



## September 6, 2020 † Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"If your brother sins against you..."*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another month and again, another opportunity to listen and do God's will. This month, I feel that God is teaching us about his mercy and forgiveness. It is fantastic how during this month the Lord teaches us through our Church how we should handle situations when we feel offended. Next week, we'll learn how many times we need to forgive. Then, in the third week, we'll learn how merciful is our God, and finally, how our Lord is showing us who really does His will.

In Ezekiel's book, we heard how all of us are called to be watchmen for his house. The prophet is telling us that all of us have a big responsibility in God. We heard, "Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." This is a big responsibility! What do you think? How do you feel? When I am reflecting on this reading, I believe that God is wonderful! He has given me an excellent opportunity to help Him to save people and make their lives better.

The second reading gives us the main reason to help our brothers and sisters look for God's way. The apostle Paul tells us, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." What more reason do we need to show our brothers and sisters the mercy of God for them? I often feel that what God is asking me is very difficult and hard to do, but what the apostle is showing me is that I only need to love every change.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us in a very practical and easy way how we should handle situations when we feel offended. When I think that we do the opposite of what Jesus teaches in real life, I conclude that this is part of the whole mess we are living in these days. I remember that the first homily I said to you, if you have any problem with me, please come and talk to me first! In these 7 years that I have been with you, I do not remember anybody coming and telling me what wrong I have done to you. But I have to call people to clarify situations that people felt offended.

I invite you this week to please read this gospel again and think about what Jesus is teaching us! I am sure that if we do what Jesus is teaching us, we will find that our lives are going to be different.

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

### 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."

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## Pastoral Staff

Pastor ..... Rev. Rubén D. Muñoz  
 Administrative Assistant..... Darlene Falk  
 Organist/Music Director..... Chris Sattler  
 Maintenance.....Michael Nelson  
 Faith Formation ..... Tracy Daberkoe

## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday  
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm ..... St. Joseph

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday ..... 11:00 am ..... St. Raphael  
 Thursday, Friday ..... 11:00 am ..... St. Joseph  
 Saturday ..... 4:30 pm ..... St. Joseph  
 Saturday ..... 7:00 pm ..... St. Raphael  
 Sunday ..... 8:30 am ..... St. Raphael  
 Sunday ..... 11:00 am ..... St. Joseph

## Sacrament of Penance

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 are required.

## Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday at Noon - 10 days prior to publication  
 Send info to stjosephonekama@gmail.com,  
 or drop off hard copy to the Parish Office.

## Ministry Schedule

### St. Joseph

#### Saturday, September 12, 4:30 pm

Lectors John Baribeau  
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time  
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time  
 Altar Servers Rocco Anhalt  
 Usher/Greeter Cindy Kadzban & Ed Barlan  
 COVID Cleaners **Volunteers Needed**

#### Sunday, September 13, 11:00 am

Lector Tom Fleming  
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time  
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time  
 Altar Servers Easton Kequom  
 Usher/Greeter Mike Kamalowski & Jose Aguilar  
 COVID Cleaners **Volunteers Needed**

### St. Raphael

#### Saturday, September 12, 7:00 pm

Lector Peaches Sanovic  
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time  
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time  
 Altar Servers Joe Rebman  
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**  
 COVID Cleaners **Volunteers Needed**

#### Sunday, September 13, 8:30 am

Lector David Clous  
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time  
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time  
 Altar Servers Maria Saul  
 User/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**  
 COVID Cleaners **Volunteers Needed**

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, September 8th

10:00 am Holy Hour followed by 11:00 am Mass ..... St. Raphael

### Wednesday, September 9th

11:00 am Mass ..... St. Raphael

### Thursday, September 10th

10:00 am Holy Hour followed by 11:00 am Mass ..... St. Joseph

### Friday, September 11th

11:00 am Mass ..... St. Joseph

### Saturday, September 12th

4:30 pm †Julie Daly (St. Joseph Ladies Guild) ..... St. Joseph  
 7:00 pm Living and Deceased parishioners ..... St. Raphael

### Sunday, September 13th

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound ..... Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)  
 8:30 am †Marylyn Nabozny ..... St. Raphael  
 11:00 am Living and Deceased parishioners ..... St. Joseph

## Prayer Requests

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

Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army  
 SSgt 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  
 2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army  
 Olivia Fouchey, USAF  
 Jay Long, Air Force

Mike Meyers, Air Force  
 Adam O'Neill, Army  
 Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army  
 1st Lt. Karina Pierce-Pingel, Army  
 Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy  
 Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF  
 Austin Soller, Navy  
 Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army  
 Trevor Tomkinson, Marine  
 Capt. Kent Turner, Army  
 Yeoman John Tucker, CG  
 Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG  
 Daniel Tanner, Navy

Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, those who are in the Medical Care, adult foster care homes, and those who are ill including:

Chris Appicelli  
 June Bartlett  
 David Bassey  
 Janice Berben  
 Ann Bialik  
 Dianna Bialik  
 Kyleigh Borah  
 Ned Brown  
 Anna Charlich  
 Brian Chinavare  
 Jack Chinavare  
 Mark Dagnall  
 Dennis Daldine  
 Karen Daldine  
 Martha Dirksen  
 Blake Elmer  
 Frank English  
 Mary Evans  
 Ken Franken  
 Don Gurn

