

Advent



November 29, 2020 † First Sunday of Advent

"You do not know when the time will come."

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Liturgical Year B! Today, we start another liturgical year and this gives us opportunities to become better people. The first readings for the Advent season show us that our God loves humanity and always finds a way to restore our relationship with Him. God is committed, caring, and faithful to us, although we are not in the same way with Him.

This year, we can change our ways and become a better Catholic. Every January, we try to commit ourselves to have new habits and change what we do not like in ourselves. Today, we have the chance to change things in our spiritual lives. God is good and provides many tools to develop a new life and a new relationship with our Creator.

From the prophet Isaiah, the first reading finished with these beautiful words, "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are the work of your hands." We are his creation and his masterpiece! When we think about this, we need to feel very blessed because everything comes from his hands. Think about every part of your body, how your body works, how you walk and talk, how you think and talk! Every single part of this wonderful body comes from God and is going to return to him again.

In our second reading, the apostle Paul reminds us how many gifts God provides for us to wait for his second coming: "I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In the Gospel, Jesus is telling us how God counts on us to do our work here on earth. He said, "He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch." You and I have concrete work that God gave us when he created us. God puts us in charge with a mission that only we can do it! Nobody else! God gave us an assignment that helps us go to heaven and help other people do the same.

In this beautiful time of Advent, I would like to invite you to be more aware of all the gifts God had given to you. We need to try to be awake of the work that God has assigned you to complete here in this place and at this time.

— 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
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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:30 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 6:30 pm St. Raphael
 Sunday 9:00 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-

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, December 5, 4:30 pm

Lectors	Beth Klajda
Body of Christ	Not needed at this time
Precious Blood	Not needed at this time
Altar Servers	Shay Anhalt
Usher/Greeter	Cindy Kadzban & Ed Barlan
COVID Cleaners	Volunteers Needed

Sunday, December 6, 11:00 am

Lector	Maria Somsel
Body of Christ	Not needed at this time
Precious Blood	Not needed at this time
Altar Servers	Landyn Kequom
Usher/Greeter	Mike Kamaloski & Jose Aguilar

St. Raphael

Saturday, December 5, 6:30 pm

Lector	David Chmielewski
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, December 6, 9:00 am

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 1st

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

Wednesday, December 2nd

11:00 am Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, December 3rd

9:00 am Holy Hour followed by 11:00 am Mass St. Joseph

Friday, December 4th

11:00 am Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, December 5th

4:30 pm †Francis & Gertrude Kadzban (Phil & Cindy Kadzban) St. Joseph
 6:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners St. Raphael

Sunday, December 6th

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 am †Robert Mullen (Pat Mullen) 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
 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 Franklen
 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
 Julie Miller
 Kelly Miller
 Olivia Miller
 Dale Moody
 Gino Nacco
 Nielsen Family
 James Oliver

Judy Pendygraft
 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.

Stewardship By the Book - We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the task to which we have been called.

Vocation View - It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of Dreams Come True. Be on Guard. God may be calling you.

Family Perspective-by Bud Ozar - Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

Protecting our Children - Diocese 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.

Ushers, Greeters, and COVID Team Ministers

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.

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

Tuesday, December 1st

7:00 pm Tri-Saints Meeting..... CANCELLED

Wednesday, December 2nd

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

Celebrating Birthdays

12/01 Daniel Daberkoe
12/02 Brittany Howes
12/05 Jack Daberkoe, Mairin McCarthy
12/06 John Schaub

Celebrating Anniversaries

12/01 M/M Frank Majszak
12/02 M/M William Martin

St. Joseph Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild are in need of birthday and anniversary cards. If you have any laying around and would like to donate them there will be a basket in the front entrance where you can drop them off. Thank you in advance.

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 Giving Tree will be different this year due to Covid-19. Rather than buying and wrapping gifts for needy families, we will be collecting monetary donations which will be sent to "Echo His Love" formerly "Love Inc." to purchase gifts for families in need. There will be a container in the vestibule, where you may place your donation. It will begin the weekend of November 28th and end the weekend of December 13th. Your donation will be greatly appreciated, as there are so many needy families this year due to Covid-19. Thank you in advance. Happy Holidays and may God bless you!



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Stewardship of Treasure

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity.

Tithing totals not available at time of printing.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



Christmas Flower Memorials in memory of a loved one will again be received this year. Please clip out the memorial coupon below and write the name of your loved one you wish remembered through our Christmas flower decorations. Place the coupon and your donation in an envelope and put it in the offertory collection basket or mail it to the rectory office.

	<p>ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL OFFERING</p>
	<p>Gift \$15 \$20 \$25 Other____</p>
	<p>Loved one Remembered_____</p>
	<p>From_____</p>
	<p>(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)</p>



St. Raphael's Christmas Flower Memorials



Christmas Flower Memorials in memory of a loved one will again be received this year. Please clip out the memorial coupon below and write the name of your loved one you wish remembered through our Christmas flower decorations. Place the coupon and your donation in an envelope and put it in the offertory collection basket or mail it to the rectory office.

	ST. RAPHAEL'S CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL OFFERING	
	Gift \$15 \$20 \$25 Other____	
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