



Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

www.vineandbranchesafc.org

November 19, 2023
33rd 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

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| Mon Nov 20 | NO Mass <i>1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43</i> |
| Tues Nov 21 | (Spfld) 8:30am Mass +Kenneth Helget <i>2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10</i> |
| Wed Nov 22 | (Lamb) 8:00am Mass +Arlene Gehlen <i>2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28</i> |
| Thur. Nov 23 | (Spfld) 9:00am Mass +Elizabeth Gaertner <i>Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19</i> |
| Fri. Nov 24 | (Spfld) NO Mass <i>1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48</i> |
| Sat. Nov 25 | (Spfld) 5:30pm Mass +Bob Ferdinandt <i>1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40</i> |
| Sun. Nov 26 | (Spfld) 8:30am Mass –For the People (Lamb) 10:30am Mass –Kenneth & Esther Benedict <i>Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46</i> |

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

✠Saturday 4:30—5:15pm at St. Raphael

✠Wednesday 7:15-7:45am at St. Joseph

◆Prayer Chain

507-920-6709, 507-441-1049, 507-227-6606

◆Good Neighbor Thrift Store 723-5778

20 E. Central, Springfield, MN

◆Office of Catholic Charities 866-670-5163

Baptism: Pre-baptism classes required - Contact AFC Office

Suggested Stipend for Sacrament of Baptism—\$25.00

Marriage: All Catholics are to contact the parish and pastor at least 6 months before their wedding.

►Mass Stipend \$10.00

►Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 1:00pm

The Mission of the Vine & Branches Area Faith Community empowered by the Holy Spirit is to bear fruit that will last as Jesus commanded: by celebrating and proclaiming our Catholic faith as disciples of Jesus using our God-given gifts; by reaching out to and welcoming all people; and by centering our lives on the Eucharist, sacraments, scripture, service and the teaching of the Church.

Hello everyone,

This past Wednesday at St. Joseph's I spent the evening with the kids at religious education to hear confessions. There were some powerful moments of God's grace breaking through all sorts of hurts, or at least showing signs of the beginning of some deeper healing. It is always a joy to walk with people through the healing power of that sacrament, which goes much deeper than simply the forgiveness of sins but works to get at the root of sin so that the Lord can free us all from our afflictions that we can't free ourselves from.

For the parishioners of St. Raphael's, I want to draw your attention to a couple of matters. Our parish administrative council has discovered that we have some big projects on the horizon. First, the beautiful stained-glass windows in the church need major repairs. The lead that holds the windows together is the original metal from when the windows were made. That is over 100 years ago from what I have been told. Each window will need to be taken out, taken apart and put back together with brand new lead that should last another 125 years. At the same time, if you closely examine the walls in the church, you will see that there are hundreds of cracks in the paint all throughout the church. It seems that every twenty years the church has needed to be repainted and we are fast approaching 2025 and the twentieth anniversary of the last time the church was painted. There is also the playground project that has been in the works and continues to move forward. The council has recommended that we do a capital campaign to help us meet the needs of the repairs and projects. We'll keep you in the loop as information comes in, but I ask you to prayerfully consider what is coming. The ballpark estimate that I can give you at this time is \$600,000. That is only a rough estimate, but I wanted you to have an idea of what is coming down the road.

I would also like to encourage you to sign up for the parish pictorial directory if you have not done so yet. From what I have been observing it has been like pulling teeth to get people to sign up. I remember when I was a kid and my family had to go and get our picture taken at St. Joseph's in Silver Lake. My dad was so grumpy that he had to do it after milking cows, and I can only imagine how many of you are grumpy as well. Maybe we can move beyond the grumpiness that I have been listening to and prayerfully consider whether it is the good and charitable thing to do for the parish. On my dresser in my bedroom, I still have that photo of my family from our parish pictorial directory, and I cherish it. I know that there are others who are empty nesters now or are widows and maybe don't want to take your picture alone. These pictures are for everyone. If you are not in there, how can you expect me to learn your names and anyone else who is new to the parish? To belong to a parish is a reminder that we belong to a much larger family that we will spend eternity with in heaven. Maybe we can do a better job of belonging to God's family and not isolate ourselves to only our earthly families. This project was in the works before I got here so I don't understand all of what has transpired but I have felt a little embarrassed by the poor behavior I have come across and find myself questioning what is at the root of the resistance. If I am missing something, please fill me in.

