



St. Joseph, Lamberton

# Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

January 29, 2017  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Raphael, Springfield

## Liturgies This Week

Mon. Jan. 30	No Mass (Spfd) <i>Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20</i>
Tue. Jan. 31	8:30am Mass + Andrew Vogel (Spfd) <i>Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43</i>
Wed. Feb. 1	8:30am Mass + - Supporters of St. Raphael School (Spfd) [w/Bishop LeVoir] 10:00am Mass + Lawrence Turbes (SJLH ) 1:30pm Mass (Valley View NH) <i>Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6</i>
Thur. Feb. 2	8:00am Mass +Eulalie Kircher (Sanb) <i>Hebrew 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40</i>
Fri. Feb. 3	8:30am Mass + JoAnne Streich (Spfd) <i>Hebrews 13:1-8;Mark 6:14-29</i>
Sat. Feb. 4	5:30pm Mass + Lucy Maurer (Spfd) <i>Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21;Mark 6:30-34</i>
Sun. Feb. 5	8:30am Mass + Ed Tauer (Spfd) 10:30am Mass -AFC (Lamb) <i>Isaiah 58:7-10;1 Corinthians 2:1-5;Matthew 5:13-16</i>

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- † Saturday 4:45pm at St. Raphael
- † Sunday 10:15am at St. Joseph

## Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at 5:00pm

Diocesan Website: [www.dnu.org](http://www.dnu.org)

Catholic Charities of Diocese 1-866-670-5163

Baptism: Pre-baptism classes required.

Marriage: All Catholics are to contact their pastoral leader at least 6 months before their wedding.

**Good Neighbor Thrift Store 723-5778**

20 E Central, Springfield, MN

**St. Raphael School Facebook Page** [www.facebook.com/pages/St-Raphael-Catholic-School-Spfd/151560478323433](http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Raphael-Catholic-School-Spfd/151560478323433)

**Mass Stipend \$10.00**

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.

## ***From the Pastor ~***

We welcome Bishop LeVoir back again for the second time in two weeks. This time to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week with our students, teachers and general parish on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. Thank you, Bishop, for gracing us with your presence once more.

I would like to add a special, personal word of gratitude, support and encouragement to all teachers, support staff, parents and students who together are creating a fantastic learning environment for passing on the faith and for growing in basic knowledge and virtues for a happy life. We do have wonderful teachers and families who are committed to the best possible faith-based education we can provide. I am very proud of you. I thank all who have been financial supporters of the School over the years.

I also pass on to you a ‘Reflection’ by Murray Bodo OFM on the hunger for prayer:

### ***Listening***

We strain hard at times, listening for that one word, that voice of assurance from the other side. And when the strain becomes too much for us, we go back to feverish activity and diversion convinced that prayer is not for us, that it is a gift God gives to special souls. Then something draws us back again, some hope that this time it will work. What draws us back is something inside us, something that was there from the beginning. And that movement from within, that drive is really the voice of God that we were listening for “out there” somewhere. In other words, more often than not, the voice of God is a force within us propelling us toward God. It is God himself leading us to himself.

But we remain frustrated because we are never satisfied with what happens at that rendezvous called prayer. If there *is* satisfaction of any kind, it is so short-lived that we wonder if it was worth it. And yet we return to prayer again and again. And in the returning we notice something happening, not during prayer exactly, and not all of a sudden. But gradually something has been happening to us. *We* are changing. A peace and calm is settling into our lives and we begin to hear God’s word in Scripture in a way we didn’t before. It is somehow more personal, more directly related to our lives. The Mass takes on a new meaning, and we yearn for frequent union with Christ in the Eucharist.

In brief, what we had been expecting to happen suddenly in prayer, had been happening gradually in our daily lives.

*From: SONG OF THE SPARROW, Meditations and Poems to Pray by Murray Bodo, O.F.M*

*~ Father Phil Schotzko*

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## ***From Sister Shirley:***

We continue the **Reflection and Prayer to End Human Trafficking**. We encourage you to pray for the following intentions during this coming week as we prepare to celebrate the feast of St. Bakhita.

