



# Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

[www.vineandbranchesafc.org](http://www.vineandbranchesafc.org)

May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday

*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 May 29	<b>No Mass</b> <i>Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34</i>
Tues May 30	(Spfld) <b>8:30am Mass</b> +Agnes Koll <i>Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31</i>
Wed May 31	(Lamb) <b>8:00am Mass</b> +Robert Frericks <i>Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56</i>
Thur. June 1	(Sanb) <b>8:00am Mass</b> +Bobby Frericks Jr. <i>Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52</i>
Fri. June 2	(Spfld) <b>8:30am Mass</b> +Ralph Petersen <i>Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26</i>
Sat. June 3	<b>No Mass</b> <i>Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33</i>
Sun. June 4	(Spfld) <b>8:30am Mass</b> –For the People (Lamb) <b>10:30am Mass</b> +Kenneth & Esther Benedict (Spfld) <b>6:30pm Mass</b> +Bill Vogel <i>Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18</i>

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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, 507-276-2887, 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 fee 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.

## A.M.D.G.

This Sunday marks the great **Solemnity of Pentecost**. Often, this feast day is called the “birthday of the Church”—and that is certainly true, in a specific sense: it is the **birthday of the missionary-Church; the Church sent to the ends of the earth to bear witness to the Risen Lord Jesus**.

One of my great heroes, **Pope Benedict XVI**, consistently wrote and preached about the working of the Holy Spirit in both uniting the Church—the One Body of Christ—while embracing the richness of her diversity—cultures, races, languages, etc. I wish to share his words from his homily in 2006 in St Peter’s Square, Rome: “The images used by St Luke to indicate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit - wind and fire - recall Sinai, where God revealed himself to the people of Israel and offered his covenant (cf. Ex 19: 3ff.). The feast of Sinai, which Israel celebrated 50 days after the Passover, was the *feast of the Covenant*. Speaking of the tongues of fire (cf. Acts 2: 3), St Luke wants to show Pentecost as a new Sinai, as the *feast of the New Covenant*, where the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the nations of the earth.

**The Church has been catholic and missionary from her birth.** The universality of salvation is meaningfully manifested with the list of the numerous ethnic groups to which those who heard the Apostles’ first proclamation belonged (cf. Acts 2: 9-11). [...] As opposed to what occurred with the tower of Babel (cf. Gn 11: 1-9), when people wanted to build a way to heaven with their hands and ended up by destroying their very capacity of mutual understanding, **in Pentecost the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, demonstrates that his presence unites and transforms confusion into communion.**” In short, the Holy Spirit is able to take the things that we often see as occasion for competition, discrimination, or fear, and transform them into unity, a shared-life in Christ.

I have always loved the feast of Pentecost: it, regrettably, is often “overshadowed” by a lot of other things going on in our popular culture—graduation receptions, first excursions to the lake, vacations, new summer jobs, camps and activities, you name it. But **Pentecost is an occasion for us, as the Christian faithful, to recall the gifts that we have received in our Baptism and Confirmation and to strive with renewed intentionality to live by these gifts of the Spirit:** the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. Unless we strive to put them into practice, they will never bear us any fruit!

A few things to note in the weeks ahead. **Firstly, next weekend, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, St Raphael School is holding it’s annual fundraiser: A Night in Havana.** This is a tremendously significant event for our Parish—indeed, our whole AFC. Our Catholic school is a powerful tool to evangelize our youth and families: and this event is a significant way for us to support the good work happening at St Raphael School. Plus, it is a ton of fun! **I am surely biased, but I think it’s the social event of the year...so, please come out and join us for A Night in Havana.** I invite you to consult the “School Section” of the bulletin for more information.

Because of the event on Saturday evening, there will be **no Saturday evening Mass on June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Instead, our weekend **Masses will all be on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:** 8:30 am @ St Raphael in Springfield; 10:30 am @ St Joseph in Lamberton; 6:30 pm @ St Raphael in Springfield.

