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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."**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter C May 12, 2019**

**"Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice;"**

Dear Friends in Christ, in this fourth Sunday of Easter our Gospel reading is unusually brief, selected from the broad discourse of Jesus in which he declares that he is the Good Shepherd, conveys a great deal in just a few words. I think this is the key of our relationship with Jesus, pay attention to his voice, I hope in this beautiful season of Easter you have heard his voice and every day understand more and more his will.

I have no idea about the pastoral environment of the ancient world, and I am very sure that most of you do not know about this either. I have been studying for a long time the Scriptures, and I have read about this close relationship between sheep and shepherd, a bond of trust and affection. When I was in Spain, I saw many shepherds on my way to Santiago the Compostela. I saw a significant dedication of shepherds to their sheep. It was beautiful to see how they take care of these animals and how much time they spent together. One of the essential things that I learn in the seminary is that the shepherd led his flock through his presence and his voice, calling his sheep to follow, guiding them to those distant oases where there are fresh grazing and flowing water.

When I was reflecting in this gospel, I understood why Jesus used this image to help the people to hear his voice. We need to know our Shepherd to recognize his voice and to follow him; Jesus knows us very well, and He wants to lead us to internal life.

These pastoral images describe the intimacy of the relationship between Jesus and his disciples as well as Jesus' complete and unconditional dedication to them.

We heard in the second reading, how Paul proclaim the word of God and how the people responded to his preaching, "Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles..." We can see that the word of God creates a variety of emotional responses and in this case, we can see the rejection and persecution. It is fascinating to hear how many people were delighted when they heard the word of the Lord, but the Jews were not. The question is why the Jews reject the word of the Lord? Thinking about this my first response is that they did not know Jesus. They deny the voice of Jesus, and I think this is because their hearts were close to his voice. Jesus came to show us how was his intimate relationship with Father, and He wants that we can have the same relationship with Him. Now, in order to do this, we need to know Jesus and recognize his voice. Jesus is telling us, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." The word of the Lord is the voice of the Shepherd. One crucial question for us is, in what ways in our daily lives we can hear God's voice in the Scriptures? Or in what other ways we use to hear his voice? May God bless you this week with his voice.

**Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez**

<b>Schedule for May 13 - May 19</b>
<b>MONDAY - 5/13</b> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Acts 11: 1-18, Jn 10: 1-10
<b>TUESDAY - 5/14</b> <i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i> Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, Jn 15: 9-17 9:00am - For the Sick 6:00pm - St. Raphael Finance/Pastoral Council Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY - 5/15</b> <i>Saint Isidore</i> Acts 12: 24-13: 5a, Jn 12: 44-50 9:00am (St. R) - For the Poor 5:00pm - Stewardship Committee Meeting at St. Joseph 6:00pm - St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting
<b>THURSDAY - 5/16</b> <i>Acts 13: 13-25, Jn 13: 16-20</i> 9:00am (St. J) - For the Poor 6:00pm - Onekama Baccalaureate at St. Joseph followed by refreshments
<b>FRIDAY - 5/17</b> <i>Acts 13: 26-33, Jn 13: 1-6</i> 9:00am - Ronald Stokes
<b>SATURDAY - 5/18</b> <i>Saint John I, Pope and Martyr</i> Acts 13: 44-52, Jn 14: 7-14 4:30pm (St. J) - Dennis Knoche (Ted & Darlene) 7:00pm (St. R) - For the living and deceased parishioners of St. Raphael
<b>SUNDAY - 5/19</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 14: 21-27, Rv 21: 1-5a, Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35 8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3) 8:30am (St. R) - Robert Mullen (Cliff & Anita Walters) 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

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- **Stewardship Meeting**, Wednesday, May 15th, 5:00 pm at St. Joseph
- **St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting**, Wednesday, May 15th, 6:00 pm
- **Onekama High School Baccalaureate**, Thursday, May 16th, 6:00 pm
- **2nd Annual Tri-Saints Crystal Golf Classic**, Sunday, May 19th, 10:00 am at Crystal Mountain
- **Ultreya**, Tuesday, May 21st, 6:30 pm
- **St. Joseph Festival Committee Meeting**, Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall
- **St. Joseph Food Pantry**, Friday, May 24th, 10:00 am

**K of C TRI-SAINTS GOLF CLASSIC**

The Knights of Columbus cordially invite you to participate in the 2nd Annual Tri-Saints Crystal Golf Classic on Sunday, May 19th with a shotgun start at 10 am. The best ball scramble tournament will be played at the Crystal Mountain Betsie Valley Course. Cost is \$75 per player which includes golf with cart, pre-tournament snack, and buffet dinner afterwards. Hole Sponsorship is available for \$100 donation. Prizes will be awarded. Please see the registration forms available in the church vestibule for all the details. Questions? Contact Dan Daberkoe 231-510-9063.

**A Mother's Love**

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
and calm all of fears.

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
when something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
and inspire in us the confidence  
we need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and mother's faith  
And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
and sent from God above.

