



Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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July 22, 2018
16th 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.	July 23	No Mass <i>Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Matthew 12:38-42</i>
Tues.	July 24	8:30am Mass + Mary & Carl Bates (Spfd) <i>Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Matthew 12:46-50</i>
Wed.	July 25	8:00am Mass (Lamb) 10:00am Mass + Francis Boyle (SJLH) <i>2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28</i>
Thurs.	July 26	NO Mass (Sanb) <i>Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Matthew 13:10-17</i>
Fri.	July 27	NO Mass (Spfd) <i>Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23</i>
Sat.	July 28	5:30pm Mass + LeRoy Hauth (Spfd) 7:00pm Mass (Sanb) <i>Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30</i>
Sun.	July 29	8:30am Mass - AFC (Spfd) 10:30am Mass +Marianne Potter (Lamb) <i>2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15</i>

- ◆ Mass Stipend \$10.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

✠ Saturday 4:45pm at **St. Raphael**

✠ Sunday 10:15am at **St. Joseph**

Baptism: Pre-baptism classes required- Contact Fr. Phil

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

- ◆ **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

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 1:00pm

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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

Here in the middle of summer we have many thoughts of “getting away” or “going fishing” which is another way of saying going on vacation. The living out of the human desire and need for rest fits very well with the readings of this weekend. For example, Jesus says to his disciples “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while”. This was after he had sent them out 2 by 2 preach, heal and cast out demons. They had a been very busy and probably had a lot to talk about. Mark even says “they went off in a boat” (Mk 6:30-32) and we know some of them were fisherman. The Responsorial Psalm 23 underlines that theme as it proclaims how the Lord leads us to “restful waters” and “refreshes our souls”.



Some people need encouragement to take some time for rest and renewal and others do not. However, in general, our culture runs at a pace and with a schedule that does not easily slow down and rest. The very young and the old especially need to rest more but so do those in the middle ages that are burdened with so many concerns and lists of **things** yet to be done. If you are one of those that has trouble slowing down and smelling the roses or taking time to communicate your special love to those people God has given you, I encourage you to make a fresh list of those kind of encounters that you wish to have before this summer is spent.

In my mini-vacation last week I called or visited about 15 different friends who I had not been in contact with for a while. It made me feel more settled and content with my life in the time and place that I have been given. I am usually quite satisfied with how things are going but sometimes I get restless and wonder about the hunger in my soul for something more . It is then that I realize I have not likely kept in touch with the key friends and relationships which ground me in the present moment. The restlessness also happens when I have not been praying consistently or am too far from the wilderness where I often experience the closeness of God. That is why I also visited four state parks on my quest to visit all 76 of them.

From Sister Shirley ~

As I was reflecting on how quickly these summer months are passing by, my eye caught a message from Sister Joyce Rupp’s book, May I Have This Dance. I believe this quote sums up the reality in my life and maybe also in yours.

“We move so fast, God, and sometimes we see so little in our daily travels. Slow us down. Create in us a desire to pause. Help us to pursue moments of contemplation. Help us to see in a deeper way, to become more aware of what speaks to us of beauty and truth.”

In traveling to Springfield and Sanborn, this morning to visit several friends, I was attracted to the beauty of creation. I noticed how the flooded fields have soaked up the sunshine and the majority of the fields are dried and the plants have disappeared and so I noticed the bare dirt fields. But I also observed the beauty of the colorful flowers surrounding so many of the homes and richness of the green trees providing beautiful landscape, and the beautiful crops. Yes, and the faces and visits of the friends was a beauty to enjoy.

And behold in one of my e-mails today, a friend had sent a picture of the colorful display of veggies she had picked from her garden, shades of green, red, white and yellow veggies with the caption “what a beautiful beginning of a delicious meal.”

Be sure to pause and enjoy the beauty and truth of people we meet every day as well as God’s creation speaking to us in little ways. Blessings of beauty be with you.

~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: Daniel & Julie Lassegard

Mon: James & Marion Lewis

Tues: Dale & Barbara Lindmeier

Wed: David & Judy Lipetzky

Thurs: Mary Lipetzky

Fri: Philip & Judy Lipetzky

Sat: Steve & Dianne Lipetzky

Weekly Candle Intentions (\$2.00 offering)

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·Special Intention YM

Check out Channel 8 –Cablecast

* **St. Raphael Sunday Mass**

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

* **The Faithful Traveler:** Episode 10: National Shrine of St. John Nepomucene Neumann

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

Good Neighbor Thrift Store

July 24 – 28 50% off Jewelry.

Last Thursday of the Month, July 26th

50% off all Clothing.



Banns of Marriage

Trisha Lewis & Joshua Ludewig

Will be united in Marriage on August 4, 2018

Spiritually adopted babies are 6 Months Old!

I am 6 months old now. I just opened my eyes- Before today they were sealed shut for protection. I wonder what you look like? I can hear sounds too! It's great to have someone praying for me.



