



Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

www.vineandbranchesafc.org

October 29, 2023
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*I am the vine, you are
the branches.
Whoever remains in
me and I in him will
bear much fruit,
because without me
you can do nothing.
John 15:5*

Liturgies This Week

Mon Oct 30	NO Mass <i>Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17</i>
Tues Oct 31	(Spfld) 8:30am Mass +Albert Hillesheim Family <i>Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21</i>
Wed Nov 1	(Spfld) 8:30am Mass +Linda Lang (Spfld) 6:30pm Mass +Darlene Utz (Lamb) 6:30pm Mass +Jim Wenisch <i>Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a</i>
Thur. Nov 2	(Sanb) 8:00am Mass +Monica Kingsley <i>Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40</i>
Fri. Nov 3	(Spfld) 8:30am Mass +Bernard & Theresa Brey <i>Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6</i>
Sat. Nov 4	(Spfld) 5:30pm Mass +Greg Riley <i>Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11</i>
Sun. Nov 5	(Spfld) 8:30am Mass +Monica Platz (Lamb) 10:30am Mass –For the People <i>Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12</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,

I pray that all are doing well and that the harvest was finished before all the rain showed up. At least this will make the fieldwork easier once the groundwork can begin again.

Let's keep little Matty Krueger and his family and friends in our prayers for a while. It was a very difficult week for many of us to celebrate a funeral mass for a little boy who died so unexpectedly.

Let's also keep Pickle Riley and his family and friends in our prayers as well after we celebrated his funeral mass last week as well (I don't think I am ever going to get used to calling someone Pickle, but I had to start because everyone else did!).

Any finally, let's keep Gary Reese and his family and friends in our prayers. We celebrated his funeral mass this week.

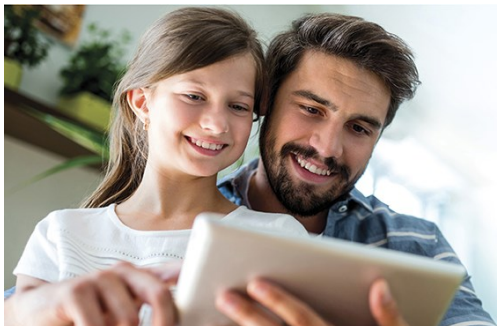
I know that most of you at St. Joseph's in Lambertton are aware that Sue Imker has been hired on to help replace some of the administrative duties that were waiting to be filled since sister left last year. Please greet her and thank her for coming on board to help us. It may take awhile to figure out how this new position will run efficiently. This is something new for us as far as I can tell, and we'll do the best that we can.

Recently I was reminded of the importance of the Eucharist in the life of St. John Paul II by several quotes I ran across on his feast day on October 22nd. He was and is a real hero of mine. I had the privilege of meeting him twice in his residence when I was a student in Rome in 1999. I'll never forget walking into his private chapel at 7 a.m. for mass with a few other people and the impact that had on me. The intensity of his love for Jesus present in the tabernacle was palpable and I hope to share some of what I've learned from him throughout my time with you. You could tell that was fuel where he was filled up to then pass that love of God on to us through his heart. There is an entire generation of priests who had the same gift meeting him and encountering what I am sharing with you. He helped us to come to know the power of God present in the Eucharist and how it is a wellspring of grace to be received and given. And if you ever think I am just pulling your leg and making this whole thing up I have the pictures hanging in the rectory.

