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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."**

**The Ascension of the Lord B  
 May 13, 2018**

**"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, with this feast we started the last week of Easter, did you enjoy this year this wonderful season? This was for me the best Easter time in my life! I understood a little more the great mystery of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. I know, now, that every year God's love for us is ready to help us to be more aware of this great gift for us.

The little white book was a powerful tool during this time. This little book started telling us that, "it's in us to pray. We were made for it, and we're physically healthier and happier when we pray. It's been said that when we begin praying regularly, "coincidences" begin happening. But sometimes it's hard to find a time and a place for prayer. This little book gives you a time and a place." I hope that this happened to you.

God works in very mysterious ways in our lives, we heard in the first reading, "I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen." Now, we are these people that God has chosen to be his witnesses in this world, in this part of our diocese, in this place and time. God is speaking to us in very different ways in order that we can follow his example of love for humanity. Sometimes, we are like the apostles, we are looking intently at the sky and we are not paying attention about what is happening around us.

Today, God is inviting us to see this feast of the Ascension as an opportunity to continue his work in this world. We need to hear his directions in order that we can be able to do what the second reading in telling us, "to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace..." If we look carefully it is a lot to do it! But Jesus promised that He is going to be with us and He is going to send the Holy Spirit in order that we can proclaim the whole world this gospel to every creature.

In this week, I would like to invite you to think about all the opportunities that God is giving you to proclaim the Good News to the people that you interact every single day. God wants to guide you but He needs that you take time to heard his directions and the most important God really wants that you really search from your heart to do his will in this time and place.

**Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez**

**Schedule for  
May 14 - May 21**

**MONDAY- 5/14**

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, Jn 15: 9-17

**TUESDAY - 5/15**

Acts 20: 17-27, Jn 17: 1-11a

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

**WEDNESDAY- 5/16**

Acts 20: 28-38, Jn 17: 11-19

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

**THURSDAY- 5/17**

Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11, Jn 17: 20-26

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

**FRIDAY- 5/18**

Acts 25: 13b-21, Jn 21: 15-19

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

**SATURDAY - 5/19**

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31, Jn 21: 20-25

**4:30pm (St. J)** - Kay Farrell  
80th Birthday (Beth Klajda)

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

**SUNDAY- 5/20**

Acts 2: 1-11, 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13

**Pentecost Sunday**

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

**8:30am (St. R)** - Mark  
Breitner (Carlina)

**11:00am (St. J)** - Rogene  
Zatarga (Dan & Cindy  
Zatarga)

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

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

**How God Created Mother**

God took the fragrance of a flower,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The gentleness of morning dew,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The beauty of a twilight hour,  
the soul of a starry night,  
The laughter of the rippling brook,  
The grace of a bird in flight,  
Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when His masterpiece was through,  
He called it simply...**MOTHER.**

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- **St. Joseph Festival Committee Meeting**, Wednesday, May 23rd, 6:30pm
- **Tri-Saints, K of C Meeting**, Tuesday, June 5th, 7:00pm at St. Raphael's
- **Mass at Medical Care**, Tuesday, June 5th, 2:00pm
- **St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**, Wednesday, June 6th, 6:00pm
- **St. Joseph Ladies' Guild Meeting**, Wednesday, June 13th, 3:30pm
- **St. Joseph Stewardship Meeting**, Wednesday, June 13th, 5:30pm
- **St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting**, Wednesday, June 13th, 6:30pm
- **St. Joseph Adoration** - Thursday, June 14th, 9:00am - 8:00pm
- **St. Joseph Festival**, Sunday, June 24th, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**May 20, 2018**

The Ladies Guild is asking you to bring a **RED geranium** to be used as an altar flower, then to be planted outside. Please bring your geranium by Sunday, May 13th. If you have any questions, please call Beth at 889-4304. Thank you!!!!



**If anyone would like to take the gifts up at Mass, please let the ushers know that you would like to do this. Also, if you are having the Mass said for a loved one, please let them know that you want to take the gifts up. All you have to do is tell them before Mass, you are more than welcome to do this.**

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

**May Our Lord bless us  
through our generosity**

ENVELOPE	\$ 2,007.00
OFFERTORY	
LOOSE	\$ 404.00
OFFERTORY	
CHILDREN'S	\$ 6.00
OFFERTORY	
STIPEND	\$ 110.00
DONATION	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 2,527.00
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 20.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$10,638.21
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, William Lotz, Marilyn Lotz, George Macko, John David Martuch, Julie Miller, Rob Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Mary Steen, Kay Thompson, Albert Valencia**

**Happy Birthday!!**

- 5/13** - Sean Fitzgerald, Kimberly Riley-Lampinen
- 5/16** - Anne MacNeil
- 5/17** - Sean Kane, Laura Kane, Linda Showalter
- 5/18** - Phillip Harless, Sylvia Neph, Joy Pomeroy