Soon I will be putting together some confession opportunities as Advent quickly approaches. Remember that part of our liturgical year focuses on preparing for the second coming of Jesus Christ and being prepared to meet our Lord and Savior when he comes back to earth. The Church offers us that sacred time to refocus our gaze on life eternal and not simply living in the present, but the eternal now with Jesus Christ. Confession helps us heal from the wounds that we incur when we take our eyes off of Jesus and lower ourselves to living a more worldly existence. I pray it will be a rejuvenating and healing time for us all.

God's blessings,

Fr. Jeremy

~Church of St. Joseph~

Meetings and Activities

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| Nov 12 | 10:30am | Mass |
| Nov 15 | 8:00am | Mass |
| | 6:30-7:30pm | Faith Formation Class grade 1-2 Reconciliation Grades 3-11 |
| Nov 16 | 8:00am | Mass—St. Thomas |
| Nov 19 | 10:30am | Mass |

This week we remember *these people in our prayers.*
Dan Hensch and Michael & Kari Hensch

Our Shepherd of the field:

Father Jeffrey Horejsi



~Please also pray for those in need ~

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| Bruce Olson | Mary Arnoldi | Pat Dauer |
| Barb Axford | Linda Riley | Bob Peterson |
| Brett Baumann | Marcie Anderson | |

| St. Joseph Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Annual Budget | Budget to Date | Received to Date |
| Adults | 62,000.00 | \$23,846.20 | \$20,295.10 |
| Student | \$250.00 | \$96.20 | \$99.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$2,500.00 | \$961.60 | \$1,341.55 |

November 26 Ministries

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| Lector | Pat Story |
| EMC | Teresa Wenisch |
| Servers | Celia Vogel & Max Vogel |
| Sacristan | Cathy Graff |
| Ushers | Pat Schroepfer & Doug Decock |
| Gift Bearers | Mark Vogel Family |
| Money Counters | Fred Berg & Teresa Wenisch |

| Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph | |
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| Adult Envelope | \$1,145.00 |
| Student Envelope | \$4.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$11.00 |
| Candles | \$13.00 |
| Total | \$1,173.00 |

Weekly Faith Formation Schedule

Wednesday, November 22

NO CLASSES—Thanksgiving Break

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at Our Savior's Church, Lambertton, at 7:00pm.



Please pray for the following students as they prepare for their upcoming Sacraments:

First Reconciliation/Communion – Scarlett Frasher
Confirmation – Maia Scheffler & Sydney Vogel

2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA)

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Watching the video at mass, we are reminded of the good work the DMA is doing through important ministries that parishes are not able to provide on their own. Remember, in supporting the DMA, we contribute to those important ministries in the diocese, but we also support the projects in our parishes.

As you reflect on what your pledge should be, prayerfully keep in mind God's generosity to you. This year's theme, "One in Christ", reminds us that we are called communion as a diocesan family. He also invites us into his mission—to share our gifts to bring hope to others. Be assured that contributions to the DMA will be used only for the benefit of the ministries designated in the brochure and no other purpose.



EXCITING NEWS!!! Our Area Faith Community has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our dates for photography will be: November 20 & 21 in Lambertton and November 24 & 25 and November 28—December 2 in Springfield.

Sign up is now available online at www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mn371** in the Church Code and enter **photos** in the password field. If your family consists of 6 or more people, please use 2 consecutive time slots.

