



# Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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May 7, 2023  
5th Sunday of Easter

*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 8	<b>No Mass</b> <i>Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; John 14:21-26</i>
Tues May 9	(Spfld) <b>8:30am Mass</b> +Loretta Ryan <i>Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a</i>
Wed May 10	(Lamb) <b>8:00am Mass</b> +Bobby Frericks Jr. <i>Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; John 15:1-8</i>
Thur. May 11	(Sanb) <b>8:00am Mass</b> +Doris Weber <i>Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; John 15:9-11</i>
Fri. May 12	(Spfld) <b>8:30am Mass</b> +Harold Ryan <i>Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; John 15:12-17</i>
Sat. May 13	(Spfld) <b>5:30 pm Mass</b> +Kenneth Helget <i>Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; John 15:18-21</i>
Sun. May 14	(Spfld) <b>8:30am Mass</b> +Carol Steffl (Lamb) <b>10:30am Mass</b> –For the People <i>Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21</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.

With our entrance into the month of May, things are really starting to pick up speed as we race to the end of our school year and our farmers hit the fields for planting. The hope of summer is invading our bones as some long-overdue warmth finally dispels winter's chill. And there is also a lot going on in our parishes these days.

The month of **May is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary.** As Springtime brings the excitement of new life, Mary reminds us of the Life that gestated for nine months within her sacred womb—Jesus our Savior, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It's so important to **cultivate a devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary.** She offers us an example of humility, docility toward the will of God, and prayer. She is the only person in the Scriptures greeted as “full of grace;” she is the Mother of the Church, and the Queen of Heaven—and she is a powerful intercessor and mediator for us to God. At St Raphael's school, we celebrated the coronation of our Mother at the school Mass this Friday (5<sup>th</sup> May). I encourage you all to incorporate a devotion to Mary during this month: even something as simple as a Hail Mary at the end of the day, a decade of the rosary while driving to work, or bringing a flower to lay at the foot of her statue at the Church.

This weekend, at St Raphael, we will be honoring our graduating seniors of Springfield High School with **the Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday evening.** This is always a special time to pray for our soon-to-be graduates: even as they are filled with excitement and enthusiasm for their future, they are also a little frightened, nervous, and uncertain. With our prayers we support them and commend them to God's care. My prayer for them, in particular, is **that they would be made strong in faith and encouraged in fostering a meaningful relationship with Jesus through prayer, the sacraments, friendship with fellow believers, and service.**

It is also a big weekend for the **second graders at St Raphael's Church who will be making their First Communion this Sunday!** Just last weekend we celebrated this special moment at St Joseph's Church—and as I mentioned last week, as our young children for the first time make this act of communion in the life of Jesus through the Eucharist, it should be a powerful reminder for all of us: we come again and again to this sacrament of communion so that, over time, we would grow more devout, more grateful, and more attune to the spiritual reality into which we are drawn by Jesus. I am certainly grateful to our catechists who have prepared them for this sacrament, and those who will continue to nurture them in the faith in the years ahead. I also encourage our parishioners to pray not only for our first communicants, but also for their families and for ourselves; that we would be inspired by the beauty of this great sacrament and strengthened by the grace it communicates to us to remain in Jesus and to follow Him ever more faithfully.

Finally, just a word regarding *next weekend* (13/14 May); because of the large number of students involved in the annual Promenade at Springfield Public Schools, we will be having an extra Mass next weekend to which we are inviting the students attending Prom and their immediate family. **The Prom Mass, which will be earlier on Saturday evening, is open to all students, even those who do not belong to St Raphael parish. We will have our normal weekend Masses, at their usual times, available for the rest of our parishioners.**

Let us keep one another in our prayers during these first days of May.



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# ~Church of St. Joseph~

## Meetings and Activities

May 7	10:30	Mass
	10:30am-1:30pm	Sauerkraut & Dumpling Dinner
May 8	6:30pm	CCW Mother's Day Supper
May 10	8:00am	Mass
May 11	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
May 14	10:30am	Mass

This week we remember *these* people in our prayers.  
*Jim & Mary Simonson and John Simonson*



**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	\$50,769.40	<b>\$63,117.86</b>
<b>Student</b>	\$300.00	\$253.88	<b>\$184.95</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$2,500.00	\$2,115.52	<b>\$2,134.92</b>

### May 14 Ministries

Lector	Doreen Kronback
EMC	Gordy Wille
Servers	Maia Scheffler & Otto Hubert
Sacristan	Cathy Graff
Ushers	Jim Imker & Jeremiah Frasher
Gift Bearers	Mike Hubert Family
Money Counters	Kylie Jenniges & Marg Weber

