



Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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November 19th, 2017
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Raphael, Springfield

St. Joseph, Lambertton

Liturgies This Week

Mon.	Nov. 20	8:30 Mass + Jerry Lipetzky (Spfd) <i>1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63;</i> <i>Luke 18:35-43</i>
Tues.	Nov. 14	8:30am Mass + Gloria Schmitz (Spfd) <i>2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10</i>
Wed.	Nov. 15	8:00 Mass (Lamb) 10:00am Mass + Gene Stoering (SJLH) <i>2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31; Luke 19:11-28</i>
Thurs.	Nov. 23 Thanks-giving	9:00am Mass + Gerard Grandzol (Spfd) <i>Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19</i>
Fri.	Nov. 24	No Mass (Spfd) <i>1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59; Luke 19:45-48</i>
Sat.	Nov. 25	5:30pm Mass + Gene Kunz (Spfd) <i>1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40</i>
Sun.	Nov. 26	8:30am Mass + Frank & Frieda Green (Spfd) 10:30am Mass - AFC (Lamb) <i>Revelation 5:12;1:6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46</i>

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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

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

I am off on retreat this week so I am writing this well ahead of time. It was a very busy week this past week so I am looking forward to a more sane schedule. Besides continuing to encourage all members to make a donation or promise of a donation to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal I would like to share this encouragement from Fr. James Martin S.J. to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary. I also want to thank Fr. Stephen Boyle for covering for me while I am on retreat.

Teach Us to Pray

Entering the Mysteries of the Rosary

I have a confession to make: I haven't memorized all the Mysteries of the rosary. That may sound disappointing or scandalous since I'm a priest. But since I never went to Catholic schools, and spent only a few years in religious education, I wasn't taught the Mysteries as a boy, and I find it a challenge to memorize them as an adult. That doesn't mean that I don't pray with them, just that I need a "cheat sheet".

The Mysteries are events and themes from the life of Jesus and Mary that one meditates on while saying the Rosary. They are a kind of backdrop for the "Hail Marys" and "Our Fathers." And since Jesus' life was a mixture of both happy and sad moments, there are "Joyful," "Sorrowful," "Glorious," and, thanks to additions from St. John Paul II, "Luminous" Mysteries. Traditionally, one prays a different set of mysteries for different days of the week.

My favorite insight into the Mysteries came from an elderly woman I met after a parish talk I had given. When she brought up the Rosary, I shared that I had a hard time remembering the mysteries. She smiled and said, "Oh, I love the Mysteries. When I remember all the things that happened to Jesus, it's like I'm with Mary and going through her scrapbook with her. We remember all those events, and I tell her what I think about them, and how they make me feel, and sometimes Mary tells me what she thinks and feels."

That night I went home and started to memorize them. ~Fr. James Martin

Fr. Phil Schotzko

From Sister Shirley

Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate the First World Day for the Poor on Sunday, November 19th. How will we respond to Pope Francis call to "Love Not in Word But in Deed?" Here are a few suggestions.

*Attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and support the WAFER Program

*Redwood County Share the Spirit is preparing for sharing donations in the Lamberton Area on December 13th to assist with those in need. The banks in Lamberton have a box where you can put new toys, hats or mittens, etc. to be shared in the Lamberton area.

*Also, you may send monetary donations to Share the Spirit, Box 445, Redwood Falls, MN 56283 to be shared with the poor by purchasing food for poor in the Lamberton area.

*Diocesan Ministries Appeal is another way to respond to love in action.

*Be creative and think of other ways to share with the poor.

Litany of Thanks

For the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist with Father Phil and the parish community, let us pray.

For the many volunteers involved in the various ministries in our parish, let us pray.

For the caring, loving, supportive families reaching out to those in need, let us pray

For the cleaning ladies who weekly clean our church, let us pray.

For the helping hands in mowing and caring for the grounds around the parish and cemetery, let us pray.

For those who teach our young people in the Faith Formation Program, let us pray.

For those who share their musical talents in our liturgies, let us pray.

For those who continue to work behind the scenes in doing various repair work, let us pray.

For those who pray for our parish and community daily, let us pray.

For each one of you, for being you and sharing your gifts and talents, let us pray.



