



*Parishes of the*  
**Resurrection  
of the Lord**

St. Anne | St. Gabriel  
St. Catherine | St. Raphael



**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B | SEPT. 26, 2021**

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**Hours:** Mon | Wed | Fri 9am - 12pm

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# DEARLY BELOVED

*Opening Prayer: May we become patient, prudent and tolerant of others just as God is understanding, tolerant, and welcoming with every one of us.*

**READINGS:** Today's first reading from the Book of numbers which derives its name from the numbering of the tribes of Israel through census on two different occasions, deals with two sets of people. First, there is the 70 elders who were formally commissioned, who received the spirit of leadership and spoke in the name of God. Second, we have two persons who were not formally commissioned, but were inspired to lead and speak in the name of God. In the case of two people who were not formally commissioned but received the spirit and prophesied like the 70 elders, an objection was raised by Joshua. Moses ruled in their favor that no one should be biased or jealous. In today's Gospel, the Apostle John raised an objection against non-Christian exorcists who operated and expelled demons and performed miracles in the name of Jesus. In answer to the complaint by an Apostle, Jesus himself like Moses ruled that anyone who expels demons or performs miracle in the name of Jesus, even if not of his company is free to do so. Jesus justifies those who act in His name, he justifies the works of mercy performed in his name and called on those who believe in his name not to be the cause of scandal.

**GOD'S SPIRIT, GOD'S GIFT, GOD'S BLESSING, BLOWS ANYWHERE IT WILLS:** Joshua thought and believed that the spirit upon Moses would be imparted only on the 70 elders at the tent of meeting. Similarly, the Apostle John felt and assumed that only the apostles and other close companions of Jesus had the gift of the Spirit to cast out demons. However, both Joshua and St. John were wrong, because God and God alone can decide on whom he confers his gifts. The Spirit of the Lord moves or acts as God wishes. God always bestows his gifts, his blessings, and his Spirit to all whom he wishes without limit. God's gifts, Gods' blessing and God's Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wills. To explain how the spirit works Jesus used the wind which serves as a symbol of the Spirit. The wind is invisible. The wind blows always. The wind cannot be controlled and is unpredictable. Like the wind, God and His Spirit cannot be controlled. The Spirit flows everywhere and is felt by everyone. No one can predict when the Spirit can invade the human heart. The works of the Spirit falls within the authority of God and not men. Only God can control the work of the Spirit and to whoever God wishes to grant the Spirit, he grants it. So also are the gifts of God and his blessing, they are experienced by whoever God decided to bestow them on.

**NO ROOM FOR JEALOUSY AMONGST CHRISTIANS:** In today's first reading, the attitude of Joshua, Moses' aide and Moses's response provides us with an example and a warning about Jealousy. In a likewise manner, the jealousy of the Apostles voiced by John is evident when he complained and attempted to reserve God's love and healing power to the Apostles as "sole owners" and "authorized distributors." Moses's successor, Joshua and the Apostles represented by John fell into the trap of jealousy because in their own case they felt bad, ill will of the men who were succeeding in what they did. Jealousy is evident here because they had desired that someone be deprived of a gift because they cannot have it and is not one of them. Those who are jealous entertain negative/harmful/bad feelings about others when they are promoted, paid better or rewarded. People who are jealous are not happy when another person is progressing or successful. A jealous person is full of joy when another person gets punished or losses what they have. It was Jealousy that led to the death of Abel at the hands of his own brother Cain. Jealousy nearly claimed the life of Joseph until he was lucky and sold as a slave by his own brothers. Jealousy almost caused the death of David at the hands of king soul. Jealousy is part of the 10th commandment.

**MISUSE OF OUR AUTHORITY, OUR PROPERTY AND OUR BODY:** Civil leaders have the obligation towards the citizenry as it pertains to employment, just wages, and remuneration. As people who trust in God and are endowed with Spiritual authority, authority must be managed carefully, humbly, and justly, since God bestows his Spirit on us and we are endowed with the laws of right and wrong. As regards the use of property owned by Christian, Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. Disciple of Jesus are called to be kind and generous like Jesus. Jesus's teaching about the misuse of the body is found in today's Gospel where he states: "If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out." Christians are invited not to lead others into scandal and sin. In fact, it would be better if we had "a great millstone" put around our neck and thrown into the sea, than to cause another to sin. Hence, our hands become instruments of sin because of what we touch and how we touch those things. Our feet are used for sin when they take us to places we shouldn't go. Our eyes become doorways for sin when we deliberately decide to look lustfully. Rather than mutilating these parts of the body, we are invited shed off bad habits. Jesus's startling words about self-mutilation, means that we must cut out of our lives all practices that keep us away from God and retain only those habits that draw us closer to God. We are to integrate our bodies into following of Christ, so that our hands, feet, and eyes help us to imitate and follow Christ more closely. Nothing is worth jeopardizing our eternal life with Jesus. Hence, we must be ready to part with anything which causes us to sin and which leads us or others to spiritual death.

