



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time | February 4, 2024

*"Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John."*

Dear Friends in Christ,

This image of Jesus entering the house of Simon was fixed on my mind when I was reading this Gospel. Have you felt the presence of Jesus in your house? Last week, I asked you to be attentive in your daily routine to find these moments when Jesus talks to you. Did you find any special moment when you heard His voice? Or felt His presence?

In the Gospel, Jesus is telling us that He cares for us! Jesus is attentive to our problems and difficult situations. How many times have you heard that God cares for you?

The first reading and the Gospel have a vital connection. Jesus said in the Gospel, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come." This is very crucial because Jesus is telling us that he came to help humanity and bring the Good News. The first reading is telling us how we can see our lives, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again." Jesus is always looking for us, helping us; he is attentive to our needs and has allowed us to open our house so that Jesus can enter.

Many times, I told you that prayer is a conversation with God. When we start this conversation, we begin to trust in God because we start to know him personally and uniquely. We heard in the Gospel, "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, 'Everyone is looking for you.'" Jesus was looking to talk to his Father, and the disciples were looking for Him! When we know our God, the only consequence of this is to want to be with Him all the time! And after that, we cannot have this experience only for us! We must share this great God with people, especially those we love!

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux told us that we can tell the world about the good news very simply and that God cares for us and is among us, always trying to enter our lives. I believe that God has placed me on this earth for an essential purpose, and hopefully, one day, I will fulfill that purpose. Sometimes, you may think, if Jesus is really here with us, then why doesn't He help me in my time of most need? Why does He let people get sick? Why do people die? I believe Jesus is here for us if we ask... Jesus is the key to everything! Don't face loneliness alone. Don't face peer pressure on your own strength. Never be scared of death. Live a life of faith and love in Christ! Trials, fears, anxieties, and even death are all wrapped up in our Savior, Jesus... Accept His gift of love, and live happily ever after... no matter what!

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

**5**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

**St. Joseph of Onekama  
Catholic Church**  
8380 Fifth St  
Onekama, MI 49675  
[StJosephOnekama.org](http://StJosephOnekama.org)

**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."

**St. Raphael of Copemish  
Catholic Church**  
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Copemish, MI 49625  
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## Pastoral Staff

Pastor ..... Rev. Rubén D. Muñoz  
 Fr. Ruben's Cell Phone ..... 231.313.1718  
 Faith Formation ..... Tracy Daberkoe  
 Maintenance ..... Nathan Miller  
 Organist | Music Director ..... Chris Sattler  
 Secretary ..... Nan Kamaloski  
 Diocesan Pastoral Council Rep ..... Maureen Barry

## SJSR Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM ..... St Joseph

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday ..... 3:30 PM ..... St Joseph  
 Sunday ..... 8:30 AM ..... St Raphael  
*Confessions may also be heard during Adoration or by appointment*

## Sacrament of Marriage

Those seeking this sacrament are required to contact the pastor at least six months in advance as pre-marriage sessions are required.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents interested in having their children baptized need to contact the pastor for further information.

## Mass & Ministry Schedule

### St. Joseph of Onekama

#### Saturday, February 10, 4:00 PM

Lector Pam Stokes  
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**  
 Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**  
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

#### Sunday, February 11, 11:00 AM

Lector Michelena Bradford  
 Body of Christ Maria Somsel  
 Blood of Christ (2) John Hollingsworth, +1  
 Altar Server Landyn & Easton Kequom

#### Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 PM | Ash Wednesday

Lector **Volunteer Needed**  
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**  
 Blood of Christ (2) Tom & Kris Greve  
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

### St. Raphael of Copemish

#### Saturday, February 10, 6:30 PM

Lector Peaches Sanovic  
 Body of Christ Ann Fouchey  
 Blood of Christ (2) Bonnie Hyder, +1 **Volunteer**  
 Altar Server Michael Schaub

#### Sunday, February 11, 9:00 AM

Lector David Clous  
 Body of Christ Pat Mullen  
 Blood of Christ (2) Flo Smith, +1 **Volunteer**  
 Altar Server Cathy Noggle

