



# Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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June 2, 2019  
7th Sunday of Easter

*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. June 3 **No Mass**  
*Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8;  
John 16:29-33*
- Tues. June 4 8:30am +Kenneth Wenisch (Spfld)  
*Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27;  
John 17:1-11a*
- Wed. June 5 10:00am +Berdene Neeb (SJLH)  
1:30pm (VVDH)  
*Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38;  
John 17:11b-19*
- Thurs. June 6 8:00am (Sanb)  
*Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11;  
John 17:20-26*
- Fri. June 7 8:30am +Karen Hoscheit (Spfld)  
*Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21;  
John 21:15-19*
- Sat. June 8 5:30pm +Francis Boyle (Spfld)  
*Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31;  
John 21:20-25*
- Sun. June 9 8:30am +Ernest Vogel (Spfld)  
10:30am +-AFC (Lamb)  
*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians  
12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23*

\*Mass Stipend \$10.00

**Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 1:00pm**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

✠ Saturday 4:45pm at St. Raphael

✠ Sunday 10:15am at St. Joseph

- ◆ **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

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

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

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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 ~***

What can a Pastor say about hard and wet times in America's Heartland?

What can a Pastor say who grew up on the farm pitching manure with a three-tined fork? What can a Pastor say who at 13 lost his father to a sudden heart attack which forced his family to sell out as Mom went back to teaching?

What can this Pastor say who then left home at 14 and spent the next 13 years in boarding schools for the spiritually charged (and challenged), otherwise known as seminaries? What can this Pastor say who saw farm laborers in Guatemala toiling as late as 1989 for \$2.00 a day? What can this Pastor say whose heart is in the land and whose head has studied the Sacred Scripture with its many agricultural images and stories...stories of the treasure of the promised land, of good seed and bad seed, of building bigger barns and sharing your bread with the hungry and of laborers worthy of their pay?

What can I say? Can I say that "there is life after forced retirement from farming" or that "we in Brown and Redwood Counties do not really know what being without resources is like...I mean utterly poor without a safety net of any kind? Should I say that?

Can I say that there is a hidden lesson in this...that God is trying to teach us something...and that we should listen hard and long to the inner voice of the Spirit stirring us to deeper faith and more decisive action for the Kingdom? How could such a message be heard by someone who is depressed and feels their whole life is falling apart around them and they are powerless to stop it?

I do not know the answers to these questions. Maybe asking them honestly and sincerely would be helpful for some. However, I am thoroughly convinced of this much, that the blood of those who live on and work the land is no more or less red than the rest of humanity. Their sin, be it greed or pride or self-centeredness, is no more or less obvious than that of other groups of corporate or blue collar America. And their pain, anxiety and sorrow over unimagined loss is no more or less severe (no matter what the cause) than anyone who has taken risks in business, in love and in life and lost. Therefore, with this in mind I ask, what can you say to one another and how can you listen with compassion to one another? What is a Christian response to hard times in America's Heartland?

***~Fr. Phil Schotzko~***

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***From Sister Shirley ~***

In the exhortation of Pope Francis, "On the Call to Holiness" Pope Francis writes, "Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-12; Lk 6:20-23). The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card. So if anyone asks: "What must one do to be a good Christian?" the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount in the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives."

Is this the week when we pick up the Bible and read these passages from Matthew and Luke and reflect on Jesus and my Christian identity card? We may be surprised by our answers or what we hear as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost.

I will be leaving for Retreat, on Friday, June 7 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. I will be returning late Friday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the retreat is: "Be Patient in Affliction." As we understand, "Patience is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, a gift that we are called to cultivate in our daily lives." Please remember me as I will be praying for you during this retreat.

***~Sister Shirley~***

# ~Church of St. Joseph~

<b>June 9, 2019</b>	
	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Sydney Vogel Emily DeCock
<b>Lector</b>	Brenda Derickson
<b>EMC</b>	Anthony Axford Jeanne Eykyn Diane Arnsdorf
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jason Axford Austin Axford Doug DeCock Vern Hillesheim
<b>Gifts</b>	Jeff Strock Family
<b>Counters</b>	Joann French & Doreen Kronback
<b>Videographer</b>	Charly Furth

**This week we remember these people in our prayers.**  
*Mary & Jim Simonson and Shirley Simonson*



**Our Shepherd of the field:**  
*Msgr. Doug Grams*

~Please also pray for those in Need ~

Dolores Berg	Kris Redman	Mary Arnoldi
Pat Dauer	Bruce Olson	Kay Weisbrich
Dorothy Dietl	Ken Benedict	Carol Kretsch
Ken Arnoldi	Rosie Fromm	Angie Axford
Roger Steines	Deb Ose	Susanna Kronback
Marlene Steines		

