

# St. Catherine | St. Raphael









# 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B | SEPT. 19, 2021

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## **DEARLY BELOVED**

Opening Prayer: To know and carry out what is right in our thoughts, words and actions and be sorry for our failure to think, act and speak rightly towards others.

Matthew 20: 21 "Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant."

**READINGS:** Some of the words of the first reading today can be applied to the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Responsorial Psalm from Psalm 54 is a prayer and an expression of the determination of Christ to offer himself to the Father: "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness." In his prophesy and clear teaching, Jesus told his disciple about his betrayal, crucifixion, death, and resurrection: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." The death of Jesus is the fulfilment of the plan of God. Jesus who was delivered into the hands of men by God, was not constrained, but he died to fulfil the plan of God. Hence, Scripture tells us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3: 16), Somewhere else it is stated: "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" (Romans 8: 32).

**BEING SERVANTS OF EACH OTHER:** Today's second section of Jesus' announcement of his passion and death makes us see his willingness to carry out the plan of God. Hence, we too are invited to observe what is the will of God for us: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." To illustrate this Jesus gave his disciples a lecture on the meaning of true greatness by setting a child in their midst. By this Jesus showed them that true greatness can be found not in being masters of others, but rather in being servants of others, especially the weaker members of the community. Here, Jesus taught them to give due consideration to service instead of social or religious pre-eminence. True greatness can be found in becoming dependent upon Christ, in seeking out those who are in need and offering them love and in accommodating the least of our brothers and sisters. Greatness is not about what we have or who you are.

**BEING INSENSITIVE OR COMPETITIVE WITH ONE ANOTHER:** There are times when we become indifferent to how other people feel or what they are going through. At other times we put up with I don't care attitude or we tend to say: 'it's not my business!' To a certain extent, the Apostles expressed these types of attitudes. As Jesus was talking to them about his suffering and death, all they cared about was not what he meant but they were preoccupied about position or rank-who is the most important among them, which has no relationship with what Jesus had just said. To a certain extent this shows that the disciples were not only insensitive but also competitive among themselves. When we do not care about what others go through, their feelings, their pain or sorrow, we too may be like the disciple. The problem is that sometimes brothers, sisters, or relations begin to fight over worldly things forgetting who they are and that money, power, and position are not the end of life or do not guarantee eternal life.

**BEING AMBITIOUS:** One may ask: Were the disciples ambitious? To certain degree they were ambitious or jealous of each other because from what transpired there is no connection between the argument that they initiated immediately after Jesus had predicted and taught them about his pending passion, death, and resurrection. There is nothing terrible about being ambitious. To a certain extent, it is good to be ambitious, have goals, want to be good at what one does, and succeed in it. However, when ambition becomes bad is when it gets out of hand and cause us to forget everything else in the pursuit of success in a profession. The process of being ambitious can cause one to treat other people maliciously. In the Gospel, we see the apostles fighting over who would be first in Jesus' kingdom. Their selfishness and false ambition show how little they had learned from Jesus and how poor they understood his mission. Jesus did not abolish ambition. Instead, Jesus redefined it. Instead of the desire to rule others, Jesus asked them to serve others. Instead of the desire to have others do things for us, we are to have the ambition to do things for others. False ambition is dangerous to unity and can result in all kinds of ugly behavior. There is a positive side of ambition which Christians should not shy away from. Jesus did not tell the apostles that they should not seek greatness in his kingdom by being servants of others, particularly the less privileged or weak in the community.

Closing Prayer: May we never allow ourselves to be consumed by insensitivity, competition, ambition, jealousy, or even the temptation to think, speak and act in a manner that will show we are better than others.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for 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:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed Year-to-Date:	24,666.95	28,028.88	5,594.82	8,806.60
Actual Year-to-Date:	21,279.12	31,333.17	6,405.30	9,603.74
Date: Sept. 12, 2021	1,260.18	2,115.00	302.00	694.75
Other Collections:	274.00	60.00	0	96.00

# This Week in our Parishes

See online calendar for full details

#### Saturday, September 18, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael 4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael 4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael (*Rev Robert Bissot*) 6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (*Barbara Cipirani*)

#### Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine 9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Al LaBrecque) 10:30am Rosary at St. Anne 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Katherine Ryan)

#### Monday, September 20. 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

#### Tuesday, September 21, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael) 9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Anne 9:30am Reconciliation at St. Anne

#### Wednesday, September 22, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Jo Anne Beatty) 9:30am-10:30 Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Catherine

#### Thursday, September 23, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine 9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine 11:00am Memorial Mass for Al LaBrecque at St. Catherine

#### Saturday, September 25, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael 4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael 4:30am Mass at St. Raphael (Alice Marciniak) 6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (Joe and Harriet Gauthier)

#### Sunday, September 26, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Roger Robbins) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Richard Measelle)

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION:** ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: All Certifications for current Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, are expiring. Please pick up a schedule in the gathering space for places, dates, and times for sessions to fulfill your recertification requirements, and required diocesan session for new EMSHC.

