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Pastoral Staff

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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."

**First Sunday of Advent C
December 2, 2018**

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy.”

Dear Brother and Sister in Jesus, Happy New liturgical year C! Today in our Catholic Church, we start a new liturgical year; with the season of advent another significant time begins. Advent is my favorite season because it is a period of both repentance and celebration. This is very different from Lent; in this season our Church added the word celebration and joy! In this season we make spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

In the third Sunday of Advent we are going to hear a crucial question, “Teacher, what should we do? This is question helps us to understand the purpose of this season and almost every Sunday of Advent we are going to hear the answer for this question.

In this first Sunday, our Church is asking us to be aware of the critical moment of salvation that was the coming of our Savior. In the second Sunday we are going to hear that we need to prepare the way and in the last Sunday of Advent, we are going to rejoice with our Mother the Virgin Mary because in her womb a human baby is bringing the salvation for our world.

The word “advent” comes from the Latin term “adventus” which means “arrival” or “coming,” particularly the arrival of something or someone of great significance.

My invitation for this beautiful season is to spend time in spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We need to remember that not only Christ’s first coming to earth as a human baby but also celebrate his continued presence with us today through the Holy Spirit in every Eucharist we celebrate and even this time is asking us to prepare his return at the second coming.

My dear friends, I did not spend much time talking about the reading of this Sunday, and the invitation is to spend time looking these readings and asking our God in what way we can be more aware of his presence among us and how God has fulfilled his promise of Salvation for you and for me. Have a fantastic Advent season.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

**Schedule for
Dec. 3 - Dec. 9**

MONDAY- 12/3

Is 2: 1-5, Mt 8: 5-11

10:30am - St. Raphael CCW Christmas Party at Platte River Inn

TUESDAY - 12/4

Is 11: 1-10, Lk 10: 21-24

9:00am (St. R) - Mass with Adoration until 11:30am

2:00pm - Mass at Medical Care

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

WEDNESDAY - 12/5

Is 25, 6-10a, Mt 15: 29-37

9:00am (St. R) - For the Poor

6:00pm - St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting

THURSDAY- 12/6

Is 26: 1-6, Mt 7: 21, 24-27

FRIDAY- 12/7

Is 29: 17-24, Mt 9: 27-31

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00pm (St. J) - Florence Levandowski (Family)

SATURDAY - 12/8

Gn 3: 9-15, 20, Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12, Lk 1: 26-38

4:30pm (St. J) - George Horton (Maureen)

7:00pm (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners or St. Raphael

SUNDAY- 12/9

Bar 5: 1-9, Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)

8:30am (St. R) - Pamela Busich (Viva & Clyde Kastl)

9:30-10:45am - Faith Formation - NO CLASS

11:00am (St. J) - For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph

3:30pm - Communal Penance Service at St. Ann's, Frankfort

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 December classes will be held on December 2nd and December 16th.

UP COMING EVENTS

- **St. Joseph Living Rosary**, Sunday, December 2nd, 10:25am
- **Adoration**, Tuesday, December 4th, Mass 9:00am, followed by adoration until 11:30am at St. Raphael
- **Mass at Medical Care**, Tuesday, December 4th, 2:00pm
- **Tri-Saints K of C Meeting**, Tuesday, December 4th, 7:00pm at St. Raphael
- **St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**, Wednesday, December 5th, 6:00pm
- **St. Joseph Ladies' Guild Meeting/Christmas Party**, Wednesday, December 12th 3:00pm
- **St. Joseph Adoration**, Thursday, December 13th, 9:00am-8:00pm
- **Christmas Caroling**, Sunday, December 16th, meet at La Riviera Mexican Grill, Manistee at 3:30pm for dinner, Caroling at 5:30pm, Manistee County Medical Care
- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Communal Penance Service**, December 19th, 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church

ADORATION - ST JOSEPH CHURCH

The hourly sign-up sheets for Adoration on December 13th is placed in St. Raphael and St. Joseph churches. Please consider coming..

If you have not attended yet, please consider giving one hour in the month to developing your personal relationship with God. "I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus - one to one - you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in the Chapel - but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus - not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for the grace; He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying 'I Thirst' in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person - not just the idea." - Saint Mother Teresa If you have any questions, please contact Bob Sidor at 864-4072 or at rsidor@centurytel.net.

*Eternal rest grant Unto
Georgianna "Tommi" Watsell
and may Perpetual Light Shine upon her
and may she rest in peace.*

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

May Our Lord bless us
through our generosity

ENVELOPE	\$ 1,311.00
OFFERTORY	
LOOSE	\$ 606.00
OFFERTORY	
CHILDREN'S	\$ -----
OFFERTORY	
STIPEND	\$ 30.00
DONATION	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 1,947.00
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 380.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$10,116.25
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 448.49

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, Cindy Kadzban, Joyce LaFleur, William Lotz, Marilyn Lotz, George Macko, John David Martuch, Julie Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Mary Steen, Kay Thompson, Albert Valencia, Eleanor Wall

Happy Birthday!!

