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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."

#### Third Sunday of Advent C December 16, 2018

#### "Teacher, what should we do?"

Dear Friends in Christ, in this week we heard this very important question, "Teacher, what should we do?" I talked about a similar question months ago and we know that how we act is an idea prevalent during this season of Advent.

When we started this season, I told you that this is my favorite season and brings a lot of hope and joy in my life. In the second reading, Saint Paul wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" This joy and happiness in the Lord that we celebrate today is symbolized by lighting a rose candle on the advent wreath. We are close to rejoice the nativity of Jesus that brings salvation to the world. We know that living with a strong faith in God brings us the true happiness we cannot find elsewhere.

"Teacher, what should we do?" I think this is the best way to find our true joy and happiness in this life. Only following the will of God we are able to understand our destiny and our mission in this life. When from our heart we ask this question to our God we are ready to start to see what are the wrong things that we are doing and the possibility to change and look for other ways to find the true realization in this world. We know that the first step to become happy in the Lord is to give up sin so that we can live a life of grace with the Lord. In this journey of conversion we find the help of our God all the time, God is always waiting for us, like the prodigal son parable, God is waiting with his arms open to embrace us and give us what we need to be happy. These Sunday readings are challenging us to make this Advent season so that we will have a true joy to celebrate at Christmas rather than just live this season like others Advent seasons in our lives.

In our first reading, we heard from the prophet Zephaniah, "The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear." Can you imagine God rejoicing when you believe that He wants the best for you and your family? As we heard, three times, in this Sunday from different people this question, "Teacher, what should we do?" I invite you to ask from the bottom of your heart the same question and wait for his answer.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

**Schedule for  
Dec. 17 - Dec. 23**

**MONDAY- 12/17**  
Gn 49: 2, 8-10, Mt 1: 1-17

**TUESDAY - 12/18**  
Jer 23: 5-8, Mt 1: 18-25  
**9:00am (St. R)** - For the Sick

**WEDNESDAY - 12/19**  
Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1: 5-25  
**9:00am (St. R)** - For the Poor  
**6:00pm** - St. Joseph/St. Raphael Communal Penance Service at St. Joseph

**THURSDAY- 12/20**  
Is 7: 10-14, Lk 1: 26-38  
**9:00am (St. J)** - For the Sick

**FRIDAY- 12/21**  
Sg 2: 8-14, Lk 1: 39-45  
**9:00am (St. J)** - Dennis Knoche  
**10:00am** - St. Joseph Food Pantry

**SATURDAY - 12/22**  
1 Sm 1: 24-28, Lk 1: 46-56  
**4:30pm (St. J)** - Florence Levandowski (Family)  
**7:00pm (St. R)** - Deceased members of the Wilson & Fink Families (David & Alice Fink)

**SUNDAY- 12/23**  
Mi 5: 1-4a, Heb 10: 5-10, Lk 1:39-45  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**8:00am** - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)  
**8:30am (St. R)** - Dolores & Gilbert Steinman (Carlina)  
**9:30-10:45am** - NO FAITH FORMATION CLASS  
**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**

Faith Formation classes and classes for RCIA. The next class will be on December

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- **Christmas Caroling**, Sunday, December 16th, meet at La Riviera Mexican Grill, Manistee at 3:30pm for dinner, Caroling at 5:30pm, Manistee County Medical Care. Any questions, please talk to Chris.
- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Communal Penance Service**, December 19th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church
- **St. Joseph Christmas Eve Mass**, Monday, December 24th, 4:30pm
- **St. Joseph Christmas Day Mass**, Tuesday, December 25th, 11:00am
- **New Year's Eve Mass**, Monday, December 31st, 5:00pm at St. Raphael
- **New Year's Day Mass**, Tuesday, January 1st, 9:00am at St. Joseph

**K OF C TRI SAINTS COUNCIL**

Children and Grandchildren are invited to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Ages 5 to 14 are eligible to participate with three \$25 prizes awarded. Entrance forms with all the contest rules are available in the vestibule of the church. Contest deadline is Sunday, December 23rd.

**ST. JOSEPH/ST. RAPHAEL COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**  
**Wednesday, December 19th**  
**6:00pm**  
**St. Joseph Church**  
**Onekama**

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 25, 2018 through January 1, 2019. We will reopen the office on Tuesday, January 2, 2019. If you have an emergency, please call 231-499-9853.

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

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

<b>ENVELOPE OFFERTORY</b>	\$ 1,795.00
<b>LOOSE OFFERTORY</b>	\$ 564.20
<b>CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY</b>	\$ 1.00
<b>STIPEND</b>	\$ 70.00
<b>DONATION</b>	\$ -----
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 2,430.20
<b>BUILDING ENV.</b>	\$ -----
<b>D &amp; L FUND-BLG.</b>	\$10,116.25
<b>FOOD PANTRY</b>	\$ 2,290.00

**Prayer Requests**

June Bartlett, Janice Berben, Kyleigh Borah, Mary Lynn Burchard, Anna Charlich, Mark Dagnall, Martha Dirksen, Blake Elmer, Frank English, Ken Franklen, Addy Hollifield, Tammy Holmes, Cindy Kadzban, Joyce LaFleur, William Lotz, Marilyn Lotz, George Macko, John David Martuch, Julie Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Mary Steen, Kay Thompson, Albert Valencia

**Happy Birthday!!**

- 12/17 - John Neph
- 12/18 - Nick Kott
- 12/20 - Veronica Sidor, Rachael Smith
- 12/21 - Tracy Daberkoe, Nathan Redman
- 12/22 - Robert Courneya, Hope Showalter

**HELP NEEDED**

St. Joseph is in need of someone to organize Adoration once a month. If you would like to assume one of this position or have any question, please contact Bob Sidor at stjosephonekamami@gmail.com or Darlene at stjosephonekama@gmail.com.

**ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 22 & 23**

<b>Saturday, 4:30pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 11:00am</b>
Lector - Linda Showalter Body of Christ - Chris Goodrich Precious Blood - Beth Klajda & Kathryn Nacco Altar Servers - Beverly Knoche & Sandra Bologna Hospitality - Ed Barlan	Lector - Maria Somsel Body of Christ - Maureen Phillips Precious Blood - Nancy Watt & Lisa Sidor Altar Servers - Veronica & Henry Sidor Hospitality - Tom Greve

**ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24 & 25**

<b>Christmas Eve Mass, Monday, 4:30pm</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass, 11:00am</b>
Lector - Beth Klajda Body of Christ - Ted Falk Precious Blood - Kathryn Nacco & Beverly Knoche Altar Servers - Kyle & Cathy Noggle Hospitality - Joel Lyman	Lector - Carol DuVall Body of Christ - Pam Stokes Precious Blood - Tom Fleming & Dan Long Altar Servers - Hope & Cheryl Showalter Hospitality - Linda Showalter

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

**ST. RAPHAEL'S  
 STEWARDSHIP OF  
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**ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS**

Our **GIVING TREE** will be set up again this year and there are families in great need of our generosity. Please take a tag you wish from the tree, then sign your name on the sign-in sheet next to your corresponding tag number. Gifts **MUST** be returned by **December 16th**. Thank you in advance!!!

**ST. RAPHAEL/ST. JOSEPH  
 COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

Wednesday, December 19th  
 6:00pm  
 St. Joseph Church  
 Onekama

St. Joseph/St. Raphael email address is [stjosephonekama@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephonekama@gmail.com). Please use this email address for all correspondence. Thank you!

**Happy Birthday!!**

**12/23** - Michael Scott

**Happy Anniversary!!**

**12/17** - M/M Doug Sattler

**12/21** - M/M Jerry Gillaspie

**UP COMING EVENTS**

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- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Communal Penance Service**, December 19th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church
- **St. Raphael Christmas Eve Mass**, Monday, December 24th, 7:00pm
- **St. Raphael Christmas Day Mass**, Tuesday, December 25th, 8:30am
- **New Year's Eve Mass**, Monday, December 31st, 5:00pm at St. Raphael
- **New Year's Day Mass**, Tuesday, January 1st, 9:00am at St. Joseph

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	744.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	501.25
V. LTS	\$	24.10
COFFEE	\$	6.00
STIPEND	\$	10.00
DONATION	\$	10.00
FLOWERS	\$	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	1,299.35
BUILDING	\$	-----

**Prayer Requests**

**Marty Bailey, David Bassey, Dennis Daldine, Shelley Doke, Bill Dowd, Mary Evans, Don Gurn, William Hogarth, Karen Ling, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Dale Moody, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Linda Stark, Albert Valencia, Don Walston**



**ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 22 & 23**

Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Betsy Schaub Body of Christ - Bob Saul Precious Blood - Janet Hobart & Joseph Rebman Altar Servers - Michael Schaub & Emily Fouchey	Lector - Maria Saul Body of Christ - Ruth Schaub Precious Blood - Flo Smith & Carlina Breitner Altar Servers - Bob Saul

**ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24 & 25**

Christmas Eve, Monday, 7:00pm	Christmas Day, Tuesday, 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 - Carlina Breitner Precious Blood - Flo Smith & 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, 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 not be having a meeting until April 2019! 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 **December 21, 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 Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

**Stewardship Reflections** - *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

**Vocation View** - Have you ever asked: What ought I do? Simply, tell the Good News to people. Nothing else matters.

**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 Larry LaCross at 989.705.9010

**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.

## \*\*\*\*\* ST. JOSEPH'S/St. RAPHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**4:30 pm @ St. Joseph Church**  
**7:00pm @ St. Raphael Church**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**8:30 am @ St. Raphael Church**  
**11:00am @ St. Joseph Church**

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

**5:00pm @ St. Raphael Church**

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

**9:00am @ St. Joseph Church**

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

St. Joseph/St. Raphael invites you to remember loved ones with our Christmas Flower Memorials. A flyer has been inserted in the bulletin and you will also find them on the table in the vestibule. Please **PRINT** the names to be remembered on this form or on your Christmas Flower Envelopes that are in your envelope packet. Donations will support the purchase of flowers for our churches.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

"This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Rev. Ruben D. Munoz for a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land *"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus"*. The trip will be from September 2, 2019 to September 11, 2019 with a cost of \$3,300 per person plus \$125 in tips based on double occupancy. Round Trip from Onkama, MI & Copenish, MI. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be an experience you will never forget. Christians have been going on pilgrimages from the very beginning of our faith. The Holy Land holds importance as the place of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. Pilgrimages include visits to Bethlehem where we stop at The Church of the Nativity that commemorates the birth of Christ. We visit sites like the village of Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, and the River Jordan, Jerusalem and Dead Sea. On our pilgrimage to the Holy Land we offer a complete itinerary that includes round-trip airfare, accommodation in first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, all transportation, daily Mass and all under excellent organizing, leadership and teaching from Nativity pilgrimage expert staff and Guides. For more information please visit <http://nativitypilgrimage.com/revruben-michgan>. You will also find more information on the table in the front entrance of church.