



Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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July 16, 2017
15th Sunday In Ordinary Time



St. Raphael, Springfield

St. Joseph, Lambertton

Liturgies This Week

Mon.	July 17	NO Mass <i>Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1</i>
Tues.	July 18	5:30pm Mass +Louise Gervais (Spfd) <i>Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24</i>
Wed.	July 19	8:00am Mass + Julie Brown (Lamb) 10:00am Mass +Thomas Welte (SJLH) <i>Exodus 3:1-6,9-12; Matthew 11:25-27</i>
Thurs.	July 20	8:00am Mass (Sanb) <i>Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30</i>
Fri.	July 21	8:30am Mass +Jerry Lipetzky (Spfd) <i>Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8</i>
Sat.	July 22	5:30pm Mass + Annette Feirer (Spfd) <i>Exodus 12:37-42; John 20:1-2, 11-18</i>
Sun.	July 23	8:30am Mass -AFC (Spfd) 10:30am Mass + Inez Coulter (Lamb) <i>Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

✠ Saturday 4:45pm at St. Raphael

✠ Sunday 10:15am at St. Joseph

Baptism: Pre-baptism classes required.

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

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 1:00pm

- ◆ Mass Stipend \$10.00
- ◆ Prayer Chain 723-6636, 723-5757, 723-5651, 723-5670
- ◆ Good Neighbor Thrift Store 723-5778
- ◆ 20 E Central, Springfield, MN
- ◆ Office of Catholic Charities 866-670-5163

Church of St. Joseph

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CCW Prayer Chain– Sister Shirley Steines

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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

“As the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God; when shall I go and behold the face of God.” Psalm 42:1-2

This is one of my favorite passages from the Psalms. It stirs longing in my soul and, I dare say, in the human spirit. Though many may deny, ignore or misread this restlessness within, and say they have no need of God, still I am convinced that this hunger is quite universal.

According to one study a few years ago (Megatrends 2010), Patricia Aburlene concludes that the American culture has a greater spiritual hunger than it has for five decades! An interesting phenomenon is that a great many of the baby boomer and successive generations have sought to satisfy that hunger outside the structures of traditional religious communities. They feel that the search is very personal and individualistic journey that is unique to them and that they must walk it alone.

Again, I submit that they are mistaken. I feel that this hunger for God (or higher Power) is meant to be addressed in community because of our essential social nature.

Some might ask me, so why do you, as a priest, choose to live a celibate life style that leads to so much time alone in solitude? Granted, I do experience a loneliness that is not always helpful. However, often the solitude invites me to connect in reflection and prayerful concern with people beyond my immediate family and friends.

Perhaps it is similar to the paradox I have encountered in talking to some contemplative cloistered nuns who seem more in tune with the worldwide issues of major concern than those of us who are living “out there” in the world all the time. It seems that it is their collective consciousness, their reading and prayer that connects them with the broader world. Again, it is in community that our hunger for love/God or ultimate purpose (whatever you call it) is satisfied, not completely, but at least in part.

My point here is to encourage all to become more connected with the community of spiritual seekers that best answers your inner longings and leads you to the pool of refreshing water. If that means going “back home”, go there. If it means exploring with others, new dimensions, may you truly find the living God there.

Father Phil Schotzko

From Sister Shirley

This coming weekend, July 22nd and July 23rd, I will be with my community, the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Good Counsel Hill in Mankato. On Saturday we will gather as a community for Province Day and celebrate Evening Prayer with our 27 Jubilarians from the Mankato Campus. On Sunday we rejoice with our 27 Jubilarians with a festive gathering for liturgy and dinner. I will be returning to Lamberton sometime Sunday towards evening.

Recently we purchased a new refrigerator for the church hall as well as a new roaster since we were having problems with both of these items.

Hopefully you have marked your calendar to join us for Wednesday, July 19th for the 8:00 am Mass and to celebrate birthday brunch with Father Phil following the liturgy. Everyone is invited to celebrate and praise God for the gift and life of Father Phil.

This Sunday's readings reminds me of the hours spent in the garden as I plant, pull weeds, work the land and begin to harvest the produce. As I work in the garden sometimes the clouds are forming and I pray and hope for the necessary rain to flow from the clouds to water the earth and make it fruitful. I am always amazed at the mystery of God and the abundance that comes forth from the tiny seeds planted. May all the seeds we plant produce an abundance of God's love to be shared with everyone we encounter. Blessings of God's love be with you.