- 12/1** - Daniel Daberkoe, Maegan Hrachovina
- 12/2** - Brittany Howes, Robert Wojczynski
- 12/5** - Jack Daberkoe, Mairin McCarthy
- 12/7** - Lucas Porter
- 12/8** Cyril Kosmowski, IV, Ray Jerome

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS urgently needed for Saturday Mass. Please call Kyle/Cathy Noggle at 219-263-9370 if interested!!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

The women of our parish have been invited to join the Onekama Church of the Brethren for their **Annual Women's Christmas Tea**, December 13th at 7:00pm. This year's program is framed as an old time radio western--*A Cowboy Christmas*. In addition to the drama, they will have lots of singing. After the program, refreshments will be served.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group Meeting, Sunday, December 2nd, after the 11am Mass downstairs. Lunch will be served.

ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 8 & 9

Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Beverly Knoche	Lector - Mary Jerore
Body of Christ - Chris Goodrich	Body of Christ - Nan Kamaloski
Precious Blood - Beth Kladja & Kathryn Nacco	Precious Blood - Tom Berard & Herb Dyer
Altar Servers - Kyle Noggle & Sandra Bologna	Altar Servers - Hope & Cheryl Showalter
Hospitality - Pete Bologna	Hospitality - Linda Showalter

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

ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS

St. Raphael CCW Christmas luncheon, Monday, December 3rd. Starts at 10:30am at the Platte River Inn, 10921 Main St., Honor. Gift exchange of \$10.00 minimum. RSVP by November 28th. Call Kim Wojnarski at 231-885-1258 or Viva Kastl at 231-885-2295.

Our **GIVING TREE** will be set up again this year and there are families in great need of our generosity. Please take a tag you wish from the tree, then sign your name on the sign-in sheet next to your corresponding tag number. Gifts **MUST** be returned by **December 16th**. Thank you in advance!!!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

Our women's congregation is invited to attend Onekama's Church of the Brethren's annual Christmas Tea at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 13th. This year's program is A COWBOY CHRISTMAS. In addition to the drama, they will have lots of singing. After the program there will be refreshments. There is no need to call for reservations. Onekama Church of the Brethren, 8466 Mill St., Onekama.

Happy Birthday!!

- 12/6 - John Schaub
- 12/8 - Michael Chandler

Happy Anniversary!!

- 12/1 - M/M Frank Majszak

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- **Tri-Saints K of C Meeting**, Tuesday, December 4th, 7:00pm at St. Raphael
- **St. Raphael Pastoral Council Meeting**, Tuesday, December 11th, 9:45am
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May Our Lord bless us through
 our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	603.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	590.00
V. LTS	\$	30.94
COFFEE	\$	2.00
STIPEND	\$	-----
FUEL	\$	-----
FLOWERS	\$	71.00
TOTAL	\$	1,296.94
BUILDING	\$	75.00

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

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 com. Please use this
 email address for all
 correspondence. Thank
 you!**



ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 8 & 9	
Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Carlina Breitner Body of Christ - Joseph Rebman Precious Blood - Gerry Kastl & Anne Fouchey Altar Servers - Michael Schaub & Isabelle Fouchey	Lector - David Clous Body of Christ - Maria Saul Precious Blood - Flo Smith & Ruth Schaub Altar Servers - Bob Saul & Rose Clous



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. 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, , 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, 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 next meeting on **Wednesday, December 12th, 3:00pm followed by Christmas Party. 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 **December 23, 2018** 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 - Be on guard, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another

Stewardship Reflections - *"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late

Vocation View - Make your decisions to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until one of these days becomes none of these days. Follow now.

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.

Class offering by The Center for Catholic Studies - The Book of Revelation (SC-370)The Book of Revelation was originally written to console, strengthen and also encourage people under prosecution; yet it also represents a serious and urgent call to conversion. Like many people of the books of Scripture, the Book of Revelation is often used by fundamentalists and read in a narrow and simplistic way. This course will examine how we as a church hold the tension and maintain the balance as a community that is holy; but still made up of sinful and weak people. Join us on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cooney Conference Center in Gaylord. Cost for the class is \$25 if for credit or \$15 if audited. Registrations will be accepted until November 26th.

2019 Catholic Women's Conference-Stir Into Flame the Gift of God - Join us on Saturday, January 26, for the

2019 Catholic Women's Conference- "Stir Into Flame the Gift of God." Sonja Corbitt, Bible Study Evangelista and creator of the LOVE the Word™ Bible study method and Mary Journal, and author of Unleashed, Fearless, Ignite and Fulfilled, will be helping you "love and lift all you've been given." Registration and fellowship begin at 8:30 a.m. on the 26th with the conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. Lunch is included with your registration fee of \$25 (if registered by January 12), \$30 (if registered by January 25) or \$35 (if registering at the door). All activities will take place at Christ the King Church, 3801 Shore Rd, Williamsburg, MI. Find out more at biblestudyevangelista.com or AbsoluteCatholic.com. To register please visit AbsoluteCatholic on Facebook or email Stephanie Endres at sendres@threewest.com

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 8-9 in the Diocese of Gaylord. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, the appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests across the country. Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs.

Snowbirds, are you getting ready to fly south for the winter?

Consider adding these to your to-do list before you go:

- Stay on top of parish news - share your email address so you can receive the bulletin.
- Help us keep the lights and heat on - make your tithing easier and ask your bank to set up a regular electronic fund transfer to St. Joseph.
- Inform the parish office when you will be leaving if you are a Eucharistic minister, lector, usher, greeter, etc. so you will not be scheduled. Thank you and safe travels!!!