



September 27, 2020 † Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What is your opinion?”

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the last Sunday of September! God has been so good, helping us to grow in his love and mercy. I felt that God has taught me a lot about forgiveness in this month. On the first Sunday, the Lord taught us how we should handle situations when we feel offended through our Church. On the second Sunday, how many times we need to forgive. On the third Sunday, how merciful is our God. This Sunday, our God is showing us who really does His will.

In the first reading, we heard from the prophet Ezekiel, "Thus says the LORD: You say, 'The LORD's way is not fair!' Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?... But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life..." This is excellent news for all of us, God is merciful, and the Hebrew people understood this very well from a long time ago. In this book, the prophet told the people the importance of our responsibility. In the introduction of this book, I read something very interesting, "the prophet Ezekiel is clear on one point: The Lord punishes and restores for one reason, for the sake of his name, in order to demonstrate once and for all that he is Lord."

In the second reading, the apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." Jesus Christ became one of us to show us that we are able to imitate him in everything that He did on this earth. We are responsible for choosing how we can act and respond to every situation that life presents to us.

In the Gospel, we heard how Jesus questions the priests and elders. "What is your opinion? I think that this question helps us to continue thinking about our responsibility in front of our Creator. Jesus, in this parable, reminds us of something fundamental: words and actions! This Gospel is inviting us to take a few moments of silence to read these words again. God wants to get our attention. This Gospel tells us about the first son not wanting to work in the vineyard. Jesus said, "but afterwards changed his mind and went." This guy changed his mind! This is the importance of this passage! The first Son was the one who was open to the word of God and his heart and changed his behavior. The Lord has always prepared great things for His people to hear His voice in their hearts and beliefs. This week, we have the same opportunity as the priest and the elders of this Gospel, we can afterward change our minds and believe and do God's will in our lives.

— 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, October 3, 4:30 pm

Lectors Beverly Knoche
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time
 Altar Servers Shay Anhalt
 Usher/Greeter Joel Lyman & Wanda Garcia
 COVID Cleaners **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, October 4, 11:00 am

Lector Peaches Sanovic
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time
 Altar Servers Cheryl Showalter
 Usher/Greeter BJ Tooker & Jose Aguilar

St. Raphael

Saturday, October 3, 6:30 pm

Lector Dick Ide
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time
 Altar Servers Michael Schaub
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**
 COVID Cleaners **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, October 4, 9:00 am

Lector Leslie Casselman
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time
 Altar Servers Cathy Noggle
 User/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 29th

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

Wednesday, September 30th

11:00 am †Helen Coughlin (Viva & Clyde Kastl) St. Raphael

Thursday, October 1st

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

Friday, October 2nd

11:00 am Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, October 3rd

4:30 pm Living and Deceased parishioners St. Joseph

6:30 pm Living and Deceased parishioners St. Raphael

Sunday, October 4th

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)

9:00 am †Marylyn Nabozny (Darren Kastl)..... St. Raphael

11:00 am †George Olson & Georgene Nethercott (Herb & Carol) 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
 Capt. Karina Pierce, 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 Franklin
 Don Gurn

Pat Gurn
 William Hogarth
 Addy Hollifield
 Tammy Holmes
 Bruce Howell
 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
 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.

St. Raphael Mass Time Change will begin on **Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 at 6:30 pm** and **Sunday, October 4th, 2020 at 9:00 am**. This change will be for the Fall/Winter months.

St. Joseph Bible Study will be held on Friday's at 9:30 am. We are studying The Bible and The Sacraments with Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard. Join us in the Parish Hall.

Faith Formation Classes began on Tuesday, September 22nd. Registration forms are available on the table in the front entrance.

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 on **Saturday only**) – 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 on Saturday evenings only.

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

Friday, October 2nd

9:30 am Bible Study St. Joseph

Tuesday, October 6th

7:00 pm Tri-Saints KC Meeting St. Raphael

Wednesday, October 7th

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting St. Joseph

Friday, October 9th

9:30 am Bible Study St. Joseph

Celebrating Birthdays

09/28 Alison Barnett, Jerry Gilaspie
 09/30 Darlene Falk, Kathy Miller, Maria Saul
 10/01 Phyllis Armstrong, Janet Hobart
 10/03 Javier Aguilar
 10/04 Michael Kamaloski

Celebrating Anniversaries!

09/28 M/M Robert LaPlant
 10/02 M/M Gary Willis

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.

Thank you to David Clous for refurbishing the four wooden plant stands for the church. Also, to Pat Mullen and Gerry Kastl who cared for the flower beds around the church. To Elmer Kolarik for the beautiful glads that graced the altar this August. And to all those people who signed up to help sanitize the church.



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.

St. Joseph

Envelope Offertory	\$1,275.00
Loose Offertory	\$239.00
Vigil Lights	\$139.06
Donation	\$500.00
Total	\$2,153.06
Building Envelopes	\$317.00
Food Pantry	\$290.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory	\$1,665.00
Loose Offertory	\$386.00
Stipend	\$10.00
Vigil Lights	\$81.60
Total	\$2,142.60
Building Envelopes	\$60.00