

Vine & Branches **Area Faith Community**

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August 13, 2023 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. because without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Liturgies This Week

Mon Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 Aug 14 8:30am Mass +Ralph Petersen Tues (Spfld) 6:30pm Mass +Warren Arndt Aug 15 (Lamb) Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27: Luke 1:39-56 NO Mass Wed Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 Aug 16 8:00am Mass Thur. (Sanb) Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1 Aug 17 8:30am Mass + Urban Salonek Fri. (Spfld) Joshua 24:1-13: Matthew 19:3-12 Aug 18 5:30pm Mass +Gerald Juenemann (Spfld) Sat. Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 Aug 19 8:30am Mass –For the People Sun. (Spfld) 10:30am Mass +Jim & Terry Wenisch Aug 20 (Lamb) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Sacrament of Reconciliation

\$\Prices\$ Saturday 4:30—5:15pm at St. Raphael ⊕Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at St Raphael

♦Praver Chain

507-920-6709, 507-441-1049, 507-227-6606 **♦Good Neighbor Thrift Store** 723-5778

20 E. Central, Springfield, MN

◆Office of Catholic Charities 866-670-5163

Baptism: Pre-baptism classes required - Contact AFC Office Suggested stipend for Sacrament of Baptism—\$25.00 Marriage: All Catholics are to contact the parish and

pastor at least 6 months before their wedding.

➤ Mass Stipend \$10.00

➤ Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 1:00pm

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The Mission of the Vine & Branches Area Faith Community empowered by the Holy Spirit is to bear fruit that will last as Jesus commanded: by celebrating and proclaiming our Catholic faith as disciples of Jesus using our God-given gifts; by reaching out to and welcoming all people; and by centering our lives on the Eucharist, sacraments, scripture, service and the teaching of the Church.

Hello everyone,

I pray that you've been doing well while I was away for a bit of summer vacation up north and for a few days out west. It was good to have some family time and some quiet time to recharge for the upcoming academic year. Please take the time to get some rest if you're still able.

This past Sunday evening through Tuesday evening some of the priests of our diocese gathered with our seminarians before they head back to school. It's been a tradition for at least a few decades now in our diocese. It was a delight to cook some good pasta for them and spend some time on the lake and just get to know them better and do some of that fraternity building that helps keep a diocese united when priests can work in harmony. Please pray for them and the young men discerning the priesthood and the possibility of applying to enter the seminary.

Please keep our school and staff in your prayers as the new year is going to start soon. There's a lot that will be happening and let's pray together that the parents, children, and staff serving them will really make a concerted effort to receive Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. This will bring a unity and peace where there is so much fear and sin in the world today. I especially ask, if you are able, to focus your prayer time so that people will not be afraid to open wide the doors of their hearts to Jesus Christ and then invite him in ever more deeply to heal our wounded hearts, minds, souls and bodies and continue redeeming the process of every one of us.

To continue where we've been focusing on pastors in Canon Law...

Can. 526 §1. A pastor is to have the parochial care of only one parish; nevertheless, because of a lack of priests or other circumstances, the care of several neighboring parishes can be entrusted to the same pastor.

I don't think that this requires any further explanation. We live in such a rural diocese that almost all of us pastors have several parishes that we are asked to lead these days. It's been an honor and privilege to do this since 2006. I remember when I was applying to the St. Paul Seminary to begin my graduate studies in theology that one of the questions that I was asked was whether I would be ready to lead an entire county of parishes. Little did I know that it would happen in 2016. It doesn't bother me. Would it be nice to have only one parish and be tied to one community? Yes. But that is not how it works now, and it wasn't how it worked when the Church was being formed. Small town Minnesota is my kind place and you know what I mean.

§2. In the same parish there is to be only one pastor or moderator in accord with the norm of can. 517, §1; any contrary custom is reprobated and any contrary privilege whatsoever is revoked.

In each parish there is to be only one pastor. I am not quite sure how you could have two pastors trying to lead with two different styles in two different directions. That would just lead to division and a bunch of ornery people most likely. Now, the question... why in the world did God choose me for you and you for me? I guess we'll learn more and more about that as the days go by.



