

# Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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July 9, 2023 14th 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**

Church of St. Raphael & Area Office Mon Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 July 10 20 W Van Dusen Street ~ 507-723-4137 Springfield MN 56087 8:30am Mass +John Augustin Tues (Spfld) Email: straphael@newulmtel.net Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 July 11 Praver Chain-Karen Brandl 507-920-6709 8:00am Mass Wed (Lamb) Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Church of St. Joseph July 12 *Matthew 10:1-7* 400 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, PO Box 458 8:00am Mass Thur. (Sanb) Lamberton MN 56152 Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; July 13 & St. Thomas Oratory, Sanborn MN Matthew 10:7-15 Email stjoseph@centurylink.net 8:30am Mass +Ardis Olson Fri. (Spfld) Prayer Chain-Sue Imker 507-829-1846 Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 July 14 5:30pm Mass +Edward & Veronica Groebner Pastor Sat. (Spfld) Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; July 15 Fr. Jeremy Kucera Phone: 507-828-5247 Matthew 10:24-33 fatherjeremykucera@hotmail.com 8:30am Mass –For the People (Spfld) Sun. Deacon 10:30am Mass +Jim Wenisch July 16 (Lamb)

#### **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

Matthew 13:1-23

#### **♦**Praver Chain

507-920-6709, 507-276-2887, 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.

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23;

➤ Mass Stipend \$10.00

➤ Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 1:00pm

Dcn. Barry Reindl Phone: 723-5952 barkmr@gmail.com

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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,

Thank you very much for the warm welcome to the area this past week. It was a joy getting to meet some of you and visit others at our three churches.

One of the interesting things I kept running into during my first week with you were the different ways in which people tried to be accommodating and respectful of my role as a pastor. Your comments ranged from this being "my show", to "you're in charge", to "whatever you want Father".

I think there are many different ways people view who a pastor is and what his role is in a parish. I've heard others throughout the years say things along the lines of "this is our parish" and that "this is how we do things around here, Jeremy" (in other words these were threats where people were telling me that you're not in charge priest, we are).

I've seen examples of both ends of the spectrum when it comes to people's view of a pastor and his role in a parish. There have been obsequious behaviors of being overly obedient to a pastor when certain authority should be given to God alone. Then there is also the downright rebellion and rejection of God's will that is expressed in a pastor's authority. Neither example is good.

I'm hoping this article, and maybe a few others to follow, is a good place to just look at what the Church says about pastors from the Code of Canon Law and maybe we can learn together (it's been nine years since I was last moved so this is a refresher for me too).

Can. 519 The pastor (parochus) is the proper pastor (pastor) of the parish entrusted to him, exercising the pastoral care of the community committed to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for that same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the cooperation of other presbyters or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according to the norm of law.

We see here that a pastor is given the pastoral care of a community under the bishop's authority which ultimately comes from being a successor of the apostles who were chosen by Jesus himself. Any authority I have as a pastor comes from the bishop and I am supposed to work with him and support his mission of teaching, sanctifying, and governing our parishes. Of course, this comes with the needed help and cooperation of Deacon Barry and others in our parishes.

This is where I would like to take a moment to simply reflect on authority. One of the most important lines that I have ever heard came from a priest from Malta who once told me that there is no true pastoral authority without pastoral charity. In other words, if I am simply a bump on a log or a bad man, no one is going to want to follow and listen to anything that I have to say. And why would you? If I fail to portray the love of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, it makes it so much harder to lead and have people follow with the authority given to me to exercise. With each passing day, seeing how far I am from the perfection of Jesus is daunting. Yet, I must trust in his love, forgiveness, mercy, and compassion (I'll bet all of you parents out there know what this feels like).

Why don't we stop here and agree to pray for each other that we follow as best we can the model that Jesus has given. Maybe we'll be able to dig a little bit deeper in the coming weeks and dive into the details where we've only scratched the surface in this article.

God's blessings,

Fr. Jeremy

# ~Church of St. Joseph~

# **Meetings and Activities**

July 9	10:30 am	Mass
July 12	8:00am	Mass
July 13	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
July 16	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	\$1,192.31	\$605.00			
Student	\$250.00	\$4.81	\$0.00			
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$2,500.00	\$48.08	\$40.00			

Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph		
Adult Envelope	\$605.00	
Student Envelope	\$0.00	
Loose Plate	\$40.00	
Votive Candles	\$5.00	
Total	\$650.00	

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.



