

Vine & Branches **Area Faith Community**

www.vineandbranchesafc.org

August 20, 2023 20th 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 Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 Aug 21 8:30am Mass +William Lassegard Tues (Spfld) Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 Aug 22 8:00am Mass (Lamb) Wed Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 Aug 23 8:00am Mass Thur. (Sanb) Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 Aug 24 8:30am Mass +Willis Cornelius Fri. (Spfld) Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 Aug 25 5:30pm Mass +Frank & Pat Marz Sat. (Spfld) Ruth 2:1-3. 8-11: 4:13-17: Matthew 23:1-12 Aug 26 8:30am Mass +Ernest Vogel (Spfld) Sun.

10:30am Mass –For the People

Matthew 16:13-20

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36;

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

♦Praver Chain

Aug 27 (Lamb)

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,

It was good to pray with you to celebrate the Solemnity of our Blessed Mother's Assumption on August 15th. That day always reminds me of what awaits the rest of us who want to live in perfect union with her beloved son, Jesus Christ.

There has been quite a bit happening this past week with things starting to ramp up for the new school year and faith formation. I've enjoyed getting to meet many more of you and learning about what happens here. Something to put on your calendars if you'd like... on Thursday, August 24th, I will be in Lamberton to lead the evening Burgers, Brews and Bible session at the American Legion. I think we start at seven p.m. but come early if you would like to eat and visit with the others that attend.

On Sunday morning in Springfield the installation mass with Bishop Zielinski really reminded me of how important it is that I truly listen to people on our pastoral councils, and everyone for that matter. Not just to simply do what you recommend, but to learn where everyone is at with your thoughts, feelings, and desires. From there this allows one to better discern where God is working, where the enemy is attacking and to do my best to fulfill my responsibilities with God's grace.

Back to continuing our reflections on canon law...

Can. 527 §1. The person who has been promoted to carry out the pastoral care of a parish obtains this care and is bound to exercise it from the moment of taking possession.

- §2. The local ordinary or a priest delegated by him places the pastor in possession; he is to observe the method accepted by particular law or legitimate custom. The same ordinary, however, can dispense from that method for a just cause; in this case, the notification of the dispensation to the parish replaces the taking of possession.
- §3. The local ordinary is to prescribe the time within which possession of a parish must be taken. When this has elapsed without action, he can declare the parish vacant unless there was a just impediment.

Becoming a pastor involves three elements: (1) the diocesan bishop making provision of the office, (2) the candidate making the profession of faith (see c. 833, 6° - this is what I did at my installation mass this past Sunday), and (3) the candidate taking possession of the office. Canon 527 concerns the last element. The day that I arrived and moved into the rectory I obtained the pastoral care of the parish and was bound to exercise it from that moment forward. Before that time, I had no powers whatsoever in these parishes. Bishop Zielinski prescribed the time within which the I had to take possession of the parishes, which was June 27th. If this period had elapsed without action on my part, and unless Bishop Zielinski judges that there is a just impediment, the local ordinary can declare the parish vacant. A pastor is placed in possession of the parish by the local ordinary or by a priest delegated by him; he is to observe the method of placing in possession which is accepted by particular law or legitimate custom.

God's B	lessings,
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Fr. Jeremy

~Church of St. Joseph~

Meetings and Activities

Aug 20	10:30 am	Mass
Aug 23	8:00am	Mass
Aug 24	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
Aug 27	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	\$8,346.17	\$5,770.00
Student	\$250.00	\$33.67	\$25.00
Loose Plate	\$2,500.00	\$336.56	\$428.00

Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph	
Adult Envelope	\$675.00
Student Envelope	\$0.00
Loose Plate	\$73.00
Assumption of Mary	\$205.53
Candles	\$10.00
Total	\$963.53

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 make your good marriage great! The next 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.

Diane Arnsdorf and

Greg Arnsdorf & Suzanne Pranger Family

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 27 Ministries

Lector Brenda Derickson **EMC** Gordy Wille

Servers Sydney Vogel & Max Vogel

Sacristan Jeff Strock

Ushers Bill Schaffran & Jim Imker

Gift Bearers Vogel Family

Money Counters Fred Berg & Teresa Wenisch

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	\$45,096.17	\$28,074.50
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$148.12	\$0.00
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$148.12	\$0.00

Last week's Parish Revenue		
Adult Envelopes	\$4,269.00	
Loose Plate	\$195.75	
Assumption	\$70.00	
Air Conditioning	150.00	
Adopt a Student	\$25.00	
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$433.85	
Total Income		



<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.



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

~The Cemetery Committee



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

The 400 Club Winners this Week

#392 Sheena Dauer

\$150.00

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group I~

August 19 & 20, 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 Prechel		TBA
Song Leader	Julie Prechel		TBA
Rosary	VOLUNTEER		VOLUNTEER
Head Usher	VOLUNTEER		Arland Roiger
	VOI	LUNTEER	Cher Roiger
	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER		VOLUNTEER
			VOLUNTEER
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~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

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

August 21-25 Bag Sale

Monday—\$5.00 per bag Tuesday-Thursday \$3.00 per Bag Friday \$0.50 per Bag CLOSED Saturday, Aug 26

Looking for volunteers on August 28th to stock shelves with new inventory.