**We gratefully praise and thank our loving God for sharing so many blessings with all of us.
Happy Thanksgiving.**

Sister Shirley

~Church of St. Joseph~

Ministry Schedule Sunday, Nov. 26 2017

Ushers Jim & Jenna Olson, Justin Stafford, Mike Hubert
Lector Jeff Strock
Gifts Jim & Jenna Olson
EMC Jackie Imker, Mary Arnoldi, Jeanna Olson
Servers Maia Scheffler, Elizabeth Strock
Counters Mary Arnoldi, Jeanna Stafford
Video Candi VanMevern

Nov. 12, 2017 Contributions	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,975.00
Student Envelopes	35.50
Loose Plate	87.00
All Saints Day	70.00
Omelet Breakfast	5.00
Total Income	\$2,172.50

St. Joseph- Contribution Budget July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$60,500.00	\$23,269.40	\$24,925.28
Student	\$900.00	\$346.20	\$265.65
Loose Plate	\$4,200.00	\$1,615.40	\$3,078.00



A Bundle of Gratitude to the Omelet Breakfast Committee, all the volunteers, donation givers, and everyone for supporting our successful Omelet Breakfast. It was a wonderful gathering, enjoying delicious omelets, socializing with friends, family and new acquaintances.

Thank you and we are happy you were able to join us for the breakfast. We will have another Omelet Breakfast next spring. Profits approximately \$ 2,000.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 22, at 7:00 pm at the United Methodist Church here in Lambertton. Please mark your calendars. We are inviting any members of our parish who love to sing to please join the Ecumenical Choir for practice on Wednesday November 15th at 7:00pm at the United Methodist Church.



This week we remember these people in our prayers.

Jeanne & Jim Eykyn and Joann & Lee French
Our Shepherd of the field: Msgr. John Richter



~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	Janet Lauer

Coming Events

Nov. 19	10:30	Mass
Nov. 21	6:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting
Nov. 22	8:00am	Mass
	7:00pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at United Methodist Church
Nov. 26	10:30am	Mass



Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of

church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also wish to make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward your parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure-ministries that are vital to our church-as well as our own parish project.

WAFER SAYS THANK YOU!

The Board of Directors and Volunteers at the Wabasso Food Shelf would like to thank all the young people of St. Joseph's who collected food items and money on Oct. 26th for the Wabasso Food Shelf (WAFER). 890 pounds of food was collected along with \$65.00. The donated food items helped fill the WAFER shelves, and will help provide nutritious meals for our families during the upcoming holiday season. Thank you also to all our local residents who donated food/money to this collection.

May you all be blessed for sharing with others.

NB2DOSA Gathering

November 26 will be our next meeting time. We will be meeting in the VVM Apartment dining room starting at 1:30pm. Bring a finger snack to share if you can. We hope to see you there if you have nothing better to do on a Sunday afternoon!!

~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: Robert & Amy Welch Family

Mon: Nathan Wells Family

Tues: Susan & Calvin Wells

Wed: Caroline Welsch

Thurs: James & Joleen Welsch

Fri: Adam & Sarah Wenisch Family

Sat: Alan & Anne Wenisch Family

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.

* Catholicism on Campus, Episode 13

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

Good Neighbor Thrift Store

Join us Friday November 24th for our
Backwards Progressive Sale.

Great Savings the earlier in the day you shop.

50% off Purchase from 10:30 – Noon.

35% off from Noon to 1, 25% off from 1 to 3 and to
end the day 15% off from 3 to 5 With your purchases
you receive Double Jingle Bell Tickets. We will be
closed Thanksgiving November 23. We have much
to be Thankful for this year and wish each of you a

Happy Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to Ryan & Clair Schroepfer who



were married here this past weekend. May the
Lord Bless them as they begin to live out their
vocation of marriage.

Congratulations to Matthew C. Hillesheim, Chloe A.



Hillesheim & Tristan M. Hillesheim, children
of Matthew & Christina Hillesheim as they
received the Holy Waters of Baptism last
weekend. We welcome them to our family at
Baptism the church of St. Raphael.

You're Amazing

Passion

By Justin Fatica

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them,
because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep
without a shepherd. ~Matthew 9:36*

Passion comes from the heart. Our holiness isn't dependent upon how smart we are, but on how passionately we love. We have the capacity to love others like Christ primarily because of our hearts, not our heads. On his deathbed, St. Thomas Aquinas, said simply of all that he had learned, "All is straw." At the end of your life, when you are on your deathbed, what you know is not going to matter; how you've formed your heart to love God and his people will.

We will hear, and sometimes believe, the lies of the enemy- lies that tell us we are no good. This battle will rage throughout our lives, but we have some mighty weapons at our disposal. The bible says in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The victory is ours in Christ.

"The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant.- CCC, 2563

Please join The CCW in prayer to pray for military families during Veteran's Appreciation Month.