It is time to start thinking about the **St. Raphael Fall Festival**, which will be on **Sunday, September 16** this year.

Some things the committee would like to start out with this year are:

- **The Deadline for Silent Auction Basket Donations is August 31st.** They need the extra time to organize and sort items to make a more fluid silent auction.
- Donations for the Silent Auction or Live Auction, are being accepted. please contact the Parish Office (723-4137)



You are invited to join the Men of this Parish this summer for morning Bible Study on Fridays from 6:00-7:00am in the Gathering Space. Please come anytime you are able

August Ministry Schedules are ready to be picked up in the entrances of church.

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Meetings and Activities

July 24	1:30pm	Good Neighbor Thrift Store Meeting
July 25	1:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting

Last week's Parish Revenue

Adult Envelopes	\$2,085.00
High School Gr. 7-12	-0-
Children through Gr. 6	13.25
Loose Plate	200.00
Capital Improvement	155.00
DUF	2.00
Adopt a Student	
Air conditioning	40.00
San Lucas	
CD Income	
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	663.86
Total Income	

Catholic Education Support

St. Raphael School's Mission is to bring the students to a deeper relationship with Jesus while providing quality education. We believe every child should have the opportunity to receive a Catholic Education, even if the family cannot afford it.

Even with your generous support of our Adopt-a-Student program, some families have not been able to pay for their child's tuition for the 2017/2018 school year.

· Student 1 = \$438 · Student 2 = \$445 · Student 3 = \$603
 · Student 4 = \$561 · Student 5 = \$480 · Student 6 = \$705

If you would like to help assure these students continue to receive a Catholic education and greater success in life, please put your gift in an envelope marked with the student number and drop in the collection plate or the drop box in the school hallway.

~Thank you for all your support of our School.

The 400 Club Winners this Week

#283 Al Plotz	\$65.00
#242 Sara Rogotzke	\$65.00

Contribution Budget July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$255,000.00	\$14,711.55	\$7,430.00
Gr. 7-12	\$1000.00	\$43.29	-0-
Pre K-6	\$2000.00	\$115.41	\$35.25

~Serving next Funeral will be Group I~

July 28 & 29, 2018

	5:30pm	8:30am
Servers	Paytin Johnson	Ely Streich
	Chase Groebner	Mitchell Streich
	Triston Groebner	Volunteer
Lector	Kathy Hillesheim	Elizabeth Mohr
EMC	Jack Hartjes	Elizabeth Mohr
	Cathy Ochs	Deacon Barry
	Volunteer	Shari Koll
Accompanist	Julie Prechel	TBD
Song Leader	Julie Prechel	TBD
Rosary	Julie Lassegard	Hilary Mohr
Head Usher	*Dan Miesen	*Ken Koll
	Rich Dauer	Michael Rothmeier
	Pat Lang	Doug Sondag
	Terry Ochs	Duane Roiger
Communion SJLH	Jim Miesen & Shelley Olson	
Videographer	Julieann Reindl/TJ Reindl	

Mark your Calendars for Farm Fest

◆ **Farm Fest– August 6-9 ~ Sign up sheets are in the church pews and the big one is in the Gathering Space.**



~St. Raphael School~



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~Upcoming Area Events~

Annual Parish Dinner and Festival at the Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth on Sunday, July 29th. The day will begin with a 10:00 am Mass with special music, followed by a buffet chicken and ham and homemade dressing dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner is being served in the air-conditioned church hall from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Take out orders will also be available.

On Tuesday, July 3, a large area of the Diocese of New Ulm was subject to flooding, flood damages and a few home and apartment evacuations. Parishes and communities in Lyon, Lincoln and Redwood Counties and particularly the communities of Marshall, Redwood Falls, Tracy, Wabasso, Walnut Grove were impacted by 7" to as much as 11" inches of rain on soils that were already quite saturated.

The Diocese has applied to Catholic Charities USA for a \$10,000 emergency assistance grant to help low-income families displaced from their homes by these heavy rains. Similarly, Bishop LeVoir has asked that parishes in the diocese take up a second collection for those people without resources to immediately recover from being displaced by this July 3 flooding. Donations can also be made via a credit card accessing Catholic Charities on the diocesan webpage. 2nd Collection this weekend, July 21 & 22.



Stuff The Backpacks

United Way Backpack Project

Did you know last year more than 540 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 26.

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



St. Gregory the Great Church of Lafayette Harvest Festival

Sunday, August 13, 2018 Mass at 10:30.

Buffet Style Ham & Meatball Dinner, serving
10:30-1:30

Bing the family for a fun filled day of food, games, entertainment & fellowship. Silent auction, bake sale & country store, big ticket drawing with 100 plus prizes starts at 4:30. Hope to see you there.

Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Sep 14-16, 2018 in KASSON, MN and Nov 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.