

HIM ALONE *shall you serve*

MATTHEW 4:10

Saturday, February 21 | Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30-8:45 AM	Confessions.....	St Joseph Onekama
9:00 AM	Mass of the Day Robert Porter (<i>SJ Ladies Altar Guild</i>).....	St Joseph Onekama
	Holy Hour of Adoration (<i>following Mass</i>)	St Joseph Onekama
3:15-3:45 PM	Confessions Rosary	St Raphael Copemish
4:00 PM	Anticipated Mass for Sunday For the People	St Raphael Copemish

Sunday, February 22 | First Sunday of Lent

7:20-7:45 AM	Confessions Rosary	St Joseph Onekama
8:00 AM	Mass †Art Gentz, †Margaret Olson (<i>Herb & Carol Dyer</i>).....	St Joseph Onekama
10:00-10:15 AM	Confessions Rosary	St Raphael Copemish
10:30 AM	Mass Eunice Novak (<i>John Hitt</i>)	St Raphael Copemish

Monday, February 23 | Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

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

Tuesday, February 24

3:45 PM	Holy Hour of Adoration.....	St Joseph Onekama
3:50-4:40 PM	Confessions.....	St Joseph Onekama
4:55-5:15 PM	Stations of the Cross	St Joseph Onekama
5:30 PM	Mass Nancy LaVeque (<i>SJ Ladies Altar Guild</i>)	St Joseph Onekama

Wednesday, February 25

8:00-8:15 AM	Confessions.....	St Joseph Onekama
8:30 AM	Mass David Louwers	St Joseph Onekama
	Holy Hour of Adoration (<i>following Mass</i>)	St Joseph Onekama

Thursday, February 26

3:45 PM	Holy Hour of Adoration.....	St Raphael Copemish
3:50-4:40 PM	Confessions.....	St Raphael Copemish
4:55-5:15 PM	Stations of the Cross	St Raphael Copemish
5:30 PM	Mass Samantha Tarsa (<i>John Hitt</i>)	St Raphael Copemish

Friday, February 27 | Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00-8:15 AM	Confessions.....	St Raphael Copemish
8:30 AM	Mass Mary Iwanicki (<i>John Hitt</i>).....	St Raphael Copemish
	Holy Hour of Adoration (<i>following Mass</i>)	St Raphael Copemish

Saturday, February 28

8:30-8:45 AM	Confessions.....	St Joseph Onekama
9:00 AM	Mass of the Day Father Nursey (<i>SJ Ladies Altar Guild</i>).....	St Joseph Onekama
	Holy Hour of Adoration (<i>following Mass and</i> <i>will include visiting teen retreat confessions</i>)	St Joseph Onekama
3:15-3:45 PM	Confessions Rosary	St Joseph Onekama
4:00 PM	Anticipated Mass for Sunday For the People	St Joseph Onekama

Sunday, March 1 | Second Sunday of Lent

7:20-7:45 AM	Confessions Rosary	St Joseph Onekama
8:00 AM	Mass †Virginette Frommelt (<i>Don & Maria Somsel</i>).....	St Joseph Onekama
10:00-10:15 AM	Confessions Rosary	St Raphael Copemish
10:30 AM	Mass †Fr. James Gardiner (<i>Ray & Judey Pendygraft</i>)	St Raphael Copemish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastor..... Fr. Nursey
 Faith Formation Tracy Daberkoe
 Maintenance..... David Louwers
 Secretary Nan Kamalowski
 Diocesan Pastoral Council Rep
 Marguerite Loeffler

Celebrating Anniversaries ♥

02/23 M/M Phillip Kadzban
 02/25 M/M Peter Bologna

Celebrating Birthdays 🎂

02/23 Teresa Casler
 02/24 Ava Brooks, Michelle Miller,
 and Mary Reed
 02/25 Joel Anhalt, and
 Elisabeth McCarthy
 02/26 Don Raiff
 03/01 Thomas Wasco

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and all individuals that worked or donated to the pancake breakfast that helped us after David's open heart surgery! We have been overwhelmed with the love, community, and faith. May God Bless you all. Thanks again! —David & Jeanne Mokrzycki

**St. Joseph Food Pantry
 (aka Food Pantry Fun Friday!)**

All helping hands are invited to join us on **Friday, February 27**, from 9:15 - 11:30 AM, in the St. Joseph Parish Hall as we distribute food, kindness and smiles at our monthly community food pantry.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

We are in need of a seventh sister to fulfill the **one hour, one day a week** commitment through June 2026. Essentially, we are a remote ministry of seven women who each choose one day of the week to pray a Holy Hour for their parish priest. They do not meet. They pray on their own at Adoration or in any church or at home. Each month, the priest shares his special intentions with the leader and they are shared via email with the other six women. Please contact the office ASAP so we may quickly fill this apostolate commitment.



