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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Ruben D. Munoz, Pastor
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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."

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A
 October 1, 2017**

"...but afterwards changed his mind and went."

My dear Friends in Christ, we began another month and started to see the beauty of another season. During the month of September, I talked about some obstacles that we encounter in our relationship with God. I think during this month I am going to continue looking in this area of our lives. My question for myself in this week was, what kind of "son" am I? One who does the will of his Father? Or one who says he will, but in the end does not?

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, last week God invited us to forgive, the week before to think about how we handled our problems with our neighbor, and the beginning of the month, God challenged us to trust in him. I think that we have a lot of material to ponder and really answer to God if we really want to do his will. Are you the son or daughter who refuses, but later relents and goes to work? Or are you the second son who with a quick agreement says yes? I remembered when I started to work with Hispanic people and found that this parable became a reality. I asked people to help me to do some work and I can say that 20 people said yes. But, when the time came no body appears. Now in this parable Jesus asks, "which of the two did the will of his Father?" talking about obstacles, I think this is one of powerful obstacles in our lives, obedience to God. I experience that this is a huge obstacle in our relationship with our God. Obeying God is doing what He says; Obeying God is the foundation of life; and those who disobey will not find the peace and serenity that God can provide for them. In the bible we can find that the best way to express our love, honor, and reverence for God is through obedience. We know that obedience is not optional for believers, if we really want to praise God, we know that our priority in our lives is to follow God's will. The more we walk in God's way we know that his commandments becomes our priority. When we obey God, the love of God will enrich us greatly, and we start to see the blessings that God is willing to offer to the people who are obedient. I invite you in this week to think about these obstacles that I am bringing to you in these days. Remember, that those who trust the Lord, those who talked to Him, those whose sins are forgiven, and those who walk in the law of God are blessed and we allows Him to demonstrate his awesome power in our lives. Our obedience also allows God to bless others through us.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Schedule for Oct. 2 - Oct. 8
MONDAY- 10/2 Zec 8: 1-8, Mt 18: 1-5
TUESDAY - 10/3 Zec 8: 20-23, Lk 9: 51-56 9:00am (St. R) - Mass followed by Adoration until 11:30am 9:30am - St. Raphael CCW Meeting 2:00pm - Mass at Medical Care
WEDNESDAY- 10/4 Neh 2: -8, Lk 9: 57-62 9:00am (St. R) - Helen, Edith & Eleanor 6:00pm (St. J) - St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting
THURSDAY- 10/5 Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12, Lk 10: 1-12 9:00am (St. J) - No Mass Pilgrimage to St. Francis, Petoskey - Leave St. Raphael Church at 8:30am
FRIDAY- 10/6 Bar 1: 15-22, Lk 10: 13-16 9:00am (St. J) - For the Poor
SATURDAY - 10/7 Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29, Lk 10: 17-24 4:30pm (St. J) - Raymond Knoche (Dennis & Beverly) 7:00pm (St. R) - Helen Coughlin (Viva & Clyde Kastl)
SUNDAY- 10/8 Is 5: 1-7, Phil 4: 6-9, Mt 21: 33-43 8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3) 8:30am (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Raphael 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

Registration forms can be found on the table in the entrance of church. Classes will be held on Sundays. The next class is October 1st, 9:30am - 10:45am

ST. JOSEPH EMAIL ADDRESS

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS TRI-SAINTS COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus Tri-Saints Council will be collecting donations for "People with Intellectual Disabilities" before Mass on Columbus Day Weekend, October 7th & 8th.

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!!

UP COMING EVENTS

- **Medical Care Mass**, October 3rd, 2:00pm
- **K of C Meeting**, October 3rd, 7:00pm at St. Raphael's
- **St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**, October 4th, 6:00pm
- **Pilgrimage** to St. Francis in Petoskey, Thursday, October 5th, leave St. Raphael Church at 8:30am
- **St. Joseph Ladies' Guild Meeting**, Wednesday, October 11th, 3:30pm
- **St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting**, Wednesday, October 11th, 6:00pm
- **St. Joseph Adoration**, Thursday, October 12th, 9:00am - 8:00pm
- **Makeup training for Eucharist Ministers and Lectors**, **October 15th, 3:00pm** at St. Joseph. If you missed the first one you need to attend this one to stay on the schedule.

ST. JOSEPH'S STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 1,898.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 676.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ -----
STIPEND	\$ -----
DONATION	\$ -----
BOOKS/CD	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 2,574.00
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 200.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$29,767.67
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 60.00

Prayer Requests

Richie Anderson, June Bartlett, Kyleigh Borah, 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, Albert Valencia, Barbara Warner

Happy Birthday!!

- 9/30** - Darlene Falk, Kathy Miller
- 10/1** - Phyllis Armstrong
- 10/4** - Michael Kamalowski
- 10/7** - Cameren Bowling

Happy Anniversary!!