Here is a quote for you this week, "The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him *without tiring*, welcome him *without reserve*, love him *without interruption*: today, tomorrow, forever!" — [Address to young people of Bologna](#), Sept. 27, 1997

God's blessings,

Fr. Jeremy



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~Church of St. Joseph~

Meetings and Activities

Oct 29	10:30am	Mass
Nov 1	6:30pm	Mass—All Saints Day
	6:30-7:30pm	Faith Formation Classes
Nov 2	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
Nov 5	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	\$20,269.27	\$16,581.00
Student	\$250.00	\$81.77	\$72.00
Loose Plate	\$2,500.00	\$817.36	\$1,119.75

Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph

Adult Envelope	\$1,020.00
Student Envelope	\$4.00
Loose Plate	\$34.00
Candles	\$9.00
World Mission	\$220.00
Total	\$1,287.00

This week we remember *these people in our prayers.*
Dave & Ruth Fox and Charles & Deb Furth

Our Shepherd of the field:

Father Jeffrey Horejsi



~Please also pray for those in need ~

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

November 1 Ministries

Lector Faith Formation Students
EMC Emily Scheffler
Servers Sydney Vogel & Otto Hubert
Sacristan Jeff Strock
Ushers Gordy Wille & Bill Schaffran
Gift Bearers Faith Formation Students
Money Counters Pat Story & Doreen Kronback

November 5 Ministries

Lector Confirmation Students
EMC Jeff Strock
Servers Celia Vogel & Aliana Wenisch
Sacristan Jeff Strock
Ushers Jason Axford & Larry Weber
Gift Bearers Mike Hubert Family
Money Counters Fred Berg & Teresa Wenisch

Weekly Faith Formation Schedule

Wednesday, November 1

6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes

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.



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 Lamberton 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.



Wabasso Public Library's

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Sunday November 5

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Wabasso Community Center

Crafts • Clothing • Housewares • Jewelry
BBQ • Hot Turkey • Homemade Desserts

Lunch served
11:00 AM -
1:00 PM

Silent Auction
Closes at
1:00 PM

Book Sale at
the Library
11:00 AM -
1:00 PM.

1 Sandwich Plate \$8
2 Sandwich Plate \$10

~Church of St. Raphael~

Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$335,000.00	\$109,519.27	\$76,439.00
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$359.72	\$0.00
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$359.72	\$0.00

Last week's Parish Revenue

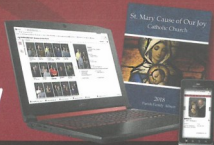
Adult Envelopes	\$3,228.00
Loose Plate	\$489.93
World Mission	\$74.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$548.40
Total Income	\$4,340.33

The 2023-2024 CCW Booklets are now available for pickup in the gathering space.



That Man is You meets in the Church Basement on Friday mornings from 6:30—7:30am. All men ages 18 and up are welcome!

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



Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.

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.

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

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 **ms971** 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.**

2021 Dear Family Letter

~ Serving next Funeral will be Group C ~

November 1, 2023

	6:30pm
Servers	Blake Wilhelmi TJ Reindl
Lector	Jack Hartjes
EMHC	Jack Hartjes
Accompanist	TBA
Song Leader	TBA
Rosary	VOLUNTEER
Head Usher	Faith Formation Student Faith Formation Student Faith Formation Student Faith Formation Student

November 4 & 5, 2023

	5:30pm	8:30am
Servers	Andrew Reindl TJ Reindl	Riley Arnsdorf Carson Arnsdorf
Lector	Katie Wilhelmi	Jim Miesen
EMHC	Cathy Ochs	Dcn Barry Reindl
Accompanist	Children's Choir	TBA
Song Leader	Children's Choir	TBA
Rosary	Jane Irlbeck	TMIY Group
Head Usher	Terry Ochs Cathy Ochs	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Videographer	Christina Reindl	

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 weekend is Nov 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, 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~

Meetings & Activities

Oct 29	8:30am	Mass
		Coffee Connection
Oct 31	8:30am	Mass
	9:15am	Adult Faith Formation in Holy Family Room
Nov 1	8:30am	Mass—All Saints Day
	4:30-5:30pm	Children’s Choir Practice
	5:45-6:20pm	Praise & Worship Choir Practice
	6:00-7:00pm	Faith Formation grades 1-6
	6:30pm	Mass—All Saints Day
	7:15-8:15pm	Faith Formation grades 7-12
Nov 2	6:30pm	Adult Faith Formation in Holy Family Room
Nov 3	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30am	Mass
Nov 4	5:30pm	Mass
Nov 5	8:30am	Mass
		Coffee Connection



