





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Samuel answered, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’” (1 Sm 3:10). The response to the Lord who was calling the young Samuel ought to be our own response to God’s will in life. Samuel was confused at first who was calling him in the night. We, too, can be confused about God’s will in our lives. It is hard to hear him in the cacophony of noise in our lives. It is impossible to hear him if we are not listening. Listening to the Lord – in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments, in each other, in prayer – ought to be our project during these weeks leading to Lent.

This next week, starting January 21 and ending January 29, we will be praying together for the legal protection of all life from conception to natural death. The annual prayer time is called “9 days for life”. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 21-29. Sign up today at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!

Please take a moment this week and check out the latest content to grow in your faith on [formed.org](http://formed.org). If you find a video or article you really enjoyed, please let me know and write a short review that we can share with everyone in the bulletin and the e-newsletter.

God bless,



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*John Dumont*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Vicki King*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Dan Bruske*

Monday, January 18,  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*All who suffer from illness*

Tuesday, January 19,  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*All who are lonely*  
 9:30-10:30 am, Adoration & Confession at St. Anne

Wednesday, January 20, St. Fabian & St. Sebastian  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel  
*Vicki King*  
 9:30 am Rosary, St. Gabriel  
 5:00 pm Adoration & Confession at St. Catherine

Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Jo Ann Beatty*  
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration St. Catherine

Friday, January 22, St. Vincent  
 NO MASS

Saturday, January 23, St. Marianne Cope  
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Protection of all life from conception to natural death*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Donald Zielinski*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Jim Barth*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10). Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$60,038.44	\$72,630.60	\$15,542.80	\$20,731.64
Actual year-to-date	\$61,896.42	\$72,844.29	\$15,229.52	\$21,609.27
Jan. 10	\$1,070.00	\$2,915.00	\$1,120.00	\$561.80
Other Collections:	\$65.00	\$665.00	\$188.00	\$117.00

**Pray for Our Priests & Religious**

Sunday—Rev. Richard Kropf  
 Monday—Rev. John Ladd  
 Tuesday— Vocations to the Priesthood and All Religious Life  
 Wednesday— Rev. Scott Lawler  
 Thursday—Rev. Donald Libby  
 Friday—Rev. William Lipscomb  
 Saturday—All Seminarians

**Joseph of Nazareth**

Although not a lot is said about St. Joseph in the Bible especially after finding Jesus in the Temple, the movie reveals some interesting perspectives based on a combination of scripture, history and what tradition of that era was. The movie views the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and grandparents Joachim and Anne, as well as the horrid behavior of Herod and his “seed”.

A review of Joseph of Nazareth the movie is available to all for free on Formed.org by Eileen Oposnow. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) to sign up using the zip code 49766. Others are invited to submit reviews and recommendations for the bulletin.

**2020 Year End Contribution Statements:** If you would like a statement please contact your parish office. Statements will be mailed out at the end of January.

**Snow Day Reminder:** Mass and All Parish Activities are canceled whenever the local school district (Alcona and/or Alpena Schools) is closed for inclement weather. A message will be sent out via Evangelus, on my-Parish App, and the parish calendar will be updated to reflect the cancelations.

**St. Catherine** has banquet tables available for sale for \$25.00 per table. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 471-5121.

**Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation for children**

Our parishes will be beginning soon classes for the children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. If you have a child or know of a child who is currently in 2nd grade or above who has not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation please register for the upcoming class.

**To register:**

St. Anne/St. Raphael -  
 Email: [veronica@resurrectionacgr.org](mailto:veronica@resurrectionacgr.org)  
 St. Catherine/St. Gabriel -  
 Email: [cathy@resurrecitonacgr.org](mailto:cathy@resurrecitonacgr.org)

The class for First Reconciliation will begin on Wednesday, February 3rd and will be held every Wednesday through March 24th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at St. Catherine's parish hall . There will be an in-person and virtual option for all families who either find the distance to great or have concerns about the pandemic. If for some reason in-person meetings become impossible we will continue meeting virtually. The format of the meetings will include a time of prayer at the beginning for the parents and children. Then the children will go to their classroom to work with their catechist while the parents study a similar topic. All adults of our parish are welcome to join in-person or virtually during the parent class if they wish to learn more and support the young parents of our parish during this important time of faith formation. The topics covered will be good for EVERYONE!! The topics will include: Baptism, Sin, Forgiveness, Redemption, Penance, Reconciliation, Lent, and Holy Week.

**Are you interested or do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming Catholic?** Please contact Fr. Tyler to make inquiries (see contact info on front of bulletin).