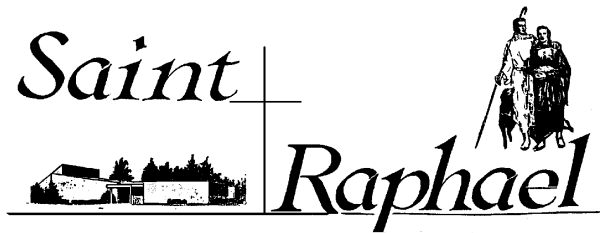




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#### **Mass Schedule**

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."**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016**

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."**

Dear Friends in Christ, this is our last week of Easter! This week I would like to talk about our tendency to worry rather than pray. It is interesting how many times we worry about something! In my case I honestly try not to worry but this happens. There have been days when I catch myself worrying that I am worrying too much! So, in these kinds of days I choose prayer over worry! I know now that turning my worries into prayers and focusing on the truth that God is in control, not me help me to focus in what I need to do. For me it is very consoling to read Philippians 4:5-7 "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Is it not beautiful! It is not full of hope! It is not full of peace and serenity for us! God is near! This is the answer of all our worriedness and anxieties.

This sounds almost too simple for some of you, but my dear friend I am telling you that this is what brings me peace and joy everyday! I invite you today to choose prayer over worry. Does this mean that every prayer you pray it will be come back with a yes? No. Does this mean you are not going to have struggles, pain, and disappointments? No. This means that you are going to make your relationship with God everyday more stronger and beautiful, this means that you are going to trust in God, this means that you are going to let your God lead your life and be your God. So, in this week I invite you to have another "holy moment" and choose prayer over worry and doing so you have the blessing of seeing God in action.

**Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez**

<b>Schedule for May 2 - May 8</b>
<b>MONDAY- 5/2</b> Acts 16: 11-15, Jn 15: 26--16: 4a
<b>TUESDAY - 5/3</b> 1 Cor 15: 1-8, Jn 14: 6-14  9:00am (St. R) - For the Poor 9:30am - St. Raphael Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY- 5/4</b> Acts 17: 15, 22--18:1, Jn 16: 12-15  9:00am (St. R) - For the Sick 6:00pm - St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting
<b>THURSDAY- 5/5</b> Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1, 17-23  9:00am (St. J) - For the Sick
<b>FRIDAY- 5/6</b> Acts 18: 9-18, Jn 16:20-23  9:00am (St. J) - For the Poor
<b>SATURDAY - 5/7</b> Acts 18: 23-28, Jn 16: 23b-28  4:30pm- (St. J) - Uncle Bruce & Miss Rose Ann Health & Blessing  7:00pm (St. R) - For the Living & Deceased members of St. Raphael
<b>SUNDAY- 5/8</b> Acts 7: 55-60, Rv 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20, Jn 17: 20-26  8:30am (St. R) - For all Mother's Living and Deceased  9:30am (St. J) - Faith Formation Last Class  11:00am (St.) - For all Mother's Living and Deceased

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

**FAITH FORMATION**

There will be Faith Formation classes on May 1st, May 8th (last class).

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR THIS YEAR OF MERCY STUDY!**

*In Mercy: A Bible Study Guild for Catholics*, Fr. Pacwa leads us to a deeper understanding of mercy through the study of Israel's long, slow struggle to experience mercy. By looking carefully at their experience of turning away and returning to God, we begin to understand that God's love, shown through His mercy, is more powerful than sin. Each of the Six sessions will lead us to an understanding of the importance of extending God's love and mercy to the world around us. Cost will be \$10-12.

- Wednesdays May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15 following morning Mass
- Thursdays, May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9 and 16 following morning Mass

Please call 231-499-8313 to order your book and reserve your spot now!

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

The Ladies Guild are asking you to bring a **RED GERANIUM** (RED only Please) to be used as an altar flower, then to be planted outside. Please bring your geranium by **May 14th**. If you have any questions, please call Beth at 889-4304.

**THANK YOU**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to Tom Fleming for his donation of the beautiful Petrof Baby Grand Piano in memory of his wife Fran. Tom told us that one of the things on Fran's "bucket list" was to learn to play the piano. And that is what Fran did, she learned and played. Fran was a beautiful person inside and out with a heart of gold, just as Tom is as well. Thank you Tom for the gift of this beautiful piano!!

