



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

September 26, 2021 † Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him."

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a lot of hope as we finish up this month, because I am very sure that you remember some of the Gospels that you heard. I hope the words that I gave to you help you to ponder the most important message that God wants to give us for our salvation. The first weekend the word was **proclaimed**, the second Sunday of this month, it was a very important word, because that word brought a crucial question for all of us. The word was the verb to **know**! Last week the main word was the verb to **teach**, and for this weekend the word is the verb to **prevent**.

I think the first thing that I need to look at is the definition of this word. I found from Merriam Webster dictionary these definitions: "to keep from happening or existing; to hold or keep back; and to deprive of power or hope of acting or succeeding."

The book of Numbers told us a human reality, "So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow His spirit on them all!" Jealousy is our human reality that many times destroys the work of God among us. It is amazing how jealousy shows up in religious people! I've found that people who work for themselves and not for God became very territorial in God's lands. We need to pay attention in every work that we do for God as to what is the real motivation for doing our work. A good question for us is, "Am I doing this for the glory of God?"

The second reading helps us to remember that everything that we have here on earth does not endure for eternity. The apostle says, "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you..." It is terribly sad how many times we do not get it! We need to put our focus on eternity, which endures forever!

Today's Gospel helps us to understand that we cannot put God in a box! Jesus is teaching his disciples that many people can engage in the same cause as them to glorify God's name without following Him as the apostles did. Jesus said that people who are celebrating his name by the casting out of evil spirits are not opposed to Him. Jesus gave to his disciples a warning against that exclusive spirit, which is eager for its own ends rather than for Christ's glory, and would limit the exercise of his gifts and graces only for a selected group.

My invitation for this week is to reflect in the word "**prevent**," and examine your lives for any ways that you are preventing the work of God around you and your parish community.

— 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

Thank you for your patience during the transition period of office staff. Meanwhile, please contact the Parish Office by email or leave a phone message for non-urgent matters.

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, October 2, 4:00 pm

Lector Meg Barlan
 Body of Christ Wanda Lyman
 Altar Servers Kole Anhalt
 Usher/Greeter Pete Bologna & George Goodrich

Sunday, October 3, 11:00 am

Lector Peaches Sanovic
 Body of Christ Lisa Sidor
 Altar Servers Easton Kequom
 Usher/Greeter Mike Kamaloski & Joe Veverica

St. Raphael

Saturday, October 2, 6:30 pm

Lector David Chmielewski
 Body of Christ Anne Fouchey
 Altar Servers Emily Fouchey
 Usher/Greeter **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, October 3, 9:00 am

Lector Leslie Casselman
 Body of Christ Cathy Noggle
 Altar Servers Kyle Noggle
 User/Greeter **Volunteers Needed**

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 28th

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

Wednesday, September 29th

11:00 am Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, September 30th

10:00 am No Adoration nor Mass (HVAC Installation) St. Joseph

Friday, October 1st

11:00 am No Mass (HVAC Installation) St. Joseph

Saturday, October 2nd

4:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners St. Joseph
 6:30 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners St. Raphael

Sunday, October 3rd

8:00 am TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 am †Alberto Casillas Reyes &
 †Jose Acosta Hernandez (Fernanda Acosta) St. Raphael
 11:00 am BJ Tooker (Jan Eckhout) St. Joseph

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all service men and women who are serving our country.

Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army	Adam O'Neill, Army
SSgt Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF	Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
SSgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF	Capt. Karina Pierce, Army
Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN	Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy
2 Lt. Daniel J. Debano, Engineer, MIARNG	Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army	Hunter Scoggins, Army
Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army	Austin Soller, Navy
2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army	Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army
Olivia Fouchey, USAF	Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG	Capt. Kent Turner, Army
Jay Long, Air Force	Yeoman John Tucker, CG
Mike Meyers, Air Force	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	Don Gurn	Dale Moody
June Bartlett	Pat Gurn	Gino Nacco
Gary Bentley	William Hogarth	Nielsen Family
Janice Berben	Addy Hollifield	James Oliver
Ann Bialik	Tammy Holmes	Becky Petersen
Dianna Bialik	Bruce Howell	Judy Pendencygraft
Ed Bielat	Dennis Humphrey	Reed Family
Kyleigh Borah	Marlene Krause	Rich Russell
Ned Brown	Stephen Kuczynski	Nancy Satal
Anna Charlich	Joyce LaFleur	Kelli Sattler
Jayne LaFleur Daley	Ryan LaHaie	Bob Saul
Mark Dagnall	Tami Laurent	Chad Schualer
Dennis Daldine	Joseph Lizon	Paul Sedlar
Karen Daldine	Marilyn & William Lotz	Richard Smith
Martha Dirksen	George Macko	Mary Steen
Blake Elmer	John David Martuch	Jack Sysko
Frank English	Tammy May	Kay Thompson
Mary Evans	Julie Miller	Donna Wallace
Norma & Arnold Fraley	Kelly Miller	Tom Wasco
Ken Franklin	Olivia Miller	Mary Wisniski
Michele Gillaspie	Lisa Milliron	

**Workshop for Renewal & Reflection on the Mass
All are Welcome!**

St. Raphael Parish | Copemish | Tuesday, September 28, 2021 | 6:00PM

During the Mass, what are we participating in? How do we participate actively, fully and consciously? What is the role of the priest and what is the role of the assembly? Why is the Mass called the source and summit of our faith?