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

Adult Envelope	\$885.00
Student Envelope	\$6.00
Loose Plate	\$61.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$972.00</b>

**St. Joseph's CCW will be having a basket sale** on Sunday, May 7th during the Sauerkraut dinner. We are asking each person to make a basket for the sale. Each basket will sell for \$20 so we are asking for your basket to have approximately that value. Baskets can be brought to the church social center no later than Saturday afternoon or brought to the Lamberton Legion by 10:00am on Sunday morning. Any questions please contact Cathy Graff at 752-6164 or 507-822-2294 or Jeanne Eykyn at 507-430-5955.

### Spring is coming! Come join us! St. Joseph Catholic Church Sauerkraut & Dumpling Dinner

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
**Serving from 10:30am—1:30pm**  
 Lamberton American Legion  
 106 1st Avenue E  
 Lamberton, MN 56152



Menu includes: Sauerkraut, Dumplings, Apple Sauce, Bread, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Beverage

Adults \$15.00; Children (12 and under) \$10.00  
 Take Out Orders \$15.00

Take-out & in town deliveries available.  
 Call 507-752-9985

Check out our fun gift baskets available!

**St Joseph's CCW invites all women members** of our church to join us Monday May 8th. We are celebrating Mother's Day by having a supper at 6:30pm prior to our regular 7pm meeting. Invitations were placed in your church mailbox (and mailed if hadn't been picked up). Please RSVP by May 1st to Jan Benedict @ 220-4999, Debbie Vollmer 430-1042, or Katie Alms 227-7548. All adult women of the church are considered CCW members and there's no need to be a Mother to come celebrate together!



## ~Church of St. Raphael~

Contribution Budget July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$335,000.00	\$283,461.64	<b>\$289,488.48</b>
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$931.04	<b>\$556.00</b>
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$931.04	<b>\$10.00</b>

The 400 Club Winners this Week		
#155	Pat & Amy Vogel	\$65.00
#19	Coke Richert	\$65.00

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group E~

Last week's Parish Revenue	
Adult Envelopes	\$8,393.00
Youth (grades 7-12)	\$10.00
Loose Plate	\$161.36
Easter	\$275.00
Boiler	\$400.00
Adopt a Student	\$20.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$654.41
Red Heart Envelope	\$10.00
School Memorial	\$405.00
Capital Improvement	\$10.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$959.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,297.82</b>

May 13 & 14, 2023		
	5:30pm	8:30am
<b>Servers</b>	Andrew Reindl	Oliver Ludewig
	Connor Meine	Blake Wilhelmi
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Hillesheim	Katie Wilhelmi
<b>EMHC</b>	Kathy Hillesheim	Dcn Barry Reindl
<b>EMHC</b>	Bev Fults	Karen Reindl
<b>EMHC</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	Donna Krueger
<b>Accompanist</b>	Sharon Pieschel	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	Kristina McVicker	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	Jane Irlbeck	Jackie Roiger
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	Luke Roiger
	<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 8—13**

**Mother's Day Special**

**50% off Dresses & Jewelry**



**St Raphael School** will be selling rolls after Mass on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

### We Are Saved Together

This is the time to motivate ourselves with the catchphrase: *division never, unity ever*. Let us reflect and act on our identity as the people of God, one family united in divine love. Our life of faith is one lived in fellowship and unity with one another. How will you be a sign of unity in your community?

**Prayer:** Lord God, you have saved us as your children through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Help us live in unity with one another and share with one another the gifts of your saving love.

There will be a **CCW meeting** on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space. All members are welcome to attend.

# ~Church of St. Raphael~

## Meetings & Activities

May 7	8:30am	First Communion Mass
May 8	1:00pm	Craft Ladies
May 9	8:30am	Mass
	6:30pm	Fall Festival Meeting
May 10	1:00pm	Jungle Book Kids Matinee
	1:00pm	Administrative Council Mtg
	3:15-5:00pm	Atrium—Level 1
	6:00pm	Jungle Book Kids
May 11	1:00pm	Jungle Book Kids Matinee
	6:00pm	Jungle Book Kids
May 12	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30 am	Kindergarten Graduation Mass
May 13	5:30pm	Mass
May 14	8:30am	Mass



***Congratulations to Ryleigh Shawn Davis,*** daughter of Brandon Davis & Naomi Timm, as she recently received the Sacrament of Baptism and was welcomed into the Holy Catholic Church and the St. Raphael Parish Community!

