell phones in church.
This is a time of quiet and prayer. Thank you!!

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 9 & 10

Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Body of Christ - Gerry Kastl Precious Blood - Ann Fouchey Altar Servers - Michael & Isabelle Fouchey	Lector - David Clous Body of Christ - Flo Smith Precious Blood - Maria Saul & Ruth Schaub Altar Servers - Bob Saul & Rose Clous



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

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, AIC Hannah R. Janicki, 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 parish office or put their name in the collection basket and mark it military corner. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH LADIES GUILD NEWS

The Ladies Guild will be meeting/Christmas Party on Wednesday, **December 13th, 2017 at 3:30p.m.. 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%.

ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: The next month's Food Pantry will **December 15, 2017** beginning at **10 a.m.** *Your financial support is appreciated and encouraged.* Every dollar you contribute goes toward purchase of food and household items.

Stewardship by the Book - We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the task to which we have been called.

Family Perspective -Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

Vocation View - It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of Dreams Come True. Be on Guard. God may be calling you.

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.

See You in Dublin! - Join the Diocese of Gaylord for a pilgrimage to Ireland for the 2018 World Meeting of Families! This family-friendly pilgrimage will depart from Detroit on Sunday, August 19, 2018, and travel to religious and historical sites in Ireland before reaching Dublin for the World Meeting of Families. We will depart for Detroit on Tuesday, August 28. Cost for the trip is \$4,599 and includes round-trip airfare, registration and entrance to World Meeting of Families events, daily Mass, tips and gratuities for tour guides, land transportation via private deluxe motor coach, all listed entrance fees, lodging in 3 and 4 star hotels, breakfast daily, and 4 dinners. For more information, visit www.dioceseofgaylord.org or contact Wayne Winter at 989.732.5147.

ST. JOSEPH'S RAPHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 pm @ St. Joseph Church

CHRISTMAS DAY
**8:30 am @ St. Raphael
Church**

11:00am @ St. Joseph Church

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

St. Joseph/St. Raphael invites you to remember loved ones with our Christmas Flower Memorials. A flyer has been inserted in the bulletin and you will also find them on the table in the vestibule. Please **PRINT** the names to be remembered on this form or on your Christmas Flower Envelopes that are in your envelope packet. Donations will support the purchase of flowers for our churches.

GOOD GRIEF GATHERING

Good Grief Gathering, Tuesday, December 12th,
Noon at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kaleva.

Bring your own lunch and beverage if you choose.

Following our gathering we will visit (6) residents at Country Acres (adult foster care) on Jouppi Rd. in Kaleva and (11) residents at Cedar Ridge (adult foster care) on Keith Rd. in Brethren. If you would like to share a gift with the residents, please have them wrapped to put under their trees. Suggested gifts are simple soft items (warm neck scarves, stuffed animals...)

- Sandra Mrosko

Snowbirds, are you getting ready to fly south for the winter?

Consider adding these to your to-do list before you go:

- Stay on top of parish news - share your email address so you can receive the bulletin.
- Help us keep the lights and heat on - make your tithing easier and ask your bank to set up a regular electronic fund transfer to St. Joseph.
- Inform the parish office when you will be leaving if you are a Eucharistic minister, lector, usher, greeter, etc. so you will not be scheduled. Thank you and safe travels!!!