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 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**  
 Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**  
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Tuesday, February 6th

10:00 AM Adoration ..... St Raphael  
 11:00 AM Mass ..... St Raphael

### Wednesday, February 7th

11:00 AM Mass ..... St Raphael

### Thursday, February 8th

10:00 AM Adoration ..... St Joseph  
 11:00 AM Mass | Caroline Heiman (SJ Ladies Guild) ..... St Joseph

### Friday, February 9th

11:00 AM Mass ..... St Joseph

### Saturday, February 10th

4:00 PM Mass | †Jeanette Nuckolls (SJ Ladies Guild) ..... St Joseph  
 6:30 PM Mass | Living & Deceased Parishioners ..... St Raphael

### Sunday, February 11th

8:00 AM TV Mass for the Homebound ..... Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)  
 9:00 AM Mass | †Bud Walters (Pat Mullen) ..... St Raphael  
 11:00 AM Mass | †Jeff Schubert (Greg & Karen Miller) ..... St Joseph

*When able, those who have requested a Mass intention are invited to bring forth the gifts during the Mass. Please let our ushers know before the Mass.*

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for all service personnel and first responders who are and have served our country including:

SPC Andre Brown, Army	David Mokrzycki II, Marine
SGT Gabe Caldwell, Army	Adam O'Neill, Army
Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN	CAPT Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
2LT Daniel J. Debano, Engr, MIARNG	CAPT Karina Pierce, Army
2LT Connor Fitzpatrick, Army	SGT Benjamin Pingel, Navy
Caleb Fouchey, Marine	Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
Olivia Fouchey, USAF	Hunter Scoggins, Army
Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG	Austin Soller, Navy
Jared Kinnie, Navy Seal	SGT Dylan Somsel, Army
Aaron Logan, US Border Patrol	Daniel Tanner, Navy
LT COL Christi Logan, USAF	Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
CAPT Matthew Logan, Firefighter EMT	CAPT Kent Turner, Army
Jay Long, Air Force	Yeoman John Tucker, CG
Mike Meyers, Air Force	Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG
SSG Melaney Miller, Army, NG, Band	

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:

Carole Appicelli	Michele Gillaspie	Judy Pendencygraft
June Bartlett	Don Gurn	Ray Pendencygraft
Gary Bentley	Pat Gurn	Bradley Reccer
Dennis & Janice Berben	William Hogarth	Reed Family
Colette Bernard	Addy Hollifield	Rich Russell
Rev George Bernard CSC	Tammy Holmes	Peaches Sanovic
James Bernard	Dennis Humphrey	Kelli Sattler
Kyleigh Borah	Colette Kamaloski	Bob Saul
Ned Brown	Nancy Kuczynski	Chad Schualer
Sharon Burkl	Stephen Kuczynski	Maria Somsel
Anna Charlich	Ryan LaHaie	Larry St. Onge
Joseph Chick	Tami Laurent	Mary Steen
Kevin Chinavare	Nancy LaVeque & Family	Don Stone
Marcy Chmielewski	Ethan Mackin	Kathryn Stowers
Nicole Clement	George Macko	Jack Sysko
David Clous	John David Martuch	William Tarker
Mark Dagnall	Mary Ellen Martuch	Kay Thompson
Karen Daldine	Tammy May	Cody Travers
Martha Dirksen	Shirley McNeil	Eleanor Wall
Christine Eckhout	Julie Miller	Donna Wallace
Blake Elmer	Kelly Miller	Colleen Walters
Mary Evans	Olivia Miller	Tom Wasco
Erik Florit	Lisa Milliron	John Watsell
Arnold & Norma Fraley	Dale Moody	Dawn Weber
Ken Franklin	Nielsen Family	Gordon & Frieda Wilson
Abrielle Funches	Becky Petersen	



Lord, it doesn't matter who I am,  
It matters that YOU are with me.  
When I receive You in the Eucharist:  
I consume You because I want You to consume me.  
Transfigure me, fill me and make me the new "Holy of Holies."



**Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday, February 6th**  
 1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry ..... St Joseph  
 6:00 PM Faith Formation|Youth ..... St Joseph  
 7:00 PM Tri-Saints KC Meeting ..... St Raphael
- Wednesday, February 7th**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study|Galatians ..... St Raphael  
 6:00 PM SJ Pastoral Council Mtg ..... St Joseph
- Thursday, February 8th**  
 1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry ..... St Joseph
- Friday, February 9th**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study|Galatians ..... St Joseph
- Sunday, February 11th**  
 Noon Sweet & Salty Bingo ..... St Joseph

**Celebrating Anniversaries** ♥

- 02/08 M/M Rudy Gross  
 02/11 M/M Patrick Alber  
 02/13 M/M Don Stone

**Celebrating Birthdays** 🎂

- 02/09 Maria Aguilar  
 02/10 Judith Rawski  
 02/12 James Riley-Lampinen  
 02/13 Sandra Bologna

**Did You Know...?**

In the SJ Office, we have a large variety of Bible study materials and DVDs available to borrow, and some study programs include a companion workbook. We also have many DVDs about saints, the Church, and special interests. These resources would be a wonderful way to learn more about our faith, especially on these cold winter days. Contact the office or stop by to peruse our library.

**Sweet & Salty Bingo!**  
**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

The SJ Ladies Guild will be hosting Sweet & Salty Bingo after the 11AM Mass on Sunday, February 11th, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this event where your entrance fee is only three sweet or salty treats! The SJ Ladies will provide sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, lemonade, coffee and dessert. Mark your calendar now as you won't want to miss out on this family-friendly, fun event!



welcome

Have you introduced yourself to our newest parishioners? Please join me in welcoming **Rick and Michelle Rowe** to our St. Joseph of Onekama parish family. We are so very happy you've chosen us!

**"Galatians: Set Free to Live" Bible Study**

The most important question a Christian can ask is, "What must we do to be saved?" St. Paul's letter to the Galatians provides the answer and reveals the merciful love God the Father has for his children. Galatians: Set Free to Live speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation Jesus has won for us and explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love.

Presenter Jeff Cavins explains how Christ fulfilled the Law and set us free to live in the Spirit. Learn what "justification" means and how faith and works are an integral part of it. Discover how we become heirs to the promises and blessings of Christ through faith.

All are welcome to join! This 8-week study will be held on Fridays at 9AM, at St. Joseph of Onekama, and Wednesdays at 9 AM, at St. Raphael of Copemish. Suggested donation for the bible study materials and online access is \$35, but please don't let that deter you from joining us. Please contact the parish office to reserve your materials for this bible study.



**Stewardship of Treasure**

Thank you so very much for your giving of time, talent and treasure to our parishes.

**St. Joseph of Onekama  
 January 28, 2024**

Envelope Offertory	\$2788
Loose Offertory	\$258
Mass Stipends	\$20
Vigil Candles	\$15
Building	\$175
Bible Study	\$210
Total	\$3466
Food Pantry	\$1245

**St. Raphael of Copemish  
 January 28, 2024**

Envelope Offertory	\$1370
Loose Offertory	\$296
Mass Stipend	\$20
Vigil Candles	\$42
Building	\$70
Bible Study	\$280
Total	\$2078

**Euchre and Game Night**

Euchre and Game Night has a change for the month of February! Please plan to join in the fun and games on **Thursday, February 22nd**, beginning at 5PM, in the parish hall at St. Raphael of Copemish. All are welcome! Please feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. Got a question? Contact Gaby Crandall at 734.578.2958.

**2023 Giving Statements**

If you would like a 2023 contribution statement of your parish donations, please contact the Parish Office and one can be either emailed or mailed to you as they are not automatically sent out. Please note: The Diocese of Gaylord will be sending out all CSA contribution statements, along with any other special collections recorded by the Diocese.



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