

Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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July 23, 2023 16th 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		No Mass	<u>Chur</u>
July 24		Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42	20 W V
Tues	(Spfld)	8:30am Mass +Tom & Elaine Miesen	Spring
July 25		2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28	Email:
Wed	(Lamb)	8:00am Mass	Prayer
July 26		Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9	Chur
Thur. July 27	(Sanb)	8:00am Mass Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17	400 W Lambe & St. 7
Fri.	(Spfld)	8:30am Mass +Denton Kohlhof	Email
July 28		Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23	Prayer
Sat. July 29	(Spfld)	5:30pm Mass +Dick & Dorothy O'Callaghan <i>Exodus 24:3-8; John 11:19-27</i>	Pasto
Sun.	(Spfld)	8:30am Mass +Linda Lang	Fr. Jer
July 30	(Lamb)	10:30am Mass –For the People	fatherje
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

⊕Wednesday 7:15-7:45am at St. Joseph ⊕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,

This past week the priests of our diocese had a dinner party at Bishop Zielinski's residence for our retired priests. It was good to see some of the guys and spend some time catching up on what has been happening. Please keep Fr. Tony Stubeda in your prayers. He shared with us via email that his cancer has spread and he's starting his chemotherapy.

Thank you for the continued invitations to meet with you and get to know you. I'll do my best to continue these visits and meet with as many of you as I am able.

Please keep Warren Arndt and his family in your prayers. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph's in Lamberton. By the time you read this article we will have celebrated his funeral mass on Saturday, July 22nd. It has been an honor getting to know his family.

Today we pick up our continued reflections on what Canon Law has to say about pastors. I ask you to be patient if this stuff does not interest you. Soon enough it will become more practical, and we'll get to the canons that impact us more directly. In the meantime, some of you may find the following interesting.

Can. 522 A pastor must possess stability and therefore is to be appointed for an indefinite period of time. The diocesan bishop can appoint him only for a specific period if the conference of bishops has permitted this by a decree.

In my letter of assignment there was not a set number of years that I am guaranteed to be in this AFC, but we can see that by being your pastor the Church says I must "possess stability". In part, I can't simply be moved around every year if I am a pastor. However, circumstances can arise where one's time may be shorter if needs arise for a priest to go to a certain assignment because of gifts and needs of the diocese. So, you could be stuck with me for a while, or not. Only God knows in the end.

If we think about it, it would be very difficult on parishioners and priests to be constantly shuffling priests around. Don't you think it would make planning that much harder? Also, I think having the continuity necessary to first learn who the people are and then use the gifts that God has given to a particular priest at a particular time in a particular place for a particular people seem to be important as I reflect upon this canon.

Well, that was my two cents on the matter. However, we can look at what a commentary on this canon has to say and see what the experts have to add. After the 1983 Code of Canon Law was promulgated the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a decree in November of 1983 stating, "In accord with canon 522, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that diocesan bishops may appoint pastors to a six-year term of office. The possibility of renewing this term is left to the discretion of the diocesan bishop.".

The "New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law" states:

This decree was promulgated by the president of the NCCB/USCC on September 24, 1984. Therefore, in the United States, a diocesan bishop may choose to appoint pastors for a six-year period, repeatedly renewable, but he is not bound to do so. He may continue to appoint pastors for an indefinite period. If a pastor is appointed for a definite term, his office ends not precisely when the six years have passed but when the competent authority communicates to him in writing that the years have passed and the term has ended (see c. 186). If the pastor is not so informed, he retains the office of pastor even though the six years have passed but can be legitimately removed by the competent authority anytime thereafter.

Furthermore, the pastor appointed for a definite term is free to seek a transfer before the term is completed. The diocesan bishop is also free to invite him to accept a transfer to another parish. If the pastor refuses, the diocesan bishop may use the process for the transfer of an unwilling pastor (cc. 1748-1752).

~Church of St. Joseph~

Meetings and Activities

July 23	10:30 am	Mass
July 26	8:00am	Mass
July 27	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
July 30	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	\$3,576.93	\$2,560.00			
Student	\$250.00	\$14.43	\$4.00			
Loose Plate	\$2,500.00	\$144.24	\$85.00			

Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph			
Adult Envelope	\$885.00		
Student Envelope	\$1.00		
Loose Plate	\$4.00		
Sacramental Offering	\$8.00		
Diocese of New Ulm	\$9.00		
Total	\$907.00		



Please remember in your prayers Warren Arndt, who recently passed away. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

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.

This week we remember *these* **people in our prayers.** *Dave & Barb Wille and Gordon & Katy Wille*

~Pleas	t he field: <i>ering</i> e in need ~	
Bruce Olson	Mary Arnoldi	Pat Dauer
Barb Axford	Linda Riley	Bob Peterson
Brett Baumann	Marcie Anderson	"Pickle" Riley

July 30 Ministries			
Lector	Cathy Graff		
EMC	Teresa Wenisch		
Servers	Sydney Vogel & Koyer Alms		
Sacristan	Teresa Wenisch		
Ushers	Jim Imker & Gordy Wille		
Gift Bearers	Jeremiah Frasher Family		
Money Counte	rs Kylie Jenniges & Marg Weber		

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.



~Church of St. Raphael~

Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
Annual Budget Budget to Date Received to Date				
Adults	\$335,000.00	\$19,326.93	\$11,155.50	
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$63.48	\$0.00	
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$63.48	\$0.00	

Last week's Parish Revenue		
Adult Envelopes	\$2,598.00	
Loose Plate	\$295.93	
Capital Improvement	\$10.00	
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$482.10	
Total Income	\$3,386.03	

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.