Mothers and fathers, wives and children are worried as their loved ones are deploying or in the terror zones. God of all comfort, please comfort their hearts and wrap your love around them like a warm quilt and let them know that they can come to your throne of grace any time, day or night, to pray for those who serve. Place your hand upon our service men and women to protect them. In Jesus's name. Amen



**The Gathering Space Carpeting
will be Cleaned on Friday, November 24th.** The Church will be accessible through the west entrance only.

Thank you.

Please pick up an Advent Word Among Us at the church entrances.

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Meetings and Activities

Nov. 20	3:30-5:00pm	Level 3 Atrium
Nov. 22		NO FF/Level 2 Atrium
Nov. 23		Happy Thanksgiving
		NO Level 1 Atrium
Nov. 24		Carpet Cleaning in Gathering Space
Nov. 27	1:00pm	Craft Ladies Meet
	3:30-5:00pm	Level 3 Atrium
	7:00pm	Prayer Shawl Group- Gathering Space
Nov. 29	1:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting
	3:30-4:45pm	K-6 FF/Level 2 Atrium
	7:15-8:30pm	7-11th FF
Nov. 30	3:30-4:45pm	Level 1 Atrium

	November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Mass
	9:00am
Servers	Paul Goedtke
	Skyla Dauer
	Noah Riederer
Lector	Jim Miesen
EMC	Jim Miesen
	Crystal Dauer
	Alice Fasnacht
Accompanist	Kathleen Goedtke
Song Leader	David Goedtke
Head Usher	Arland Roiger
	Cher Roiger
	Keith Riederer
	Volunteer

Contribution Budget July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$255,000.00	\$98,077.00	\$79,807.70
Gr. 7-12	\$1000.00	\$384.60	\$132.00
Pre K-6	\$2000.00	\$769.40	\$568.35

November 25 & 26, 2017		
	5:30pm	8:30am
Servers	Devin Johnson	Noah Vogel
	Kadin Johnson	Luke Roiger
	Ashtin Johnson	Paul Goedtke
Lector	Jack Hartjes	Jim Miesen
EMC	Jack Hartjes	Jim Miesen
	Lynn Hoffmann	Kathy Kirschstein
	Dale Lindmeier	Shari Koll
Accompanist	Sharon Pieschel	Kathleen Goedtke
Song Leader	-----	David Goedtke
Rosary	Donna Ebnet	Jim Miesen
Head Usher	*Rich Dauer	*Mike Vogel
	Dale Lindmeier	Dale Knutson
	Dan Miesen	Ken Koll
	Volunteer	Duane Roiger
Communion SJLH	Karen Brandl & Lisa	
Videographer	Andi Hoffmann	

Last week's Parish Revenue	
Adult Envelopes	7,486.62
High School Gr. 7-12	-0-
Children through Gr. 6	52.00
Loose Plate	298.50
All Saints	45.00
Candles	5.00
Coffee Connection	18.00
Atrium Income	180.00
CD Income	244.58
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	938.12
Total Income	\$9,267.82

The 400 Club Winner this Week

#49 Joe Gostonczik

\$150.00

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

- ◆ **There is no Faith Formation on Wednesday November 22. Enjoy your Thanksgiving**
- ◆ **K-6 Parents:** please work with your children on learning their assigned prayers; a prayer packet was emailed and handed out at the beginning of October. There is only so much our catechists can do with 1 hour every Wednesday, but if families can continue working on what the catechists are teaching in class, the kids will be able to learn at a quicker pace and be more prone to remembering what was taught. If you need another prayer packet or have any questions, please contact Erin.



St. Raphael School



Christmas Cash Raffle tickets are still available. Remember there will only be 2000 tickets sold. You can get yours after Mass or stop in the school office. Tickets are only \$2 each and we truly appreciate your support of this fundraiser. This is the only school sponsored raffle we will be holding and we encourage that you support this effort.

Please mark November 29th on your calendar as an important date as it is the drawing for the Christmas Cash Raffle. But it is also our first **Spaghetti Dinner**. We will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, coleslaw, garlic toast, cookies, coffee or milk. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (5-10), and \$1.00 for preschoolers (under 5) or you can feed your entire family for just \$25



There is no school this Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. All of us at school offer prayers of Thanksgiving for a loving God and the wonderful support of St. Raphael parishioners. We are blessed with a fantastic school that continues to help children grow closer to God every day. Bless you all this Thanksgiving.

The St. Raphael School children will be Selling Rolls after the following Sunday 8:30am Mass on November 26

The **Labels for Learning** has changed the way we get refunded. The program is now called more Rewards. What you need to do is log into moreRewards.com or the MORE Rewards mobile app to designate your preferred school. Shop Coborn's, Cash Wise, and Marketplace Foods stores for our store brands (Food Club, Full Circle, Top Care, @ease, Paws, Tippy Toes) and more to earn points for our school. There are more than 3,000 qualifying items.