**UPCOMING
 EVENTS**

Tuesday, February 24

4:00 PM Legion of Mary (St Joseph Legion)..... SJ
 6:20 PM Faith Night w/Fr. Nursey SJ
 6:30 PM **Lenten Soup Supper** SJ

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 PM Faith Formation | First Sacraments SR

Thursday, February 26

6:20 PM Choir Practice..... SR
 6:30 PM **Lenten Soup Supper** SR

Friday, February 27

10:00 AM Food Pantry SJ
 10:30 AM Lenten Study | No Greater Love..... SR
 6:00 PM OCIA|OCIC SR

Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

The St Raphael of Copemish Council of Catholic Women host a coffee social each week after the Sunday Mass. Please join us in the St Raphael Parish Hall for welcoming and friendly fellowship along with coffee, hot tea or cocoa, and fresh baked items.



**Burying the Alleluia,
 Valentine Brunch,
 and Mardi Gras**



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Happy Lent everyone!

Finally, after a long time and a long wait, Lent has arrived! And there is rejoicing by all. Thrilled, people are dancing in the streets and children are singing songs (but not to exuberantly, mind you, it is Lent after all).



I hope your Lent is off to a great start. As you are well aware, Lent is crucial to our spiritual life. **Do not think of Lent as a drag and a dampening of your fun, for in reality it is the means to greater happiness.** The better the Lent that you have, the more wonderful the Easter you will have. Not just Easter day, but the whole Easter season. We have our obligatory abstinence from meat every Friday of Lent, for those who are 14 years of age and older. We also have obligatory fasting on Ash Wednesday (which just passed) and Good Friday, for those who are 18 years of age through 59 years of age. Other than that, the norm is to give something up during Lent. I encourage you not to be soft on yourself. Actually challenge yourself. You will see the real spiritual rewards that come with it.

On the flip side, do not overdo it. If you set out to do too much, then that can backfire. You normally end up failing on the whole thing. Be realistic and prudent. **Ask your guardian angel to assist you in choosing what will be best for you to give up or to do during Lent.** I recommend that you have your primary "whatever it is" that you are going to give up or do. Then have other smaller things that you do in addition to it. Perhaps even giving a little flexibility to those. But make sure that you are doing something. Otherwise your Lent will be a waste and you will go into Easter without having any greater union with God. In fact, you will likely be further away.

Also, please go to confession at some point during Lent. Whether you go once a year or once a week, you will see that going to confession in the Lenten season does great, great good. Do not be afraid. Please see our calendar and bulletin for confession times. If these times do not work for you, there are other parishes that have other confession times or you can even call and make an appointment with me. But please make a point to go to confession during Lent. You will not regret it.

If you have not done anything yet to get your Lent going, never fear, we have just begun. Get going on it. Ask our Lord, our Lady, and your guardian angel to assist you. They absolutely want you to become holier and find greater happiness. They will help you. **Also, if you find an opportunity to go to daily Mass on occasion, you will see that it greatly changes your spiritual life as well.** Worthy reception of the Eucharist (that is, not being in mortal sin when receiving the Eucharist) strengthens us and helps us embrace the things of God and to live a life of greater virtue.

During this exciting season, be assured of my prayers.

In the love of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Father Nursey

Job Opportunity

The **Director of Worship and Liturgy for the Diocese of Gaylord** is a primary resource to the bishop and the diocese for the ongoing renewal of the liturgical life and formation of the Church. The Director of Worship and Liturgical Formation manages and directs diocesan worship activities; provides consultation and resources related to worship; and develops and administers programs of liturgical formation consistent with diocesan policies, goals, and guidelines. Interested applicants are asked to apply online: <https://hcm.paycor.com/l/r/B635F9D8>

CRS Rice Bowls

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl is one way Catholics can enhance their Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals to Catholic Relief Services in order to help those who do not have enough to eat. CRS Rice Bowls are available in the vestibules of the church.

Palms & Easter Flowers

We have begun to plan and order palms for Palm Sunday and flowers for Easter. This year, we would like to increase the amount of palms and flowers we order. If you would like to donate towards their purchase, please mark "Easter Flowers" on an envelope and/or memo of your check. Please print clearly the names of your loved ones for which you would like acknowledged, and submit by March 20th. Thank you in advance for helping me with this process and especially for helping glorify our Lord's houses.



Stewardship of Treasure

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

St. Joseph of Onekama

February 15, 2026

Envelope Offertory	\$2386
Loose Offertory	\$164
Votive Candles	\$55
Building Fund	\$160
Mass Stipends	\$60
Donation	\$500
Total	\$3325

St. Raphael of Copemish

February 15, 2026

Envelope Offertory	\$888
Loose Offertory	\$476
Building Fund	\$120
Mass Stipends	\$50
Total	\$1534