

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S

PASSION

Holy Week Masses & Devotions

Saturday, April 12 | The Passion of our Lord

8:30-8:45 AM	Confessions	St Joseph Onekama
9:00 AM	Mass of the Day Fr. George C Bernard	St Joseph Onekama
	Holy Hour of Adoration (<i>following morning Mass</i>)	
3:00-3:45 PM	Confessions Rosary	St Joseph Onekama
4:00 PM	Mass Greg Miller.....	St Joseph Onekama
6:00-6:20 PM	Confessions Rosary	St Raphael Copemish
6:30 PM	Mass †Alberto Casillas Reyes.....	St Raphael Copemish

Sunday, April 13 | Palm Sunday of The Passion of our Lord

7:20-7:45 AM	Confessions Rosary	St Joseph Onekama
8:00 AM	Mass Brian & Colleen Walters	St Joseph Onekama
10:00 AM	Confessions Rosary	St Raphael Copemish
10:30 AM	Mass for the People	St Raphael Copemish

Monday, April 14 | Monday of Holy Week

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

Tuesday, April 15 | Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 AM	Mass William Kanine.....	St Joseph Onekama
11:00 AM	Chrism Mass (<i>Live Streamed</i>)	St Mary Cathedral Gaylord

Wednesday, April 16 | Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00-8:15 AM	Confessions	St Joseph Onekama
8:30 AM	Mass The Parents of William Kanine	St Joseph Onekama
	Holy Hour of Adoration (<i>following Mass</i>)	

Thursday, April 17 | Holy Thursday

4:00-5:00 PM	Confessions	St Raphael Copemish
6:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Raphael Copemish
7 PM-Midnight	Adoration <i>Reading from the Gospel of John at 11:30 PM</i>	St Raphael Copemish

Friday, April 18 | Good Friday

Noon	Stations of the Cross <i>Confessions afterwards</i>	St Raphael Copemish
1:40-2:40 PM	Confessions	St Raphael Copemish
3:00 PM	The Passion of the Lord	St Raphael Copemish

Saturday, April 19 | Holy Saturday

10:00 AM	Blessing of Easter Baskets	St Raphael Copemish
10:15 AM	Our Lady of Sorrows Devotions	St Raphael Copemish
2:00-3:00 PM	Confessions	St Raphael Copemish
9:00 PM	Mass Easter Vigil.....	St Raphael Copemish

Sunday, April 20 | Easter Sunday

7:20-7:45 AM	Confessions Rosary	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 of Thanksgiving.....	St Raphael Copemish

Pastoral Staff

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Celebrating Anniversaries ♥

04/15 M/M Carl Rawski

Celebrating Birthdays 🎂

04/15 Tom Fleming, John Osborne
 04/16 Kay Bauer
 04/17 Lisa Sidor
 04/18 Rick Rowe
 04/19 Ken Keeler, Lilly Sapp

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 15

1:00 PM Stained Glass Ministry SJ
 4:00 PM Legion of Mary Meeting SJ

Wednesday, April 16

6:00 PM OCIA SJ
 6:00 PM Youth Faith Formation SJ

The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil)
 Masses & Devotions will be held at St Raphael of Copemish.
 (Check website and online calendar for details/updates.)

Friday, April 18 thru Wednesday, April 23

Office Closed | Staff Off

Saturday, April 19

10:00 AM Blessing of Easter Baskets/Food SR
 11:30 AM Sacramental Retreat SR

The Agony in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-45

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress.

Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me."

He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"

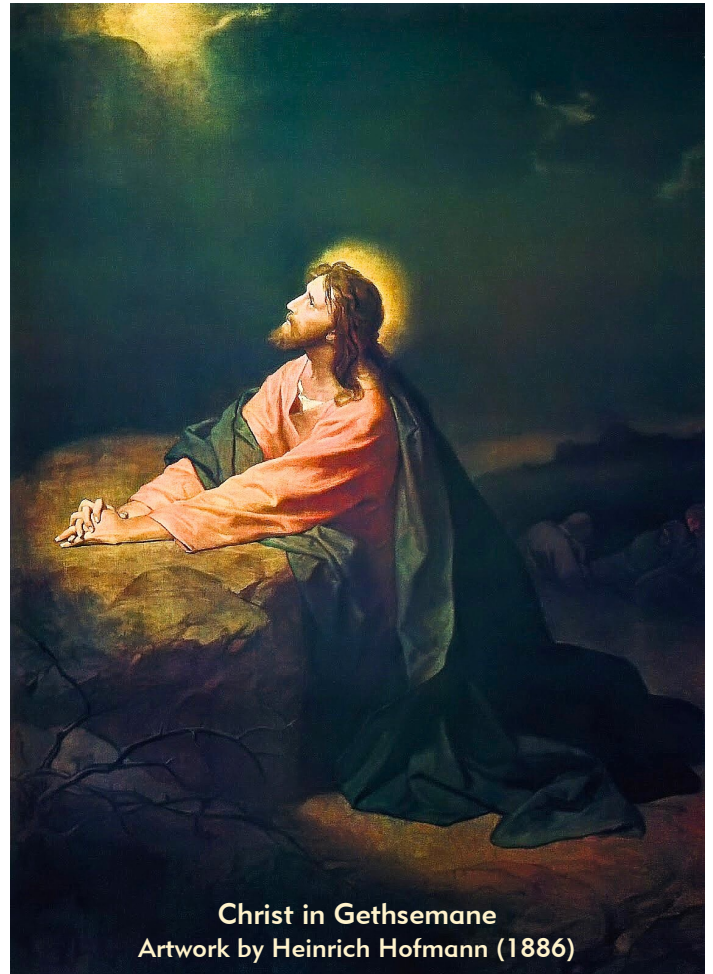
Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!"

Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open.

He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again.

Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.



Christ in Gethsemane
 Artwork by Heinrich Hofmann (1886)

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](#).

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Greetings on this Palm Sunday.

As we enter into this holiest of weeks, may God grant you a great increase in sanctity, peace and gratitude.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we enter into a great bitter irony. The glory of Jesus is proclaimed by the crowds on Palm Sunday. And five days later they kill him on Good Friday.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, **we are led into a week of sorrows.** Really and truly we should slow down this week and as much as possible think on the love of God and what he suffered for love of us. **If someone were to lose his life for our sake,** by knocking us out of the way of an oncoming car or to step in front of a fatal bullet, we would be grateful to this person for the rest of our lives. **We would never let the anniversary of his death go by without reflection and reverence.** We would likely be especially kind to this person's family and we would never want the goodness of this person to go unknown. **And yet, Jesus Christ did so much more for us.** He did not save us from a mortal death, but from an immortal death. Through his suffering, death and resurrection, Christ has enabled us to be able to go to heaven. He has enabled us to have our sins forgiven. And he has enabled us to be able to feed on his very flesh and blood throughout this life, in order to provide us with the strength to do what is needed to get to heaven.



During this week, take time – even though it may be little – to read scripture or just simply to sit and think about God's goodness in your life and what he has done for us for eternal life.

On Palm Sunday, we are given palms to remind us of how the crowd honored Jesus so much that they would not even let the animal upon which he was riding to touch the ground. Rather, they cast palms and clothing under the feet of the animal. How do we live our lives? **Are we willing to throw down our palms and garments to ensure that Christ does not bear any afflictions?** Or in our lives are we among the crowd chanting "crucify him, crucify him"? In reality, each one of us does both of these. We honor God at times and we betray him at others. So let us turn to God with all humility, recognizing our offenses – going to confession as needed – and strive to live lives pleasing to him. If we humble ourselves in this life, God will raise us up in the next. If we lose our life now – not giving into the glories of the world – then we will gain a new and greater life in eternity.

May you have a blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week. If you make the effort to do so, then God will surely provide for you. And you will have a glorious Easter.

In the love of the Sacred Heart,

— Fr. Nursey

Immediate Job Opportunity

St. Joseph of Onekama and St. Raphael of Copemish are seeking a **Maintenance | Groundskeeper**. (It is with mixed emotion to learn that Nathan has decided to start a new venture in the next few weeks.) This position's responsibilities include parish facility cleaning (e.g. vacuuming, dusting, cleaning restrooms, mopping, etc.), groundskeeper (including both cemeteries) mowing, sidewalk snow removal, light maintenance repair, painting, set-up/tear-down support for special events. The hours are approximately 3 days a week at St. Joseph of Onekama, and 2 days a week at St. Raphael of Copemish. Due to the locality of each parish, applicants may consider working at only one facility. A job description is posted online. If you have any interest in helping care for our Lord's House, applicants are asked to apply through the [Diocese of Gaylord Job Opportunities website](#).

Lenten Rice Bowls

As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we call to mind the countless men, women and children who even today carry heavy crosses: crosses of hunger, of homelessness, of a lack of resources or security. In these brothers and sisters we encounter Christ, as he walks that long road to Calvary. In these encounters, it's important not to forget an essential pillar of Lenten spirituality—almsgiving—which allows us to help those who are most in need.

We must always remember that Holy Week gives way to Easter—the fast turns into a feast. God wins the day. As we prepare to celebrate Easter with joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

Please return your Lenten Rice Bowls by April 20, 2025, and consider converting your Lenten Rice Bowl gifts to a check payable to your parish making sure to notate "RICE BOWL" on the memo line. Thank you for participating in this global ministry.



Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you so very much for your generosity of talent and treasure.

It is truly appreciated!

St. Joseph of Onekama

April 6, 2025

Envelope Offertory	\$1565
Loose Offertory	\$1357
Votive Candles	\$43
Mass Stipend	\$125
Total	\$3090
Food Pantry	\$905

St. Raphael of Copemish

April 6, 2025

Envelope Offertory	\$2687
Loose Offertory	\$776
Votive Candles	\$56
Heating Fuel	\$102
Building Fund	\$20
Mass Stipend	\$20
Total	\$3661