

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

GOD BLESS AMERICA

July 4, 2021 † Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"So, he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,"*

Dear Friends in Christ,

We often turn to God for help. It is right that we do so, for God is our Father who loves us dearly. God is always attentive to our specific needs, but His love for us does not stop there. More than that, God seeks, above all, to instill in us the desire to love Him that He embodies and exemplifies with His Son. Jesus came to teach us how to love His Father with all ourselves.

Our First reading from the prophet Ezekiel showed us that God is always looking for our salvation. He is always sending us prophets to help us understand His love for us. We heard in this reading, "They and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them." Isn't this wonderful? When I look back, I can see how many people God has put in my life to help me to understand His love for me. I am sure that you will find the same experience if you only look and pay attention to how many people were the instrument of God for you. Now I can see that all of these people only try to help me have faith in God.

In the second reading, Saint Paul tells us how God always answers our prayers but not in the way that we want. The letter of Saint Paul says, "Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."" May each of us commit to trust in our God and say yes to whatever God wills for our lives. We are going to discover peace and joy.

Today's Gospel shows us the reality of many Catholics that lose miracles from Jesus because of the lack of faith. When we failed to trust God, we begin to take action, and our priority is what we think, what we plan, and what actions we can take regardless of God's approval. We do it our own way as if God never cares. Jesus said that our heavenly Father knows what we need, and we simply put our trust in Him. God is so gentle and loving that He never forces us to believe in Him. When we fail to trust God it results in inappropriate actions, unnecessary sufferings, and wrong priorities. Contrarily, when we trust God for our material provisions, we remain faithful to godly values, maintain positive attitudes in life, and make God the priority over anything in this world.

I would like to invite you to trust in Christ this week and to unleash God's love and power in your life.

— 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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## Pastoral Staff

Pastor ..... Rev. Rubén D. Muñoz  
 Deacon ..... Kim Eaton  
 Secretary/Bookkeeper ..... Jaimey Ferguson  
 Organist/Music Director ..... Chris Sattler  
 Maintenance ..... Michael Nelson  
 Faith Formation ..... Tracy Daberkoe

## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 8:00 am - 3:30 pm ..... St. Joseph

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday ..... 11:00 am ..... St. Raphael  
 Thursday, Friday ..... 11:00 am ..... St. Joseph  
 Saturday ..... 4:00 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-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, July 10, 4:00 pm

Lector John Baribeau  
 Body of Christ Kathryn Nacco  
 Altar Servers Kole Anhalt  
 Usher/Greeter Cindy Kadzban & Ed Barlan

#### Sunday, July 11, 11:00 am

Lector Maria Somsel  
 Body of Christ Herb Dyer  
 Altar Servers Cheryl Showalter  
 Usher/Greeter Mike Kamaloski & BJ Tooker

### St. Raphael

#### Saturday, July 10, 6:30 pm

Lector Margaret Sanovic  
 Body of Christ  
 Altar Servers Michael Schaub  
 Usher/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

#### Sunday, July 11, 9:00 am

Lector David Clous  
 Body of Christ  
 Altar Servers Cathy Noggle  
 User/Greeter **4 Volunteers Needed**

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, July 6th

10:00 am Adoration followed by 11:00 am Liturgy of the Word..... St. Raphael

### Wednesday, July 7th

11:00 am Liturgy of the Word ..... St. Raphael

### Thursday, July 8th

10:00 am Adoration followed by 11:00 am Liturgy of the Word..... St. Joseph

### Friday, July 9th

11:00 am Liturgy of the Word ..... St. Joseph

### Saturday, July 10th

4:00 pm †Chris Appicelli (Jacki Krolczyk)..... St. Joseph  
 6:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners ..... St. Raphael

### Sunday, July 11th

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound ..... Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)  
 9:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners ..... St. Raphael  
 11:00 am Somsel Family Anniversary ..... 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  
 2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army  
 Olivia Fouchey, USAF  
 Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG  
 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  
 Hunter Scoggins, Army  
 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:

Florence Anderson  
 June Bartlett  
 Levi & Laura Benson  
 Janice Berben  
 Ann Bialik  
 Dianna Bialik  
 Kyleigh Borah  
 Ned Brown  
 Anna Charlich  
 Mark Dagnall  
 Dennis Daldine  
 Karen Daldine  
 Martha Dirksen  
 Blake Elmer  
 Frank English  
 Mary Evans  
 Norma & Arnold Fraley  
 Ken Franklin  
 Michele Gillaspie  
 Don Gurn

Pat Gurn  
 William Hogarth  
 Addy Hollifield  
 Tammy Holmes  
 Bruce Howell  
 Dennis Humphrey  
 Marlene Krause  
 Stephen Kuczynski  
 Joyce LaFleur  
 Ryan LaHaie  
 Joseph Lizon  
 Marilyn & William Lotz  
 George Macko  
 John David Martuch  
 Tammy May  
 Julie Miller  
 Kelly Miller  
 Olivia Miller  
 Lisa Milliron  
 Dale Moody

Gino Nacco  
 Nielsen Family  
 James Oliver  
 Becky Petersen  
 Judy Pendencygraft  
 Reed Family  
 Rich & Phyllis Russell  
 Nancy Satal  
 Kelli Sattler  
 Bob Saul  
 Chad Schualer  
 Paul Sedlar  
 Richard Smith  
 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** - This weekend as we recall the celebration of the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance. He has showered upon us.

**Vocation View** - Yes, absolutely, we should stand up for what we believe in. No, positively, we will not always succeed. Yes, certainly, it is more important to try than to succeed. No, Jesus did not look successful on the cross. Yes, you could give it a TRY!

**Stewardship Reflections** - "As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

**Family Perspective-by Bud Ozar** - Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

**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.



### Updates to Covid-19 Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

- **Masks are no longer required during liturgical celebrations.** It is expected those that are not vaccinated follow CDC guidelines and wear a mask for fellow parishioners safety.
- **Social distancing is no longer required during liturgical celebrations.**
- When using **hymnals in church** we invite you to sanitize your hands with provided sanitizer in each pew. Please make sure lids are closed after use.

## Upcoming Community Events

**Wednesday, July 7th**

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

### Celebrating Birthdays

07/05 Kyle Alber  
07/06 Beth Klajda, William Martin  
07/07 Eleanor Wall, Eugene Omar  
07/10 Mary Bentley, Joann Pope, Mary Heitjan Jr.

### Celebrating Anniversaries

07/07 M/M Scott Mezeske  
07/11 M/M Eugene Omar

## St. Joseph Ladies Guild Quilt Raffle

The annual Ladies Guild Quilt Raffle is now underway! Buy yourself a ticket for a chance to win a beautiful quilt and support the Ladies. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00! The drawing will take place on Labor Day weekend. A big thank you to everyone participating!



### Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed July 5th and again July 26th thru August 1st. The office will reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, August 2nd. In case of an emergency please contact Father Ruben at 231-313-1718.



### 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

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| Envelope Offertory ..... | \$2,737.00 |
| Loose Offertory .....    | \$967.48   |
| Vigil Lights.....        | \$33.00    |
| Total.....               | \$3,737.48 |
| Food Pantry.....         | \$110.00   |
| Building Fund .....      | \$85.00    |

#### St. Raphael

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| Envelope Offertory ..... | \$1,055.00 |
| Loose Offertory.....     | \$577.00   |
| Vigil Lights.....        | \$23.00    |
| Total.....               | \$1,655.00 |