~Church of St. Joseph~

Meetings and Activities

Aug 13	10:30 am	Mass
Aug 15	6:00pm	Confession
	6:30pm	Mass The Assumption of Mary
Aug 17	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
Aug 20	10:30am	Mass

St. Joseph Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	62,000.00	\$7,153.86	\$5,095.00
Student	\$250.00	\$28.86	\$25.00
Loose Plate	\$2,500.00	\$288.48	\$355.00

Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph	
Adult Envelope	\$1,065.00
Student Envelope	\$10.00
Loose Plate	\$75.00
Candles	\$2.00
Total	\$1,152.00

We have Mass intention availability at both St. Joseph and St. Thomas. If you would like to have a Mass said in honor or in memory of your loved one, please contact Raquel at the Parish Office, at 507-723-4137 to reserve a date.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend renews the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will good marriage The make your great! available Weekends are Nov 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, MN and Oct 6-8, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: **southmnwwme.org** or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

This week we remember these people in our prayers.

Tom Anderson and Mary Arnoldi



Our Shepherd of the field:

Father Matt Wiering

~Please also pray for those in need ~

Bruce Olson Mary Arnoldi Pat Dauer

Barb Axford Linda Riley **Bob Peterson**

Brett Baumann Marcie Anderson "Pickle" Riley

August 20 Ministries

Lector Doreen Kronback **EMC** Teresa Wenisch

Servers Celia Vogel & Hadynn Jenniges

Sacristan Cathy Graff

Ushers Pat Schroepfer & Gordy Wille

Gift Bearers Frasher Family

Money Counters Pat Story & Doreen Kronback

Prayer for Rain

O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. It is through your divine providence and infinite power, that the wonder and splendor of all creation surround us. How majestic is your name in all the earth. We pray to you who calms the rain waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to meet our needs.

During this time of drought, we are mindful of our dependence on you for all that sustains our body and soul.

We pray for the cooling, gentle rain that will once again bring life to the fields and crops that feed us, restore the colorful rainbow of flowers and the cooling shade of the trees. We also pray for all those who are suffering from natural disasters. May they look to you for the strength to restore their lives and

heal their wounded land. Help us to always be good stewards of your creation and care for the many resources of this earth. May your grace refresh our souls. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

~Church of St. Raphael~

Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$335,000.00	\$38,683.86	\$23,805.50
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$126.96	\$0.00
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$126.96	\$0.00

Last week's Parish Revo	enue
Adult Envelopes	\$6,758.00
Loose Plate	\$537.75
DUF	\$10.00
Air Conditioning	\$160.00
Red Heart Envelope	\$60.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$838.00
Total Income	\$8,363.75



<u>The 400 Club</u> ~ Please show your support for the 400 Club. Our loyal sellers are out and about selling tickets. **There are also tickets available in the Parish Office.** Please be supportive of this worthy

fundraiser.

Prayer to St. Raphael

The Archangel

St. Raphael, the Archangel,

Great prince of the heavenly court, you are radiant with your gifts of wisdom and grace.

You are a guide of those who journey, the consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners.

Because you are the "Healing of God," we pray you to heal the many weaknesses and ills of our body, mind, and soul, and to assist us in our needs and sufferings in this life.

St. Raphael,

As once you helped young Tobias, we ask you to guide and lead our youth, to serve Almighty God with their whole strength and to spend their lives gladly to serve the Church as priests, Brothers, and Sisters.

Amen.



We would like to welcome Larry & Rhonda Mickelson and their daughter, Mya, to St. Raphael Parish Community. We are happy to welcome you to our parish family.



We would like to welcome Jaden Mickelson, to St. Raphael Parish Community. We are happy to welcome you to our parish family.

	The 400 Club Winners	s this Week
#190	Maxine Meine	\$65.00
#135	Shelley Olson	\$65.00

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group I~

August 19 & 20, 2023), 2023
	5:30p	om	8:30am
Servers	VOLUNTEER		Austin Landkammer
	VOI	LUNTEER	Evelyn Landkammer
Lector	Jack H	[artjes	Mariah Pietig
ЕМНС	Jack H	[artjes	Donna Krueger
Accompanist	Julie P	rechel	TBA
Song Leader	Julie P	rechel	TBA
Rosary	VOI	LUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Head Usher	VOI	LUNTEER	Arland Roiger
	VOI	LUNTEER	Cher Roiger
	VOI	LUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	VOI	LUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Videographer		VOLUNTEER	

~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

Monday9:00am-12:00pm Tuesday-Friday 9:00-5:00pm Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

Aug 14—19 75% off Jeans & Jackets

Looking for volunteers on August 24th to stock shelves with new inventory.

Now accepting donations



Fall Cemetery Clean-up will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 5:00pm. Lunch will be provided afterwards.