~Church of St. Raphael~

| Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | | | |
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| | Annual Budget | Budget to Date | Received to Date |
| Adults | \$335,000.00 | \$128,846.20 | \$87,890.00 |
| Gr. 7-12 | \$1,100.00 | \$423.20 | \$0.00 |
| Pre K-6 | \$1,100.00 | \$423.20 | \$0.00 |

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| The 400 Club Winner this Week |
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#357 Donna Krueger \$150.00

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group C~

| November 23, 2023 Thanksgiving Day | |
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| 9:00am | |
| Servers | VOLUNTEER |
| | VOLUNTEER |
| Lector | Jim Miesen |
| EMHC | Jim Miesen |
| Accompanist | Julie Prechel |
| Song Leader | Julie Prechel |
| Rosary | VOLUNTEER |
| Head Usher | Mike Rothmeier |
| | VOLUNTEER |
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| | VOLUNTEER |

| Last week's Parish Revenue | |
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| Adult Envelopes | \$3,393.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$395.55 |
| DUF | \$100.00 |
| Thanksgiving | \$100.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$60.00 |
| Good Neighbor Thrift Store | \$1,031.99 |
| Total Income | \$5,080.54 |

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| November 25 & 26, 2023 |
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| | 5:30pm | 8:30am |
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| Servers | VOLUNTEER | Brynn Wilhelmi |
| | VOLUNTEER | Blake Wilhelmi |
| Lector | Max Meine | Denise Reiner |
| EMHC | Max Meine | Dcn Barry Reindl |
| Accompanist | Julie Prechel | Kathleen Goedtko |
| Song Leader | Jack Hartjes | TBA |
| Rosary | Jane Irlbeck | Jackie Roiger |
| Head Usher | Steve Meine | Mike Reiner |
| | VOLUNTEER | Luke Roiger |
| | VOLUNTEER | Brooklyn Sturm |
| | VOLUNTEER | VOLUNTEER |
| Videographer | Brayden Sturm | |

Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!

**Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.**

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

Gathering families,
Connecting generations.

Online Scheduling Available!
To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mn371** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

2023 Dear Family Letter

~Church of St. Raphael~

Meetings & Activities

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| Nov 19 | 8:30am | Mass |
| | | Coffee Connection |
| Nov 21 | 8:30am | School Mass |
| | 9:15am | Adult Faith Formation in Holy Family Room |
| Nov 22 | | NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break |
| | | Parish Office CLOSED |
| | | NO Faith Formation Classes—Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov 23 | | Happy Thanksgiving |
| | | NO SCHOOL |
| | 9:00am | Thanksgiving Day Mass |
| Nov 24 | 6:30-7:30am | That Man is You |
| | | NO MASS |
| | | NO SCHOOL |
| | | Parish Office CLOSED |
| Nov 25 | 5:30pm | Mass |
| Nov 26 | 8:30am | Mass |
| | | Rolls Sold After Mass |

Please remember in your prayers:

✠ Our Shepherd of the Field:

Father Steven Verhelst

Please pray for our parishioners this week~

Sun: Ricky & Angie Meine

Mon: Rita Meine

Tues: Roger & Janice Meine

Wed: Ronnie Meine

Thur: Steve & Maxine Meine

Fri: Jo Anne Meyer

Sat: Robert & Salli Meyer

Weekly Candle Intentions (\$5.00 offering)

Special Intentions

✠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 5:00 pm

***The Future Depends of Love—Episode 8**

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



NOTICE....St. Raphael Church and Gathering Space will be CLOSED for carpet cleaning from 8:00am Wednesday, November 22nd until 8:00am Thursday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving Day). Please **DO NOT** enter the church or

To view the Mass videos online, visit our YouTube channel and subscribe.



<https://www.youtube.com> and search for St. Raphael Catholic Church. You will see a picture of our church.

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 Parish Office will be CLOSED Wednesday, November 22—Friday, November 24, 2023 for Thanksgiving.

~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

Monday-Friday 9:30am-4:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

November 20-25

Closed November 23—Thanksgiving

50% off Board Games & Toys

Now accepting Fall/Winter Clothing Donations



St Raphael School will be selling rolls after Mass on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

~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.

Greetings!

Candy Bar Sales and Advent Calendars for Sale: We still have some candy bars in the office for sale for \$1.00 per bar. We have wafer, crisp, and almond varieties left! Seek out a St. Raphael Catholic School family or stop by the office to purchase some! We also have chocolate Advent calendars for sale for \$5.00 each. We have two different styles. To purchase one, please contact a St. Raphael Catholic School family or stop by the school office to get one! All proceeds from the candy bar fundraiser will go directly to support the school general budget. The Advent Calendar fundraiser goes to our PTT committee, which supports the school through classroom stipends, field trips, and student incentives and extras!

