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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 Advent C and Christmas
 December 23, 2018**

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Dear friends in Christ, this is the last Sunday of Advent in this year C! I am very excited to celebrate another Christmas night! During this time you have heard that this is my favorite season of the liturgical year and this year has been so blessed to feel the joy and company of our God in my life.

This season of Advent brought many wonderful topics about how we can trust our Creator. I am very sure that you have heard in this season, in many different ways, what you need to do to prepare the coming of Jesus.

Last week, our Gospel asked three times this compelling question, *"Teacher, what should we do?"* I invited you to have a particular time to listen to your God, this week, answering this question. I hope that you hear something and the most important to act in what you heard.

What I said, this fourth Sunday of Advent we finish our liturgical preparation for the celebration of the birth of the Christ, for the spiritual rebirth of Christ in our lives and for the final coming of Christ. How did you prepare yourself for this day? What did you do in these three weeks? I hope this season has been a time of joyful anticipation for the coming of our Savior in your life.

Today I would like to offer you a slightly unique perspective on celebrating Christmas in this year. For me Christmas is a beautiful feast that I can never exhaust the full dimension of its religious significance. This is a feast of faith and hope for a different and better world. Like so many years ago Mary gave birth to our Savior, by faith we can do the same in this year 2018. We know that this world desperately needs a Savior, one who gives ultimate meaning to our lives.

We heard in our first reading, *"Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel;"* I think these words we can hear again in Onekama and Copemish, we are small towns but God is powerful and good. God has a plan of salvation for our world, in this time and this area, and he counts with one of us. Our mission statement says it well, "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." You know that through us Christ is born again into the world. By our ordinary everyday lives as believers, we are the heart of Christ; we are the voice of Christ, we are the truth of Christ, we are the healing power of Christ.

Christmas is the Feast of God taking flesh in the person of Jesus. Christmas is not an empty feast. It demands a commitment on our part as believers to make this part of the world to feel the presence of our God. May this Christmas be as real for us as it was when God entered humanity in the person of Jesus.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Schedule for Dec. 24 - Dec. 30
MONDAY- 12/24 Is 62: 1-5, Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25, Mt 1: 1-25 4:30pm (St. J) - For those remembered with Christmas Flower Memorials 7:00pm (St. R) - For those remembered with Christmas Flower Memorials
TUESDAY - 12/25 Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-6, Jn 1: 1-18 8:30am (St. R) - For those remembered with Christmas Flower Memorials 11:00am (St. J) - For those remembered with Christmas Flower Memorials
WEDNESDAY - 12/26 Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59, Mt 10: 17-22 9:00am (St. R) - No Mass
THURSDAY- 12/27 1 Jn 1: 1-4, Jn 20: 1a, 2-8 9:00am (St. J) - No Mass
FRIDAY- 12/28 1 Jn 1: 5--2:2, Mt 2: 13-18 9:00am (St. J) - No Mass
SATURDAY - 12/29 1 Jn 2: 3-11, Lk 2: 2-35 4:30pm (St. J) - Dennis Knoche (Jerome & Lynda Kenny) 7:00pm (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael
SUNDAY- 12/30 1 Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28, 1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24 Lk 2: 41-52 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3) 8:30am (St. R) - Rose Elva & Clemente Amaya (Bob & Maria Saul) 9:30-10:45am - NO FAITH FORMATION CLASS 11:00am (St. J) - James Phillips (Maureen)

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 January 6, 2019.