-Author Unknown



<b>ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 18 &amp; 19</b>	
<b>Saturday, 4:30pm</b>	<b>Sunday, 11:00am</b>
Lectors - Catherine Noggle Body of Christ - Meg Barlan Precious Blood - Chris Goodrich & Kathryn Nacco Altar Servers - Beverly Knoche & Sandra Bologna Hospitality - Joel Lyman	Lector - Carol DuVall Body of Christ - Lisa Sidor Precious Blood - Maria Somsel & Nancy Watt Altar Servers - Katie Sidor & Landyn Kequom Hospitality - Linda Showalter

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

May Our Lord bless us  
through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 2,122.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 620.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ -----
STIPEND	\$ -----
V. LTS.	\$ -----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,742.00</b>
BUILDING ENV.	\$ -----
<b>D &amp; L FUND-BLG.</b>	<b>\$11,504.72</b>
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 85.00

**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, Stephen Kuczynski, Joyce LaFleur, Ryan LaHaie, William Lotz, Marilyn Lotz, George Macko, John David Martuch, Julie Miller, Nielsen Family, David Ohelberg, Chris Prosser, Reed Family, Nancy Satal, Ronald Stokes, Mary Steen, Kay Thompson, Albert Valencia, Debbie Yonkman**

**Happy Birthday!**

- 5/12 - Hogan Miller
- 5/13 - Sean Fitzgerald, Kimberly Riley-Lampinen
- 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

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next St. Joseph Festival Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 22nd, 6:30pm** in the parish hall. If you are willing to help, please come to this meeting... **WE NEED YOU!!!**

The festival will be held on Sunday, June 30th.

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

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

**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. RAPHAEL**

**May 23, 2019**  
**Potluck & Euchre**  
**(or other games, please bring)**

**Potluck:** 5:00pm - please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage

**Cards** (+ games): 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Any questions, please call Gaby at 734-578-2958.

Please mark your calendar for future date of **6/20**.

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- St. Raphael Finance & Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 14th, 6:00pm
- 2nd Annual Tri-Saints Crystal Golf Classic, Sunday, May 19th 10:00 am at Crystal Mountain
- *Ultreya*, Tuesday, May 21st, 6:30 pm
- St. Raphael Potluck/Euchre Party, Thursday, May 23rd, 5:00pm

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

St. Raphael's Annual Flea Market will be held on July 3rd, July 4th, and July 5th. Start saving your treasures/Spring cleaning items for this fundraising event. **NO TV's!!!** Appliances must work!!



**Happy Birthday!!**

- 5/11 - Laura Milliron
- 5/12 - Don Walston
- 5/15 - Michael Fouchey
- 5/16 - Gerry Kastl
- 5/17 - Larry King, Jr.

**Happy Anniversary!!**

- 5/18 - M/M Charles Vondra

**CCW NEWS**

**CCW will be passing out envelopes for the "BAKELESS BAKE SALE"**. You have always been very generous and supported us in the past. We hope we will have your continued support. Envelopes **MUST** be returned by May 12th.

**MAY CROWNING** - All ladies of our Parish are invited to join the procession for the Crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary on Sunday, May 12th, at the 8:30 am Mass. All ladies should gather in the vestibule **BEFORE** Mass.

**St. Raphael CCW group** would like to invite the ladies of our parish to join us for an Easter Season Luncheon. We will gather at "the Platte River Inn" in Honor at 11:00 am on Monday May 20th. The menu offers some very nice choices and just a reminder that each lady is responsible for their own food and drinks. Please join us for fellowship and song with the beautiful ladies of our church.

Please **RSVP** Vikki Tarker at 231-383-5512 for a head count by May 17th.

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE	\$ 1,225.00
OFFERTORY	
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 567.93
V. LTS	\$ 22.00
COFFEE	\$ 12.00
STIPEND	\$ -----
FUEL	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 1,826.93
BUILDING	\$ -----

**Prayer Requests**

**Marty Bailey, David Bassey, Ned Brown, Brian Chinavare, Dennis Daldine, Mary Evans, Don Gurn, William Hogarth, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Dale Moody, James Oliver, becky Petersen, Kelli Sattler, Bob Saul, Chad Schualer, Chris Schulz, Linda Stark, Albert Valencia, Tom Wasco**

**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. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 18 & 19**

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



Please pray for all service men and women who are serving our country.

**Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army, 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, Navy, Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF, Austin Soller, Navy, Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Trevor Tomkinson, Marine, 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 be meeting on **Wednesday, June 12th at 3:30 pm**. 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 24, 2019** 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** - Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

**Vocation View** - On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a priest, Deacon, Sister or Brother. Pray!

**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.

**Family Perspective-by Bud Ozar** - Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** - World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 12, 2019, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage ([www.usccb.org/vocations](http://www.usccb.org/vocations)).

**The Diocese currently has four (4) open positions.**

**Chief of Staff**  
**Director of Human Resources**  
**Administrative Assistant to the Bishop**  
**Parish Auditor**

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in applying for any of these positions, please visit the Diocese website at [dioceseofgaylord.org](http://dioceseofgaylord.org). In the upper right hand corner you will see "Job Opportunities". Click on it and it will take you to all the job opportunities in the Diocese. You are able to apply right on line.

## 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 & Copemish, 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.

## LIGHTHOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On May 15th from 5-7 pm we will be hosting an open house at the Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center, 215 Maple St., Manistee, with a special ceremony beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and take a tour, enjoy refreshments, and join us in thanking our Lord for allowing us to minister to the women, men, and little ones in our community for the past 15 years. If you have any questions, please call the center at 398-7984. We hope to see you there!

## MOTHERS DAY IN HEAVEN

If Roses grow in Heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy  
I do it every day,  
but there's an ache within my heart  
that will never go away..

## Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Parish Info

- Easily contact our parish
- Helpful list of parish staff
- Connect with staff at the touch-of-a-button

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



## Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To

### Portage Lake Association: Net Proceeds to Benefit Portager Pride Packs\* at Onekama Consolidated Schools

Help us raise funds for our organization by  
donating your gently worn,  
used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family,  
neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

**\*Backpacks of school supplies,  
food, and necessities (soap,  
shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) for  
Onekama students and families**

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.  
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.  
They are typically operated by one person or family and  
friends, depending on size.

## WHERE & WHEN

Drop off shoes at  
one of these  
locations:

- Onekama Consolidated Schools (event entrance or doors under the clock)
- Snyder's Shoes in Manistee or Ludington
- EZ Market in Onekama

**May 1–June 30**



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