



# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



“Sir, leave it for  
this year also,  
and I shall  
cultivate the  
grounds around  
it and fertilize  
it; it may bear  
fruit in the  
future. If not  
you can cut  
it down.”

*Luke 13:8, 9*

## Saturday, March 22 | Third Sunday of Lent

8:30-8:45 AM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
9:00 AM	Mass of the Day   †P.F. Nursey.....	St Joseph Onekama
	Holy Hour of Adoration ( <i>following morning Mass</i> )	
3:00-3:45 PM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
4:00 PM	Mass   Special Intention .....	St Joseph Onekama
6:00-6:20 PM	Confessions .....	St Raphael Copemish
6:30 PM	Mass   Joseph Spitzley .....	St Raphael Copemish

## Sunday, March 23 | Third Sunday of Lent

7:20-7:45 AM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
8:00 AM	Mass   †Jacob Meszaros .....	St Joseph Onekama
10:00 AM	Confessions   Rosary .....	St Raphael Copemish
10:30 AM	Mass for the People .....	St Raphael Copemish

## Monday, March 24

8:45 AM	Holy Hour of Adoration.....	St Joseph Onekama
10:00 AM	Mass.....	St Joseph Onekama

## Tuesday, March 25 | The Annunciation of the Lord

4:15 PM	Holy Hour of Adoration   Devotions to the Holy Face of Jesus and Our Lady of Perpetual Help   Rosary.....	St Joseph Onekama
4:50-5:10 PM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
5:30 PM	Mass   †Flannery O'Connor.....	St Joseph Onekama

## Wednesday, March 26

8:00-8:15 AM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
8:30 AM	Mass   Lucy Hale .....	St Joseph Onekama
10 AM - 6 PM	ADORATION .....	St Joseph Onekama

## Thursday, March 27

10 AM - 4:45 PM	ADORATION .....	St Raphael Copemish
3:45-4:35 PM	Confessions .....	St Raphael Copemish
4:55-5:15 PM	Stations of the Cross .....	St Raphael Copemish
5:30 PM	Mass   Kevin Middleton & Family.....	St Raphael Copemish

## Friday, March 28

8:00-8:15 AM	Confessions .....	St Raphael Copemish
8:30 AM	Mass   †Kate Lloyd .....	St Raphael Copemish
	Holy Hour of Adoration ( <i>following morning Mass</i> )	
5:00-5:35 PM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
5:45-6:10 PM	Stations of the Cross .....	St Joseph Onekama

## Saturday, March 29 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30-8:45 AM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
9:00 AM	Mass of the Day   †Mary Nursey .....	St Joseph Onekama
	Holy Hour of Adoration ( <i>following morning Mass</i> )	
3:00-3:45 PM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
4:00 PM	Mass   Greg Miller.....	St Joseph Onekama
6:00-6:20 PM	Confessions .....	St Raphael Copemish
6:30 PM	Mass   Nan Kamaloski .....	St Raphael Copemish

## Sunday, March 30 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:20-7:45 AM	Confessions .....	St Joseph Onekama
8:00 AM	Mass for the People .....	St Joseph Onekama
10:00 AM	Confessions   Rosary .....	St Raphael Copemish
10:30 AM	Mass   Robert LaCross.....	St Raphael Copemish

**Pastoral Staff**

Administrator ..... Fr. Nursey  
 Faith Formation ..... Tracy Daberkoe  
 Maintenance..... Nathan Miller  
 Secretary..... Nan Kamalowski  
 Diocesan Pastoral Council Rep  
 ..... Myla Loeffler

**Celebrating Anniversaries ♥**

03/26 M/M Larry King

**Celebrating Birthdays 🎂**

03/28 Julie Alber, Sharon Anderson  
 03/29 Pam Stokes, Joan Willis  
 03/31 Jessica Annis

**Job Opportunities**

St Joseph of Onekama and St Raphael of Copemish are seeking an **Organist | Choir Director** to lead four Masses each weekend, plus weekly practice, Holy Days of Obligation, occasional funerals and weddings, as well as various devotions and parish functions. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with demonstrated knowledge of the Roman Catholic liturgy and committed to growing the parish choir. Applicants are asked to apply through the [Diocese of Gaylord website](http://Diocese of Gaylord website).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, March 24**

6:00 PM Youth Faith Formation Class ..... SJ

**Tuesday, March 25**

1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry ..... SJ

4:00 PM Legion of Mary Meeting ..... SJ

6:35 PM Faith Night with Father Nursey ..... SJ

**Wednesday, March 26**

6:00 PM OCIA ..... SJ

**Thursday, March 27**

1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry ..... SJ

4:55 PM Stations of the Cross ..... SR

6:20 PM Choir Practice ..... SR

6:30 PM Lenten Supper ..... SR

**Friday, March 28**

10:00 AM Food Pantry Fun Friday ..... SJ

10:30 AM Bible Study | The Prophets ..... SR

5:45 PM Stations of the Cross ..... SJ

6:15 PM Lenten Supper ..... SJ



**Adoration**

Can you spare just an hour to spend with our Lord? All day Adoration will be held on Wednesday, March 26th, from 10AM - 6PM, at St. Joseph of Onekama, and also on Thursday, March 27th, from 9AM - 4:45PM, at St. Raphael of Copemish. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule so that we can ensure that our Lord will not be alone during Adoration.

**SJ Community Food Pantry (aka Food Pantry Fun Friday!)**

What are you doing on Friday morning? Consider joining a wonderful and fun group of community volunteers on **Friday, March 28, from 9:15AM - 11:30AM**, in the St. Joseph Fellowship Hall, as we distribute food and smiles to the less fortunate. It is truly fulfilling as we lift others spirits with simple kindness in the way that Jesus has taught us. All are welcome to volunteer as there are many areas needing helping hands, and many of our seasonal volunteers have left for warmer climates. Thank you for your consideration and support!