Also, next weekend, we are pleased to welcome **Fr Bruno Santiago** who will be coming to celebrate Mass for us on Sunday morning at St Raphael and St Joseph. Fr Bruno has spent the last six years ministering in the Diocese of New Ulm. He has been assigned to offer a weekend mission at our parishes (I will be going out to his AFC to cover the weekend Masses there). He is perhaps the holiest priest in Southwest Minnesota: please welcome him heartily to our Masses next weekend.

Lastly, let us keep in our prayers all veterans and servants in the armed forces. This **Memorial Day is an important occasion to honor those who so bravely and selflessly serve our country.** In an age of such ingratitude for this sacrifice, let us remember those who have given their lives in service to protect the values of our homeland. The sacrifice of their lives should also inspire us to work for true and lasting peace in our world. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

# ~Church of St. Joseph~

## Meetings and Activities

May 28	10:30	Mass
May 31	8:00am	Mass
June 1	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
	9:00am	Farewell Gathering for Father Garrett—St. Thomas
June 4	10:30am	Mass

This week we remember *these* people in our prayers.  
*Jeff & Karen Strock and Frank & Eleanor Trebesch*



**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	Betty Fleege

“Pickle” Riley

St. Joseph Contribution Budget July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
<b>Adults</b>	\$60,000.00	\$54,230.95	<b>\$66,257.86</b>
<b>Student</b>	\$300.00	\$271.19	<b>\$193.95</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$2,500.00	\$2,259.76	<b>\$2,291.92</b>

### Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph

Adult Envelope	\$1,075.00
Student Envelope	\$5.00
Loose Plate	\$43.00
Catholic Communications	\$113.00
Ascension	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,256.00</b>

## June 4 Ministries

**Lector** Brenda Derickson  
**EMC** Diane Arnsdorf, Pat Story, & Teresa Wenisch  
**Servers** Emily DeCock & Haydynn Jenniges  
**Sacristan** Cathy Graff  
**Ushers** Larry Weber & Vern Hillesheim  
**Gift Bearers** Jeremiah Frasher Family  
**Money Counters** Diane Arnsdorf & Cathy Graff

**Sign up sheets for annual church cleaning** are now out on the cry room table. You are encouraged to sign up on your own, with a friend or as a family. Our goal is to complete all tasks by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Cleaning supplies are available in the church basement or you may bring your own if you prefer. Please contact Beth Schaffran or Anita Vogel if you have any questions or notice that any cleaning supplies need to be restocked. Thank you for your help!

## Scattered No Longer

It is becoming increasingly difficult to conclude that we are disconnected from others in our world. When we watch the news and see families fleeing social unrest, their stories reach the depths of our hearts. The Spirit of unity inspires us to celebrate with those who are rejoicing, to mourn with those who are sorrowing, to do good, and to alleviate pain and suffering wherever we can.

**Prayer:** Open our minds and hearts, Lord God, to embrace our unity, to listen with compassion to the pain, sorrow, and suffering of others, and to build a community inspired by your Spirit.

**Join us at St. Thomas, Sanborn, on Thursday, June 1st, after 8:00am Mass, for fellowship and farewell for Father Garrett. Rolls and coffee will be served.**



# ~Church of St. Raphael~

Contribution Budget July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$335,000.00	\$302,788.57	<b>\$301,006.98</b>
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$994.52	<b>\$556.00</b>
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$994.52	<b>\$10.00</b>

Last week's Parish Revenue	
Adult Envelopes	\$3,590.00
Loose Plate	\$370.00
Ascension	\$80.00
Catholic Communications	\$258.00
Tents & Raffle Barrel Donation	\$140.00
School Gift	\$25.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$538.15
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,001.15</b>

The 400 Club Winners this Week		
#203	Duane Dauer	\$65.00
#45	Jason Reese	\$65.00