UP COMING EVENTS

- **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
- **St. Joseph Prayer Service**, Friday, January 4th, 9:00am
- **St. Joseph Bible Study** after the 9am Prayer Service
- **Living Rosary, Sunday**, January 6th, 10:25am at St. Joseph
- **St. Joseph Adoration**, Thursday, January 10th, 9:00am-8:00pm
- **St. Joseph Prayer Service**, Friday, January 18th, 9:00am

**Your Pastor
and parish staff**
wish all members of the St. Raphael/St. Joseph
a very blessed and joyful
Christmas Season
WELCOME
We welcome back all former parishioners who have
joined with families and friends to celebrate this
beautiful season. May your time together be pleasant
and memorable. We also welcome all
guests who are able to join with us for this celebration
of the Lord's birth.
AN INVITATION
To Catholics who occasionally participate with fellow
believers, we invite you to regularly share in the
celebration of the Eucharist wherever you may live
and work. May the Prince of Peace show us the way
to create peace in our own lives and in the lives of all
with whom we have contact.

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

May Our Lord bless us
through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 2,042.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 551.60
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ 1.00
STIPEND	\$ 25.00
BIBLE STUDY	\$ 90.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,709.60
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 255.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$10,116.25
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 163.00

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, 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!!**
- 12/22** - Robert Courneya, Hope Showalter
 - 12/25** - Maureen Barry, Janice Haase, Val Long, Robert Porter
 - 12/28** - Sheila Martuch
 - 12/29** - Jacob Keuom
- Happy Anniversary!!**
- 12/27** - Dr./Mrs. Ed Barlan
 - 12/28** - M/M John Harwell
 - 12/30** - M/M Peter Miller

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 29 & 30	
Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Catherine Noggle Body of Christ - Sandra Bologna Precious Blood - Kathryn Nacco & Pam Stokes Altar Servers - Beverly Knoche & Sandra Bologna Hospitality - Pete Bologna	Lector - Tom Fleming Body of Christ - Kris Greve Precious Blood - Nan Kamalowski & Dan Long Altar Servers - Katie Sidor & Adam Porter Hospitality - Tom Greve

ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1st	
New Year's Day Mass, Tuesday, 9:00am	
Lector - Mary Jerore Body of Christ - Beverly Knoche Precious Blood - Maureen Phillips & Tom Berard Altar Servers - Kyle & Cathy Noggle Hospitality - Joel Lyman	

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**ST. RAPHAEL'S
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**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

During this cold and flu season, out of respect to your brothers and sisters in Christ, we remind everyone that if you have a cold or flu like symptoms to please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the cup. Thank you!

Happy Birthday!!

12/23 - Michael Scott
 12/24 - David Chmielewski
 12/29 - Florence Smith
 12/31 - Joseph Rebman

Happy Anniversary!!

12/21 - M/M Jerry Gillaspie

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 - 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
 - St. Raphael Prayer Service, Wednesday, January 2nd, 9:00am
 - St. Raphael Prayer Service, Wednesday, January 9th, 9:00am
 - St. Raphael Prayer Service, Wednesday, January 16th, 9:00am

May Our Lord bless us through
 our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	795.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	1,005.00
V. LTS	\$	17.75
COFFEE	\$	10.00
STIPEND	\$	-----
FUEL	\$	-----
FLOWERS	\$	120.00
TOTAL	\$	1,947.75
BUILDING	\$	120.00

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

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. 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. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Mass, Monday, 5:00pm
Lector - Rex O'Connor Body of Christ - Maria Saul Precious Blood - Pat Mullen & Kim O'Connor Altar Servers - Bob 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. Deban, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN, 2 Lt. Daniel J. Deban, 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, 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 have 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 **January 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 - The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

Stewardship Reflections - *"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Vocation View - Can you honestly pray: I have come to do your will, God? Blessed are you who trust that the God's words to you will be fulfilled.

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.

Christmas Blessing

Dear Lord,

We thank You for being here with us as we celebrate this cherished holiday to honor Your precious, sacred birth.

We recognize and acknowledge that all the material pleasures we enjoy today,

the food, the gifts, and everything else come from You, Lord, through your grace, your compassion, and Your love for us.

Help us throughout the year to always strive to be worthy of all the blessings You have given us, our family, our friends and our comforts, by living our lives in Your will according to Your Holy Word.

We pray that You will bless this food and everyone at this table.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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-michigan>. You will also find more information on the table in the front entrance of church.

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