#### ATTENTION: ALL FOUR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:

We will be issuing 2022 contribution envelopes soon. If you do not currently receive envelopes, and would like to be added to our Parish family, please notify the office. St. Anne/St. Raphael, 989-724-6713, St. Catherine/St. Gabriel, 989-471-5121.

**SEMINARIAN EDUCATION DONATION:** This weekend, **September 18 & 19, 2021**, will be the last weekend to submit your Seminarian Education Donation. Your generous donations for our young men who are preparing for the priesthood is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for vocations and our seminarians.

St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting: Wednesday, September 22 at 2:00 pm

**ST. GABRIEL LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Schedules are in the works for Oct - Dec. If there are any weekends you are not available please contact the parish office. 989-471-5121

St. Catherine: 8' Buffet Tables For Sale: \$25.00 per table. Call 471-5121 for details.

**Do you have anything that you would like shared in the weekly Bulletin?** Contact Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org with your request.

To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is <u>strongly recommended</u> that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, <u>wear a mask</u> in the parish offices, during Masses, and indoor public gatherings. Masks are required to be worn by those distributing Holy Communion. To read the full letter from the Diocese, please visit our website at www.resurrectionacgr.org.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

For The Week (Year B)

#### **SUNDAY:**

WIS 2;12, 17-20, JAS 3:16—4:3, MK 9:30-37

#### **MONDAY:**

EZR 1:1-6, LC 8:16-18

#### **TUESDAY:**

EPH 4:1-7, 11-13, MT 9:9-13

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

EZR 9:5-9, LK 9:1-6

#### **THURSDAY:**

HG 1:1-8, LK 9:7-9

#### **FRIDAY:**

HG 2:1-9, LK 9:18-22

#### **SATURDAY:**

ZEC 2: 5-9, 14-15A, LK 9:43B-45

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

**Sunday:** Rev. James Gardiner

Monday: Rev. Donald Geyman

**Tuesday:** Vocations to the priesthood and all religious life

Wednesday: Rev. Joseph Graff

Thursday: Rev. John Greene

Friday: Rev. Zeljko Guberovic

**Saturday**: All Seminarians

#### SPECIAL PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 (DETAILS ON BACK PAGE)

Learn about the life of St. Joseph, from his marriage to Our Lady to the flight into Egypt and to losing the Christ Child. This exhibit also explores so many of the powerful titles of Saint Joseph, from Terror of Demons to Patron of the Universal Church. You won't want to miss this Exhibit! For more information visit https://mariancenter.org/.

EXHIBIT: June1 - December 31 at The Marion Center in Petosky, MI ADDRESS: 2680 Maxwell Rd.

Petoskey, MI 49770





The Gaylord Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all women to the Marian Center in Petoskey, MI for the Exhibit of St. Joseph created by the Marian Center team. We are asking that you please bring a sack lunch if you would like to eat there. Fr. Patrick Maher, and Fr. Al Pillarelli will be celebrating Mass as well. Please invite the women of your parish, or any women who would be interested in learning about the life of our Blessed Mother's spouse, and the step-father to our Lord and Savior Jesus.

DATE: September 23, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m. (opens) - 4:00 p.m. (closes)

MASS: 10:30 a.m.

This is a pilgrimage with no set times other than Mass, and when the Marian Center opens and closes. Please feel free to come when it is convenient. Contact Norma Andrews 989-343-0694 (please leave a message) or email njandrews1961@yahoo.com if you have any questions. www.MarianCenter.org

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR PARISH CLUSTER**

1st Class: Thurs 9/30 6:30-8:30pm Where: Maria Hall at St. Anne Parish, Harrisville

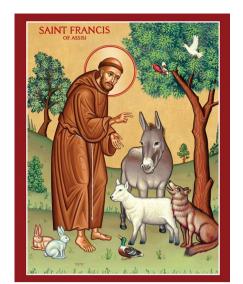
We are going to look a little deeper into Catholicism and what it means to be a Catholic in Today's world. We encourage people of all ages come and join in these discussions so that we can build up our church community together!! Classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm. Please reach out to Adam Brege at bregeadam@gmail.com.

#### LIFE CHAIN - 10/3/21 and 10/21/21

Participate in the LIFE CHAIN at various locations Downriver and throughout the state on **Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm.** 

Also, **Thursday, October 21** is the Focus on Life Event sponsored by the Downriver affiliates of Right to Life of Michigan: focusonlifedownriver.com and downriverfocusonlife.eventbrite.com.

Tours of the mobile ultrasound unit will begin at 6 pm. The program begins at 7 pm. www.lifechain.org



### Blessing of the Pets 10/02/21

11 am at St. Raphael - A Short service followed by individual blessings of pets.

Fall in love all over again on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience! Oct. 1-3 Augustine Center in Petoskey Nov. 19-21 Weber Center in Adrian Apply at wwme.org Questions? Contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287



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METRO CITY CHURCH TAYLOR PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7 PM