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group G~

**Please note NO Mass on Saturday, June 3rd and 2 Masses on Sunday, June 4th.**

June 4, 2023		
	8:30am	6:30pm
<b>Servers</b>	Riley Arnsdorf	TJ Reindl
	Carson Arnsdorf	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Max Meine	Laura Bast
<b>EMHC</b>	Dcn Barry Reindl	Dcn Barry Reindl
<b>EMHC</b>	Donna Krueger	Laura Bast
<b>EMHC</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Julie Prechel	Sharon Pieschel
<b>Song Leader</b>	Julie Prechel	Small Group
<b>Rosary</b>	TMIY Group	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Steve Meine	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Videographer</b>	Christina Reindl	



**St. Raphael School & Parish** is looking for cash donations for the purchase of 7 canopy outdoor tents, along with a new table top raffle barrel. Each tent is approximately \$140 and the raffle barrel is \$300. These items will be used for all outdoor parish & school fundraisers. If you are able to help us out, please place your contribution in a marked envelope "Tents/Barrel" and place in the weekend collection basket or stop by the office. Thank you

## ~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

### New Store Hours

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

### May 30-June 3

**50% off Swimsuits & Tank Tops \$1.00**

We are closed Monday, May 29th.

### Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions

✝ A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for **Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Church of St. Philip, Litchfield.**

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



### Custodial Assistant Opening



St. Raphael Church is looking for flexible, part-time (6 hours per week) custodial help with regular cleaning responsibilities.

If interested, please call Greg Roiger (507)-723-4134.




**Rhubarb is needed!** If you have some Rhubarb that you would be willing to donate, please bring it to the Parish Office Monday—Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm.

# ~Church of St. Raphael~

## Meetings & Activities

May 28	8:30am	Mass
May 29		<b>Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed</b>
May 30	8:30am	Mass
June 2	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30 am	Mass
	9:30am-4:00pm	Adoration
June 3	4:00-11:00pm	A Night in Havana Fundraiser
		<b>NO MASS</b>
June 4	8:30am	Mass
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Mass



**The Parish Office will be CLOSED**  
Friday, May 26, 2023 and Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial

**Summer Parish Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm  
Friday CLOSED  
Hours may vary, please watch bulletin for notices.

**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.

*Please remember in your prayers:*


✠ Our Shepherd of the Field:  
*Father Jeremy Kucera*

*Please pray for our parishioners this week~*

Sun: Fred Dauer  
Mon: Nicholas & Crystal Dauer Family  
Tues: Richard & Barb Dauer  
Wed: Scott Dauer Family  
Thur: Jan & Christine Davidson  
Fri: Audrey Davis  
Sat: Mary Jane Davis


*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 5**  
Every Tuesday at 11:00am & Thursday at 7:00pm



**A special Thank You** to Randy Sturm for the use of his skid loader and to Mike Krueger for the donation of gravel for the cemetery. ~Cemetery Committee



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

*Farewell  
Reception*

IN HONOR OF

*Father Garrett Ahlers*

Saturday June 17, 2023 6:30pm

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM  
20 W. VAN DUSEN ST., SPRINGFIELD

A meal will be served.  
Menu: Turkey Supreme Sandwich, Chips  
Pickles, Dessert, Drink



# ~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.*

**Happy summer!** I hope everyone is well! I have a few wrap-up items for the end of the school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me through phone or email. I plan to work most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays throughout the summer but will be taking more time off in July for vacation. If you would like to meet with me in person, I am happy to do so, but would appreciate setting up an appointment.

**Scholarship Applications:** Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year are due June 30th and will be awarded mid-July. We have been blessed with folks who regularly give to our scholarship fund, therefore we usually award partial scholarships to each family who applies. If you feel moved to help families give their children a Catholic Education, please donate to our St. Raphael Catholic School scholarship fund. This is the best time to donate!

**A Night in Havana:** Don't forget our fantastic tropically themed party/fundraiser for the school on Saturday June 3rd! I hope to see everyone there! Check out our Facebook page for more information! Meal tickets and raffle tickets are still available in the School office. You can of course purchase both meal tickets and raffle tickets at the event as well!

**New Teacher:** I have hired Mrs. Angie Lazatin as our 3rd grade teacher. I am so excited about her as she comes to us with 28 years of teaching experience in preschool through fifth grade. She has taught in both public and Catholic schools, has a ton of fun energy and will be a huge asset to our school!