### 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 2

Every Tuesday at 11:00am \* Thursday at 7:00pm

### 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: Craig & Lori Bielen

Mon: James & April Bigelow Family

Tues: Jennifer Bliss Family

Wed: Brennen & Sarah Boettger Family

Thur: Glenna Boyle

Fri: Cory & Kari Brand

Sat: Richard & Karen Brandl

*Weekly Candle Intentions* (\$5.00 offering)

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†Small Votive Candles are now \$1.00 each

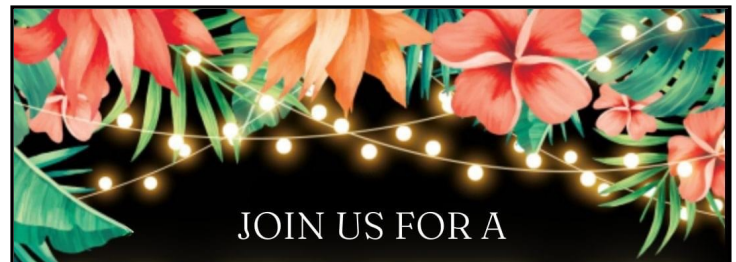
†Large Intention Candles are now \$5.00 each



### **The Prayer Chain Committee for St. Raphael parish**

is encouraging our parish members to call in their prayer intentions for our **St. Raphael Church**

**parishioners**, so they can be added to our prayer chain list. The call can be for a death, for a sick person, for a special intention, or for a specific intention other than illness or death. The call should have the approval of a family member. We also need more people to pray for the intentions of the caller. Please call Karen Brandl 507-920-6709 for help with this project.



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!

## ~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.*

**First Holy Communion:** I would like to congratulate our second graders from St. Raphael Catholic School who received their first Holy Communion this weekend. Congratulations to Adilyn Halter, Michael Hillesheim, Beau Roiger, Maverick Roiger, and Haddie Vogel. We are so excited for you as you mark this milestone in your faith journey. May God bless you on your First Holy Communion and always!

**The Jungle Book Kids Performances:** Please mark your calendars for Wednesday May 10th and Thursday May 11th for our presentation of The Jungle Book Kids. We will be doing performances at 1PM and 6PM both days. The students have been working so hard on their music and choreography, come and check it out! Admission is free and open to the public. **We have invited area schools to see our performance and so our matinee performances will be quite full. We invite parish members to instead attend our evening performances and/or our dress rehearsal at 1:00 on Tuesday May 9th so that we are not over capacity.**

**New Education Committee Members:** We are so excited to welcome two new Education Committee Members to our fantastic group! Julia Beyer and Cody Milbrath joined the committee this month and attended our May meeting this week. I can tell already that we are just getting started!

**Thank you for your Dedication:** I would like to thank our outgoing Education Committee Member Jill Riederer. I am so grateful for your help, input, and support over many years of service on the Education Committee.

**Staff Updates:** I have had some applications and interviews for some of our open teaching positions. I am thrilled with our potential candidates and will update everyone once we have made official hires. Please continue to pray for our school, staff, and students during this time of transition.

**Daycare Update:** I am delighted to let everyone know that we have hired Katie Pierson as part of our St. Raphael daycare staff. She will be working part time from now until our daycare opens as a start-up assistant to help me get things up and running. She will also be working in the daycare as a childcare provider once we open. Katie brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in working with children in a daycare setting and we are so excited to have her onboard with our new daycare program. We will likely need to hire other staff once we know our enrollment, but the next step is to continue our set-up!

**We are Hiring for Multiple Positions:** We are currently hiring for two upper elementary teaching positions and two lower elementary positions and a school secretary. Qualified teaching applicants should have a Minnesota teaching license or be eligible for one, have a passion for passing on the faith, love working with kids, and be a team player. School secretary applicants must be team players, organized, friendly and welcoming, flexible, be competent with computer skills, and be able to communicate well. To apply for all positions, please send a cover letter, resume, and two letters of recommendation to the school or to [mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com](mailto:mrssteffl@straphaelpk-6.com).

**Save the Date:** Save the date for St. Raphael's fun and exciting fundraiser, 'A Night in Havana' on Saturday June 3, 2023. We will have our meat raffles, gift card raffles, and our big ticket raffle once again! We will also have our silent and live auctions, a delicious smoked rib and meatball dinner, specialty drinks, live music, games, and more. Meal and raffle tickets go on sale soon! Make sure you put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. It is sure to be a good time!

