



Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

www.vineandbranchesafc.org

July 16, 2023
15th 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 July 17	(Spfld)	11:00am Mass +Kathy Wenisch <i>Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1</i>
Tues July 18	(Spfld)	11:00am Mass +Presider's Intention <i>Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24</i>
Wed July 19	(Spfld)	11:00am Mass +Bernice Manderfeld <i>Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27</i>
Thur. July 20	(Spfld)	11:00am Mass +Gloria Platz <i>Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30</i>
Fri. July 21	(Spfld)	11:00am Mass +Annette Feirer <i>Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8</i>
Sat. July 22	(Spfld)	5:30pm Mass –Ed & Linda Schweiss <i>Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18</i>
Sun. July 23	(Spfld) (Lamb)	8:30am Mass –For the People 10:30am Mass +Brent Weber <i>Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43</i>

Church of St. Raphael & Area Office

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

✠Saturday 4:30—5:15pm at **St. Raphael**

✠Wednesday 7:15-7:45am at **St. Joseph**

✠Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm at **St Raphael**

◆**Prayer 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

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 your summer is going well and that you are finding time to get some rest before things start to ramp up again with a new school year, harvest, and everything else in-between.

Since my arrival here I have enjoyed the number of times that parishioners have invited me over to your homes or out to eat to get to know you. Please keep the invitations coming so that I can meet with you and get to know you.

Please also consider letting me know if there is some sort of job that you have in our parishes or some type of volunteering that you do. There is so much to learn, and it is going to take some time. I am certain that there will be growing pains during this transition. My first question is... who is taking care of the altar linens in each parish?

You should also know that Bishop Zielinski is going to be coming to our AFC to officially install me as the pastor of our parishes on Sunday, August 13th at 8:30 a.m. This will count for all our parishes. If you have never met him, please come on over and take the time to meet him.

Ok, back to Canon Law and where we left off (I think this is going to take longer than I expected, but it seems there should be time enough to get the job done):

Can. 521 §1. To become a pastor validly, one must be in the sacred order of the presbyterate.

Check, I still remember my priestly ordination.

§2. Moreover, he is to be outstanding in sound doctrine and integrity of morals and endowed with zeal for souls and other virtues; he is also to possess those qualities which are required by universal or particular law to care for the parish in question.

Well, I don't know what to say about this one. My mom has my Master of Divinity degree somewhere in her house. Does that mean I am outstanding in sound doctrine? Never thought about it that way before. Remember my homily last weekend? It doesn't matter if you are super smart and have the entire bible and catechism memorized. If there is not a childlike faith and trust in God, all of that knowledge will not be properly understood without an intimate relationship with God and real receptivity to his love, forgiveness, mercy and compassion (Mt. 11:25-30).

As far as the other requirements that a pastor should meet, I will leave that in the hands of the bishop to decide and for God to judge. And I know you'll be watching and listening as well.

§3. For the office of pastor to be conferred on someone, his suitability must be clearly evident by some means determined by the diocesan bishop, even by means of an examination.

I have no idea how it has been evident and determined that I am suitable to be a pastor. No one has ever told me, and I'm not sure I want to ask to tell you the truth. Have you parents out there ever felt like you were clearly up to the task? Maybe a little uncertainty here will help us all avoid becoming arrogant and keep us dependent upon God to lead and guide us in everything.

God's blessings,

Fr. Jeremy

~Church of St. Joseph~

Meetings and Activities

July 16	10:30 am	Mass
July 19		NO MASS
July 20		NO MASS—St. Thomas
July 23	10:30am	Mass

This week we remember *these* people in our prayers.
Steve & Heidi Wersal and Barb & Craig Wetter



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

St. Joseph Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	62,000.00	\$2,384.62	\$1,675.00
Student	\$250.00	\$9.62	\$3.00
Loose Plate	\$2,500.00	\$96.16	\$81.00

July 23 Ministries

Lector	Anita Vogel
EMC	Jeff Strock
Servers	Celia Vogel & Max Vogel
Sacristan	Jeff Strock
Ushers	Doug Decock & Jim Imker
Gift Bearers	Jared Wenisch Family
Money Counters	Doreen Kronback & Fred Berg

Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph	
Adult Envelope	\$1,070.00
Student Envelope	\$3.00
Loose Plate	\$41.00
Total	\$1,114.00

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 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.



There is no better time than right now to nurture your inner life, discover your spiritual needs, and feed your soul.