**Still Searching:** We are still searching for a 4th grade teacher and a 5th grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Please continue to encourage the educators your family knows to apply! Qualified applicants may send a cover letter, copy of teaching license, resume, and two letters of recommendation to [mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com](mailto:mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com).


**Playground Project:** The school will be embarking on a playground project in the next fiscal year. The project will include removing and replacing most of the existing equipment and then using our current space plus a small part of the parking lot to create a new and redesigned space to fit our growing needs. We intend to create a fenced-in area for our youngest learners with smaller age-appropriate equipment. Then, we will add larger, new equipment for our 5-12 year old learners. We have one bid and plan and are in the process of getting another bid and plan. The Fund-A-Need portion of our LIVE auction for our A Night in Havana event will help us with the fundraising needed for this project! I will also be working on obtaining grants and other sources of funding!

Blessings,


*Mrs. Beth Steffl*



JOIN US FOR A  
**"A NIGHT IN HAVANA"**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2023  
4 PM - 11 PM  
St. Raphael Catholic School Parking Lot  
Purchase your meal tickets and raffle tickets today from any St. Raphael student or in the school office!



**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 ~

### *Lifelong Faith Formation*

*Children + Youth + Adult*



Happy Birthday! This week we celebrate Pentecost – the NEW church is born as the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles lighting in them the fire to share the good news of Jesus. We have this same light given to us at our baptism and poured out upon us at our Confirmation. The gifts from the Holy Spirit are meant to embolden each of us to share the good news of Jesus too.

Thank you to St. Anne's Craft ladies for their generous donation toward Totus Tuus meals. Your gift is a blessing!

~Mrs. Karen Reindl



**St. Raphael Vacation Bible School called Totus Tuus** is a program lead by four young adults sponsored by the Diocese. Youth in grades 1-6

participate in games, Mass, skits and learning starting Monday, July 17- Friday, July 21 from 9am-2pm each day. Teens in grades 7-12 will enjoy games, adoration and small groups for an engaging, meaningful and enjoyable week. They will meet each evening from 7:30-9:30pm July 16-20. Registration forms are located on the Faith Formation table in the gathering space or email to request a form [mrsreindl@straphaelpk-6.com](mailto:mrsreindl@straphaelpk-6.com)

### ATTENTION ATRIUM PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

The Atrium program has been running at St Raphael parish since 1989. When we were cleaning out the back storeroom, we found files of some student's work dating back to 1990. If you are a parent or former student of the program, and are interested in taking your file, the files will be in the gathering space for the next 2 weeks. If they have not been collected, they will need to be discarded. If you have questions, please feel free to call me. Shelley Olson 507.227.5826.

**Riverbend TEC** is a 3-day Catholic retreat experience at Holy Redeemer School, in Marshall, MN, focused on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. The weekend begins with registration at 9:30am on the June 24, 2023 and ends at 4:30pm on June 26, 2023. A Riverbend TEC weekend seeks to facilitate spiritual growth and a personal encounter with Christ through music, discussions, talks, prayer, Scripture, liturgy, and celebration. The retreat is open to youth age 16 to adults. To register visit [riverbendtec.org](http://riverbendtec.org)

Visit [www.dnu.org/liturgy-matters](http://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

### DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Beloved Girls' Camp!

Grades 6-8: July 22-24

Grades 9-12: July 25-28

Camp Greatness Boys' Camp!

Grades 6-8: July 29-31

Grades 9-12: August 1-4

Both Camps will take place at Schoenstatt in Sleepy Eye, MN. For more information or to register go to [dnu.org/camp-beloved](http://dnu.org/camp-beloved) (for girls camp) or [dnu.org/camp-greatness](http://dnu.org/camp-greatness) (for boys camp). Sponsored by the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

### FORMED


We would like to invite all parishioners to use the resource of FORMED. The Area Faith Community has an account and we invite you to log on and view the resources available.