Did you know we have an *Electronic Contribution Form* you fill out and turn into the Parish Office if you would like to schedule regular withdrawals from your account? They can be found at the church entrances or printed off from our website at:

https://www.vineandbranchesafc.org/stewardship-1/



Address, Phone, Membership Changes?

Please remember to update the office on any address, phone, or membership changes for yourself or your children, especially if they have completed their post-high school education. Thank you!

The 400 Club Winners this Week

#283	Al Plotz	\$65.00
#346	Kay Voge	\$65.00

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group H~

July 29 & 30, 2023

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	5:30pr	n	8:30am
Servers	VOL	UNTEER	Austin Landkammer
	VOL	UNTEER	Evelyn Landkammer
Lector	Bev Ful	ts	Jim Miesen
ЕМНС	Bev Ful	ts	Dcn Barry Reindl
Accompanist		ТВА	ТВА
Song Leader		ТВА	ТВА
Rosary	Jane Irll	beck	VOLUNTEER
Head Usher	VOL	UNTEER	Gerard Landkammer
	VOL	UNTEER	Brooklyn Sturm
	VOL	UNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	VOL	UNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Videographer		Brayden St	turm

~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

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

June 24-July 29 50% off All Clothing July 27th

Congratulations to Jax Schumacher coloring contest winner and Annie Blumhoefer, Betty Amsden, Jolene Sanderville Christmas in July winners! 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.

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 23	8:30am	Mass
		Rolls Sold after Mass
July 25	8:30am	Mass
July 28	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30am	Mass
July 29	5:30pm	Mass
July 30	8:30am	Mass

Summer Parish Office Hours

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

Hours may vary, please watch bulletin for notices.

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.

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

THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS YOU NEED TO DO, AND THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU NEED TO ALLOW GOD TO DO IN YOU.

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Please remember in your prayers:	fllt.
✤ Our Shepherd of the Field:	N.L
Father Jeremy Kucera	U
Please pray for our parishioners this week~	
Sun: Michael & Cassandra Halter Family	
Mon: Ted & Anna Halvorson Family	
Tues: Jack & Marleen Hartjes	
Wed: Randy & Rose Haseleu	
Thur: Kathleen Hauger	
Fri: Mark & Denise Hauger Family	
Sat: Warren & Cathy Hauger	
Weekly Candle Intentions (\$5.00 offering)	
Special Intentions	
Special Intentions DGF	
✤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
*Real Life Catholic—Episode 1
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: So far, we have collected **1,250 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.

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 <u>mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com</u>.

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 <u>mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com</u>. We still plan to move forward during the 2023-2024 school year with preschool through grade 6 plus our new daycare program.

Blessings,



Mrs. Beth Steffl

Mark Your Calendar

2023-2024 School Open House

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

4:00pm-7:00pm

St. Raphael Catholic School



A special "Thank You" to everyone who has supported our Rolls, Apple Pie, Apple Crisp, and Rhubarb Pie fundraisers during the 2022-2023 school year! Because of the generosity

of Marie Gervais and her staff with preparing and baking these delicious desserts, as well as your willingness to purchase these goodies, our school has received \$2,244.10 for rolls and \$4,020.96 for pies and crisps.

We look forward to continuing this fundraiser in the 2023 -2024 school year!

Parts of the Mass week 8:

The Communion Rite begins with the Lord's prayer, the Our Father. Father Jeremy invites us to pray this prayer together, "at the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching". Jesus gave us this prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.

The Lord's prayer is one of those prayers that we learn at a very young age, it's actually a prayer that the first graders need to memorize! We know it by heart, we say it at every Mass, this prayer should direct our minds and hearts toward God. The Lord's prayer consists of seven petitions, or prayerful requests. The first three are "thy" and the last four are "us". We fold our hands together as we pray....

"Our Father..." Jesus tells us to call God Father, this is really an incredible thing to say when we consider that it is God who forms us from two microscopic cells into a living, breathing, moving, thinking being! Not a single one of us is an accident – God has purposefully brought each and every one of us into His creation for a reason. He does not demand to be called by a name that shows His greatness and power over us but rather, Father. Humbling isn't it! Also, notice it is OUR Father, not just me, not just you but us together as a community, a family.

"Hallowed be thy name..." God's name is already holy but the prayer is asking that God make His name holy to *all* people.

"Thy kingdom come..." We are praying for the coming of the kingdom of God here and now in our everyday lives as well as the return of Jesus at the end of time.

"Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...." We ask God that our will be made to His divine will. We ask that we desire for our lives what God wants for us. Jesus shows us this when he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest on Holy Thursday. "Not my will but yours be done"

"Give us this day, our daily bread..." This petition expresses our trust that God provides for us physically, literally our daily food, and spiritually, the Word of God and the Bread of Life which is His son Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, together are the Mass.

"Forgive us our trespasses...." We beg God for mercy for the times we sin and to give us the strength to forgive others who wrong us.

"Lead us not into temptation...." God does not tempt us with evil. With this petition we are asking God to help us avoid the temptation that the devil puts before us, we are asking God to help us choose Him.

"But deliver us from evil....." The Catechism (CCC 2851) teaches that the "evil" in this petition is not an abstract evil but rather the devil himself. We are placing our trust in Christ and his victory over evil on the cross.

As you can see the familiar Lord's prayer is full of meaning.

After praying the Lord's prayer we offer each other the sign of peace.

~Mrs. Karen Reindl

Thank you to the Totus Tuus team for a great week of learning and fun. To Clarice Platz and the teen volunteers for helping with the meals, snacks and skits. Thank you to the parish members for attending the pot luck on Wednesday evening and to Fr. Jeremy for offering the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist daily as well as reconciliation and adoration time. It was a fun filled week!

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 Area Events~

