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Pastoral Staff

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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B
 September 23, 2018**

"He was teaching his disciples and telling them..."

Dear Friends in Christ, we are finishing another month! This is the last week of this month, and Jesus has been beautiful teaching us about Himself and about his kingdom. Did you remember his teaching? I hope you remember a least one of these great teachings. This month of September, Jesus started to tell us that our faith is full of traditions and many times we choose the human tradition against what God is trying to teach us in his plan of salvation. On the second Sunday, Jesus told us that He could open our mouth and our ears to show his glory and power. On the third Sunday, Jesus asked us the most important questions for human beings, who do you say that I am? Did you have an answer for this question? This week was an opportunity to ponder on this question and the most important to have a clue.

This Sunday, Jesus is teaching us a powerful message, how we need to receive Him. Jesus asked: "What were you arguing about on the road?" Jesus knew his disciples, and He knew what was in their hearts. They did not answer. They had been arguing which of them was the greatest". Jesus is an excellent teacher he knows how and when he has the opportunity to teach and correct our wrong ways.

Jesus took a little child, and He says, "Anyone who welcomes a little child such as this in my name welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me." The disciples lived with Jesus, twenty-four hours a day for three years, they knew how Jesus lived and how He saw the world. In this Gospel, we see how the disciples want to ascend and to dominate, entirely oppose what Jesus intends to lower Himself and serve. They did not pay attention to their Master, and they only followed their own ideas, and Jesus taught them a great lesson. Little children learn by watching every little action the parent does and imitating it! Jesus took a small child, as a symbol of all those who are vulnerable, weak and exploitable.

This week is an excellent opportunity to think about this message and ask our self, what is my motivation in life? Do I follow Jesus and be with Him twenty-four hours a day, and allow his way of living to become my way of living? Am I eager, looking and listening, trying not to miss a moment with Jesus?

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Schedule for Sept. 24 - Sept. 30
MONDAY - 9/24 Prv 3: 27-34, Lk 8: 16-18
TUESDAY - 9/25 Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13, Lk 8: 19-21 9:00am (St. R) - For the Sick 7:00pm - St. Raphael Festival Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY - 9/26 Prv 30: 5-9, Lk 9: 1-6 9:00am (St. R) - No Mass (R) Bible Study after Mass Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Shrine in the Woods - Leave St. Raphael's at 8:30am
THURSDAY - 9/27 Eccl 1: 2-11, Lk 9: 7-9 9:00am (St. J) - For the Sick
FRIDAY - 9/28 Eccl 3: 1-11, Lk 9: 18-22 9:00am (St. J) - For the Poor (J) Bible Study after Mass at Maureen Phillips house 10:00am - St. Joseph Food Pantry
SATURDAY - 9/29 Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14, Jn 1: 47-51 4:30pm (St. J) - Florence Levandowski (Family) 7:00pm (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael
SUNDAY - 9/30 Nm 11: 25-29, Jas 5: 1-6, Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48 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 9:30-10:45am - Faith Formation Class 11:00am (St. J) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph 2:00-5:00pm - St. Raphael Festival

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

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will begin on **Sunday, September 30th, 9:30-10:45am** this will include classes for RCIA. Registration forms are available on the table in the front entrance of church. Please pickup a registration form, fill it out, and either drop it in the collection basket, or mail to the church office. The parents will need to stay for a bit during this first class.

UP COMING EVENTS

- **Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Shrine in the Woods**, Wednesday, September 26th. Leaving from St. Raphael's at 8:30am. Car pooling available.
- **Mass at Medical Care**, Tuesday, October 2nd, 2:00pm
- **Tri-Saints K of C Meeting**, Tuesday, October 2nd, 7:00pm at St. Raphael
- **St. Joseph Living Rosary**, Sunday, October 7th at 10:25am
- **"Sweet and Salty"** Bingo, Sunday, October 7th, after the 11am Mass
- **CRASE Training**, Wednesday, October 10th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph in the parish hall.
- **St. Joseph Adoration**, Thursday, October 11th, 9:00am-8:00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study of the Book of Matthew continues on Fridays after the morning Mass in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage anyone to join us. Feel free to call Cindy at 231-499-7325 with any questions that you may have.

**C.R.A.S.E. TRAINING
CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT**

CRASE TRAINING - Active Shooter Class will be held by Lt. Brian Gutowski, Manistee County Sheriff's Department on Wednesday, October 10th, 6:00pm in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. This is a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event. Based on the principles of Avoid, Deny, and Defend. The class will provide attendees with basic knowledge on how to help themselves and others during active shooter incidents.