Sister Shirley

~Church of St. Joseph~

Ministry Schedule Sunday, July 23, 2017

Ushers Jim & Jenna Olson, Tony Riley, Dave Wille
Lector Cathy Graff
Gifts Jim & Jenna Olson
EMC Gordy Wille, Jeanna Olson, Teresa Wenisch
Servers Anthony Axford, Austin Axford
Counters Cathy Graff, Katy Wille
Video Candi VanMeveren

This week we remember these people in our prayers.
Kraig Trebesch, Kathy Valentin and Jill & Tim VanDerWal
Our Shepherd of the field: *Deacon Mark Kober*



~Please also pray for those in Need ~

Dolores Berg Steve Prokosch Pat Dauer
 Ken Benedict Kathleen Stillo Judy Liebl
 Jeanne Florek Kay Weisbrich Millie Bellig
 Gwendola Till Amanda Steines John Paul McCloy
 Bill Strock Katy Wille Protection of children

July 9, 2017 Contributions	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,270.00
Student Envelopes	10.00
Loose Plate	100.00
Total Income	\$1,380.00

Just a reminder if you would like to have your name added to the Prayer Chain and receive the call asking to pray for people or if you would like your name removed from the list please contact Sister Shirley. If your phone number has changed, please also connect with Sister Shirley with your new number. Thanks.



St. Joseph- Contribution Budget July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$60,500.00	2,326.94	\$1,885.00
Student	\$900.00	\$34.62	\$13.00
Loose Plate	\$4,200.00	\$161.54	\$191.00

Coming Events

July 16	10:30am	Mass
July 18	6:30am	Bible Study
July 19	8:00am	Mass- Celebrate Fr. Phil's B-day
July 20	8:00am	Mass at St. Thomas
July 23	10:30am	Mass

WAFER (Wabasso Area Food Shelf) will hold a **Pie and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wabasso.**

The menu will consist of Bar-be-ques, chips, pickles, pie and ice cream.

This is WAFER's way of thanking our founding fathers and past volunteers, the communities for supporting us over the years, and last, but not least, Jane Klaers who has done the ordering for WAFER for many years, and all the other work she has done for WAFER.

We ask that each person that attends brings a non-perishable item of food for the food shelf. This will help keep our food shelf shelves stocked in these summer months.



PLEASE help us celebrate Fr. Phil's "39th" birthday
 We will have a brunch after the 8:00 AM Mass



Wednesday, July 19

He would love to see you there!!!

Banns of Marriage

Amber Stafford & Joe Demouth

Will be united in Marriage on July 29, 2017



Ice Cream Social at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Lambertton, Wednesday, July 19 from 5:00 – 6:30pm. Menu: BBQs, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, pickles, coffee, lemonade, root beer floats, ice cream w/toppings. Free will offering. Proceeds will go towards the church window replacement fund. Take out and deliveries available call 752-7334.

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Prayer Corner



Please remember in your prayers:

✠ Our Shepherd of the Field Rev. Anthony Hesse

Please pray for our parishioners this week~

Sun: James & Sara Rogotzke Family

Mon: Michael & Christina Rogotzke Family

Tues: Alan & Paula Roiger

Wed: Arland & Cheryl Roiger

Thurs: Bernadine Roiger

Fri: Blaine Roiger

Sat: Charles & Vicki Roiger

Weekly Candle Intentions (\$2.00 offering)

·Special Intention ·Special Intention BV

Check out Channel 8 –Cablecast

* **St. Raphael Sunday Mass**

Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm & Friday at 6:00 pm.

* **Finding God through Faith & Reason: Episode 9**

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

Good Neighbor Thrift Store

July 18 -22 50% off Books and Kitchenware



Remember in Prayer ~ **Gene Stoering**, Father of Karen Reindl who died last week. His funeral was on Thursday. We pray for this loved one and ask God to surround his family with loving memories.

The Columbarium was set in place on Wednesday June 7th Cemetery Committee welcomes you to drive out to check it out!

Niches can be purchased by calling



• Bob Sturm 723-5086 or 507-227-9358

• Duane Roiger, Chair
507-723-8826

• Ken Koll, Sec/
Treas.
507-227-0385

Dear Pope Francis

The Pope answers letters from children around the world

Dear Pope Francis,

My name is Nastya. I live in Russia. This year I made my First Communion. I would like to ask you what I, as a child, can do to increase the number of of Christians in my age group.

Thank you.

Goodbye, Nastya, age 10, Russia

Dear Nastya,

What a beautiful drawing! I can tell that you are used to seeing icons and praying with them! You really have a wonderful wish: to increase the number of those who love Jesus and who seek him. This is very beautiful. I support you. The best way to fulfill your wish is to pray to Jesus that the number of his followers will increase. And pray for pastors, for religious men and women, and for all those who proclaim the Gospel. But most of all, it's up to you! Give your witness as a Christian where you live, with your family, among your friends, and in your city. You have to be a witness of the faith that you hold in your heart. Pray and be a witness to the love of Jesus.

Francis

We would like to thank Bernice Manderfeld for her years of service as a Eucharistic Minister at St. John's Nursing home.

If you would like to help in this noble ministry please contact the Parish office. You minister with another person on Sunday mornings and the commitment is less than once a month.