St Raphael School will be selling rolls after Mass on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

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 Steven Verhelst

Please pray for our parishioners this week~

Sun: Nick & Lindsay Ludewig Family

Mon: Patrick Macht Family

Tues: Joseph & Mary Jo Maleska Family

Wed: Lynn Marks

Thur: Mary Mathiowetz

Fri: Ron & Mary Mathiowetz

Sat: Shawn & Jessica Mathiowetz Family

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 5:00 pm

* **The Future Depends of Love—Episode 5**

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



Coffee Connection has begun and we are looking for people willing to help serve coffee and treats on Sundays after mass. You can find the sign up sheets in the Gathering Space on the counter by the sink. Contact Vicki Roiger 507-822-1504 if you have questions.



Mark your calendars! Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 4:00pm, Bishop Chad Zielenski will be here to celebrate Mass and the 150th anniversary of St. Raphael’s parish.



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

~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

Monday-Friday 9:30am-3:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

October 30 November-4

\$0.50 Movies & Music

November 7—Holiday Open House

4:00-7:00pm

Now accepting Fall/Winter Clothing Donations

~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: They're going fast!!! If you would like to purchase candy bars, please check with a St. Raphael Catholic School family or come in to the school office to get your chocolate fix! The varieties we have left in the office are crisp and almond. They are on sale for \$1.00 each. All the proceeds go to the school.

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

Wednesday November 1: Grade 4 leads

Tuesday November 7: Staff leads

Tuesday November 14: Grade 3 leads

Tuesday November 21: Grade 2 leads

All Saints Day: K-6 students and staff will celebrate All Saints Day with a special Mass at 8:30a.m. on Wednesday November 1st. The staff and students will also be celebrating with an All Saints Day party organized by Mrs. Reindl in the afternoon.

Spaghetti Supper: Let us cook for you! The staff of St. Raphael Catholic School will be cooking a delicious spaghetti supper on Wednesday November 8th from 4:30-7pm. It is a dine in or carry out meal. We will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadsticks, coleslaw, a cookie and beverage for \$10 per meal. We are in need of a donation of 25 pounds of hamburger. Please call the school office if you can help with all or part of this! We hope to see you there! All proceeds go to the school!

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!

Veterans Day Program: Our St. Raphael students will be putting on a Veterans Day program on Friday November 10th at 11:00a.m. We are partnering once again with the American Legion and they will be joining us for this special event. Our students will prepare poems, songs, decorations, and remarks. We invite everyone to join us for this special event!

Save the Date: Please save the date for our St. Raphael Catholic School annual Christmas program on Wednesday December 6th at 6:30p.m.

Blessings,

Mrs. Beth Steffl

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30am—3:30pm

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



St Raphael School is looking for donations of 25 pounds of hamburger for the Spaghetti Supper to be held Wednesday, November 8, 2023. We will need the hamburger by Friday, November 3rd. Contact the School Office at 723-4135 if you have some to donate.

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.

Parking-lot notice: Our school children are outside for recess each day Monday-Friday 10:30-11:00am. We are asking parishioners not to drive or park in the north parking lot during those times (we do not want any accidents to occur during the kids' play time). If you need to enter the church, please park on Van Dusen Street and use the south gathering space entrance.

Thank you.

~Youth & Adult Faith Formation ~

Thank you to the teens of our parish for their service on Wednesday night. They changed the rubber tips on the folding chairs. Made up back packs with school supplies and bags with hats and mittens along with making tie blankets for the Ivy House in New Ulm. They also did some raking outside.

Please pray for those attending the Confirmation retreat this Sunday starting at 1pm.

Reminder to those attending the November 2 study titled "Presence The Mystery of the Eucharist" we will be meeting in the school for November 2. We will return to the Holy Family room on November 9.

Thursdays at 6:30pm (November 2, 9)

Tuesdays at 9:15am (October 31, November 7, 14)

This study is being offered through the Augustine Institute program, Formed.