BENZIE AREA LIFE CHAIN 2018

The life chain will be held on Sunday, October 7th, 2:00 - 3:30pm. As usual, signs with prayers opposite side will be available on October 7th on either side of US 31 in Benzonia (Stop light S. to Love Rd.), at the usual parking places. Do Not park in the Shop 'N Save grocery or McDonald's restaurant lots.

Thou Shalt not murder! Christ and The Church teach that. We know that. It is basic in our system of law. Even most secularists and atheists agree that the taking of innocent human Life is murder and should not be done.

ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 29 & 30	
Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Meg Barlan Body of Christ - Pam Stokes Precious Blood - Catherine Noggle & Chris Goodrich Altar Servers - Dennis & Beverly Knoche Hospitality - George Goodrich	Lector - Peaches Sanovic Body of Christ - Nan Kamalowski Precious Blood - Maureen Phillips & Maria Somsel Altar Servers - Veronica & Henry Sidor Hospitality - Linda Showalter

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

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

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 1,611.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 867.60
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ -----
STIPEND	\$ -----
DONATION	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 2,479.60
BUILDING ENV.	\$ -----
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$10,116.25
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 1,540.28

Prayer Requests

Richie Anderson, June Bartlett, Janice Berben, Kyleigh Borah, Mary Lynn Burchard, Anna Charlich, Martha Dirksen, Blake Elmer, Frank English, Ken Franklen, Addy Hollifield, Tammy Holmes, Dennis Knoche, Joyce LaFleur, William Lotz, Marilyn Lotz, George Macko, John David Martuch, Julie Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Ben Schimke, Mary Steen, Kay Thompson, Albert Valencia, Eleanor Wall

Happy Birthday!!

- 9/23** - Cynthia Kadzban, Nancy LaVegue
- 9/24** - Gerald Eipperle, Ted Falk, Mary Ann Krolczyk
- 9/26** - Rosemary Chick, William Lotz
- 9/30** - Darlene Falk, Kathy Miller

Happy Anniversary!!

- 9/22** - M/M Harlan Kott
- 9/26** - M/M Ted Falk
- 9/28** - M/M Robert LaPlant

PILGRIMAGE

There will be a Pilgrimage to St. Mary's of the Woods in Mio, on Wednesday, September 26th. This will be for people of both St. Joseph's and St. Raphael's. We will be leaving from St. Raphael's at 8:30am and will be carpooling to this location. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance of both churches if interested. Please join us for a wonderful experience.

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FALL FESTIVAL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

St. Raphael Feast FOOD and FUN,
September 30, 2018, 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 334-467-5852

Bingo items needed for festival - Needed man & woman gifts, toys, coloring books for kids and adults, crayons, colored pencils, school supplies & games. Thank you for your donations to make our bingo and festival a great success. Drop off items to be stored in the office until the festival. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Mokrzycki 334-467-5852.

Please join us to make our festival great. **The meeting dates - 9/25, 10/9 at 7:00pm.**

Happy Birthday!!

- 9/22 - Ann Fouchey
- 9/24 - Richard Smith
- 9/28 - Steven DeVoll
- 9/30 - Maria Saul

UP COMING EVENTS

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- **St. Raphael Festival**, Sunday, September 30th, 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- **Adoration**, Tuesday, October 2nd, Mass 9:00am, followed by adoration until 11:30am.
- **St. Raphael CCW Meeting**, Tuesday, October 2nd, 9:30am
- **Mass at Medical Care**, Tuesday, October 2nd, 2:00pm
- **Tri-Saints K of C Meeting**, Tuesday, October 2nd, 7:00pm at St. Raphael
- **St. Raphael Pastoral Council Meeting**, Tuesday, October 9th, 9:45am
- **St. Raphael Festival Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, October 9th, 7:00pm
- **CRASE Training**, Wednesday, October 10th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph in the parish hall. All are encouraged to attend.

May Our Lord bless us through
 our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	945.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	681.00
V. LTS	\$	87.50
COFFEE	\$	4.00
DONATION	\$	-----
FUEL	\$	-----
TOTAL	\$	1,717.50
BUILDING	\$	10.00

Prayer Requests

Marty Bailey, David Bassey, Dennis Daldine, DeVoll Family, Shelley Doke, Bill Dowd, Mary Evans, Don Gurn, William Hogarth, Karen Ling, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Kenneth O. Milliron, Dale Moody, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Linda & Randy Stark, Albert Valencia, Don Walston

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BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study of the Book of Matthew continues on Wednesdays, after the morning Mass in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage anyone to join us. Any questions, please call 231-275-6307.