~The Cemetery Committee

CCW DUES...It is the start of a new fiscal year. To save on postage, we ask you to PLEASE PAY YOUR \$35 DUES TODAY. You can drop it in the collection, bring it to the office, or mail to Donna Krueger, 16423 County Road 16, Springfield, MN 56087. Make checks payable to St. Raphael CCW. HONORARY MEMBERS ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING DUES. After August 30, postcards will be mailed to those who haven't paid.

~Church of St. Raphael~

Meetings & Activities

Aug 13	8:30am	Mass
Aug 15	8:30am	Mass
	4:30-7:00pm	School Open House
Aug 18	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30am	Mass
	8:30am 9:00am- 4:00pm	Mass Adoration
Aug 19	9:00am- 4:00pm	

2023 Fall Festival Cash Donations

If you would like to donate to this years Fall Festival in the form of cash, please fill out this form and submit it with your donation and you will receive credit on your 2023 Tax Contribution Statement.

Name

Amount \$

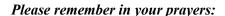


Fall Festival Raffle Tickets are ready to be picked up in the gathering space.



The Kids Games are in need of some 2-Liter Pop Bottles for the Fall Festival! All brands and flavors are accepted and appreciated!

All pop donations can be dropped off at the Parish office.



Our Shepherd of the Field:

Father Jeremy Kucera

Please pray for our parishioners this week~

Sun: Scott Helget

Mon: Steve & Chris Helget Family Tues: Kenneth & Patricia Hemmingsen

Wed: Donna Henrichs

Thur: Clete & Kathy Hillesheim Fri: Dan & Cindy Hillesheim Sat: Jenny Hillesheim Family

Weekly Candle Intentions (\$5.00 offering)

Special Intentions
Special Intentions DGF

♦ Small Votive Candles are now \$1.00 each \$Large Intention Candles are now \$5.00 each

Check out Channel 8-Cablecast

* St. Raphael Sunday Mass

Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm & Friday at 5:00 pm

*Real Life Catholic—Episode 4

Every Tuesday at 11:00am & Thursday at 7:00pm

We are beginning to collect donations for the Silent Auction for the 2023 Fall Festival. If you are interested in donating, please contact Sarah Boettger (507-227-5597) or Mariah Pietig (507-822-2634) before preparing your donation. We would like to make sure we have a variety of baskets/items and can help with theme ideas to ensure there are not several similar baskets. If you would like to donate but not prepare a basket, we will also accept monetary donations to put toward baskets that we can assemble.



~St. Raphael School~

It is the mission of St. Raphael Catholic School to bring students to a deeper relationship with Jesus while providing excellent education.

Shoe Drive: We are nearing the end of our shoe drive! So far, we have collected **2,475 pairs of shoes** for our shoe drive! We need 2,500 pairs! If you have any shoes to bring in, please do so as soon as you can! We have a drop box in the church gathering space.

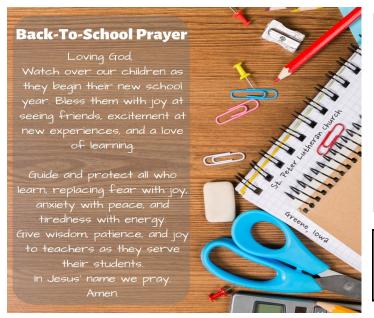
Open House and School Pictures: Our school Open House is on Tuesday August 15th from 4:30-7:00p.m. All parents and children are invited to come! This is such a fun night when we get to come together again as a school family! Please bring any completed papers from the back to school packet to Trisha, our school secretary, in the gym. Students and staff will have their school photos taken in gathering space--photo information will be in the back to school packet. Strawbridge Studios will be taking the photos again like last year. Parents and students will go to see their child's classrooms, teachers, and put their school supplies away. There will also be a taco in a bag fundraiser meal (you can eat in the gym or take it to go) done by Catholic United Financial. We can't wait to see you there!

