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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A
 September 17, 2017**

How often must I forgive?

My Dear friends in Christ, this month of September has been a blessing for me because of the wonderful message that God has given me. When I was looking back in my life I felt so blessed with all the guidance that God has provided for me during my life. In this month, I have been talking about the obstacles that I found in my vocation to the priesthood and in my relationship with God.

I told you that trying to find the way that God wanted for me it was a serious decision, a serious decision to grow in my relationship with Jesus, a serious decision to leave behind me my obstacles of lack of trust, improve my communication with God, and a serious decision to forgive myself and some people in my life.

Today's readings talked a lot about forgiveness and we heard Peter asking Jesus, "how often must I forgive?" Many times, we are like Peter, when we asked a question but we had one answer ready. Peter has learned that you had to forgive a man three times and then you could retaliate. So Peter thinks to himself, "Well, I'll just double that and add one." So, Peter thought he was being generous in this matter. For me to forgive a man seven times it is very commendable.

When I am working out and my trainer did not want to tell me how many repetitions I needed to do, I feel frustrated. I want to put a limit in my exercise in order to feel that I did it! When I think a little deeper in the message of this Gospel I feel like Peter, he wanted to put a legal limit on forgiveness. He wanted a number, a limit, a place where he could finally say, "No more Mr. Nice guy."

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven." That's 490 times. Jesus is saying, "Peter, you've got it all wrong. You do not count the number of times you forgive someone. Forgiveness is unlimited."

When I started to grow in my relationship with God, I understood a little better this topic because I felt that I was a great sinner and God cannot forgive me. I think that God is a good teacher that is helping us to get it that our willingness to forgive is in direct proportion to our remembrance of how much we have been forgiven. During this week, I would like to invite you to take your time and bless our God for so many sins that God has forgiven you and ask in what ways you need to be like Him, "kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." (Ps 103)

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Schedule for Sept. 18 - Sept. 24
MONDAY- 9/18 1 Tm 2: 1-8, Lk 7: 1-10
TUESDAY - 9/19 1 Tm 3: 1-13, Lk 7: 11-17 9:00am (St. R) - Prayer Service
WEDNESDAY- 9/20 1 Tm 3: 14-16, Lk 7: 31-35 9:00am (St. R) - Prayer Service
THURSDAY- 9/21 1 Tm 3: 14-16, Lk 7: 31-35 9:00am (St. J) - Prayer Service
FRIDAY- 9/22 1 Tm 6: 2c-12, Lk 8: 1-3 9:00am (St. J) - Health and Blessings for Herb & Carol Dyer 10:00am - St. Joseph Food Pantry
SATURDAY - 9/23 1 Tm 6: 13-16, Lk 8: 4-15 4:30pm (St. J) - Mark Reckow (Shirley McNeil) 7:00pm (St. R) - Helen Coughlin (Viva & Clyde Kastl)
SUNDAY- 9/24 Is 55: 6-9, Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a, Mt 20: 1-16a 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 first class starts September 17th, 9:30am - 10:45am

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING/MEETING

A meeting is scheduled for September 27th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph for both St. Joseph and St. Raphael. This meeting is for existing Altar Servers and anyone wishing to become one.

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.

USHER MEETING

A usher meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26th, 7:00pm for all existing ushers and anyone willing to **become an usher**. This is for both St. Joseph and St. Raphael Churches which will be held at St. Joseph. If you would like to become one, please come to the meeting, Couples are also encouraged to become ushers.

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

UP COMING EVENTS

- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Usher Meeting**, September 26th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph
- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Altar Server Meeting**, September 27th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph
- **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'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 23 & 24	
Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - John Baribeau Body of Christ - Chris Goodrich Precious Blood - Beverly Knoche & Beth Klajda Altar Servers - Madison Miller	Lector - Maria Somsel Body of Christ - Kris Greve Precious Blood - Carol DuVall & Tom Greve Altar Servers - Adam Porter & John Neph

ST. JOSEPH'S STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 1,770.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 860.65
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ -----
STIPEND	\$ -----
V. LTS	\$ -----
BOOKS/CD	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 2,630.65
BUILDING ENV.	\$ -----
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$29,767.67
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 902.33

Prayer Requests

Richie Anderson, Jim Baker, 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!!

- 9/17** - Easton Kequom, Doris Knoche, Dan Zatarga
- 9/18** - Julie Lapinski
- 9/20** - Jarrett Buckner, Oland Foster
- 9/21** - John Gauthier
- 9/23** - Cynthia Kadzban
- 9/24** - Gerald Eipperle, Ted Falk, Mary Ann Krolczyk, Ben Lautner

Happy Anniversary!!