## Coming Events

June 2	10:30am	Mass
June 3-5		Annual Church Cleaning Week
June 4	6:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Area Pastoral Council, Lamberton
June 5	1:30pm	Mass - VVNH
June 6	8:00am	St. Thomas/Discussion Group
June 9	10:30am	Mass - Pentecost

<b>St. Joseph- Contribution Budget July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019</b>			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
<b>Adults</b>	\$60,500.00	\$57,230.88	<b>\$57,546.58</b>
<b>Student</b>	\$900.00	\$830.88	<b>\$649.46</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$4,200.00	\$5,076.96	<b>\$4,652.48</b>

<b>Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$834.00
Student Envelopes	\$8.00
Loose Plate	\$0.00
Cemetery Fund	\$20.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$862.00</b>

**Change for Life:** Thank you for collecting your spare change in this bottle. Choices Pregnancy Center offers hope and encouragement to young mothers so that they can accept life as a gift from God, even in difficult circumstances. Your gift gives you a vital role in CPC's ministries.



**Annual Farm Mass** will be Wednesday, June 26th at Jackie & Ardie Imker's Farm at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to join us at 24794 120th St., Lamberton, MN. Please mark your calendar and plan to celebrate a great evening with our Area Faith Community.

### Spring Church Cleaning **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 3-5**



Sign up sheet for jobs and their descriptions are on posters in church entry. Please sign up for a job and cross it off list when completed. All jobs are to be completed by Wednesday, June 5.

If you would like to start your job prior to June 3rd, please feel free to. Thank you, Questions call Robyn Schroepfer 507-276-8229 or Sandy DeCock 507-227-5351.

All are welcome...women, men and youth!

# ~Church of St. Raphael~

## Prayer Corner



**Please remember in your prayers:**

✠ Our Shepherd of the Field: Fr. Bernard Steiner

**Please pray for our parishioners this week~**

Sun: Nick & Tamera Berning

Mon: Avona Bielen

Tues: Craig & Lori Bielen

Wed: James & April Bigelow Family

Thurs: Gennifer Bliss Family

Fri: Vera Bloedow

Sat: Brennen & Sarah Boettger Family

*Weekly Candle Intentions* (\$2.00 offering)

Special Intention BJT

Special Intention TJT

Special Intention BEV

### Check out Channel 8—Cablecast

\* **St. Raphael Sunday Mass**

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

\***Carpenter shop - Episode 6**

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

### Good Neighbor Thrift Store

June 4 – 8 50% Off Accent Pillows

### Senior Visitation Ministry

Are you a member of St. Raphael's Parish and wish to feel more connected with the church members around you? St. Raphael's has a ministry where members of our Parish will visit you at your home and be a friend to help you feel more connected and involved in the church community! If you are interested in being visited, please call Dotty deLambert at 507-491-6571 or Erin Hauth at 723-4138. If you are a parishioner interested in being involved in this ministry, call the numbers above or email Dotty at [varmland42@yahoo.com](mailto:varmland42@yahoo.com).



**Congratulations to Kreed Hunter**

**Christensen and Kenlee Jade Christensen,**

children of Daniel & Courtney Christensen as they received the Holy Waters of Baptism last weekend.

**Changes for Life collection boxes** are located in the back of church and in the gathering space. Please take one home and fill it with extra change and return it on Father's Day. The money will be used by First Choice Pregnancy Services to help young women in crisis choose life for their babies, discover hope for the future, and make Changes for Life!



A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for **Friday, June 21, 2019 from 7:00pm-10:00pm at St. Mary's School, Bird Island.** You can register online through the diocesan website

[www.dnu.org/safeenvironment](http://www.dnu.org/safeenvironment) by

clicking on the large red button in the left margin of the main Safe Environment Web page.



**Thank you** to the following people who helped with our annual mowing and trimming at our **Cemetery Trim Night:** Bob Sturm, Duane Roiger, Ken Koll, Mike Krueger, Steve Meine and Randy Sturm.



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**"Every day is a fresh page,  
a clean start."**

JUSTIN FATICA  
*You're Amazing*

 Dynamic Catholic

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## Meetings and Activities

June 4	8:00am	Mass
June 5	10:00am	Mass - <b>St. John Lutheran Home</b>
June 7	8:30am	Mass
	9:00am-4:00pm	Adoration

<b>Contribution Budget July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019</b>			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$255,000.00	\$235,384.80	<b>\$239,107.99</b>
Gr. 7-12	\$750.00	\$692.64	<b>\$70.58</b>
Pre K-6	\$2000.00	\$1,846.56	<b>\$1,674.24</b>