**Little Panthers Last Day:** The last day of school for our Little Panthers is Thursday May 11th.

**Kindergarten Readiness Last Day:** The last day of school for our Kindergarten Readiness class is Friday May 12th.

**Kindergarten Graduation:** Kindergarten's first Mass and Graduation is on Friday May 12th starting with Mass at 8:30am, with the graduation reception to follow.

**Sixth Grade Graduation:** The Sixth grade class will have a special Mass honoring their graduation on Tuesday May 16th at 8:30am with a reception to follow.

**Minnesota Zoo:** The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes will be taking a field trip to the Minnesota Zoo on Wednesday May 17th.

**K-6 Last Day- May 18th:** May 18th will be our last day of school for the year for grades K-6. **There is no bussing on that day and so parents will need to transport their children to school and from school that day.** We will be going down to Riverside Park late in the morning and staying to have play time and a pizza picnic lunch in the park (weather permitting.) School will be dismissed early at 1:10.

Blessings,

*Mrs. Beth Steffl*

## ~Youth & Adult Faith Formation ~

### *Lifelong Faith Formation*

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**Congratulations to our second graders** on their receipt of the greatest gift we have ever been given – the Eucharist. I pray that you will remember this Sunday and join us next Sunday at the Supper of the Lamb.

**Seniors, I pray you enjoy the rest of your senior year**, thank you for letting us honor this occasion by attending Mass together. My dad had a saying, “Make *eternal* decisions.” Meaning, put God and your eternity first in your decision making and you will be making the best decisions, maybe not the easiest, but the best.

**The faith formation classes have ended for the year.** Thank you to all of the volunteer catechists: Erin Cowan, Shelley Olson, Karen Brandl, Robyn Walter, Katie Dauer, John Alcott, Mary Maleska, Mary Mathiowetz, Pat Dauer, Jim Miesen, Jill Riederer, Sheena Dauer, Nick and Crystal Dauer, James Herzog, Deacon Barry, and Dan O’Callaghan. I am so blessed to be able to work with you all!

**Thank you to the volunteer room helpers:** Christina Reindl, Matthew Hillesheim, Alexis Walter, Eric Fromm, TJ Reindl, Jaden Walter, Aubrey Ruhr and Layla Zihlke. You are a true blessing and great example!

~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)

### **You attended NET and loved it...now try TEC, Together Encountering Christ!**

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)

### **Weekly Faith Formation Schedule**

**May 10, 2023**

3:15-5:00pm—Atrium Level 1



### **Congratulations to our First Communicants.**

DJ Anderson, Jex Anderson, McKenzie Anderson, Oliver Beranek, Kirrah Dauer, Hudson Gartner, Adilyn Halter, Michael Hillesheim, Carly Jensen, Will Potter, Beau Roiger, Maverick Roiger, Kemper Rothmeier, Haddie Vogel, Liam Vogel, Kasen Wenisch, Zayden Zihlke.

### **Throughout this Holy Season of Easter, we will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice during Mass.**

When the Eucharist is offered under both forms—the Consecrated Host or the Chalice—one is never obliged to receive from the Chalice. **However**, if you choose not to receive from the Chalice, please make sure to reverence the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord by **bowing to the Chalice** as you pass by after having received the Consecrated host. Thank you!

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

~Upcoming Area Events~

**St. Raphael Catholic Cemetery** Burial Plots and Columbarium Niches can be purchased by calling:

- Greg Roiger  
507-227-4265
- Mike Krueger, Chair:  
507-227-5594
- Raquel Kieper,  
Sec/Treas.:  
507-723-4137



**DO YOU LIVE WITH CHRONIC PAIN?**

Call now to sign-up for a **FREE Living A Healthy Life With Chronic Pain Workshop**, designed for adults who want to take charge of their ongoing health problems. If you live with a chronic pain, this class is for you! A **FREE** workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN's Active Aging Programs. The class will meet six Thursdays, from 1:00 – 3:30 pm, starting April 27<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Springfield Community Center. All are welcome!

Pre-register by contacting Mary at 507-458-9687 or [mcassem@ccsomn.org](mailto:mcassem@ccsomn.org) by April 25th as seating is limited.

**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.

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

*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](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.



Join in celebration for the Feast of

# Fatima

A message of peace. A call to prayer.

**May 13, 2023**

8 am – 11 am  
Holy Family Church – Silver Lake, MN

Details online here: [www.dnu.org/local-events](http://www.dnu.org/local-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



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