This week we remember these people in our prayers.

Jared & Mee Wenisch and Teresa Wenisch



# 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

# **July 16 Ministries**

Lector Jane Zimmermann EMC Gordy Wille

Servers Joseph Strock & Adeline Wenisch

Sacristan Cathy Graff

Ushers Kevin Zimmermann & Pat Schroepfer

**Gift Bearers** Jeremiah Frasher Family

Money Counters Diane Arnsdorf & Teresa Wenisch



The Red Cross Lamberton community blood drive will be Thursday, July 13, 2023, from noon to 6 PM at the Lamberton Legion. If you are interested in donating and would like an

appointment for that day, please contact Deb Furth @ 507 -227-3293, Jan Benedict at 507-221-1966, or make your appointment on-line at www.redcross.org. We would appreciate your donation as there is a blood shortage and all donations are very much appreciated.

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	\$6,442.31	\$2,631.00
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$21.16	\$0.00
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$21.16	\$0.00

Last week's Parish Revenue			
Adult Envelopes	\$2,631.00		
Loose Plate	\$479.30		
Assumption	\$20.00		
Air Conditioning	\$20.00		
Adopt a Student	\$10.00		
Peter's Pence	\$65.00		
CCW Donation	\$45.00		
Good Neighbor Thrift Donation	\$30.00		
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$439.62		
Total Income	\$3,739.92		

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters.

# 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.

-	The 400 Club Winners this Week				
#123	Richard Dauer	\$65.00			
#31	Lisa Reiner	\$65.00			

# ~ Serving next Funeral will be Group H~

July 15 & 16, 2023				
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Servers	VO	LUNTEER	Oliver Ludewig	
	VO	LUNTEER	TJ Reindl	
Lector	Max N	1eine	Laura Bast	
ЕМНС	Max Meine		Den Barry Reindl	
Accompanist	Bailey Cords		Bailey Cords	
Song Leader	TBA		TBA	
Rosary	Jane Ir	·lbeck	VOLUNTEER	
Head Usher	Terry Ochs Steve Meine		Arland Roiger	
			Cher Roiger	
	VO	LUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	
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# ~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

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

# June 10-July 15

Let's Celebrate Christmas in July! With Christmas, we will have a surprise sale!

Now accepting donations



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!

St. Johns Lutheran Church, Springfield, offers a free meal every Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30pm. There is **no** cost to those who attend. Everyone is welcome.

# ~Church of St. Raphael~

# **Meetings & Activities**

July 9	8:30am	Mass
July 10	8:30am	Mass
July 14	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30am	Mass
July 15	5:30pm	Mass
July 16	8:30am	Mass

#### **Summer Parish Office Hours**

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

Hours may vary, please watch bulletin for notices.

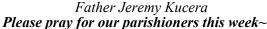
# Banns of Marriage I

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

# Fly-in/Cruise-in Airplanes, Classic Cars & Motorcycles and Vintage Tractors All are welcome! Pancake Breakfast Sunday, July 30 8 AM-12 PM Springfield Municipal Airport D-42 Pancakes, Sausages, Fruit, Milk, Juice, Coffee \$10 Adults; 5-12 years \$5; 4 years and under FREE 1 Free Breakfast for PIC, Classic Car, Motorcycle and Tractor Drivers Sponsored by Springfield Area Lions Club and Springfield Area Lions Club and Springfield FFA Allumni

# Please remember in your prayers:

† Our Shepherd of the Field:



Sun: Joe Groebner

Mon: Ken & Sherry Groebner

Tues: Nicholas & Sarah Groebner Family Wed: Richard & Jayna Groebner Family

Thur: Ron & Peggy Groebner

Fri: Loren Groff

Sat: Richard & Adela Guinn

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 11

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.

**Daycare Update:** Our daycare is scheduled to open on September 11, 2023. Katie has been working very hard to set up the room and obtain the needed materials! She has also been busy connecting with families on our waiting list and securing enrollment for when we open. Thanks to Bev for all her work in ordering all the items needed! Greg has been working with contractors and vendors to finish up all the final building and maintenance things needed before opening such as adding extra outlets in the room and getting the sink working. I will update everyone when we have more to share!

