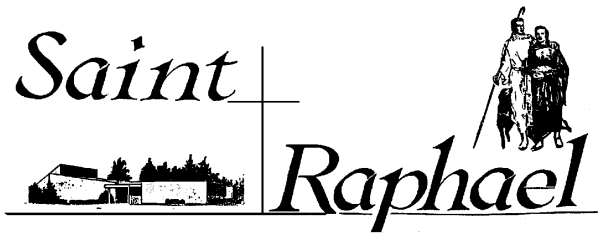


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Mass Schedule

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."

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A
 September 24, 2017**

"These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat"

Dear friends in Christ, this is the last Sunday of September and I have been talking about the obstacles that we have in our relationship with our God. During this month I have shared with you my obstacles of lack of trust, communication with God, forgiveness, and this weekend my concept of justice.

When you heard this Gospel, I am very sure that you can say with me, "that's not fair." In this parable of the vineyard owner and his coworkers, for me this notion of equality and justice, contradict my own concept. I cannot imagine working the whole day under hot weather and receive the same amount of money of those who had hired in the late afternoon. How would you react if you were placed in the similar situation? When I started to think about this gospel I came to the conclusion that God is giving us his voice and guidance in order that we can have more meaning in our lives. One of the most important things that we need to do is to ask ourselves what is the deeper point of this gospel parable? In these weeks I am telling you how God has been giving me guidance in order that I have more abundant life. But, I have put many obstacles and I did not get it how God wants the best for my life and the lives of many people. In this Sunday, we need to think what is it that Jesus invites us to consider that goes beyond our common sense responses. In this parable Jesus uses the contradiction of the story to focus our attention in a deeper reality that is the great mystery of faith itself. Faith in God is our fragile response to the revelation of divine love and mercy; Jesus is the fullness of God's unmeasured love, forgiveness and mercy. To gaze on the faith of Jesus is the encounter God, who is love, we make an act of faith in God. Faith is a human act, but is a free gift of God. It is not a right, not is something that we owe because our own merit, wealth, or some special privilege we deserve. Nothing, we can do even our best good deeds made us more or less worthy of the love of God. Divine love is a gracious gift of God, in this is the deeper lesson of this parable.

In this week, I invite you to ponder in this gift of our faith and give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve him and love him every single day.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Schedule for Sept. 25 - Oct. 1
MONDAY- 9/25 Ezr 1: 1-6, Lk 8: 16-18
TUESDAY - 9/26 Ezr 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20, Lk 8: 19-21 9:00am (St. R) - For the Sick 7:00pm - Usher Meeting for both churches at St. Joseph
WEDNESDAY- 9/27 Ezr 9: 5-9, Lk 9: 1-6 9:00am (St. R) - Helen, Edith & Eleanor 7:00pm - Altar Server Meeting for both churches at St. Joseph
THURSDAY- 9/28 Hg 1: 1-8, Lk 9: 7-9 9:00am (St. J) - For the Sick
FRIDAY- 9/29 Dn 7: 0-10, 13-14, Jn 1: 47-51 9:00am (St. J) - Health and Blessings for Beth Kaljda
SATURDAY - 9/30 Zec 2; 5-9, 14-15a, Lk 9: 43b-45 4:30pm (St. J) - Raymond Knoche (Dale & Sandra Mrosko) 7:00pm (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael
SUNDAY- 10/1 Ez 18: 25-28, Phil 2: 1-11 8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3) 8:30am (St. R) - George Marcero (George & Marty Bailey) 11:00am (St. J) - For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph 2:30pm (St. J) - Makeup training for Eucharist Ministers for both churches at St. Joseph

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Mass Times: Thursday & Friday, 9:00am, Saturday, 4:30pm, Sunday, 11:00am

FAITH FORMATION

Registration forms can be found on the table in the entrance of church. Classes will be held on Sundays. The next class is September 24th, 9:30am - 10:45am

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING/MEETING

A meeting is scheduled for September 27th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph for both St. Joseph and St. Raphael. This meeting is for existing Altar Servers and anyone wishing to become one.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS TRI-SAINTS COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus Tri-Saints Council will be collecting donations for "People with Intellectual Disabilities" before Mass on Columbus Day Weekend, October 7th & 8th.

USHER MEETING

An usher meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26th, 7:00pm for all existing ushers and anyone willing to **become an usher**. This is for both St. Joseph and St. Raphael Churches which will be held at St. Joseph. If you would like to become one, please come to the meeting, Couples are also encouraged to become ushers.

TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

How much **TIME** do you set aside each week for prayer & involvement in volunteer activities in your parish?
How are you using your **TALENT** to help make our parish family as a whole?
What percentage of your **TREASURE** do you presently give to support your parish activities?
Each one of us has something to offer no matter how big or small!!

UP COMING EVENTS

- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Usher Meeting**, September 26th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph
- **St. Joseph/St. Raphael Altar Server Meeting**, September 27th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph
- **Makeup training for Eucharist Ministers and Lectors, October 1st, 2:30pm** at St. Joseph. If you missed the first one you need to attend this one to stay on the schedule.
- **Medical Care Mass**, October 3rd, 2:00pm
- **K of C Meeting**, October 3rd, 7:00pm at St. Raphael's
- **St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**, October 4th, 6:00pm
- **Pilgrimage** to St. Francis in Petoskey, Thursday, October 5th, leave St. Raphael Church at 8:30am

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

May Our Lord bless us
through our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 1,776.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 796.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY	\$ -----
STIPEND	\$ -----
DONATION	\$ 1,100.00
BOOKS/CD	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 3,672.00
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 255.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$29,767.67
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 1,604.27

Prayer Requests

Richie Anderson, Jim Baker, June Bartlett, Kyleigh Borah, Anna Charlich, Martha Dirksen, Louis Fortin, Addy Hollifield, Tammy Holmes, Dennis Knoche, Joyce LaFleur, Florence Levandowski, Bonnie Levandowski, William Lotz, Irene Lyman, George Macko, John David Martuch, John Dominic Martuch, Rose Ann Maue, Julie Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Mary Steen, Albert Valencia,

Happy Birthday!!

- 9/24** - Gerald Eipperle, Ted Falk, Mary Ann Krolczyk, Ben Lautner
- 9/26** - Rosemary Chick, William Lotz
- 9/30** - Darlene Falk, Kathy Miller
- 10/1** - Phyllis Armstrong

Happy Anniversary!!

- 9/26** - M/M Ted Falk
- 9/28** - M/M Robert LaPlant

MAKEUP CLASS

Sunday, October 1st at 2:30pm we will be holding a makeup class for those who did not attend the previous trainings. This is for EM, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers for both churches.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. FRANCIS, PETOSKEY

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Pilgrimage to St. Francis in Petoskey. We will meet at St. Raphael in the church parking lot at 8:30am. This is for both churches.

ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1	
Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Meg Barlan Body of Christ - Beverly Knoche Precious Blood - Beth Klajda & Kathryn Nacco Altar Servers - Kyle & Catherine Noggle	Lector - Maria Somsel Body of Christ - Linda Showalter Precious Blood - Nancy Smith & Tom Berard Altar Servers - Veronica & Elizabeth Sidor

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FALL FESTIVAL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! St. Raphael Feast FOOD and FUN, September 24, 2017, 2:00 to 5:00pm. Please bring a friend with you, the more the merrier. Let us know if you need an invite mailed to a friend or family member. If you have questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki at 231-389-7021.

Are you an artist or crafter, do you know an artist or crafter? We need items for our Fall Festival jar/ticket auction or bingo give away. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki at 231-389-7021.

Ladies of the parish, we need you to bring the desserts for our fall festival, please sign up on the list in the church hall. If you have any question, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki.

Calling all **BINGO** callers. We need Bingo callers for our festival, please sign up on the list in the church hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki.

HELPERS needed for festival. Need help setting up, working during, and cleanup, for our fall festival, please sign up on the list in the church hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Mokrzycki.

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TRI-SAINTS COUNCIL**

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Happy Birthday!!

- 9/24 - Richard Smith
- 9/29 - Ashley Joseph
- 9/30 - Maria Saul
- 10/1 - Janet Hobart

UP COMING EVENTS

- **St. Raphael Fall Festival**, September 24th, 2:00 - 5:00pm
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- **Adoration, 9:30 - 11:30am, Medical Care Mass**, October 3rd, 2:00pm
- **K of C Meeting**, October 3rd, 7:00pm at St. Raphael's
- **St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting**, October 4th, 6:00pm

ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS

New Day and Time for CCW Meetings - At Fr. Ruben's suggestion we will meet on the first TUESDAY of the month. We will attend Mass 9:00-9:30am, meeting will be at 9:30-11:00am, and then go into Adoration, 11:00-11:30am Please try and join us!!!