MATTHEW KELLY
I Heard God Laugh

Dynamic Catholic



worldwide marriage encounter

St. Mary's Parish
Alexandria, MN
October 28-29

To apply or for more info,
visit WWME.org or call **507-227-8229**

~Church of St. Raphael~

Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$335,000.00	\$12,884.62	\$8,557.50
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$42.32	\$0.00
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$42.32	\$0.00

The 400 Club Winner this Week		
#192	Jon Wenisch	\$150.00

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group H~

July 22 & 23, 2023		
	5:30pm	8:30am
Servers	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	VOLUNTEER	Andrew Reindl
Lector	Max Meine	Mariah Pietig
EMHC	Max Meine	Dcn Barry Reindl
Accompanist	Julie Prechel	Kathleen Goedtke
Song Leader	Julie Prechel	David Goedtke
Rosary	Jane Irlbeck	Jackie Roiger
Head Usher	Steve Meine	Luke Roiger
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Videographer	Elliott Maleska	

Last week's Parish Revenue	
Adult Envelopes	\$5,926.50
Loose Plate	\$385.25
Candles	\$13.00
Choir Robe Donation	\$1,150.00
Peter's Pence	\$40.00
Playground Donation	\$75.00
School Memorial	\$200.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$441.85
Total Income	\$8,231.60

All are invited to join us for a Parish Potluck on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00pm in the school gymnasium. Come meet our Totus Tuus team!

~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

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

June 17-July 22

50% off Dresses & Shoes

Now accepting donations

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.

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.

CCW MEMBERS...if you are an older member and feel you no longer can be an active member due to physical or medical constraints, you can request to be put on the honorary list. You will need to contact the Parish Office or Donna Krueger (723-6395) with this request.

~Church of St. Raphael~

Meetings & Activities

July 16	8:30am	Mass
	7:30-9:30pm	Totus Tuus grades 7-12
July 17	9:00am-2:00pm	Totus Tuus grades 1-6
	11:00am	Mass
	7:30-9:30pm	Totus Tuus grades 7-12
July 18	9:00am-2:00pm	Totus Tuus grades 1-6
	11:00am	Mass
	7:30-9:30pm	Totus Tuus grades 7-12
July 19	9:00am-2:00pm	Totus Tuus grades 1-6
	11:00am	Mass
	7:30-9:30pm	Totus Tuus grades 7-12
July 20	9:00am-2:00pm	Totus Tuus grades 1-6
	11:00am	Mass
	7:30-9:30pm	Totus Tuus grades 7-12
July 21	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	9:00am-2:00pm	Totus Tuus grades 1-6
	11:00am	Mass
July 22	5:30pm	Mass
July 23	8:30am	Mass
		Rolls sold after Mass

Summer Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm
Friday CLOSED

Hours may vary, please watch bulletin for notices.

Banns of Marriage II

Daniel Paur & Nicole Flemming
will be united in Marriage on July 29, 2023

Visit www.dnu.org/liturgy-matters to learn about the Mysteries of the Sacred Liturgy, the Mass. These are reflections on the Sacred Liturgy by Bishop Chad W. Zielinski

Please remember in your prayers:

✠ Our Shepherd of the Field:

Father Jeremy Kucera

Please pray for our parishioners this week~

Sun: Joseph Guttum & Tonia Richert

Mon: Emmett Haala

Tues: Gene Haas

Wed: Mary Haas

Thur: Shirley Hacker

Fri: Eric & Amanda Hall Family

Sat: Randy & Kay Halter

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 6:00 pm

***Crossing the Goal: Marks of a True Christian—
Episode 12**

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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Mass at 10:30 AM

Watch the bulletin for more information!

~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.

Daycare Update: Our daycare is scheduled to open on September 11, 2023.

Part-time Daycare Employee Needed: We are seeking a part-time daycare employee that will begin on September 11, 2023. I will share a job posting with more details on our school Facebook page very soon. Qualified applicants should be flexible, love working with children, and be willing to do the necessary trainings required. Prior experience in a daycare setting is not required, but experience with children is preferred. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them send a cover letter, two letters of recommendation and a personal resume to mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com.

School/Teacher Update: We are still seeking and wanting to hire a 4th grade teacher and a 5th grade teacher. Please encourage any educators you know to talk to me or apply. To apply- applicants should email a cover letter, two letters of recommendation and a personal resume to mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com. We still plan to move forward during the 2023-2024 school year with preschool through grade 6 plus our new daycare program.

Shoe Drive: So far, we have collected **1,025 pairs of shoes** for our shoe drive! We need 2,500 pairs by August 7th! This helps us raise money for our school, reduces waste in landfills, and helps people in developing countries start their own business. If you have extra shoes that your children have outgrown or have some that you are not using, please bring them in! We have a collection box in the church gathering space.

Blessings,

Mrs. Beth Steffl



YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR KIDS

JUST BY DONATING YOUR SHOES

We are collecting shoes again! The drop box is located in the Gathering Space. We are accepting all gently worn, used and new shoes.

