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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Ruben D. Munoz, Pastor
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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."

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time B
 November 4, 2018**

"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

My Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ, we are beginning another month, and this time God is giving us another powerful question, "Which is the first of all the commandments? These two months I put in your mind these two questions, "who do you say that am I?" and "what I must do to inherit eternal life? I think these questions are helping us grow in our personal relationship with our God.

During this time, I have been talking about the answers that God has provided so that we know the truth and we can enjoy Jesus in his kingdom.

Last week, I talked about Authority and Faith, and I have been trying to give you some ways that you can become more aware of God's gracious gift for us, Eternal life.

In this first weekend of this month, I would like to talk about the connection between love and Eternal life. It is fascinating that God has given us this Sunday great readings about this topic. I think this is the most important answer of all of the questions that God has given us, love is always the answer that Jesus gave to his disciples and the people who wanted to hear him. In many occasion, Jesus not only talked about love but also showed to his disciples how to do it.

I indeed would invite all of you to view these readings as an opportunity to feel a God that showed his love for humanity coming and giving to us his only begotten Son.

In our first reading, we heard what God asked his people a long time ago, in this first reading from the book of Deuteronomy contain the central prayer of the Shema, the Hebrew profession of faith: "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today." These powerful words Jesus repeated in his time. People want to know what is more important in religion. I am very sure that in some ways you want to see the answer too, many people think that it is to be baptized, others to go to church and to participate in the Sunday Mass, others still say to love our neighbor and to work for more justice in our world! What do you think?

What is more important in religion? Today we would say that the practice of love is more important than anything else. Jesus is teaching us today that his kingdom consists in the union of two loves: love toward God and love toward neighbor.

We can understand this in our daily lives! When you think about your family and your friends and all those people that you love you can connect with them. Sometimes we have a complicated situation to love like Jesus is asking us, but He came for this reason to show us how to do it. "Happy are those who take life day by day, complain very little, and are thankful for the little things in life." This is real love discovering God in every situation and loving him even though we cannot understand why and how.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Schedule for Nov. 5 - Nov. 11
MONDAY- 11/5 Phil 2: 1-4, Lk 14: 12-14
TUESDAY - 11/6 Phil 2: 5-11, Lk 14: 15-24 9:00am (St. R) - Mass followed by Adoration until 11:30am 9:30am - St. Raphael CCW Meeting 2:00pm - Mass at Medical Care
WEDNESDAY - 11/7 Phil 2: 12-18, Lk 14: 25-33 9:00am (St. R) - For the Poor (R) Bible Study after Mass 6:00pm - St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting
THURSDAY- 11/8 Phil 3: 3-8a, Lk 15: 1-10 9:00am - 8:00pm (St. J) - Adoration 11:00am - St. Raphael CCW Ecumenical Prayer Service
FRIDAY- 11/9 Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17 9:00am (St. J) - Health of Dennis Knoche (J) Bible Study after Mass
SATURDAY - 11/10 Phil 4: 10-19, Lk 16: 9-15 4:30pm (St. J) - Health of Dennis Knoche 7:00pm (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael
SUNDAY- 11/11 1 Kgs 17: 10-16, Heb 9: 24-28, Mk 12: 38-44 8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3) 8:30am (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael 9:30-10:45am - Faith Formation Class 11:00am (St. J) - Minnie Zatarga (David & Audrey Schuessler)

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 next classes are on November 4th, 11th, 18th. Registration forms are available on the table in the front entrance of church.

UP COMING EVENTS

- **Youth Group Meeting**, Sunday, November 4th, 5:00-7:00pm in the parish hall.
- **Mass at Medical Care**, Tuesday, November 6th, 2:00pm
- **St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**, Wednesday, November 7th, 6:00pm
- **St. Joseph Adoration**, Thursday, November 8th, 9:00am-8:00pm
- **St. Raphael CCW Ecumenical Prayer Service**, Thursday, November 8th, 11:00am, registration starts at 10:00am followed by lunch
- **Tri-Saints K of C Dinner**, Saturday, November 10th, 4:30-7pm at St. Raphael Church
- **St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting**, Wednesday, November 14th, 6:30pm

ADORATION - ST JOSEPH CHURCH

The hourly sign-up sheets for Adoration on November 8th 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.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Both parishes are in great need of Altar Servers. Any baptized Catholic who has received the Sacrament of the Eucharist is eligible to become an Altar Server. Kneeling is optional for our arthritic seniors. Please give prayerful thought to this very important need to assist Fr. at Mass. **NEW** server training will take place on **Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00pm at St. Joseph.**

ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 10 & 11	
Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Catherine Noggle Body of Christ - Beverly Knoche Precious Blood - Meg Barlan & Kathryn Nacco Altar Servers - Kyle Noggle & Sandra Bologna Hospitality - Joel Lyman	Lector - Linda Showalter Body of Christ - Maria Somsel Precious Blood - Pam Stokes & Nancy Watt Altar Servers - Katie Sidor & Adam Porter Hospitality - Tom Greve

ST. JOSEPH'S STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 1,350.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 614.37
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ 2.00
STIPEND	\$ -----
DONATION	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 1,966.37
BUILDING ENV.	\$ -----
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$10,116.25
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 522.00

Prayer Requests

Richie Anderson, June Bartlett, Janice Berben, Kyleigh Borah, Mary Lynn Burchard, Anna Charlich, Martha Dirksen, Blake Elmer, Frank English, Ken Franklen, Addy Hollifield, Tammy Holmes, Cindy Kadzban, Dennis Knoche, 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!!