- January 30** We pray for all people who work to create awareness and encourage action to address human trafficking and its various underlying causes.
- January 31** We pray for climate change refugees. May they receive the help they need and may their plight inspire us to take action.
- February 1** We pray for an end to sexually exploitative advertising and pornography,
- February 2** We pray for men who were brought up to objectify women.
- February 3** We pray for those who provide safe places for runaway youths and others at risk of violence and exploitation.
- February 4** We pray for the girls and boys around the world who are sold by their parents because they don’t believe they can afford to keep them.
- February 5** We pray in Thanksgiving for all the efforts to prevent human trafficking around major sporting events like today’s Super Bowl.

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*~Sister Shirley*

# ~Church of St. Joseph~

## Ministry Schedule Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017

<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Anderson, Anthony Axford Austin Axford, Greg Wille
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Strock
<b>Gifts</b>	Ushers
<b>EMC</b>	Greg & Sandy Wille, Teresa Wenisch
<b>Servers</b>	Elizabeth Strock, Joseph Strock
<b>Counters</b>	Fred Berg, Teresa Wenisch
<b>Video</b>	Charly Furth

<b>January 22, 2017 Contributions</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$830.00
Student Envelopes	9.86
Loose Plate	93.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
<b>Total Income to Parish</b>	<b>\$937.86</b>

<b>St. Joseph- Contribution Budget July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017</b>			
	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Budget to Date</b>	<b>Received to Date</b>
<b>Adults</b>	\$62,500.00	\$33,653.76	\$28,873.41
<b>Student</b>	\$750.00	\$403.76	\$523.28
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$5500.00	\$2,961.56	\$2,408.02

**Grateful Thanks** to Jeff Strock, Sara Kramer, and the twelve youth who assisted in preparing and serving the pancakes, eggs and sausage, etc. for the Fundraiser for the Catholic Heart Work Camp. You did an awesome job. Ninety-five people were served and approximately \$800 was raised before expenses are accounted for



**Congratulations** to Celia who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10:30 liturgy today

NUDCCW Scholarship Program for 2016-17. If you would like more information or would like a scholarship application please contact Mary Arnoldi at 752-7657. If you are active in a parish ministry at St. Joseph's, you are probably eligible to receive a \$250.00 scholarship to help you in this ministry. All applications must be signed and mailed and mailed to the Diocesan office by March 1st, 2017.

**This week we remember these people in our prayers.**

*Diane & Wayne Kastner and Florence Kaufenbert*

**~Please also pray for those in Need ~**

Dolores Berg	Deacon Mark Kober
Sal Stillo	Pat Dauer
Joan Kelly	Kathleen Stillo
Angie Axford	Kay Weisbrich
Judy Liebl	Matt Rau
Beth Meidl	Jeanne Florek
Eleanor Frank	Millie Bellig
Ken Benedict	Ron Wille



## Coming Events

Sun. Jan. 29	10:30am	Mass
		First Reconciliation after Mass
Tues. Jan. 31	6:30am	Bible Study
Wed. Feb. 1	1:30pm	Mass at VV Nursing Home
	6:45pm	Faith Formation Classes

## St. Thomas, Sanborn

**February 2, 2017  
8:00am Mass**

**NB2DOSA** will be meeting in the Valley View Apartment dining hall on January 29th at 1:30 pm. Bring snack to share. We will play games, visit and have a good time.

Hope to see you there!!

## **From Bishop LeVoir – For parishes without Catholic Schools:**

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of Catholic education and the value it provides to the nation. The parishes of the diocese with Catholic Schools continually make sacrifices to provide for a Catholic-based educational choice. Our society values educational choice yet does not back it with financial support. As the U.S. Bishops have stated it is the responsibility of all the faithful, we ask your support as Catholics within the diocese by contributing to today's second collection for Catholic school education.

# ~Church of St. Raphael~

## Prayer Corner



### Please remember in your prayers:

† Our Shepherd of the Field Rev. Anthony Hesse

### Please pray for our parishioners this week~

Sun: Dana & Tammy Johnson Family  
Mon: Scott & Lyn Johnson Family  
Tues: Willard & Carla Johnson  
Wed: Scott & Barb Jones Family  
Fri: Phyllis Juenemann  
Sat: Delaine Kelly

Weekly Candle Intentions (\$2.00 offering)

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### ✓ Media Check on Channel 8

- ✓ **St. Raphael Sunday Mass** (viewed on Channel 8)  
Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm & Friday at 6:00 pm.
- ✓ **Finding God Through Faith & Reason– Ep. 11**  
Every Tuesday at 10:30am & Thursday at 7:00pm.