- 10/7** - Dr./M Thomas Berard, M/M Arden Bradford, M/M Randy Sanovic

MAKEUP CLASS

Sunday, October 15th at 3:00pm we will be holding a makeup class for those who did not attend the previous trainings. This is for EM, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers for both churches.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. FRANCIS, PETOSKEY

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Pilgrimage to St. Francis in Petoskey on Thursday, October 5th. We will meet at St. Raphael in the church parking lot at 8:30am. This is for both churches.

ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 7 & OCTOBER 8	
Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Ted Falk Body of Christ - Dennis Knoche Precious Blood - Beth Klajda & Meg Barlan Altar Servers - Madison Miller	Lector - Linda Showalter Body of Christ - Carol DuVall Precious Blood - Tom & Kris Greve Altar Servers - Adam Porter & John Neph

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LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	471.00
V. LTS	\$	16.50
COFFEE	\$	10.00
STIPEND	\$	-----
FUEL	\$	100.00
DONATION	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	1,602.50
BUILDING ENV.	\$	-----

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9/30 - Maria Saul
 10/1 - Janet Hobart

Happy Anniversaries!!

10/2 - M/M Gary Wills
 10/3 - M/M Walter Jankowski

ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS

St. Raphael CCW Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd.
 Mass - 9:00 am - 9:30 am
 Meeting - 9:30am - 11:00am
 Adoration - 11:00 am - 11:30 am

This months hostess is Marylyn Nabozny.

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 CCW NEWS

OPERATION SHOE BOX is a program to aid needy children in war-torn and impoverished countries. It's simple, all they ask is that you fill a shoe box with small essentials. A list of suggestions will be on the table in the vestibule along with pamphlets and labels. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to fill these boxes, postage will be paid by St. Raphael's CCW. Boxes must be returned by October 28th.

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ST. RAPHAEL RAFFLE

1st Place \$600.00 - Joanne White
 2nd Place \$300.00 - St. Raphael Church
 3rd Place \$100.00 - Kathleen Jankowski

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets!!!

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, Mary Lou Moskalski, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Albert Valencia, Don Walston, Gary Willis

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1, 2017

2:00 - 3:30pm

Benzie Area Life Chain along U.S. 31 in Benzonia. Not a Picket - Not a March - A Prayer Chain For Life!

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 7 & 8

Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Ann Kulas Body of Christ - Gerry Kastl Precious Blood - Joe Rebman & Viva Kastl Altar Servers - Michael Schaub & Isabelle Fouchey	Lector - David Clous Body of Christ - Maria Saul Precious Blood - Pat Mullen & Rose Ide Altar Servers - Bob Saul



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, SR Sarah Hilliard, Coast Guard, Navy, AIC Hannah R. Janicki, SFC Jeremy A. Kott, Army, Jay Long, Mike Meyers, Air Force, Adam O'Neill, Army, 1st Lt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army, 2nd Lt. Karina Pierce-Pingel, Army, CSM Benjamin Pingel, 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

The Ladies Guild will be meeting on Wednesday, **October 11, 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, Campbell Soup UPC's and Spartan 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 **October 27, 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.

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Stewardship by the Book - The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

Family Perspective - In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

Vocation View - We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfills us.

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.

Good Grief Gathering

Good Grief Gathering will be on Tuesday, October 10th, NOON at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kaleva. Pizza & beverage will be provided for lunch.

- Sandra Mrosko
231-477-5667

LIFE CHAIN

TODAY is Life Chain Sunday, October 1st, 2:00 - 3:30pm.
Same location as 2016.

God not only recognizes us as persons, but plans our days and writes them in his book before conception and God oversees our development as we are being formed in the womb:

"You made my whole being: You formed me in my mother's body. I praise You because You made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well. You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there, You saw my body as being formed. All the days planned for me were written in Your Book before I was one day old"

Psalm 139: 13-16 (New Century Bible)

WinSome Retreat

Do you want to discover breakthroughs and gain insights for spiritual growth and deeper relationships? WinSome Women retreat is presenting Elisa Morgan, Gary Thomas, LaDonna Gatlin and award-winning musicians Selah to inspire and encourage you on your journey. Don't miss out. Be sure to come with your family and friends to experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambiance of Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island. Mark your calendar for the fall retreats October 17 & 18, 18 & 19, and 19 & 20.

MISSION SUNDAY October 22, 2017

How might we participate in World Mission Sunday besides our interest and prayers:

Biblical tithing asks us to share the first 10% of our income for the works of charity and justice. Many interpret that by giving one half of their tithe (5% of income) to one's parish and the other 5% for needs e.g., our Diocesan Catholic Services Appeal, the Religious Retirement Collection, the Seminarian Education Fund. How about praying about and considering giving 1% of the remaining 5% (1 % yearly income) to the World Mission Sunday Collection.

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH that will be attending the **2017 NCYC Conference** are collecting bottles and cans to help fund their trip. Please put your can/bottles in the barrel at the front entrance. Please help our youth attend this conference. Thank you!!!