- 9/17** - M/M Frank English, M/M James Riley-Lampinen
- 9/22** - M/M Harlan Kott

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. FRANCIS, PETOSKEY

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

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH
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FALL FESTIVAL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! St. Raphael Feast FOOD and FUN, September 24, 2017, 2:00 to 5:00pm. Please bring a friend with you, the more the merrier. Let us know if you need an invite mailed to a friend or family member. If you have questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki at 231-389-7021.

Are you an artist or crafter, do you know an artist or crafter? We need items for our Fall Festival jar/ticket auction or bingo give away. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki at 231-389-7021.

Ladies of the parish, we need you to bring the desserts for our fall festival, please sign up on the list in the church hall. If you have any question, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki.

Calling all **BINGO** callers. We need Bingo callers for our festival, please sign up on the list in the church hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki.

HELPERS needed for festival. Need help setting up, working during, and cleanup, for our fall festival, please sign up on the list in the church hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki.

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Happy Birthday!!

- 9/19 - Vikki Tarker
- 9/22 - Ann Fouchey
- 9/24 - Richard Smith

Happy Anniversary!!

- 9/17 - M/M Michael Fouchey

UP COMING EVENTS

- **St. Raphael Fall Festival**, September 24th, 2:00 - 5:00pm
- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Usher Meeting**, September 26th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph
- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Altar Server Meeting**, September 27th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph
- **Adoration, 9:30 - 11:30am, Medical Care Mass**, October 3rd, 2:00pm
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ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS

New Day and Time for CCW Meetings - At Fr. Ruben's suggestion we will meet on the first TUESDAY of the month. We will attend Mass 9:00-9:30am, meeting will be at 9:30-11:00am, and then go into Adoration, 11:00-11:30am Please try and join us!!!

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
STEWARDSHIP OF
TREASURE**

May Our Lord bless us through
our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	1,115.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	499.00
V. LTS	\$	28.50
COFFEE	\$	7.00
STIPEND	\$	-----
FUEL	\$	-----
DONATION	\$	-----
TOTAL	\$	1,649.50
BUILDING ENV.	\$	25.00

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 SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Betsy Schaub Body of Christ - Carlina Breitner Precious Blood - Gerry Kastl & Joseph Rebman Altar Servers - Michael Schaub & Emily Fouchey	Lector - Maria Saul Body of Christ - Rose Ide Precious Blood - Flo Smith & Pat Mullen 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 **September 22, 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 - Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

Reflecting on Stewardship - *"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's"* - ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

Family Perspective - Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

Vocation View - "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Stand up today for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!

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.

A Day for Girls and Moms - All girls grades 6-12 and their moms are invited to A Day for Girls and Moms on Saturday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Gaylord. The day will feature "Media Nun" Sister Helena Burns, FSP. Cost for the day is \$15 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to RSVP, contact Marie Hahnenberg at 989.732.5147

or via email at mhahnenberg@dioceseofgaylord.org. Sponsored by the Mystical Rose Daughters of Faith.

Silent Retreat for Women - Are you a woman yearning to grow closer to God? Are you looking for a quiet retreat where you can spend time in prayer? Attend 'Just God, Silence & You' - a silent retreat for women at the Augustine Center in Conway, Friday-Sunday, September 15-17. Cost for the weekend is \$120 per person and includes 4 meals and a private bedroom and bathroom. There will be no required activities or planned speakers, as this is retreat leaves women to follow the Spirit's leading. Bring your spiritual books, enjoy the outdoor labyrinth, Stations of the Cross, and outdoor walking trails as you reflect in solitude. The retreat will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, with registration beginning at 6:30 p.m., and conclude at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Guests are welcome to bring snacks to share with fellow retreatants. For more information or to register, contact Adam at 231.347.3657 or via email at augustinecenter@gmail.com.

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.

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.

"Life Chain" Code of Conduct

Let us enter the Life Chain in a prayerful attitude. Life Chain is not a rally or celebration. We stand against a holocaust, holding signs that say "Abortion Kills Children", and our spirit and countenance should bear witness to this fact. Let us also express, as best we can, the love and forgiveness found in Our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for standing up for life, for defending the weak and the fatherless", and for maintaining a prayerful attitude.

Benzonia, Sunday, October 1st
2:00 - 3:30pm

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!!!