Pat Gurn  
 William Hogarth  
 Addy Hollifield  
 Tammy Holmes  
 Ruth Howe  
 Stephen Kuczynski  
 Joyce LaFleur  
 Ryan LaHaie  
 Tony & Judy Lavecchia  
 Marilyn & William Lotz  
 George Macko  
 John David Martuch  
 Tammy May  
 Chet Miller  
 Julie Miller  
 Kelly Miller  
 Olivia Miller  
 Dale Moody  
 Gino Nacco  
 Nielsen Family

James Oliver  
 Judy Pendencygraft  
 Becky Petersen  
 Reed Family  
 Nancy Satal  
 Kelli Sattler  
 Bob Saul  
 Chad Schualer  
 Chris Schulz  
 Paul Sedlar  
 Susie Silvey  
 Richard Smith  
 Sue Snyder  
 Linda Stark  
 Mary Steen  
 Ronald Stokes  
 Jack Sysko  
 Kay Thompson  
 Albert Valencia  
 Tom Wasco

## Spiritual Guidance Resources

We would like to offer you some resources for daily prayer, live streaming of adoration, Mass, reflections, and more.

Please check our parish websites frequently as new information will be posted as it becomes available.

Ascension Press - <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/spiritual-guidance>

EWTN - <https://www.ewtn.com/> (Available for TV viewing in most areas)

Diocese of Gaylord - [Remote Viewing | Listening of Mass](#)

Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>

Download **myParish App** on your mobile devices (Apple and Android) for additional resources. Both St. Joseph and St. Raphael Parishes are combined under St. Joseph Catholic Church in Onekama.

## Grief Support Series

Divine Mercy Parish is offering a seven-week Grief Recovery Series. We strive to live in the image of Jesus Christ who wept with those who mourned. We believe that no one should grieve alone. To that end we pray for and with each family that loses a loved one and attempt to bring comfort and consolation to all the bereaved. The upcoming sessions will begin with a "Come & See" registration time on Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The sessions will take place in the St. Joseph Parish Center. The series are open to all persons in the Manistee or surrounding area who have experienced the death of a loved one regardless of the length of time it has been since your loss. Masks are required. For more information, please call Kris Malone at 398.9368, Lynn Modrzyński at 723.6745 or Shirley Skiera at 723.9680.

## Ushers, Greeters, and COVID Team Ministers Needed!

Our worship ministry needs will look different as we return to public Masses. Please pray as we are in need of 4-5 ushers/greeters for each Mass in order to re-open our churches. We completely understand that some of you are not comfortable returning to public masses, and that is alright. For those individuals who are able to help, **please prayerfully consider volunteering** for this much needed ministry. Instructions will be provided.

The ministers for each Mass at both churches and a brief explanation of any changes to that ministry are as follows:

Sacristans, Gift Bearers, Cantors, and Eucharistic Ministers are not needed at this time.

**Altar Server** (1) – Light candles, carry Cross, tray, ring bells

**Lector** (1) – Lector will read both readings and intercessions. The Lector will not walk in the procession with the priest. Lector is to remove their mask while reading from ambo.

**Ushers/Greeters** (4-5) – Ushers **MUST** wear gloves and masks while actively serving. Duties include opening doors, taking temperatures, seating assistance, providing guidance during communion and dismissing the congregation at the end of Mass. This is an essential ministry!

**COVID-19 Ministry Team** (4-6) – Team members **MUST** wear gloves and masks that will be provided. They are responsible to spray down all touched surfaces after Mass. Further instructions will be provided. This essential ministry team is needed at both churches.

If after reading through the above expectations for each ministry, and you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to volunteer, please contact the church office, or call Chris Sattler at 231.620.9075.

**A grateful and heartfelt "thank you" to our volunteers helping us to continue offering public Masses.**

## Upcoming Community Events

### Wednesday, September 9th

9:30 am Pastoral Council Meeting... St. Raphael

### Wednesday, September 9th

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting..... St. Joseph

### Thursday, September 17th

6:30 pm Ultreya..... St. Joseph

### Friday, September 25th

10:00 am Food Pantry..... St. Joseph

## Celebrating Birthdays

09/07 Colette Kamaloski, Michael Schaub

09/10 Dan Long, Adam Porter

09/12 Chris Goodrich, Charles Fouchey, III

## Celebrating Anniversaries!

09/12 M/M John Martuch

09/13 M/M Michael Fouchey

## St. Joseph Ladies' Guild News

The St. Joseph Ladies' Guild is 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. The Ladies are also collecting cancelled postage stamps.

## St. Raphael Raffle Tickets

St. Raphael Church will NOT be holding their festival this year due to COVID. They are selling their cash prize raffle tickets. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call Rose Ide at 231.882.5246. Tickets are \$5/each or 5/\$20. First prize is \$600, 2nd prize is \$300, 3rd prize is \$100. Please help support our parish.

## Stewardship By the Book

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is, "Yes!"



**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**May Our Lord bless us through our generosity.**

Thank you so very much to those who have been able to continue with their financial support of our parishes during this very difficult time. It is greatly appreciated.

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