If you would like to remember your loved one with a plaque on the Memory Board, call the office at 231-889-4254. APPROXIMATE cost is \$20.00

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

May Our Lord bless us through
our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$	955.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$	585.00
V. LTS	\$	24.00
COFFEE	\$	26.00
STIPEND	\$	10.00
FUEL	\$	1,555.00
DONATION	\$	-----
TOTAL	\$	3,155.00
BUILDING ENV.	\$	45.00

Prayer Requests

Marty Bailey, Dennis Daldine, DeVoll Family, Bill Dowd, Mary Evans, William Hogarth, Karen Ling, Mike Ling, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Kenneth O. Milliron, Dale Moody, Mary Lou Moskalski, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Albert Valencia, Don Walston, Gary Willis

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1, 2017
2:00 - 3:30pm

Benzie Area Life Chain along U.S. 31 in Benzonia. Not a Picket - Not a March - A Prayer Chain For Life!

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Dick Ide Body of Christ - Debra Diehl Precious Blood - Cindy Saarm & Janet Hobart Altar Servers - Bob Saul	Lector - Leslie Casselman Body of Christ - Carlina Breitner Precious Blood - Flo Smith & Pat Mullen Altar Servers - Bob Saul



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

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, SR Sarah Hilliard, Coast Guard, Navy, AIC Hannah R. Janicki, SFC Jeremy A. Kott, Army, Jay Long, Mike Meyers, Air Force, Adam O'Neill, Army, 1st Lt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army, 2nd Lt. Karina Pierce-Pingel, Army, CSM Benjamin Pingel, Army, Sgt. First Class Philip Sedlar, Jr., Andrew Saul, Navy, Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF, Austin Soller, Navy, Sgt. Dylan Somsel, 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 be meeting on Wednesday, **October 11, 2017 at 3:30p.m. 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, Campbell Soup UPC's and Spartan UPC's. When you are cutting out the box top for education we need the **General Mills Box Top for Education** not the save 25-75%. Also, on the Campbell Soup we need the UPC's.

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ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: The next month's Food Pantry will **October 27, 2017** 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 - Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves - by wise use of their time and talents - in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Reflecting on Stewardship - *"So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Family Perspective - Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

Vocation View - We can never be called "generous." All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to Him all the talents He has entrusted to us.

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 the Diocesan Victim Assistant Coordinator, Larry LaCross at 989-705-9010.

Good Grief Gathering

Good Grief Gathering will be on Tuesday, October 10th, NOON at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kaleva. Pizza & beverage will be provided for lunch.

- Sandra Mrosko
231-477-5667

10th Annual Paint the Town Pink

Celebration & Ribbon Walk
Thursday, October 5th
Gather at the Vogue Theatre
Gathering, 4:00 pm
Ceremony, 4:45pm
Ribbon Walk, 5:00 pm

This year's event will start at the vogue Theatre, where attendees will be treated to a video highlighting Manistee Hospital's Paint the Town Pink. Admission is free; donations are welcome. All proceeds stay local to benefit women's services at Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital.

Our hospital is dedicated to providing women of all ages with exceptional medical care, from prevent and early detection to the latest surgical treatments. Manistee Hospital's comprehensive women's services include 3-D mammography, bone densitometry, obstetrics, gynecology, oncology, primary care, and rehabilitation.

Honor a Love One - For a \$20 donation, recognize a loved one by having his or her name placed on a large pink bow that will be used to decorated downtown Manistee during the Ribbon Walk.

Forms are available at the Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital Radiology department or Cancer & Infusion Center at the Manistee Hospital Foundation office at 375 River St., or online at Munsonhealthcare.org/pttp. Make checks payable to Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital Foundation.

WinSome Retreat

Do you want to discover breakthroughs and gain insights for spiritual growth and deeper relationships? WinSome Women retreat is presenting Elisa Morgan, Gary Thomas, LaDonna Gatlin and award-winning musicians Selah to inspire and encourage you on your journey. Don't miss out. Be sure to come with your family and friends to experience enriching speakers, uplifting worship, and the ambiance of Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island. Mark your calendar for the fall retreats October 17 & 18, 18 & 19, and 19 & 20.

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain Sunday is one week from today, October 1st, 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Same location as last year.

God recognized us as persons before conception, before being formed in our Mother's womb and before birth:

"Then the Word of the Lord came to me, saying, before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a Prophet to the nations" - Jeremiah 1: 4-5 (NKJV)

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH that will be attending the **2017 NCYC Conference** are collecting bottles and cans to help fund their trip. Please put your can/bottles in the barrel at the front entrance. Please help our youth attend this conference. Thank you!!!