<b>Last week's Parish Revenue</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$4,073.00
High School Gr. 7-12	\$1.00
Children through Gr. 6	\$16.40
Loose Plate	\$175.00
Capital Improvement	\$50.00
Votive Candles	\$24.85
Red Heart	\$600.00
Ascension	\$170.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$803.14
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,913.39</b>

<b>The 400 Club Winners this Week</b>
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#367 Joel Pingeon	\$65.00
#105 Tim Kraskey	\$65.00

*~Serving next Funeral will be Group B~*

<b>June 8 &amp; 9, 2019</b>		
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Zoie Riederer	Rachel Beadell
	Noah Riederer	Regan Beadell
	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	Luke Roiger
<b>Lector</b>	Paul Pieschel	Ron Sturm
<b>EMC</b>	Jill Riederer	Dcn. Barry Reindl
	Cathy Ochs	Sharon Sturm
	Max Meine	Ron Sturm
<b>Accompanist</b>	Sharon Pieschel	Julie Prechel
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jackie Reindl	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	Jane Irlbeck	Jackie Roiger
<b>Head Usher</b>	*Keith Riederer	*Mike Rothmeier
	Terry Ochs	Richard Sturm
	Steve Meine	Brian Veenstra
	Dan Miesen	Jake Veenstra
<b>Communion SJLH</b>	Dale Lindmeier & Diane Hauth	
<b>Videographer</b>	Juliann Reindl	



**Catholic Communication Campaign**  
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

**Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).** Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of New Ulm to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



**St. Raphael School is hiring!** We are looking for a full time classroom aid for the 2019-2020 school year to work with our 3rd and 4th grade students alongside our 3rd/4th grade teacher, Mrs. Weingart. An ideal candidate would be committed to mentoring young children and support the mission of our school: "It is the mission of St. Raphael School to bring the students to a deeper relationship with Jesus while providing quality education." Qualified candidates must also be energetic, reliable, work well in a team atmosphere, have experience with children, flexible, have a high school diploma, be organized and able to work 40 hours per week. The hours will be 7:45am -3:45pm, Monday-Friday when school is in session. Interested candidates may contact Fr. Phil Schotzko 507-723-4141 or Mrs. Beth Steffl 507-723-4136.

## ~Upcoming Area Events~



**Change for Life:** Life is the most precious gift of all, and now you have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of an unborn child. We are announcing our participation in Choices Pregnancy Center's Change for Life Fundraiser. Each family may pick up a beautiful little baby

bottle to use to demonstrate how you feel about the precious gift of life. This empty bottle represents the potential in each unborn life just waiting to be filled with all the future holds. Today, let us honor our mothers and fathers by helping others to make life-giving choices. Fill this bottle with spare change and return it to church on Father's Day, to help Choices Pregnancy Center in its ministry to pregnant and parenting women.

**Please join us for Pastor Frethem's Retirement**

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Open House 2:00-4:00pm with a program at 2:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church

112 W Central

Springfield, MN

# FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, June 2, 2019

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

### SCHOENSTATT ON THE LAKE

11:30 am Sunday Mass followed by lunch  
Hot dogs, buns, tableware, and drinks provided.  
Please bring a dish to serve 12.  
Suggested donation per family is \$5.00.



**The Springfield Area Food Shelf** is currently looking to fill a volunteer coordinator position. You would be a member of the board but not a voting member.

Meetings are held every other month and if you cannot attend you may send a report to the meeting that will be shared with the board. Your biggest responsibility is to put out the monthly work schedule and provide it to the paper so it can be published each week. You also get the schedule to the volunteers who are working. This is a position that can be done from your home if you have your own computer. The food shelf also has their own computers and we may be able to work something out to use that for the schedule. It is whatever works for the person doing the position. You would be trained to do the position by Jan Krieg or Jan Schwanke, Food Shelf Manager. If you are interested please contact us. We have 2 service days each week which is Tuesday evening and Thursday morning. No holidays. We have no paid positions. **ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

Jan Krieg 507-227-8129 or 507-723-4331  
Jan Schwanke 507-227-7387 or 507-723-4120  
Shari Koll 507-723-6120 or 504-227-0386

**The Springfield Area Food Shelf** has started to work with Springfield Market in a program called Food Rescue. An article will be coming out in the local newspaper in the near future. We are currently looking for a few more volunteers to pick up food products from the Springfield Market two scheduled days a week. It will not take much time to do this. If this is something that you might be interested in helping with please contact Jan Schwanke at the Food Shelf in Springfield for more details. 507-723-4120.

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

St Joseph Lambertton       St Raphael Springfield

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| <input type="checkbox"/> new in parish       | <input type="checkbox"/> moving out of parish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> new address         | <input type="checkbox"/> new phone number     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> new/change of email | <input type="checkbox"/> would like visiting  |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_