- 11/5** - Delaney McCarthy
- 11/6** - Jacki Krolczyk
- 11/10** - Holly Riley-Lampinen
- 11/11** - Phillip Kadzban

Happy Anniversary!!

- 11/9** - M/M Robert Sidor



The Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, November 4, 2018 in the St. Joseph parish hall from 5:00-7:00pm. All youth (5th grade - 12th) are welcome. Dinner will be

served after the meeting. Call or text Sheila Martuch @ 248-770-4037 with number attending or questions.

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**ST. RAPHAEL'S
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ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS

St. Raphael CCW Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th -
 Mass - 9:00 - 9:30am
 Meeting - 9:30 - 11:00am
 Adoration - 11:00 - 11:30am

This month's hostess is Vicki Tarker.

St. Raphael's CCW 19th Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held on **Thursday, November 8, 2018**. Registration will begin at 10:00am and the service will begin at 11:00am followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. This year's guest speaker will be Maria Somsel from St. Joseph's Parish. We hope you can join us!!! Please RSVP by Monday, October 30th to Viva Kastl at 231-885-2295 or Jean Dvorski at 231-920-0323.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS
 NEEDED**

Please be advised the St. Raphael Parish has two vacancies on its finance council which need to be filled. The finance council only meets for 1 hour bi-monthly on average, so it will not require a great deal of your time. Duties include reviewing our church financial status, and voting on expenditures, projects, etc. As we periodically have to choose and vote on maintenance/upkeep projects, it would be extremely helpful if one of our vacancies could be filled by someone with any maintenance, electrical or general mechanical knowledge. It is very important we fill these 2 vacancies as soon as possible, so please lend a helping hand. Please contact Fr. Ruben or David Reneau if you are interested in joining the finance council. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Happy Birthday!!

11/5 - Clifton Clevenger
11/13 - Mark Prieur

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- **Adoration**, Tuesday, November 6th, Mass 9:00am, followed by adoration until 11:30am.
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- **Tri-Saints K of C Dinner**, Saturday, November 10th, 4:30-7pm at St. Raphael Church
- **St. Raphael Pastoral Council Meeting**, Tuesday, November 13th, 9:45am

TRI-SAINTS K OF C DINNER

Tri-Saints K of C will be hosting a Zupin catered dinner on **Saturday, November 10th** at St. Raphael from **4:30 to 7:00 pm**. Tickets will be sold after Masses prior to the dinner. \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child, and FREE under 5. Proceeds will go to support our Seminarians.



November 4, 2018

May Our Lord bless us through
 our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	970.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	771.10
V. LTS	\$	16.00
COFFEE	\$	16.00
STIPEND	\$	10.00
FUEL	\$	400.00
TOTAL	\$	2,183.10
BUILDING	\$	50.00

Prayer Requests

Marty Bailey, David Bassey, Dennis Daldine, DeVoll Family, Shelley Duke, Bill Dowd, Mary Evans, Don Gurn, William Hogarth, Karen Ling, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Dale Moody, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Linda & Randy Stark, Albert Valencia, Don Walston

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Lector - Body of Christ - Gerry Kastil Precious Blood - Ann Fouchey Altar Servers - Michael Schaub & Isabelle Fouchey	Lector - David Clous Body of Christ - Flo Smith Precious Blood - Maria Saul & 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, SFC Jeremy A. Kott, Army, 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, November 14th, 3:30pm. 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 **November 16th** 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 - What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

Stewardship Reflections - *"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."* (MARK 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Family Perspective - In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

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.

Vote November 6th! - On Tuesday, November 6th, Michiganders will vote for leaders and ballot proposals at the local, statewide and national level. As Catholics, we are called to exercise Faithful Citizenship and to be engaged in the public square. While the Catholic Church cannot and does not tell her flock for which candidates to vote, we can and do seek to share Catholic teaching on a range of issues. This year Michigan voters will make decisions on three statewide ballot proposals. Citing the harm it may cause for Michigan families, health outcomes, communities and workers, the Board of Directors of the Michigan Catholic Conference, which includes all the Bishops of Michigan, has joined nearly 400 other organizations, county prosecutors and sheriffs endorsing the Healthy and Productive Michigan coalition which urges a No vote on Proposal 1-The Legalization of Recreational Marijuana. The Board has not taken a position on either State Proposals 2 or 3. To learn more about Catholic teaching regarding elections, more about the state ballot proposals and resources for Faithful Citizenship, log on to dioceseofgaylord.org and click on the "Election" banner. You can also visit micatholic.org and

healthyandproductivemi.org for additional information.
Word of Life - "Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"



November 4, 2018

Eternal rest grant Unto

Kenneth Milliron

*and may Perpetual Light Shine
upon him and may he rest in peace.*

