



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels"

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is a new month! Another opportunity to know a little more about God. During these last Sundays of this liturgical year, I will talk about a fascinating topic that Jesus talked about very often to his disciples. When I read the Gospel for this month, the word "kingdom" came to my mind. I feel that God continues helping us to understand more about his kingdom in the next three weekends. On the last Sunday, we will start a new liturgical year with the season of Advent.

This Sunday, I will talk about an essential aspect of God's kingdom; Jesus gave us a great revelation about eternal life and how we will be in heaven.

Our first question for this topic is, what is the kingdom of God? How would you respond? This year, I talked about different topics that I hope help you answer this question. I will give you a straightforward answer that I read in the dictionary: "a kingdom is that territory over which a king reigns." As Catholics, we understand that God is the Creator of all things, and the extent of His realm must be the whole world. Manifestly, then, the kingdom of God is wherever God reigns. Since He reigns everywhere, the kingdom of God is around.

Today's readings are helping us to understand a very crucial aspect of God's kingdom. People not only search for money and happiness but in relationships to fulfill the desire to satisfy their lives. Marriage is a gorgeous plan of salvation that God prepared for his people but as a sign of heaven's most beautiful marriage for them.

When I picture Zacchaeus looking for Jesus, I remember a young guy who came to talk to me, and I see in his eyes that he was searching for happiness. He told me that when he finds a woman to get married to, he will be happy. I told him that if he was not comfortable now being single, he would probably not be happy being married. It is a tragedy that people think that being with another person makes their lives great and happy. Unfortunately, I cannot say that we can find many cases that this happens, but it is not always the case.

Our readings today showed that people understood that real happiness comes from God. In our first reading, we heard one of the brothers saying, "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live." The Scripture tells us that the seven brothers and their mother understood that God could provide them a new life, and they suffered greatly to please their God. It was so beautiful to hear that one of the brothers said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life." This conviction of eternal life let him suffer for his beliefs. This is an excellent reading that questions my faith and my trust in God. Even though I have renounced many things to follow God, my faith is still weak. In the Gospel, we found a great answer from our Savior, Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels." This is what we believe. We know we are in eternal happiness with the One who has chosen us to be His witness in this world.

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

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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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SJ Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM St. Joseph

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00 AM..... St. Raphael
 Thursday, Friday 11:00 AM..... St. Joseph
 Saturday4:00 PM..... St. Joseph
 Saturday6:30 PM..... St. Raphael
 Sunday 9:00 AM..... St. Raphael
 Sunday 11:00 AM..... St. Joseph
 1st Sunday| Bilingual..... 11:00 AM..... St. Joseph
 Sunday (Spanish).....5:00 PM..... St. Joseph

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday3:30 PM..... St. Joseph
 Sunday 8:30 AM..... St. Raphael
 Also Offered During Adoration 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 are required.

Mass & Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph

Saturday, November 12, 4:00 PM

Lector Beverly Knoche
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**
 *Blood of Christ (2) Dan Long, + **1 Volunteer**
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, November 13, 11:00 AM

Lector **Volunteer Needed**
 Body of Christ Stephanie Smart
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

St. Raphael

Saturday, November 12, 6:30 PM

Lector Peaches Sanovic
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Servers Michael & Emily Fouchey

Sunday, November 13, 9:00 AM

Lector David Clous
 Body of Christ Carlina Breitner
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server Cathy Noggle

***EMsHC Note:** Deacon will be one of the ministers of the cup when he is assisting at Mass.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, November 8th

10:00 AM Adoration followed by 11AM Mass..... St. Raphael

Wednesday, November 9th

11:00 AM Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, November 10th

10:00 AM Adoration followed by 11AM Mass.....St. Joseph
 11:00 AM †Patricia Schubert (Greg & Karen Miller)..... St. Joseph

Friday, November 11th

11:00 AM Mark Tanski (Tanski Family) St. Joseph

Saturday, November 12th

4:00 PM †Chris Appicelli St. Joseph
 6:30 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners St. Raphael

Sunday, November 13th

8:00 AM TV Mass for the HomeboundFox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 AM †Colleen Marie Kastl (Kastl Family)..... St. Raphael
 11:00 AM †Phyllis Russell (Dan & Cindy Zatarga) St. Joseph
 5:00 PM Spanish Mass St. Joseph

**Please note the Spanish mass time is subject to change on Sundays.*

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all service personnel and first responders who are and have served our country.

Pvt. 1st Class, Andre Brown, Army	Jay Long, Air Force
Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army	Mike Meyers, Air Force
SSgt Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF	Adam O'Neill, Army
SSgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF	Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
Mark J. Deban, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN	Capt. Karina Pierce, Army
2 Lt. Daniel J. Deban, Engineer, MIARNG	Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy
Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army	Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army	Hunter Scoggins, Army
2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army	Austin Soller, Navy
Olivia Fouchey, USAF	Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army
Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG	Daniel Tanner, Navy
Aaron Logan, US Border Patrol	Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
Lt. Col. Christi Logan, USAF	Capt. Kent Turner, Army
Capt. Matthew Logan, Firefighter EMT	Yeoman John Tucker, CG
	Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG

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:

June Bartlett	Michele Gillaspie	Lisa Milliron
Gary Bentley	Don Gurn	Dale Moody
Dennis & Janice Berben	Pat Gurn	Nielsen Family
Colette Bernard	Sarah Harris	James Oliver
Rev George Bernard CSC	William Hogarth	Becky Petersen
James Bernard	Addy Hollifield	Judy Pendygraft
Kyleigh Borah	Tammy Holmes	Reed Family
Carlina Breitner	Dennis Humphrey	Rich Russell
Ned Brown	Nancy Kuczynski	Randy & Peaches Sanovic
Sharon Burkl	Stephen Kuczynski	Kelli Sattler
Anna Charlich	Joyce LaFleur	Bob Saul
Jayne LaFleur Daley	Ryan LaHaie	Peyton Scheda
Mark Dagnall	Tami Laurent	Chad Schualer
Dennis Daldine	Nancy LaVegue & Family	Maria Somsel
Karen Daldine	Joseph Lizon	Larry St. Onge
Martha Dirksen	Marilyn & William Lotz	Mary Steen
Christine Eckhout	George Macko	Jane Sweet
Blake Elmer	John David Martuch	Jack Sysko
Frank English	Mary Ellen Martuch	Kay Thompson
Mary Evans	Tammy May	Eleanor Wall
Erik Florit	Julie Miller	Donna Wallace
Norma & Arnold Fraley	Kelly Miller	Tom Wasco
Ken Franklin	Olivia Miller	Gordon & Frieda Wilson

Bishop's Statement on Proposal 3

My Dear People,

As faithful citizens, we look forward to casting our votes on November 8. Catholics in the Diocese of Gaylord are called to uphold the inherent dignity of all people by voting **NO** on Proposal 3, and its "anything goes" approach to the destruction of human life. The proper formation of our conscience guides us to *reject* this proposal and recognize that we would be actively participating in the promotion and expansion of the intrinsic moral evil of abortion if we vote otherwise.

This is a defining moment. With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe vs. Wade*, every state in the Union is now tasked with the establishment of abortion laws. As of November 9, let it be said, pray God, that the state of Michigan reaffirmed the genius of our system of government by rejecting Proposal 3. "We the People" have the opportunity to shine a bright light on the familiar line in the U.S. Constitution which states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and are endowed by *their Creator* with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

And now, allow me to close with the words of Sacred Scripture. Please take these words to heart:

"Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you; consider how their lives ended and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching." (Heb 13:7-9).

Peace,
+ Bishop Walsh

An [explainer](#) on the dangers of Proposal 3 can be viewed through the Diocese of Gaylord website.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Please join us on Monday, November 7th, at 10AM, for the St. Raphael Council of Catholic Women's meeting. All ladies are more than welcome to join us. It's a pleasant way to spend a Monday morning with other women of the parish, while sharing new ideas. Coffee and dessert will be served. This month's hostess is Ann Fouchey.

Council of Catholic Women | Christmas Luncheon

St. Raphael Council of Catholic Women's Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 6th, at Noon, at the Platte River Inn. All ladies of the parish are invited to join the fun and festivities. We ask each lady to please bring a \$10 gift exchange, a wrapped white elephant gift, and lots of quarters. Sound like fun? It will be, so please join us! RSVP to Viva Kastl at 231.885.2295, by Wednesday November 30th.



POTLUCK LUNCHEON

St. Joseph of Onekama | Sunday, Nov. 6

By now you may have heard that the St. Joseph Pastoral Council has designated the 11AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month as bilingual. This month, it will be held on Sunday, November 6. The 5PM Spanish Mass will be cancelled only on this day of the month.

Immediately following the wonderful celebration of the Mass, please make plans to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** in the Fellowship Hall. We had a fantastic attendance last month with lots of laughter and delicious food! We hope you'll plan on joining us and sharing one of your Fall family favorites.

Food Drive for Casman Academy Students

The St. Joseph Ladies' Guild is collecting items to help provide food for the many needy students of Casman Academy which is located in Manistee. This project will help the academy's backpack program provide items during the winter months. No child should go hungry! Through November, items may be brought to St. Joseph Church and placed in the marked boxes in the church vestibule. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 6th | Daylight Saving Time Ends

Noon Potluck Luncheon..... St. Joseph

Monday, November 7th

10:00 AM CCW Meeting..... St. Raphael
5:30 PM Stained Glass Ministry St. Joseph

Tuesday, November 8th | Election Day

11:45 AM SR Pastoral Council Mtg.... St. Raphael
6:00 PM Faith Formation..... St. Joseph
6:00 PM RCIA St. Raphael

Wednesday, November 9th

9:00 AM Bible Study of James St. Raphael
3:30 PM SJ Ladies Guild Mtg..... St. Joseph
5:30 PM SJ Finance Council Mtg St. Joseph

Thursday, November 10th

5:30 PM Stained Glass Ministry St. Joseph

Friday, November 11th | Veterans Day

9:00 AM Bible Study of James St. Joseph

Celebrating Anniversaries ♥

11/09 M/M Robert Sidor
11/12 M/M Joseph Chick

Celebrating Birthdays 🎂

11/10 Holly Riley-Lampinen
11/11 Phillip Kadzban
11/12 Richard Russell, Mark Tanski
11/13 Mark Prieur

With Deepest Sympathy †

It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the loss of two of our parishioners last week. Elizabeth "Betty" Milliron, of St. Raphael of Copemish, passed away unexpectedly on October 26th, and Florence Anderson, of St. Joseph of Onekama, went to be with our Lord on October 27th. Please keep the families and friends of these lovely women in your thoughts and prayers. A graveside service will be held for Flo Anderson on Saturday, November 5, at 11AM, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Manistee.

Eternal rest grant unto Betty and Flo, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you so very much for your giving of time, talent and treasure to our parishes.
It is greatly appreciated!

St. Joseph

Envelope Offertory.....	\$3295.00
Loose Offertory.....	\$447.00
Spanish Mass	\$65.00
Mass Stipends	\$20.00
Vigil Candles	\$8.00
Total.....	\$3835.00
Food Pantry.....	\$115.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory.....	\$768.00
Loose Offertory.....	\$591.00
Vigil Candles	\$35.87
Mass Stipend.....	\$10.00
Coffee	\$9.08
Total.....	\$1413.95