Upcoming School Masses: Please join us for school Masses at 8:30a.m.

Tuesday November 14: Grade 3 leads

Tuesday November 21: Grade 2 leads

Friday December 1: Grade 6 leads

Friday December 8: Grade 1 leads (Holy Day)

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher conferences for our K-6th grade students were this past Thursday. We had a great turnout of amazing, supportive parents! We will host optional 3rd quarter conferences in February for our K-6th grade students and our Kindergarten Readiness conferences at that time as well! Thanks to the parents that provided a meal for our staff during conference night!

Apple Pies and Apple Crisps: Marie Gervais is once again making apple pies and crisps and selling them for \$10 each. All proceeds go to the school! If you would like to purchase one, please call the school office to make your order!

Christmas Program: Please save the date for our St. Raphael Catholic School annual Christmas program on Wednesday December 6th at 6:30p.m. Our Little Panthers Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Preschool will be starting our program with singing some special songs all decked out in their Christmas best. Next, our K-2nd grade students will be putting on the small play "The Unfriendly Beasts." Our 3rd-6th grade classes will finish the evening with their play called "North Pole Musical." We are busily preparing for this event and we invite you to join us!

Blessings,

Mrs. Beth Steffl



The school office is in need of winter hats, mittens, and gloves (child and small adult sizes) for our students to use at recess when they don't have the necessary warm clothes for the winter weather. If you can donate new or gently used items, please drop them off in the school office. Thank you!

*Taking
Orders
Now!*

We are taking orders for apple pies and apple crisps! Please call Trisha in the Office at 507-723-4135 to place your pie/crisp order! Cost is \$10.00 each.



There will be **NO school at St. Raphael** on November 22, 23, and 24, 2023 for Thanksgiving Break.



Save the Date...

Christmas Program
Please join us on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6:30pm for our annual Christmas Program. All students from our preschool classes through 6th grade will be performing for you in the school auditorium!

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30am—3:30pm

Hours may vary if school is closed. Please watch bulletin for notices.

~Youth & Adult Faith Formation ~

The Church is in the midst of a National Eucharist Revival. There are many ways to get involved in this grassroots movement, but personal renewal has to come first. St. Raphael Catholic Church will be hosting a book study starting January 14 and a new video series starting January 30, look for more information on those in the coming weeks.

You can search “National Eucharistic revival Spark series” to receive nine days of prayer in your email address. These emails will ignite your desire for transformation and instill a vision for the healing grace God wants to unleash in our world. Each daily reflection is designed to create time to pause from our busy lives and recall the goodness of God. We are encouraged to move slowly through these nine days with openness, cultivating greater awareness of God’s presence in your life. I plan to have each of the 9 “days” in the bulletin each week, the first being in the box below. I pray that they will ignite you to read and learn more!

There are a couple of great opportunities coming up for teens! Can’t make them both – choose one!

I was at a teacher conference earlier this month and have been praying with the words given to us by Bishop Chad Zielinski, “You are made in the image of God. You have a purpose. God loves you.” Such simple words but yet so good to ponder on.

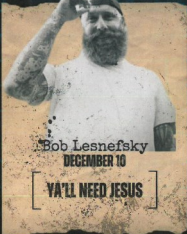
I pray you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

~Mrs. Karen Reindl

The Diocese of New Ulm presents

COR NIGHT

Two Nights! Two Big Speakers!




Bob Lesniefsky
DECEMBER 10
YOU'LL NEED JESUS




Lisa Gotler
FEBRUARY 10
RELATIONSHIP GOALS

Join us for an energetic evening of entertainment, great food, a captivating speaker, and some time of Eucharistic adoration. Show up hungry for truth (and pizza). Leave feeling satisfied.