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 <a href="mailto:mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com">mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com</a>.

**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 <a href="mailto:mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com">mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com</a>. 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 950 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



# 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.



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 6:

The Gospel is the highlight of the Liturgy of the Word. We stand in reverence as Deacon Barry or Father Jeremy processes with the Gospel to the lectern, he says a silent prayer and we all trace a small cross on our forehead as we pray, "May Your words be in my mind" then a small cross on our lips, "On my lips" and lastly on our hearts, "and in my heart". The Gospel is about the direct teachings of Jesus, when he was alive and walking on this earth.

The church has organized the Gospels and readings to be on a three-year rotation. The fourth Gospel, the Gospel of John, is proclaimed every year during the Easter season.

After the Gospel is the homily. The word homily is Greek meaning explanation. Then we all stand as we reaffirm and entrust ourselves to God as together we say the Nicene Creed.

The Liturgy of the Word finishes with the prayers of the faithful. These are organized from an outward to inward fashion. For instance, we pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Chad, Father Jeremy and Deacon Barry. The last prayer of the faithful is one where we add our own intentions. We each offer a prayer of thanksgiving or need to God and everyone in the church prays that prayer with you as we all respond, "Lord hear our prayer".

Attending Mass is a communion of people praying, worshiping and celebrating together.

~Mrs. Karen Reindl

**Teens, get vour service hours completed** in a fun way by volunteering to help with Totus Tuus! Volunteers will help the team with skits, walking with kids to other areas for bathroom break, snack and joining in with outside play time.

I divided each day up into two shifts, 9-11:30am and 11:30-2pm, although you can sign up for the full day! Available times are:

Two volunteers for Monday July 17 11:30-2pm Two volunteers for Tuesday, July 18 11:30-2pm One volunteer for Wednesday, July 19 9-11:30am One volunteer for Wednesday, July 19 11:30-2pm Two volunteers for Thursday, July 20 9-11:30am Two volunteers for Thursday, July 20 11:30-2pm Two volunteers for Friday, July 21 9-11:30am Two volunteers for Friday, July 21 11:30-2pm

Please email me at <u>mrsreindl@straphaelpk-6.com</u> with the day and times you would like to volunteer. The first to sign up gets the time! You can easily be finished with all of your service hours before the faith formation year even begins!



We are in need of student Servers for our weekend Masses. Students need to be in grade 3 or higher. Training will be made available. This is available to both girls and boys and service hours will be earned for students in grades 7-11. Please email the or call Parish Office

straphael@newulmtel.net or 507-723-4137 if your child would like to be trained.



The Totus Tuus team arrives next weekend! Youth entering grades 1-6 will meet Monday, July 17-Friday July 21 from 9am-2pm daily. They will

participate in games, Mass, and learning through skits. A snack and lunch will be served.

Teens entering grades 7-12 will meet Sunday, July 16-Thursday, July 20 7:30pm-9:30pm. They will participate in games, adoration and engaging small group discussions and of course snacks will be served. This is the week that the NET team encouraged you to attend!

I am looking for parishioners to host meals for the Totus Tuus team. The team will need to be back to Church for the evening portion of the week. Available meal dates are:

Sunday July 16 for lunch

Monday, July 17 for 5:30pm supper

Tuesday, July 18 for 5:30pm supper

Wednesday will be a potluck however if you would like to host them the potluck could possibly be moved to a different day of the week.

Thursday, July 19 for 5:30pm supper

Friday, July 21 for supper

Please contact Karen Reindl at

mrsreindl@straphaelpk-6.com or call the parish office (723-4137) and leave a message with your name and number.

# Totals Tudes PARISH PROGRAM INFORMATION

- To be kept for your information -

Cost: 1st child \$15, \$10 each add	ditio Regi	stration and paymen	t is due: July 15, 2023
The grades 1-6 program star	ts at 9 AM on July 17, 2023	and ends at 2:00 Pl	M on July 21, 2023
The grades 7-12 program sta	orts at 7:30 PM on July 16, 20	ond ends at 9	9:30 on July 20, 2023
The location Totus Tuus will	be held at is: St. Raphael Cath	olic Church and school. Ente	r through the gathering space doors
		D-1- 11 507 007 5667	
For questions (or in case of			
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Email address:		Home parish:	
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