Now accepting donations

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 20	8:30am	Mass
Aug 21		1st Day of School
Aug 22	8:30am	School Mass
Aug 23	1:00pm	Administrative Council Mtg
Aug 25	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30am	Mass
		NO School
Aug 26	5:30pm	Mass
		Rolls sold after Mass
Aug 27	8:30am	Mass

CCW Members—Within the next few weeks your group leader will be contacting you to either donate cakes for the cake walk, liter bottles of pop, or something special to sell at the homemade store. Please be generous and say yes to help make our Fall Festival a huge success!

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 \$



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.



Please remember in your prayers:

† Our Shepherd of the Field:

Father Jeremy Kucera

Please pray for our parishioners this week~Sun: Kris & Suzanne Hillesheim Family Mon: Martin & Hannah Hillesheim Family Tues: Matthew & Christina Hillesheim Family Wed: Matthew & Emily Hillesheim Family

Thur: Jim & Mary Hoffmann

Fri: Tim & Sonya Hoffmann Family

Sat: Delores Hogen

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 5

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 have exceeded our goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful project! Thank also to Raquel Kieper for all her hard work in organizing the fundraising project, bagging thousands of shoes, and making sure we met our goal!

Open House: This past Tuesday, we hosted our back to school Open House, complete with school pictures and a CUF taco in a bag fundraiser meal! We had 100% attendance for the families who are registered for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently, we have 82 students in preschool through sixth grade! We are so excited to welcome them back next week for the start of the school year!

Thank you: A huge thanks goes to Greg Roiger, Steve Renner, and Kelsey Vogel who have worked so hard to help clean, maintain, and organize our school for the beginning of the year! It looks amazing!

Staffing: This week I welcomed the teachers back for our before school teacher workshop. Although, to be fair, many of them have been back for weeks busily preparing for their students. Praise God, we are fully staffed now! This week we hired Mrs. Samantha Heiling to teach grade 4. She comes to us with 9 years of experience working with students in grades 4-6. We are so excited to have her on board! Mrs. Julie Prechel will still teach some music classes at the beginning of the year so I can complete the many reports and mountain of paperwork that is necessary during the first few weeks of the school year!

Auditorium Updates: Thanks to a very generous donor, our stage curtains were replaced this summer! They are now up to fire code. Our PTT organization also replaced the athletic mats on the front of the stage. They were in bad shape and not up to fire code.

Daycare Update: We are in the final stages of obtaining licensure and Katie has begun the process of registering families! Our opening date is September 11th. We plan to host an Open House this fall so that donors and parishioners can see the hard work we've put into the project.

School Roof: Our school roof repair/replacement is underway now! This project was made possible in part by our A Night in Havana Fund-a-need in 2022 (\$12,210) and through the parish's capital campaign fund. We are so happy, as this was a much needed repair. Thanks to Greg Roiger for overseeing and organizing this project!

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



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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30am—3:30pm

Hours may vary if school is closed. Please watch bulletin for notices.



Help our environment & Choices Pregnancy Center, Redwood Falls ~ In an effort to raise money for Choices Pregnancy Center, Redwood Falls, we are asking that

you please donate all empty/used Inkjet Cartridges. Cartridges should be placed in a Ziploc/plastic bag to prevent leakage and dropped off at church.



There will be **NO school at St. Raphael** on Friday, August 25, 2023.

~Youth & Adult Faith Formation ~

It's official – we have begun preparing for the upcoming year of faith formation!

There will be a Catechist meeting on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

Our first night of faith formation classes will be **Wednesday**, **September 6**. Grades 2-6 will meet from 6-7pm and grades 7-10 will meet from 7:15-8:15pm.

First graders will have their first class night from 6-7pm starting Wednesday, October 4.

If you are a parent of a kindergartener, please contact me so that I can get you a home packet for you to do with your child. My email is mrsreindl@straphaelpk-6.com

A reminder that if you have not already registered for 2023-2024 faith formation classes, to please do so as soon as possible. I need an accurate count of students to plan materials for the upcoming year. The information on the registration forms are needed so we know who to reach in the case of an emergency. Registration forms are available in the gathering space on the faith formation table, on our website vineandbranchesafc.org. and I sent out an email to families earlier last week.

Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 10:30am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church. Please pray for the junior and senior class as they continue to prepare for their confirmation. Reminder to these teens and their parents that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30pm in the auditorium/gym.

~Mrs. Karen Reindl



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 ministry!

Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions

†A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for **Monday**, **August 21**, **2023**, **from 5:00-8:000pm at Church of St. Peter**, **St. Peter**.

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

⊕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.





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).



If you or someone you know are interested in receiving Meals on Wheels, please contact Diane Johnson at 507-227-1056 to be placed on the list.

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.







Upcoming Area Events....

St. Michael's, Morgan, is hosting their fall matching grant Rummage Sale and Lunch on Friday, August 25, 2023, 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday, August 26, 2023, 8:00am-1:00pm, which is a \$2.00 a bag sale.

St. John's Parish, Searles, will be holding their Parish Festival on Sunday, August 27, 2023. A picnic style Chicken and Ham Dinner with homemade dressing will be served 10:15am-1:30pm. Outdoor dining on the grounds will be available. Take out dinners will also be offered. There will be live music, bingo, country store, games and the big-ticket raffle with over \$16,000 cash prizes. Drawing at 4:00pm. Winner need not be present to win. All are welcome!

Catholic United Financial Matching Grant

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



New Ticking of your Choice On the Spot Cleaning Returned Same Day

Proceeds benefits St. Raphael Religious Education