Chris will play it with grace just like Fran did.

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

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE	\$ 1,778.00
OFFERTORY	
LOOSE	\$ 630.25
OFFERTORY	
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ -----
STOLE FEE	\$ 100.00
BOOKS/CD	\$ -----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,508.25</b>
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 200.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$14,080.79
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 188.50

**Prayer Requests**

**Richie Anderson, June Bartlett, Kyleigh Borah, Addy Hollifield, Tammy Holmes, Dennis Knoche, Raymond Knoche, Joyce LaFleur, Florence Levandowski, Irene Lyman, George Macko, Rose Ann Mauc, Julie Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Bruce Soller, Mary Steen**

**Happy Birthday!!!**

- 4/30 - Carol DuVall, Dennis McCarthy, Catherine Sidor, Gabe Sidor
- 5/1 - Stephen MacNeil
- 5/2 - Shirley McNeil
- 5/3 - Kris Greve
- 5/6 - Carol Rawski, Nancy Reckow
- 5/7 - John Watsell
- 5/8 - Meg Barlan, Robert LaPlant, Amy Place

**Happy Anniversary!!!**

- 5/1 - M/M Ben Lautner
- 5/8 - M/M Charles Reckow

**ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL**

**St. Joseph Church Annual Festival will be held on Sunday, June 26th. Please mark your calendars!!!!**

**MEETING**

**St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:00pm.**

<b>ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 7 &amp; 8</b>	
<b>Saturday, 4:30pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 11:00am</b>
Lector - Jacque Boyd	Lector - Peaches Sanovic
Body of Christ - Beverly Knoche	Body of Christ - Maureen Phillips
Precious Blood - Joey & Belen Brown	Precious Blood - Tom & Kris Greve
Altar Servers - Madison Miller & Joshua Fleszar	Altar Servers - Adam Porter & Michael Deising

**ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH**

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

**HOMEBOUND**

If you know of any homebound that would like to receive communion or just a visit, please call Kim Wojnarski at 231-885-1258 or Lilly Sapp at 231-885-2790. If you have someone that is in need of prayers, please call Fr. Ruben.

**ST. RAPHAEL FLEA MARKET**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

St. Raphael's Annual Flea Market will be held on June 30th, July 1st & 2nd. Start saving your treasures/Spring cleaning items for this fundraising event. **NO** Christmas items!!! **NO** clothing!!! **NO** TV's!!! Appliances must work!!

Items can be placed in the garage either in the front or on the left side. If you have any questions, please call David or Rose Clous at 231-885-1619. Thank you!!

**St. Raphael's outdoor statue was repaired by Mesick Auto Body & Paint with no cost to the church. Thank you Mesick Auto Body & Paint Shop.**

**Happy Birthday!!**

- 5/2 - Melissa Parker
- 5/3 - John Dvorski
- 5/7 - Jason Casselman
- 5/8 - Rex O'Connor

**Happy Anniversary!!**

- 5/1 - M/M Steven Schaub

**ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS**

**ALL LADIES** of St. Raphael's are invited to join in the procession for crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary on Sunday, May 8th at the 8:30am Mass. All ladies should meet in the vestibule before Mass. Please join in the beautiful celebration.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** We are asking all our parishioners to each bring in one Red Geranium Plant (of any size) on the weekend of May 7th & May 8th. We will then decorate and see how beautiful our Church will look on Pentecost Sunday. We thank you for your support!!!

**BAKELESS BAKE SALE** - On Saturday, May 15th the CCW will be passing out envelopes for their "**BAKELESS BAKE SALE**". You have always been so generous and supported us in the past, we hope we will have your continued support. Envelopes must be returned by May 28th & 29th. Thank you!!!