**Happy Anniversary!!**

- 5/16** - M/M Phillip Harless
- 5/17** - M/Dr. Paul Fitzgerald
- 5/19** - M/M Robin Fink

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. JOSEPH  
FUN, FOOD FESTIVAL**

**June 24, 2018**

**12:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Donation of candy is needed for the  
children**

**ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 19 & 20**

<b>Saturday, 4:30pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 11:00am</b>
Lector - Beverly Knoche	Lector - Linda Showalter
Body of Christ - Pam Stokes	Body of Christ - Maria Somsel
Precious Blood - Kathryn Nacco & Catherine Noggle	Precious Blood - Lisa Sidor & Carol DuVall
Altar Servers - Sandra Bologna, Dennis Knoche & Henry Sidor	Altar Servers - Elizabeth & Veronica Sidor
Hospitality - Peter Bologna	Hospitality - Peaches Sanovic

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

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

May Our Lord bless us through  
 our generosity

ENVELOPE	\$	1,730.00
OFFERTORY		
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	560.00
V. LTS	\$	18.50
COFFEE	\$	20.50
FUEL	\$	110.00
STIPEND	\$	-----
DONATION	\$	-----
TOTAL	\$	2,439.00
BUILDING	\$	20.00

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

**ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS**

ALL Ladies of our Parish are invited to join in the procession for the Crowning of our BLESSED MOTHER MARY on SUNDAY, MAY 13th, at the 8:30 am MASS. All ladies should meet in the vestibule before Mass.

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

**Happy Birthday!!**

- 5/12 - Don Walston
- 5/15 - Michael Fouchey
- 5/16 - Gerry Kastl
- 5/17 - Larry King, Jr.

**Happy Anniversary!!**

- 5/18 - M/M James Mulvoy, M/M Charles Vondra
- 5/20 - M/M Michael Scott

**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**

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- St. Raphael Mass followed by Adoration, Tuesday, June 5th, 9:00am - 11:30am
- St. Raphael CCW Meeting, Tuesday, June 5th, 9:30am
- Tri-Saints, K of C Meeting, Tuesday, June 5th, 7:00pm at St. Raphael's
- St. Raphael Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 12th, 9:45am

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

St. Raphael's Annual Flea Market will be held on July 5th, July 6th, and July 7th. Start saving your treasures/Spring cleaning items for this fundraising event. **NO** Christmas items!!! **NO** clothing!!! **NO** TV's!!! Appliances must work!!



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!

**ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 12 & 13**

Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Rex O'Connor Body of Christ - Bob Saul Precious Blood - Kim O'Connor & Debra Diehl Altar Servers - Michael Schaub	Lector - Pat Mullen Body of Christ - Flo Smith Precious Blood - Jeanne Mokrzycki & Gabelle Crandall Altar Servers - Bob & Maria Saul



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, June 13, 2018 at 3:30pm . 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 **May 25, 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** - In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts "for the common good"?

### **Stewardship Reflections -**

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6*

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing!

**Family Perspective** - Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

**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!

**Big Ticket Music Festival** - The Diocese of Gaylord is again an official sponsor for Big Ticket Festival 2018 being held June 20-23 in Gaylord. The Christian music festival is one of the largest faith-based events in the country featuring top musicians, speakers, activity and experience tents, sporting events, kids' zone and more. Just some of this year's headliners include Toby Mac, Michael W. Smith, Family Force 5, Jason Gray, Sidewalk Prophets and over 60 more artists and speakers! Big Ticket Festival offers participants opportunities to encounter Christ through fun, worship, entertainment, experiences, activities and speakers that teach, motivate, and inspire. Because of the diocese's sponsorship, a special Catholic discount is currently available. Full four-day festival passes are only \$59 until May 15, 2018. (This is over 50% off the regular four-day pass price of \$129.) For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org) and click on the link for Big Ticket Festival 2018. Tickets may also be purchased by stopping in to the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Gaylord.

**There are**

# ANGELS

**God puts on this Earth**

**Who care for us and guide us,  
You can feel their love and gentleness  
as they walk through life beside us.**

**They do great things for us every day  
they whisper in our ears,  
they even hold us in their hearts  
when we are filled with all our fears.**

**They are always there to give a hug  
and try to make us smile.  
They treat us with respect and love,  
they treat us like their child.**

**God blessed me with an Angel,  
I'm proud to call my own.  
She's been with me throughout my  
life, been with me as I've grown.**

**She's guided me the best she can,  
she's taught me like no other,  
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one  
who gets to call her....**

## MOTHER

- Kathleen J. Shields