To log in please follow the following steps:

- Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) on your computer/device
- On the top right side, click on "sign up"
- Click on Sign up as a parishioner
- In the Create a New Account box—type in Vine and Branches AFC. Click on the drop down for Springfield, MN, then click NEXT
- Type in your name and your email address

Everyone can create an account for themselves and their family. Formed.org has some fantastic resources for the whole family all year round, whether it is a family movie night, kids programming, a bible study, or audio talks.

~Upcoming Area Events~

**DIOCESE OF NEW ULM** 



**CORPUS CHRISTI  
EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**  
LED BY BISHOP CHAD ZIELINSKI

Join the Diocese of New Ulm's Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 pm beginning at the Diocesan Pastoral Center and ending at the Cathedral.

A shuttle will be available from the Cathedral to the Pastoral Center from 3:00-3:45 pm. There will be an opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 pm in the Pastoral Center Chapel. Please bring non-perishable food to the Pastoral Center for the Food Shelf.

After the procession, there will be prayers and Benediction at the Cathedral. Barbecue to follow in Washington Park, across from the Cathedral.

**SCHEDULE**


**3:00 PM:** Opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Diocesan Pastoral Center

**3:00 - 3:45 PM:** Shuttle from the Cathedral parking lot to the Diocesan Pastoral Center


**4:00 PM:** Eucharistic Procession from the Pastoral Center to the Cathedral ending with Benediction and a Blessing

**After the Procession:** Barbecue in Washington Park

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023**  
Diocesan Pastoral Center: 1421 6th St. N. - New Ulm  
Cathedral of the Holy Trinity: 605 N. State St. - New Ulm




**Springfield Area Food Shelf** is open Tuesday evenings 5:00-7:00 PM and Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30 AM. We are looking for volunteers to help with various jobs - call Shari Koll at 507-227-0386 to volunteer. Please consider making a donation to the food shelf this Christmas season. Springfield Area Food Shelf, PO Box 15, Springfield, MN 56087.



**Please JOIN US**

St. John's Circle of Care is inviting you to a **Family & Friends Support Group for Dementia & Alzheimer's** On Tuesday May 30th at 4:00PM at **St. John's Lutheran Home in the Marie Arndt Room**

Topics: Different versions of reality.  
Confabulation.  
Do I tell the truth or is it okay to lie?  
What is "therapeutic fibbing"?



Please contact the front desk or Chandra, Memory Care Coordinator at (507) 723-3200 or by e-mail [chandrai@silhome.com](mailto:chandrai@silhome.com) with questions/concerns  
\*Date/Time is subject to change due to accommodation, weather and unforeseen circumstances, view our page on Facebook for updates\*

**Worship in the Park**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO COMMUNITY WORSHIP DURING RIVERSIDE DAYS!**

**DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023**  
**TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**PLACE: RIVERSIDE PARK SHELTER #3**

Riverside Park is located on S. Cass Ave. - over the bridge in Springfield.  
With Music from *Gospel Express* and other local musicians!

**THE OFFERING WILL BE DONATED TO THE SPRINGFIELD AREA FOOD EMERGENCY PROGRAM.**

**PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET**  
A few extra chairs will be available - first come, first served.

**Camping visitors, families, and friends are all welcome!**




**The Springfield Area Nativity Theatre Association (SANTA)** will hold its annual summer Burger Blast Fundraiser Wednesday, June 7 at the Springfield Area Community Center. SANTA's workers will be serving the popular SANTA burgers with chips, potato salad and a beverage. Get the meal deal or just the burger for dine-in or take-out. The cost of the meal is \$10.00; burger only is \$5.00. Frozen yogurt treats will also be available. Serving times are 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy lunch, supper or both for a worthy cause.

The Springfield Nativity Pageant is presented each year free of charge as a gift from the community. There are, however, expenses connected to the production including lighting, sound and advertising. The entire cast and crew are local volunteers. Fundraisers like the Burger Blast help sustain the pageant each year. The 2023 Springfield Nativity Pageant is scheduled for Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9.