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

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

<b>ENVELOPE OFFERTORY</b>	\$	840.00
<b>LOOSE OFFERTORY</b>	\$	353.00
<b>STIPEND</b>	\$	-----
<b>V. LTS/PAPER</b>	\$	13.59
<b>COFFEE</b>	\$	30.50
<b>DONATION</b>	\$	-----
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	\$	9.50
<b>BUILDING</b>	\$	-----
<b>JOURNAL</b>	\$	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	1,246.59

**Prayer Requests**

**Marty Bailey, David Clous, DeVoll Family, William Hogarth, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Dale Moody, Kenneth O. Milliron, Virginia Platter, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Don Walston**

**MEETING**

St. Raphael Pastoral & Finance Council meeting will be held on May 3rd at 9:30am.

**ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 7 & 8**

<b>Saturday, 7:00pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:30am</b>
Lector - Carlina Breitner Body of Christ - Marylyn Nabozny Precious Blood - Herb Dyer & Viva Kastl Altar Servers - Michael Schaub & Joe Rebman	Lector - David Clous Body of Christ - Maria Saul Precious Blood - Flo Smith & Herb Dyer Altar Servers - Bob Saul & Hector Gago



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, Navy, AIC Hannah R. Janicki, SFC Jeremy A. Kott, Army, Jay Long, Mike Meyers, Air Force, Trevor Meyers, Marines, USMC, Adam O'Neill, Army, 2nd Lt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army, Sgt. First Class Philip Sedlar, Jr., Andrew Saul, Navy, Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF, Austin Soller, Navy, Sgt. Dylan Somsel, 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

\*\*There next ladies guild meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 3:00pm**. 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!!!**

\*\*Ladies Guild is still collecting Oleson's receipts. We receive 1% of each receipt. Every penny counts. We are also collecting used postage stamps, General Mills box tops for education, Campbell Soup UPC's. When you are cutting out the box top for education we need the **General Mills Box Top for Education** not the save 25-75%. Also, on the Campbell Soup we need the UPC's.

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**ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:** The next month's Food Pantry will **May 27, 2016** 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** - Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

**Family Perspective** - Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

**Year of Mercy** - Pope Francis has announced the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which will commence on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. During this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has entrusted the whole Church the task of "rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy." During this Extraordinary Jubilee, contemplate the mystery of God's mercy and forgiveness. Visit [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org) for more information on pilgrimage sites available right in our diocese, along with other events to participate in.

*Eternal rest grant Unto*

*Warren Paul Bockhol*

*and may Perpetual Light Shine upon him  
and may he rest in peace.*

If anyone is planning a fundraising event, or any events that are going on at church, please have the notice/article sent to the office a **month ahead of the scheduled event**. That way it can be in the bulletin for three to four weeks. Thank you. **The bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 12:00pm.**

## REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE WHO GRIEVE

The "Good Grief Group" gathers at NOON, the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaleva (across from the Bottle House Museum). All people are welcome from all religions and all walks of life. Bring a brown bag lunch and beverage. Sandra Mrosko leads the group. If you have any questions please call her at 231-477-5667.

This is a very informal group. Our discussions are based on all aspects of grief: death, loss of a job, divorce, physical or mental illnesses, aging, loss of a pet, or of personal possessions...the list seem endless. We simply gather and share experiences, thoughts, and find we have much in common, or the different ways we deal with grief. God's presence is always there. He helps guide us as we help each other, and surprisingly, with uplifting conversation. **WE ARE NEVER ALONE WITH GOD.**

A man, whose wife passed away, came to the grief group regularly and one time he said "I have a problem, I don't know how to boil an egg". I recall about 12 people at the gathering and he left with 11 different ways to boil an egg. We took care of that grief!!! Eventually, the same man came to me and said he appreciated being part of the group, but he was graduation. He was getting married again, his grieving was over. I still miss him.

## TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

How much **TIME** do you set aside each week for prayer & involvement in volunteer activities in your parish?

How are you using your **TALENT** to help make our parish family as a whole?

What percentage of your **TREASURE** do you presently give to support your parish activities?

Each one of us has something to offer no matter how big or small!!

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We are in need of **adult altar servers**. What better way to help serve your parish!!! If you are interested, please contact Fr. Ruben at 231-889-4254.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year's National Day of Prayer will be held on the steps of City Hall at the Maple Street entrance on Thursday, May 5th at noon. This year's theme is "Wake Up America" and it comes from Isaiah 58:1a, which reads "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet".

Please come & join business and community leaders, clergy, elected officials, veterans and students to pray for our nation and community.