These topics and more will be considered during the upcoming workshop hosted by the Diocese of Gaylord offering reflection and renewal on our participation in Mass. While the sessions are primarily for those wishing to be certified or recertified as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, all are welcome to attend and learn more about the sacredness of the Holy Mass. Attendance at any one session will fulfill the diocesan requirement for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the recertification requirements for current EMsHC.

Knights of Columbus Fall Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Fall dinner at St. Raphael Church on Thursday, September 30th, from 5:00-7:00PM. The cost of dinner tickets for adults will be \$15; children ages 5-12, \$8; and ages 5 and under are free! Take-out meals will also be available. Hope to see you there! Proceeds to benefit our parishes.

MCC Chicken Dinner

On Monday, October 4th, Manistee Catholic Central will host a dinner from 4:30 - 6:30PM, in the MCC cafeteria. The meal is prepared by Zupins Catering and will include baked chicken, fresh Polish sausage, cabbage rolls, real mashed potatoes, sweet and sour cabbage, butter squash, whole kernel corn, and rolls w/butter. Cost is \$15 per ticket and take out will be available. Thank you for supporting MCC.

Want to be "in the loop"?

We would love to improve our communication with you, and in order to do so, we need a little information from you. Please send an email to us at: StJosephOnkama@gmail.com (the email is not case sensitive), and include your **preferred** email address. We will soon begin utilizing our on-line calendars found on the parish websites, to announce events in both parishes, and changes to any scheduled events. Dates and times can be modified in "real time" so you can see if Mass has been rescheduled or cancelled by quickly looking at the on-line calendar. If you would like to receive the bulletin online, please make sure you **confirm** your current email with us so we can keep you "in the loop" of the exciting events happening in our parishes.

St. Joseph & St. Raphael Bible Study

Both churches will have Bible Study! St. Joseph started on Friday, September 10th, at 9:30am, in the Parish Hall, and St. Raphael began on Wednesday, September 22nd, at 9:00am. The study is called, "First Corinthians, the Church and the Christian Community," from Ascension Press. This is the description from Ascension: "First Corinthians, the Church and the Christian Community," explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all — the Eucharist. All are welcome to join! Suggested donation for the book is \$30, but please don't let that deter you from joining the study. For any questions at St. Joseph, please contact Maureen Barry at 231.510.2243, or Cindy Zatarga at 231.499.7325. For St. Raphael, please contact Carlina Breitner at 231.233.3759.

Faith Formation Classes Beginning

Good News! Faith Formation classes for those wishing to receive the sacraments will be held weekly beginning on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, from 6:00-7:00PM, in the St. Joseph Fellowship Hall. Registration forms will be provided at the first session. There is no fee for the classes, books, or materials we will use. If you have any questions before the first meeting, please leave a message for Tracy Daberkoek by calling the church office at 231.889.4254.

Upcoming Community Events

Tuesday, September 28th

6:00 pm Renewal & Reflection St. Raphael

Wednesday, September 29th

9:00 am Bible Study St. Raphael

Thursday, September 30th

5:00 pm K of C Fall Dinner..... St. Raphael

Friday, October 1st

9:30 am Bible Study St. Joseph

Celebrating Birthdays

- 09/28 Alison Barnett
- 09/30 Darlene Falk, Kathy Miller
- 10/01 Delaney Cole, Phyllis Armstrong
- 10/03 Javier Aguilar

Celebrating Anniversaries

- 09/28 M/M Robert LaPlant

SJ Retreat Center Mini Pilgrimage

RSVP by Friday, October 1st, to Chris Sattler at 231.620.9075, to reserve your place at this mini pilgrimage to St. Joseph Retreat Center in McBain.

The day will begin with Mass celebrated onsite at St. Joseph Chapel followed by a short talk by Spiritual Director, Pat Crane, a catered lunch for only \$10 per person, and a guided tour of the property with walking trails, mini shrines, Rosary prayer walks, Stations of the Cross meditations, and more. People say that God's grace falls from the trees in this calming and peaceful place.



**Stewardship of Treasure
May Our Lord bless us through our generosity.**

St. Joseph

Envelope Offertory	\$1976.00
Loose Offertory.....	\$623.15
Bible Study	\$270.00
Vigil Lights	\$12.50
Total.....	\$2881.65

Building Fund \$580.00

Food Pantry..... \$2032.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory	\$1280.00
Loose Offertory.....	\$477.00
Vigil Lights.	\$37.00
Coffee	\$11.50
Stipend.....	\$100.00
Donation.....	\$700.00
Total.....	\$2605.50

Building Fund \$35.00

Raffle \$145.00