*Closing Prayer: May we be open minded and tolerant of all who we meet in this life.*

~ 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
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
<b>Needed Year-to-Date:</b>	26,909.40	30,576.96	6,103.44	9,607.20
<b>Actual Year-to-Date:</b>	23,634.12	33,448.52	6,648.30	10,042.64
<b>Date: Sept. 19, 2021</b>	2,355.00	2,115.35	243.00	438.90
<b>Other Collections:</b>	1651.80	-	-	210.00
<b>Seminarian Collection:</b>	-	1,185.00	280.00	-
<b>Haiti Collection:</b>	-	1,201.00	275.00	-



# *This Week in our Parishes*

*See online calendar for full details*

## **Saturday, September 25, 2021**

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

## **Sunday, September 26, 2021**

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine  
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (*Roger Robbins*)  
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne (*Richard Measelle*)

## **Monday, September 27, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (*Katherine Ryan*)

## **Tuesday, September 28, 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 29, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(*Special Intention for Rick Carstens*)  
5:00pm-6:00 Adoration and Reconciliation  
at St. Catherine

## **Thursday, September 30, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(*Carolyn & Kathryn Carstens*)  
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

## **Saturday, October 2, 2021**

11:00am Blessing of Pets Mass at St. Raphael\*  
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  
(*Angelina Maria Mararchi*)

## **Sunday, October 3, 2021**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
(*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*)  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
(*Jean & Leland Measelle*)

\*Details on back page of bulletin

**! There are a lot of events this week !**

See the back page for more information.

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **ST. RAPHAEL LADIES SODALITY MEETINGS - WELCOMES LADIES FROM ALL 4 PARISHES**

*St. Raphael Ladies' Sodality welcomes all ladies, from all four of our parishes, to join us for our monthly meetings! The meetings are the 1st Monday after the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:15pm in the church's gathering space. NEXT MEETING: October 4th*

**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.

**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](mailto:kadams@resurrectionacgr.org) with your request.

**To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask** 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](http://www.resurrectionacgr.org).

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**For The Week (Year B)**

### **SUNDAY:**

NM 11:25-29, JAS 5:1-6,  
MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### **MONDAY:**

ZEC 8:1-8, LK 9:46-50

### **TUESDAY:**

ZEC 8:20-23, LK 9:51-56

### **WEDNESDAY:**

DN 7:9-10, 13-14 OR  
RV 12:7-12A, JN 1:47-51

### **THURSDAY:**

NEH 8:1-4A, 5-6, 7B-12,  
LK 10:1-12

### **FRIDAY:**

BAR 1:15-22, LK 10:13-16

### **SATURDAY:**

BAR 4:5-12, 27-29,  
MT 18:1-5, 10

## **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS**

**Sunday:** Rev. Michael Haney, OFM

**Monday:** Rev. James Hayden

**Tuesday:** Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa

**Wednesday:** Rev. Gerard Hunko

**Thursday:** Rev. Michael Janowski

**Friday:** Rev. Christopher Jarvis

**Saturday:** Pope Francis

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: June 1 - December 31 at The Marion Center in Petosky, MI**  
ADDRESS: 2680 Maxwell Rd.  
Petoskey, MI 49770

# SEVERAL EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

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

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

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 [bregadam@gmail.com](mailto:bregadam@gmail.com).

## **CHILDRENS FAITH FORMATION**

**Starts: THIS SUNDAY - 9/26 at 10:00am-11:15am**  
**Where: St. Catherine Parish**

## **LIFE CHAIN EVENT - 10/3/21**

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

## **LIFE CHAIN EVENT - 10/21/21**

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

**Tours of the mobile ultrasound unit will begin at 6 pm.**

**The program begins at 7 pm. [www.lifechain.org](http://www.lifechain.org)**



## **Blessing of the Pets Mass**

**10/02/21 | 11am Mass**  
**St. Raphael**

A Short service followed by individual blessings of pets.



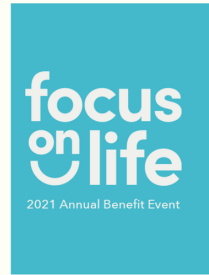
## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **The St. Raphael Ladies' Sodality Annual Ecumenical Christmas Party**

St. Raphael Ladies' Sodality is especially excited to be planning this year's Christmas party!

**December 5th at 1pm at St. Raphael**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY**

**10/21/2021**

**METRO CITY CHURCH TAYLOR**  
**PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7 PM**

**Fall in love all over again on a Worldwide  
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**Oct. 1-3 Augustine Center in Petoskey**

**Nov. 19-21 Weber Center in Adrian**

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**Questions? Contact Chris & Darla Vinton at  
269-953-8287**



[wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

## **AVE MARIA Fall Fest**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 4 PM**  
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**Free Event**

**Registration Required By Oct 1**