ST. RAPHAEL CCW

St. Raphael CCW Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 2nd.**

- Mass - 9:00 - 9:30am
- Meeting - 9:30 - 11:00am
- Adoration - 11:00 - 11:30am

This months hostess is Marylyn Nabozny.

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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 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 have next meeting on **Wednesday, October 10th, 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 **September 28, 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 - Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

Stewardship Reflections - *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* (MARK 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Family Perspective - Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

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.

Charismatic Retreat - The Gaylord Diocese Service Committee would like to invite all who are interested to a "Charismatic Retreat." The retreat will take place October 12th to the 14th at the Augustine retreat center in Conway, MI (just north of Petoskey). The retreat presenter is Debbie Hawley with praise team leader Tom Clark. The theme this year is "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." Cost for this event is \$150. Please reserve your place for this wonderful weekend by September 29th, 2018. If you are interested please contact Helen Clark at clarkhln@gmail.com or 231.846.1438.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Join Father Ken Stachnik and Father Duane Wachowiak on an eleven day pilgrimage to

the holy land. The trip will be from March 24, 2019 to April 3, 2019 with a cost of \$3,992.00 per person based on double occupancy. The tour will include motor coach transportation from Traverse City to O'Hare airport and return, round trip air transportation from Chicago to Israel and return, nine nights hotel accommodations, Hotel taxes and service charges, deluxe motor coach transportation in Israel, knowledgeable and experienced coach drivers, three meals per day while touring, all sightseeing per the itinerary, bilingual Christian guide throughout, educational tours tour manager, all entrance fees where required, all gratuities for hotels and meals and tips for guides and drivers. The sites and experiences are too numerous to mention here. Call 1.800. 654.4560 with questions.

Marriage Encounter Weekends Fall Worldwide Marriage

Encounter Weekends "Fall" in love all over again! Apply today to experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter enrichment weekend. Fall weekends are being held at Augustine Center near Petoskey Oct. 5-7 and Saginaw Center for Ministry Nov. 2-4. Marriage Encounter Weekends are a special time for a married couple away from all distractions: work, kids, bills, and other pressures and concerns. A series of presentations are made by the Presenting Team, consisting of 3 married couples and 1 priest. Each presentation builds on the last as we examine ourselves, our behaviors and attitudes, our relationship with our spouse and God. Communication tools are taught on the weekend helping couples connect in healthy, constructive ways on areas that can deepen their intimacy and connectedness. All sharing between spouses is PRIVATE, and this is NOT a weekend to solve problems! This Weekend will help couples in good marriages communicate even better. When was the last time you had a weekend like that? Apply online at www.wvme.org or contact Andrew & Alaina at 734-531-9191 for more info.

Altar Servers Appreciation

The Diocese Altar Server Appreciation event will be held this year in Gaylord on Saturday, October 6th. Bishop Raica and Fr. Matthew want to personally thank altar servers for their ministry to their parish. All altar servers, and their families, are welcomed to attend. This event is open to ALL servers. The day will begin with lunch at 11:45am at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord, served by the local Knights of Columbus Council #2781. After lunch, we will proceed to the Otsego County Sportsplex grounds for an afternoon of swimming, skating, bowling, painting, and other activities available there (some are weather permitting). Activities will take place from 12:30-4:30pm a schedule of events is available at the Dioceseofgaylord.org website. Then, at 4:30pm, we invite everyone back to St. Mary Cathedral for Mass at 5:00pm where Bishop Raica will be the main celebrant. There is no cost for altar servers, their families or chaperones to attend. Costs for the event are covered through generous support from many Knights of Columbus Councils across the diocese, as well as from gifts to the annual CSA. If you are interested in attending please contact your parish office so they may RSVP by Monday, October

WinSome Women Retreat

Do you want to learn of God's faithfulness and abundant love? WinSome Women retreat is presenting Alan and Lisa Robertson, Michele Pillar and award-winning musicians Point of Grace to inspire and encourage you in your walk with the Lord. 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 16 & 17, 17 & 18, 18 & 19. Register now at wswretreats.org.