Gathering 3 = Bread for the Journey (Tues. Oct. 31)

Gathering 4 = Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist (Jewish and pagan) (Thurs. Nov. 2 and Tues. Nov. 7)

Gathering 5 = Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist (Protestant and Secular) (Thurs. Nov. 9 and Tues. Nov. 14)

Please join us if you like or look for this program on FORMED.

~Mrs. Karen Reindl

Weekly Faith Formation Schedule

Wednesday, November 1

6:00-7:00pm Faith Formation Classes grades 1-6

6:30pm Mass for all Faith Formation students
grades 1-12

Following Mass -8:15pm Faith Formation Classes
grades 7-12

The confirmation retreat is set for this Sunday, October 29 starting at 1pm for those in grades 9 and 10 and those who have not attended a confirmation retreat before in grade 11.

Please eat lunch before coming, we will have snacks and supper at the retreat.

Please invite your sponsor or a parent to join us at 5:30pm for supper. The retreat will end at 7:30pm.

Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions

✠A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for **Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 6:00-9:00 pm at Cathedral High School, New Ulm, in the Library.**

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



Youth Choir Schedule

Wednesday, November 1

4:30-5:30pm Children's Choir Practice

5:45-6:20pm Praise & Worship Choir Practice

WANTED:



Piano Accompanist for the
Children's Choir and
Praise and Worship Choir!



Accompanist needed for service rehearsals
Wednesday evenings and 2 services per month during the
months September—May.

5:00-6:00 Children's Choir

6:00-7:00 Praise and Worship Choir

This is a paid position. Please contact Lori Kretsch for
more details: 507-276-5160

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.



Catholic Charities provides personal, marriage, and family counseling.

In-person sessions are now available.
Call 866-670-5163 (toll free) or

507-233-5318 (local).

~Upcoming Area Events~

The **Springfield Area Food Shelf** will be hosting a Come & Go Open House for all to see what Super Shelf is all about. We will become certified as a Super Shelf on Monday October 30th, 2023. The open house will be at 9AM-12:30PM and 4PM-7PM. The Food Shelf is located at 625 North Jackson, Suite F on the backside of the Allina Medical Clinic in the lower parking lot. Follow the red signs to the left. Food Shelf sign is on the door.

Super Shelf is a program that promotes more nutritional foods in our program. Some of the most important areas that we look at our fresh produce, proteins, dairy, grains & breads, baking and cooking, condiments and spices, snacks.

The food shelf is arranged in a manner that promotes the most important nutritional food groups first. Bright colorful signage has been put up in different food sections, double door glass coolers and freezers.

Feel free to call Shari Koll 507-227-0386, if you have any questions about the open house for the Springfield Area Food Shelf. You may also call the food shelf phone number and leave a message (507-723-3663) and we will call you back.

**35th Annual
TURKEY DINNER
DRIVE-THRU "Meals To Go"**
First Come, First Served
No reserved meals

With the trimmings: *dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberries, dessert.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 2023
4:30-6:30 p.m. or until food is gone.
United Methodist Church
Springfield, MN
\$13.00/meal**

Delivered meals to
shut-ins only
between 4:30-5:30.

****Must be ordered
by 4 p.m.
Call 723-6698.****



Lunch with the
Springfield Area Lions Club

Sunday November 5th
11:00-1:00
Springfield Area Community Center



**Smoked Pork Sandwich, Wild Rice Soup
Chips, Cookie, Beverage**

Also at the Community Center

21st Annual Holiday Extravaganza
Vendors and Crafters to help you get holiday shopping done.
10-2



Proceeds benefit
**Operation Christmas Joy
Springfield Scholarship Program
and Other Community Projects.**

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

**21st Annual
Holiday Extravaganza**
Sunday November 5th
10am-2pm

Springfield Area Community Center
Over 25
Vendors & Crafters with
Great gift ideas for everyone!



Springfield Area Lions
Serving Lunch 11 am - 1 PM
Take outs available