Thank you

In the name of the La Salette Missionaries and especially of Fr. Anil Kochuthazhath, I wish to thank you and the people of St. Raphael & St. Joseph for you hospitality, generosity and prayers during the mission appeal on July 1-2. We thank you for the opportunity to bring a renewed awareness of our Church's Mission to your people and to bring their love and support to the needy of the mission countries served by the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.

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Meetings and Activities

July 17	1:00pm	Craft Ladies Meet
July 21	9am-4pm	Adoration
July. 23	1:00pm	Craft Ladies Meet
July. 24	7:00pm	Prayer Shawl Group- Gathering Space
Aug. 21		First day School

The 400 Club Winner this Week

#24 Joan (Mrs. Don) Richert \$150.00



Cost of New Mower \$6,320
Still Needed \$4,895

Thank you, *Fr. Phil*



Contribution Budget July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$255,000.00	\$9,807.70	\$6,863.00
Gr. 7-12	\$1000.00	\$38.46	\$5.00
Pre K-6	\$2000.00	\$76.94	\$6.00

Serving next Funeral will be Group D

Last week's Parish Revenue

Adult Envelopes	\$3,205.50
High School Gr. 7-12	-0-
Children through Gr. 6	4.00
Loose Plate	202.00
CD income	126.92
La Salette Mission	10.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$862.77
Total Income	\$4,411.19

July 22 & 23, 2017

	5:30pm	8:30am
Servers	Devin Johnson Paytin Johnson	Rachel Beadell Regan Beadell
	Volunteer	Volunteer
Lector	Maxine Meine	Jim Miesen
EMC	Laura Bast Volunteer	Jim Miesen Shari Koll
	Volunteer	Alice Fasnacht
Accompanist	Sharon Pieschel	Kathleen Goedtke
Song Leader		David Goedtke
Rosary	Donna Ebnet	Jim Miesen
Head Usher	*Rich Dauer David Roiger Volunteer	*Ken Koll Duane Roiger Doug Sondag
	Volunteer	John Moritz
Communion SJLH	Dan & Julie Lassegard	
Videographer	Andi Hoffmann	

Please check appropriate box (es) and return in the weekend collection

St Joseph Lambertton St Raphael Springfield

- new in parish moving out of parish
 new address new phone number
 new/change of email would like visiting

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

~Upcoming Area Events~

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming Events!

- ◆ **Farm Fest– July 31-Aug 3** ~ Sign up sheets in church pews. Big sheet is in Gathering Space.
- ◆ **Fall Festival– September 10**~ Raffle, and Live and Silent auction prizes are being collected. Contact the Parish office if you have a donation.

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage?

A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Nov 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN and Feb 16-18, 2018 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.

Annual Parish Dinner and Festival at the Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, on Sunday, July 30th.

The day will begin with a 9:30am Mass with special music, followed by a buffet chicken & ham & home-made dressing sinner with all the trimmings. Dinner is being served in the air-conditioned church hall from 11:00 am until 1:30pm.

Live Music, country store, games for all ages, bingo, refreshments and a kiddie pedal pull at 2:30pm.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota In re: Diocese of New Ulm, Case No. 17-30601

Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse and Others With Claims Against the Diocese of New Ulm



If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, a Catholic parish or Catholic school within the geographic area of the Diocese, or have any claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by July 10, 2017.

For more diocesan information: visit www.dnu.org
For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information: visit www.mnb.uscourts.gov
For advice about your rights: contact an attorney

July 23-29, 2017 National NFP Awareness Week.

Now is the time to do something great for your marriage.

NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving natures of marriage, **NFP** can enrich the bond between husband and wife.

Learn more about **NFP** at www.dnu.org/nfp/ or contact the Family Life Office at cfier@dnu.org 507-233-5328



The Labels for Education from Campbell's is ending its program August 1, 2017. Our refunding coordinator has asked that all labels be turned in now so she can make one last submission soon. Thank you to all who have so diligently bought and brought these product labels in. We have ordered many items the students use at recess and phy-ed.

Thank you,
St. Raphael students and staff



Stuff the Backpacks– United Way Backpack Project

Did you know last year more than 500 kids in Brown County received a backpack filled with school supplies from this

project.

Please help by donating these supplies to the box in the Gathering Space. They will be picked up on Thursday, July 27.

Supplies needed:

- #2 Pencils
- Folders
- Spiral Notebooks– wide ruled
- Boxes of facial tissue– we need a lot
- 4 oz bottles of white glue
- Crayola broad tip markers– classic colors
- Crayola thin tip markers– classic colors
- Crayola Colored Pencils-sets of 12
- 24 Pack crayons
- Glue sticks
- Fiskars Kids scissors– pointed
- Plastic Pencil boxes
- Pencil bags
- Yellow highlighters
- Red pens
- Hand sanitizer