LOCATION: ST. ALOYSIUS, OLIVIA FOR YOUTH SERVICES 8-12
EVENT IS FROM 4-8PM! DOORS OPEN AT 3:30PM
COST: \$10
TO REGISTER: dnu.org/cor-night



Vine and Branches AFC invites you to

NET Ministries Lifeline


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| Saturday, December 2 2023 | Cost: FREE to those who sign up before Nov. 30 | Leave from Sleepy Eye St. Mary's parking lot at 3:15pm. We will return to SESM at 12am |
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AT THE NET CENTER IN
WEST ST. PAUL, MN

9-12th GRADE
PRAISE AND WORSHIP
PRESENTATION by
David Calavitta
MASS
ADORATION

David Calavitta

David's passion is to lead people to a life-changing encounter with the beauty and presence of Christ. He has worked with various parish youth and young adult ministries for over 20 years and, in 2012, began traveling around the country sharing his love for Christ and the Church. He currently serves as the director of Creative Marketing for Life Teen International



Youth from Springfield, Lambertson, Sleepy Eye and New Ulm enjoying NET retreat, Lifeline together!
We have only 12 spots on the bus so gather your friends!


Contact Karen Reindl at
mrsreindl@straphaelpk-6.com

Weekly Faith Formation Schedule

Wednesday, November 22
NO CLASSES Grades 1-12—Thanksgiving Break

Youth Choir Schedule

Wednesday, November 22
NO PRACTICE—Thanksgiving Break



Introduction day of the Spark Series

Welcome! You are about to enter into nine days of prayer focused on preparing your heart for revival. As you walk with the Holy Spirit during this time, be open to how he wants to speak to you about encounter, healing, mission and mercy – all flowing from a love for the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, in which Christ is truly, really, and substantially present.

If you miss any days, don't get discouraged and don't give up! Remember that our enemy wants to keep us from prayer, but Jesus is always waiting for us to return to him with open hearts. If at any point you are struggling to pray, tell Jesus about it. Ask for Mary's intercession, and if possible, try to go to an adoration chapel so you can be with Jesus in person. St. Raphael Catholic church as adoration on the first and third Friday of every month from 9:15-4pm.

Above all, expect God to work in amazing ways in your life as you surrender yourself more deeply to Him. We are excited for the spiritual fruit you will experience from this prayer journey!

~Upcoming Area Events~

Upcoming Area Events....

The Springfield Nativity Pageant is coming up Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9. A community choir will once again be a part of the pageant. All singers are encouraged to join the choir. Jeff Krueger will be the director this year. Some music changes have been made.

Nativity Choir rehearsals will be held Sunday, November 26 and Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (use the ramp entrance). These are evening rehearsals due to schedule conflicts. Music and choir robes, etc. will be available at the rehearsals. Rehearsals are important since we are adding three new selections this year.

Questions may be directed to Jeff at office.aps@newulmtel.net or 507-723-4321. Hope to see you there and have a large choir this year!!

Catholic Financial Life members & guests: A Night with Lorie Line \$25 reduced priced tickets for members & their guests at New Ulm High School on December 1, 2023 7:00 p.m. Contact Heather Hoffmann for tickets 612-756-1369 or heathersuehoffmann@gmail.com

The Southwest Minnesota Men's Chorus will return to Springfield as part of its Christmas concert series on Monday, December 4. The holiday concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 303 North Cass in Springfield. A variety of secular and religious selections will be on the program. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Springfield residents in the SW Minnesota Men's Chorus are Charles Tews, Gary Renner and Jeff Krueger. Other area residents include Nathan Hesse from Comfrey and Jim Gode from Sanborn. Wendy Johnson, Tracy, is the chorus director.

There is no admission charge for the concert. The performance is part of a series of Christmas concerts with performances on Saturday, December 2 in Currie, Sunday, December 3 in Lamberton and Tuesday, December 5 in Tracy.

You've celebrated a few anniversaries... maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 16-18, 2024 in WINDOM, MN and Apr 27-28, 2024 in Owatonna, 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.

TAKE AND BAKE
APPLE PIES
& APPLE CRISP

Proceeds benefit St. Raphael School



\$10 A PIE
\$10 CRISP(8X8)

You can call the office and place an order or stop in and pick one up! They will be available anytime the school is open until our apple supply is depleted!

CALL TODAY: 507-723-4135

St. Raphael School
Advent Calendar
Sale



\$5.00 EACH

- * There are 2 different pictures available, each with a bible verse and chocolate candy behind every door.
- * To purchase, contact one of our students or the school office

Thank you for supporting our school. **507-723-4135**