## Good Neighbor Thrift Store

**January 31—February 4**  
**50% off All Books**

Also available “Read” t-shirts and sweatshirts in  
assorted colors

**Our prayers and sympathy to** Mark Brown  
**Loving** and family on the death of his mother, **Bonnie Memory Brown**. May God grant her eternal life.



**Remembering in prayer ~ Sister Vincent Marie** who has died. We pray for the happy repose of her soul. Sister Vincent Marie formerly worked in St. Raphael School.

May she rest in peace.



**Our sympathy to the Family & Friends of Dorothy Schmid**, whose Funeral was held on Saturday, January 28th. May she rest in peace with our heavenly Father.

## Dear Pope Francis

*The Pope answers letters from children around the world*

Dear Pope Francis,

I would like to know more about Jesus Christ. How did he walk on water?

Love, Natasha, age 8~Kenya

Dear Natasha,

You have to imagine Jesus walking naturally, normally. He did not fly over the water or turn somersaults while swimming. He walked as you walk! He walked, one foot after the other, as if the water were land. He walked on the water's surface as he saw the fish under his feet frolicking or racing around.

Jesus is God, and so he can do anything! He can walk safely on water. God cannot sink, you know!

*Francis*



### From Bishop LeVoir— for parishes with Catholic Schools:

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of Catholic education and the value it provides to the nation. The parish community benefits in many ways by having a Catholic School. It is recognized that the parish community continually make sacrifices to provide for a Catholic –based educational choice yet the financial need is great and we hope you will take this day to show your support for this local Catholic School and

### NUDCCW Scholarship Program for 2016-2017 has

Applications Available in the Church Office.

All applications must be received in our Parish Office by February 22, 2017 in order for the application to be signed and sent in to the main office by March 1, 2017. For more information and applications please contact the parish office.



**We extend our sympathy to Steve Helget and family on the death of his father, Cyril Helget** whose funeral was celebrated Friday, at St. Paul's, Catholic Church in Comfrey.

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## Meetings and Activities

Jan. 29	6:45pm-8:15pm	7-11th FF
Jan. 30	1:00pm	Craft Ladies Meet
	3:30-5:00pm	Level 3 Atrium
Feb. 1	8:30am	Bishop celebrates Mass for CSW
		Bishop will eat lunch w/ children
	3:30-4:45pm	K-6th FF/ Level 2 Atrium
	6:00pm	1st Communion Parent Meeting
Feb. 2	3:30-4:45pm	Level 1 Atrium
Feb. 3	9:00am-4:00pm	Adoration
Feb. 4		BYOB/ Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 5	12:30-1:30pm	KC Free Throw Contest
	6:45pm-8:15pm	7-11th FF
Feb. 6	1:00pm	Craft Ladies Meet
	3:30-5:00pm	Level 3 Atrium
Feb. 8	3:30-4:45pm	K-6th FF/ Level 2 Atrium
Feb. 9	3:30-4:45pm	Level 1 Atrium
Feb. 12	6:45pm-8:15pm	7-11th FF

<b>Last week's Parish Revenue</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$2,980.50
High School Gr. 7-12	-0-
Children through Gr. 6	76.00
Loose Plate	240.80
Gym Rent	192.00
Joseph Schneider Trust –School	3,910.00
Joseph Schneider Trust—Parish	3,910.00
Coffee Connection	15.00
Pre K Tuition	80.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	760.08
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,164.38</b>

## The 400 Club Winner this Week

#292	Phyllis Weber	\$65.00
#138	GM Pieschel	\$65.00

**Serving next Funeral will be Group H**

## **Contribution Budget July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017**

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
<b>Adults</b>	\$255,000.20	\$142,211.65	\$155,750.59
<b>Gr. 7-12</b>	\$1,500.20	\$836.65	\$451.00
<b>Pre K-6</b>	\$1,600.04	\$892.33	\$1,306.51

**Contribution Statements are available to be picked up in the Gathering Space.**

## **February 4 & 5, 2017**

	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Chase Groebner	Rachel Beadell
	Tristan Groebner	Regan Beadell
	TJ Reindl	Anna Reiner
<b>Lector</b>	Lynn Hoffmann	Jack Hartjes
<b>EMC</b>	Lynn Hoffmann	Jack Hartjes
	Cathy Ochs	Donna Krueger
	Barry Reindl	Amy Vogel
<b>Accompanist</b>	Sharon Pieschel	Julie Prechel
<b>Song Leader</b>		Adult Choir
<b>Rosary</b>	Julie Lassegard	Frank Boyle
<b>Head Usher</b>	*David Roiger	*Mike Rothmeier
	Terry Ochs	Mike Reiner
	George Tauer	Rod Salonek
	Pat Lang	Pat Vogel
<b>Communion SJLH</b>	Dan & Julie Lassegard	
<b>Videographer</b>	Andrew	