**SR Council of Catholic Women**

The St. Raphael Council of Catholic Women will resume their monthly meetings beginning on **Monday, April 7**, at 10AM, in the St. Raphael Parish Hall.

If you haven't attended before, we hope you will join us!



**St. Joseph of Onekama Catholic Church**  
 8380 Fifth St, #150  
 Onekama, MI 49675  
[StJosephOnekama.org](http://StJosephOnekama.org)

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**8380 Fifth St, #150, Onekama, MI 49675**  
 231.889.4254  
 ParishOffice@StJosephOnekama.org  
 Office Hours: T- F | 9AM - 4:30PM

**St. Raphael of Copemish Catholic Church**  
 18440 Cadillac Hwy  
 Copemish, MI 49625  
[StRaphaelCopemish.org](http://StRaphaelCopemish.org)



## Greetings and happy continued Lent.

Great appreciation to those who participated in our patronal solemnity of Saint Joseph this past Wednesday. And we now look to the end of September for our patronal solemnity of Saint Raphael. But before then, much will occur. This Tuesday in fact, we have the Solemnity of the Annunciation, where Jesus took on flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. And shortly after that we have the great coming of the Holy Triduum and the glory of Easter.

The Solemnity of Saint Joseph gave us a nice respite in the midst of Lent and the Annunciation will do the same, but now we ever focus on Lent and the coming Holy Triduum. We now have three and a half weeks until the Holy Triduum. Now is the time to really hunker down in your Lent. Perhaps you have had an excellent Lent so far, keep it up and strive to sink ever deeper into the season of Lent and into God himself. Perhaps your Lent has been a little less than ideal so far, but do not fear, it is not too late! Refocus, and begin anew.

As we look towards the Triduum, reflecting on the innocence of Christ and the fact that he was killed for this innocence, should hopefully lead us to reflect on our own state. Do we live an innocent life? We know that in our fallen nature, venial sin will, unfortunately, likely happen. But there is absolutely no reason that a mortal sin should occur. In our striving for holiness, we will find that we do slip and fall at times. But anyone sincerely striving for holiness should be beyond significant falls. Lent is a good time to reorient one's life to God and with God's help to put oneself far from serious sin.

In this life, there should be a sincere effort to become a true friend of Jesus Christ. And a true friend of Jesus Christ will not only remain faithful to his friend Jesus, but will support him in one's conversation and activities with others. If we remain faithful, God will not only remain faithful, but he will grant us an immense reward. However, if we deny Christ, he will deny us before his Father and his angels. However, can you imagine how glorious it will be when we reach the end of our days and Christ not only acknowledges us and accepts us, but supports us and, so to speak, praises us before his Father and his angels? All the hardships of this life would be worth that one moment alone. But God's goodness does not stop with this. He will give us eternal joys beyond that.

Let us enter into the season of Lent once again with renewed vigor!

God loves us very much. He is giving us his mother for our mother and he has given us our very own powerful guardian angel to help us. Persevere!

In the hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

– Fr. Nursey

## Catholic Relief Services

A message from Bishop Walsh...

*"The CRS collection helps us, as a Catholic community of faith, both here in the Diocese of Gaylord and beyond, to carry out our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in need, particularly those facing great tragedy. Every day, CRS provides housing, education, legal counsel for lawful immigration, special pastoral support and access to the sacraments to the most vulnerable throughout the world. CRS is often among the first on site during emergencies and is there for long-term support and rebuilding.*

*CRS directly provides for our brothers and sisters with pastoral care, safe shelter, and distributing hot meals, clothing, and hygiene supplies. Your parish's support of the CRS collection is life changing for our brothers and sisters as they face unimaginable circumstances. Please do what you can to support this collection for Catholic Relief Services."*

†Bishop Walsh

Next weekend, our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). All checks should be made payable to your parish with CRS in the memo.



Annunciation  
Artwork by Giulio Cesare Procaccini

Solemn Evening Prayer  
will be held  
following the 5:30PM Mass  
on Tuesday, March 25,  
at St. Joseph of Onekama.  
In celebration of the Annunciation,  
a light dessert  
will be offered afterwards  
during the  
Faith Night with Fr. Nursey.



**Stewardship of Treasure**  
Thank you so very much  
for your generosity of  
talent and treasure.  
**It is truly appreciated!**

### St. Joseph of Onekama March 16, 2025

Envelope Offertory	\$2334
Loose Offertory	\$201
Votive Candles	\$25
Building Fund	\$155
Mass Stipend	\$60
Donation	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3275</b>

### St. Raphael of Copemish March 16, 2025

Envelope Offertory	\$1179
Loose Offertory	\$440
Votive Candles	\$98
Mass Stipend	\$60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1777</b>

# SEMINARIAN CARE PACKAGES

Bring Joy and Encouragement to Our Seminarians!

## Ideas for Care Packages:

Mass intentions/spiritual bouquets,  
Saint quotes, gas/gift cards, candy,  
snacks, black socks, inspirational notes,  
cards/pictures from children, etc.

## Our Seminarians

Jake Belanger	Jerry Przekora
Andrew Feister	Mark Steck
John Mawby	David Witkowski

## New Seminarians

Isaac Laucky	Chance Armstrong
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Please send care packages for week  
of finals by Friday, Apr. 11, 2025.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the  
blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.

—Deuteronomy 16:17

Contact [vocations@dioceseofgaylord.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofgaylord.org)  
if you, your school or your parish would like to  
sponsor a care package for a seminarian.  
We will provide you with the seminarian's address.



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