School Supply Lists: If you have not purchased school supplies yet, the lists can be found on our website! Go to vineandbranchesafc.org and look under St. Raphael School--Supply Lists. https://www.vineandbranchesafc.org/supply-lists

Staffing: I praise God for the many blessings of fantastic staff that we have been able to hire since knowing many of our staff were not returning--but instead were moving, getting married, and retiring! I have wonderful news! I have hired Gretchen Peichel to teach 5th grade. She comes to us with a wealth of experience with children, subbing, and working as a teaching assistant. I am confident that Gretchen will be a great fit for our school and students. Welcome aboard, Gretchen! As of this moment, we are still a bit understaffed, but I have found a way to make it work. First, our fourth grade position will be taken on by myself in the morning (language arts and math), Mrs. Tanya Hovland in the afternoon (she will make sure they get to their special classes--religion, phy ed, music-- and will take on some areas such as spelling, writing, computer and art.) Mrs. Angie Lazatin will take the 4th graders in a combination with her 3rd graders for science (1st semester) and social studies (2nd semester). Secondly, Julie Prechel has graciously agreed to take on teaching music in my absence on Tuesdays. Thirdly, to make it work, the teachers will teach their own art classes as Tanya and I will be busy teaching 4th grade. I will continue my principal duties, using the time in the afternoons to do

Please continue to pray for our school and staff as we prepare our halls for God's little ones! We can't wait. It is going to be a fantastic year!

Blessings, Mrs. Beth Steffl



Mark Your Calendar

2023-2024 School Open House

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

4:00pm-7:00pm

St. Raphael Catholic School



St Raphael School will be selling rolls after Mass on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

~Youth & Adult Faith Formation ~

Registration forms are available in the gathering space on the faith formation table, on our website vineandbranchesafc.org and in an email sent this past week for the 2023-2024 faith formation year starting Wednesday, September 6.

Students who attend St. Raphael Catholic School do not need to register for Wednesday night faith formation because they receive their lessons in school. However, I will be sending home Sacrament registration forms for those in second grade so please look for those in the first week of school.

Parents of Kindergarteners have the options of Atrium and/or a homeschool packet. There is no charge for the homeschool packets. Please fill out a Faith formation registration form if you wish to receive a home packet.

Grades 1-6 will meet from 6-7pm and Grades 7-10 will meet from 7:15-8:15pm on Wednesdays starting September 6.

Grades 11 and 12 will have a parent and teen meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30pm to begin your year.

~Mrs. Karen Reindl

Will you help our mission by volunteering your time?

I am looking for a second grade catechist for Wednesdays from 5:45-7pm. By being a volunteer, you get the chance to inspire young people to learn about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

Don't worry you won't be alone!

The lesson schedule and materials are all prepared for you. You will even have a teen volunteer to assist you in the classroom each week if you would like and of course, I am willing to help where you need me.

Ask a friend to co-teach with you if you would prefer.

All catechists must be VIRTUS compliant. At this time there are eight students in the second grade faith formation class.

ministry!

St. Raphael's Adult Choir is in need of new choir robes and stoles. We estimate our current robes are almost twenty-five (25) years old. Each robe and matching stole cost around \$120. The Choir would like to purchase thirty (30) robes. If you would like to donate, make your check payable to St. Raphael's Church and earmark your check for Choir Robes. Any amount is so appreciated. Thank you for your support of our music



Catholic Charites provides personal, marriage, and family counseling. In-person sessions are now available. Call 866-670-5163 (toll free) or

507-233-5318 (local).

Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions

⊕A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for Tuesday, August 29, 2023, from 6:30-9:30pm at Church of Sacred Heart, Murdock.

\$\Psi A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6:00-9:00 pm at St. Anne School, Wabasso.

You can register online through the diocesan website www.dnu.org/safeenvironment by clicking on the large red button in the left margin of the main Safe Environment web page.



Enkindle, Rekindle, and Deepen a Living Relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist

The U.S. Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis has launched a Heart of the Revival weekly email newsletter for ongoing inspiration and information as we journey forward toward the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress.

CATHOLICS OF ALL AGES ENCOURAGED TO SIGN-UP!

It's the simplest way to stay connected to what the National Eucharistic Revival is all about.

Visit the Diocese of New Ulm website, dnu.org to sign-up for the newsletter, learn of various upcoming Eucharistic Revival events, and more.



Catholic United Financial

Matching Grant

Dine in or take out Taco in a Bag Fundraiser



Tuesday, August 15th 4:30-7:00 pm Taco in a Bag, Beverage & Cookie \$8.00

St. Raphael School Auditorium Springfield, MN

Proceeds benefit St. Raphael School

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Pillow Cleaning By Carlson's Fluff & Puff Pillow Cleaning Service

> Thursday, September 28th 6-8 pm Friday, September 29th 7:30 am-3 pm St Raphael Church Gathering Space Springfield, MN



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Proceeds benefits St. Raphael Religious Education

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