# St. Raphael School

This week, Catholic Schools all across the United States are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. It is a time to honor the mission of the schools and all they do for young people, the Church, and our community. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.” In our schools, children are taught the Catholic faith and how to have a relationship with God. They provide students with the knowledge they need to live productive, faith-filled lives. Service, the giving of one’s time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. This is not just a theme for Catholic Schools Week but fits what St. Raphael School is about everyday.

Our children need what Catholic schools offer: a daily encounter with Jesus Christ within the school environment. St. Raphael is a great school. Its curriculum is thorough and we provide many activities outside of the classroom. However, the thing that sets us most apart from other schools is the fact that St. Raphael School is a Catholic school. The atmosphere is more like that of a home and instead of feeling like just one more person, students and staff feel like part of a family. The teachers care about the students and have a passion for teaching. Each day begins with prayer. In each of the classrooms, there are constant reminders, like rosaries and Bibles, that God is helping you through your day. Our Catholic school is a place where you are free to express your religion. A Catholic school education is different from others. In religion class, we learn about Catholic beliefs and the history of the Catholic faith. We read lessons from the Bible and have open class discussions about what we learn and how it fits with what we are always taught. The teacher encourages us to investigate not only what we believe, but why we believe what we do. We also learn about Christian morals and behavior. We put these lessons into action every day - in class, between classes and even at home. We are expected to always try to be kind and caring toward others. The lessons taught in a Catholic education are those used throughout life.

We also understand we would not be the great school we are without the support of the parish and community. We would like to thank everyone that shares their time, talent, or treasures to keep our school great. Because of your support, we have a strong curriculum, great teachers, and a variety of resources to make learning fun and meaningful. We are taking extra time this week to pray for all our supporters. May God Bless You All!

Throughout this week, we are participating in activities to help celebrate our school. To wrap up Catholic Schools Week, we will be having our annual Build Your Own Burger fundraiser. We will be serving hamburgers, beans, chips, and fixings from 6:00 to 7:30 on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us for this delicious meal!

## Catholic Schools Week 2017 ~ Daily Schedule for the Week Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

\*Mass @ 8:30 am

### Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

\* Pajama Day & Bring your favorite cuddly item!  
\*Movie and Popcorn in the afternoon

### Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

\*Time Travel –Dress in any decade you want

### Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

\*Sunday Best  
\*8:30 Mass with Bishop LeVoir  
\*Lunch with Bishop LeVoir  
\*Afternoon Activity Planned!

### Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Class Colors and Crazy Socks  
\*PreK – Blue; K – Red; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – Purple;  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – Black; 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> – Camouflage

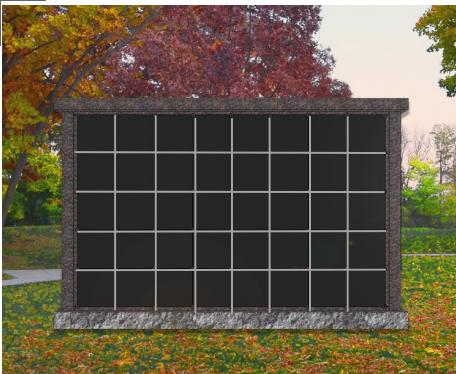
### Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

\*St. Raphael Shirts and School Colors  
\*Swimming @ Vogel Arena: 11:15 am –  
2:45 pm (Bring your swimwear)

### Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

\*Mass @ 5:30pm  
\*BYOB (Build Your Own Burger) Dinner  
following Mass

# ~Church of St. Raphael~



**A Columbarium is a room or structure to place funeral cremation urns in the cemetery**

## St Raphael's Cemetery Announcement

Through the generous gift of Mike and Jodi Pieschel, the Cemetery Board of Directors have ordered and will be placing in our cemetery an **80 Niche Columbarium** this spring. This will provide an "Above Ground" burial option for our Parishioners as well as anyone from our community for cremated remains.

Cremation seems to becoming more appealing to people as time goes on, this the reason the Mike and Jodi felt it important that we offer the "Above Ground" "option.

