



August 30, 2020 † Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me."

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the last Sunday of this month! I told you that God is powerful and he gave us a beautiful message this month. Today, we have another message from our God that helps us grow in our relationship with Him. I am sure that you do not like this message because this is about suffering, and you, like me; we do not want to suffer. This problematic topic marks the life of the followers of Jesus, as we are called to follow the steps of our Master. This is God's teaching. In one of his sermons, Pope Francis said, "God does not make evil disappear magically, but he endures the suffering; he makes it his own and transforms it; he abides it."

In the first reading of this Sunday, the prophet Jeremiah offers a choice to the people. "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; every one mocks me." Today, at the prophet's invitation, as a people we want to remember, the suffering is part of our Christian life. Still, we have in our midst a God who suffered first and ordered to teach us how to face our pain and stressful situations like Jesus did.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans, he is inviting us to transform ourselves by renewing our minds. He calls us to change our view about suffering and see in every situation the will of God. We are called in turn to become rest and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a docile and humble attitude, in imitation of the Teacher. When we change our minds, we see that joy abides in our hearts, hope is reborn, suffering is transformed into peace, fear into trust, hardship into an offering of love. Everything changes, and our life becomes the instrument of God for people that are in similar situations.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me." You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." The Lord does not reserve this phrase for certain people, no; He addresses it to "all" those who reject suffering and pain in their lives. The Lord knows how arduous life can be. He knows that many things weary the heart: disappointments and wounds of the past, burdens to carry and wrongs to bear in the present, uncertainties, and worries about the future. We knew that it feels natural to keep to ourselves in dark times, to ruminate over how unfair life is, over how ungrateful others are, how mean the world is, and so on. We all know it. We have had this awful experience a few times.

This week, I invite you to let Jesus enter into your life, find that peace, and when it arrives, everything changes. Let us go to Jesus; let us give Him our time; let us encounter Him each day in prayer, in a trusting and personal dialogue; let us become familiar with his Word; let us fearlessly rediscover his forgiveness; let us eat of his Bread of Life: we will feel love; we will feel comforted by Him.

— 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 5, 4:30 pm

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

Sunday, September 6, 11:00 am

Lector Carol DuVall
 Body of Christ Not needed at this time
 Precious Blood Not needed at this time
 Altar Servers Veronica Sidor
 Usher/Greeter BJ Tooker & Jose Aguilar

St. Raphael

Saturday, September 5, 7:00 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, September 6, 8:30 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 1st

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

Wednesday, September 2nd

11:00 am Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, September 3rd

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

Friday, September 4th

11:00 am Chris Prosser (Chuck & Nancy Reckow)..... St. Joseph

Saturday, September 5th

4:30 pm †Michael Eckhout (Jan Eckhout) St. Joseph
 7:00 pm Living and Deceased parishioners St. Raphael

Sunday, September 6th

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 8:30 am †Marylyn Nabozny (Kim Hindman) 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 Franklin
 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. 14th 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 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

Wednesday, September 2nd

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting St. Joseph

Thursday, September 3rd

7:00 pm Tri-Saints K of C Meeting St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 9th

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

Wednesday, September 9th

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting St. Joseph

Celebrating Birthdays

09/03 Donald Somsel
 09/04 Bob Eipperle
 09/07 Colette Kamalowski, Michael Schaub
 09/10 Dan Long, Adam Porter
 09/12 Chris Goodrich, Charles Fouchey, III

Celebrating Anniversaries!

09/02 M/M Richard Smith
 09/03 M/M Robert Saul
 09/05 M/M David Clous
 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 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	\$2,760.00
Loose Offertory	\$853.53
Stipend	\$10.00
Donation	\$0
Total	\$3,623.53
Building Envelopes	\$0
D & L Fund Building	\$20,413.89
Food Pantry	\$205.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory	\$720.00
Loose Offertory	\$354.00
Donation	\$0
Vigil Lights	\$12.00
Total	\$1,086.00
Building	\$110.00