PULL TOGETHER. Save your pop tabs and bring them into the Gathering Space and add them to our pop tab collection house. Once the house is full, we will make a delivery to Cash Heemeyer in Marshall so he can deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House.

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.

~Youth & Adult Faith Formation ~

Parts of the Mass week 7:

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Altar being prepared and the gifts being brought forward. The gifts are made of “many”. Many dollars to make the contribution, many grapes to make wine, many grains to make bread, many people to make the church.

The Eucharistic prayer allows us a chance to offer small prayers of our own throughout the larger prayer that Father is saying. For instance, we sing with the angels as we acclaim Holy, Holy, Holy. The book of Revelation tells us that this is the song sung in heaven and we get to sing *with* them!

We pray for our family and friends when we hear the words, “Remember, Lord, your servants and all gathered here.” We pray for our loved ones that have died when Father prays “remember also, Lord, your servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith....”

We pray with the Saints as we ask that we be admitted into heaven upon our death.

The Eucharistic prayer consists of the “words of consecration.” These are the very words of Jesus to us at the last supper. The bells are rung to help us hear the sweetness of this transubstantiation (when the humble bread and wine become the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Himself!) A great time to add the prayer, “Thank you Lord!”

~Mrs. Karen Reindl



Please help us welcome our Totus Tuus Team: David Rabaey, Hazel Chvatal, Maryanne Larsen, and Luke Hasson. We are excited to have them with us this next week!

Meet Your Totus Tuus Team!
TEAM SACRED HEART



Birthday:
Feb. 27, 2002.
Hometown:
Ghent, MN.
Favorite food:
Pesto Octopus.

DAVID RABAEY

Confirmation Saint: St. John Bosco.
School/Major: SJV/Seminarian.
of siblings and rank: 2nd of 8.



Birthday:
May 14, 2003.
Hometown:
Litchfield, MN.
Favorite food:
Ice Cream.

HAZEL CHVATAL

Confirmation Saint: St. Martha.
School/Major: North Dakota State University/Architecture
of siblings and rank: 1st of 3.



Birthday:
April 30, 2003.
Hometown:
Morgan, MN.
Favorite food:
Any soup!

MARYANNE LARSEN

Confirmation Saint: St. Maria Goretti.
School/Major: Lake Area Tech/
Physical Therapist Assistant
of siblings and rank: 5th of 6.



Birthday:
Oct. 29, 2001.
Hometown:
Sicklerville, NJ.
Favorite food:
Hamburgers.

LUKE HASSON

Confirmation Saint: St. Paul.
School/Major: University of Mary/
Philosophy.
of siblings and rank: 2nd of 8.



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.



Catholic Charities provides personal, marriage, and family counseling.

In-person sessions are now available. Call 866-670-5163 (toll free) or

507-233-5318 (local).



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!

Totus Tuus

PARISH PROGRAM INFORMATION

- To be kept for your information -

Cost: 1st child \$15, \$10 each additio

Registration and payment is due: July 15, 2023

The grades 1-6 program starts at 9 AM on July 17, 2023 and ends at 2:00 PM on July 21, 2023

The grades 7-12 program starts at 7:30 PM on July 16, 2023 and ends at 9:30 on July 20, 2023

The location Totus Tuus will be held at is: St. Raphael Catholic Church and school. Enter through the gathering space doors.

For questions (or in case of emergency), contact: Karen Reindl, at 507-227-5667

Additional notes: Please plan to bring and attend the potluck on Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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Totus Tuus

YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM

- To be turned in along with payment -

Please return this form (and payment) to:

Parent's Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Email address: _____ Home parish: _____

Emergency contacts

1. _____
name relationship to child phone #

2. _____
name relationship to child phone #

Participating children

Child's name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade (in Fall): _____

Child's name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade (in Fall): _____

Child's name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade (in Fall): _____

Child's name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade (in Fall): _____

Any allergies or conditions we should be aware of? _____

Video/Photograph Permission

[] We consent to the use of any video images, photographs, audio recordings, or any other visual or audio reproductions that may be taken of our child/ward during the event to be used, distributed, or shown as the Diocese of New Ulm or parish sees fit.

Permission form

I, _____ grant permission for the above stated child(ren) to participate in Totus Tuus and I warrant that my child(ren) is(are) in good health. In consideration of my child(ren)'s participation, I agree to indemnify St. Raphael Catholic Church and the Diocese of New Ulm from any claims or lawsuits brought against St. Raphael Church /Diocese of New Ulm by myself, my child(ren), or others, that arises out of any behavior by my child at Totus Tuus. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by St. Raphael Catholic Church and the Diocese of New Ulm in defense of such a claim/suit. As parent or guardian, I agree to all of the above-stated considerations and conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____