The Columbarium will have 40 Individual Niches and 40 Double Niches available for pre-sale immediately.

Details of costs are available from: Ken Koll– 723-6120, 507-227-0385 or Robert Sturm– 723-5086, 507-227-9358.



We have a request for a **volunteer** or two who are alumni of St. Raphael's School who would be willing to work at getting an **Alumni News Letter** out to all on our list a couple times a year. We

have an edition almost ready to go but we need a couple folks with some writing ability to take on the challenge of telling the good news of our great little school a couple times a year. We want to invite past graduates to support our school in any way they can. Is there anybody out there who loved working on the yearbook or writing little stories? This is a nice opportunity to share your skills and talents. Please let us know NOW! We want to get this started again.

~Fr. Phil Schotzko

## New Vine and Branches Area Faith Community Website.

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

A new website is being developed to incorporate all the churches in the AFC. This new site will be mobile friendly and will feature the Mass recordings in a much better format.

It is still under development with more information being added and edited weekly. Check it out.

## Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

- † 1st Communion Parent meeting will be rescheduled to **Wednesday, February 1st at 6:00pm**
- † CHWC Mission Trip Meeting will be at 5:45pm on Sunday February 12th.
- † I am slowly returning from maternity leave and will be back at faith formation on Wednesdays and Sundays going forward. **Thank you** to all who helped our while I was on leave. ~Katie

## St. Raphael Parish Masses are available to view online!

You may see the most recent mass on the New Parish Website: [www.vineandbranchesafc.org](http://www.vineandbranchesafc.org).

### Live Stream

- ◆ Also, the mass that is being recorded for the weekend will be live streamed. You can find the link to that stream on the new website under St. Raphael church and Mass recordings
- ◆ You will have to check at 5:30pm on Saturday or 8:30am Sunday to see which mass it will be for the weekend.
- ◆ Once you have been to the YouTube site subscribe and then you can be sent notifications when a new video is up.

## ~Upcoming Area Events~

### Benefit

Johnny Kaseforth, son of John & Roseanne Kaseforth, is recovering from Endocarditis, which caused a massive stroke and open heart surgery.

**There will be a free will offering Soup & Sandwich Supper Saturday, January 28 from 4:30-7:30pm at the Springfield Community Center.** Silent Auction items will be available.



Cole Hayden, son of Jeff & Jenny Hayden, a 7th grader at Springfield High School, was recently diagnosed with brain cancer.

**There will be a free will donation Breakfast Benefit on Sunday, January 29th at the Springfield Community Center from 9am-1pm.** There will be a silent auction as well.

The Church of St. Michael in Morgan invites you to their **Annual Men's Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 29**. Serving family style from 10:30am-1:00pm. Adults - \$10.00, Children age 5-10- \$5.00.

The Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth is having a **Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 5th, 2017** serving from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. On the menu are pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, coffee, chocolate milk and juice. Cost is \$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for ages 6-12; \$1.50 for preschool.



**The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cadillac Dinner will be March 11, 2017.** Come join us for a night of fun. It starts with a Social Hour from 6-7pm, Followed by a dinner catered by Tommy's. There will be raffle prizes, silent auction, beef & pork bundles, games & door prizes. Tickets are \$45. They will be available for purchase after masses or at the school office. Help support our school.  
Come enjoy a night of fine dining, music and fun.



Give each other and your family a Valentine gift that will keep giving for generations to come! Sign up for the February 18-19 Marriage Encounter. Register at [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org). Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional dates and information or call 651.454.3238.

Coming Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN and April 21-23, 2017 in Hutchinson, 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



**The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest** will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5th from 12:30—1:30pm at St. Raphael school Gym. This event is open to all girls and boys ages 10 to 14 as of January 1.

**68th Annual Chow Mein Supper** at Springfield United Methodist church is **Wednesday, February 8** serving from 4:30-7:00pm. Menu: Chicken Chow Mein, noodles, rice, orange rolls, beverages & dessert. Adults- \$10.00, Children 12 and under \$5.00

**Bishop Lucker Lecture**  
**Thursday March 23 at 7:00pm**  
**Church of St. Catherine**  
**Redwood Falls, MN**  
  
**Featuring Helen Alvaré**  
**Speaking on**  
***Rise of Sexual Expressionism in the Law***  
***& the Decline of the Vulnerable-***  
***How did this happen and what can we do about it?***