Although the Labels for Education refund program is coming to an end, the Box Tops for Education refund program is still going strong. Please remember to drop off your box tops at school or in Church. Don't forget about the Shoparoo program – it is the free app that turns pictures of your receipts into cash donation for our school.

~Church of St. Raphael~

~Craft Ladies~ Now until Christmas~

Craft Items can be purchased in the Church Basement every Monday from 1-3pm or by appointment: call Mary Ann Ochs 507-217-3696 or Phyllis Juenemann 507-217-3770

~Please Consider Volunteering for Adoration~



First and Third Fridays of the month. Please Contact Amy Schmitz 507-920-9804 for Further Information.



Thank you for your generosity to the 2017 DMA. We saw in the video last week the impact of our contribution on real people right here in the diocese. By joining with others around the diocese in support of these ministries, we can ensure

Catholic Charities counseling to our neighbors in need and support programs for youth as well as adults in the Church who are doing Christ's work. If you haven't made your pledge or given a gift, please consider making your contribution now. Remember that your gift also supports our parish project updating church lighting. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure and no other.

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

~Upcoming Area Events~

Springfield Community Theatre
& Springfield Public School Community Ed.

A Christmas Carol

The Musical



7PM Fri. & Sat., 2PM Sun. ~ Nov. 17, 18, 19
Springfield Public School

Tickets on sale now at Springfield Advance-Press
Adults \$10 Advance; \$12 at the door;
\$8 children & K-12 students

A Christmas Carol is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com



Nativity Pageant Choir



All singers are encouraged to be part of the Nativity Pageant choir. There is **NEW MUSIC** to learn in just 2 rehearsals, so please mark your calendars.

Rehearsals will be held at the United Methodist Church located on Marshall Avenue in Springfield.

Dates/Times:

Monday, November 27 at 6:30pm & Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 pm

Please call Joyce Schwarzrock at 507-766-3455 with any questions or comments.

SANTA- Springfield Area Nativity Theatre Association

SANTA is looking for help with the upcoming Nativity Pageant. St. Raphael is to provide a shepherd and angels, 3rd grade and older.

Helpers are needed to assist with the costumes, starting Thursday December 7th for rehearsal.

Pageant nights are Friday and Saturday,

December 8th & 9th at 6:30pm

We are also asked to provide 4 men for stage set up

Saturday December 2nd at 9am at the football field and for take down following the Saturday evening performance.

Please bring a cordless drill with a t-25 Torx bit..

Please call Bev Fults 507-648-3526 if you are able to help. Please leave a message.



~Upcoming Area Events~

St. Joseph's Oratory Turkey Bingo -and Lunch
(Clements Legion Aux.) - Sunday, November 19th,
Clements Legion Hall - 12pm to 3pm, Bingo starts at
1pm, Door prize - BBQ & Egg Salad Sandwiches,
Desserts, Coffee, Juice.

St. Joseph's Oratory of Clements will be having a
Thanksgiving Eve Mass at 6:00 pm on Wednesday
Nov. 22nd.

Turkey Bingo, Sunday, November 19th, 1:30 pm, at
Rademacher Hall at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in
Redwood Falls. \$6.00 for 20 games. Refreshments and
door prizes. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Open
to the public.

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL
SPRINGFIELD, MINNESOTA

TICKET PRICE—\$2 EACH

must be 18 to purchase a ticket

Prizes to be awarded:

1 prize of \$250

2 prizes of \$125 each

2 prizes of \$75 each

5 prizes of \$25 each

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE, AFTER MASSES OR FROM ANY STUDENT**

Drawing to be held on November 29, 2017

Need not be present to win.

Only 2,000 tickets will be sold



The Springfield Area food shelf has been operational since 2013 and has benefited many individuals with nutritional food throughout the years. At this time we are looking for volunteer help on delivery day as well as new volunteers to work on operational days.

The food shelf at this time is open Tuesdays 5-7pm and on Thursdays 9:30-11:30am. We currently have some board positions that will open up Jan 1, 2018. If anyone is interested on serving on the Food Shelf board please contact Shari Koll for details. The board meets every other month, and meetings are usually approximately 1 hour depending what we need to talk about. I would encourage anybody who is interested to contact Jan Schwanke for a tour so you are able to see what it is all about. Number for the food shelf is 507-723-4120 or 507-227-7387. Shari Koll's numbers are 507-723-6120 or 507-227-0386.

Benefit for Jon and Amber Bergemann, Saturday, November 25, 5:00 – 8:00 pm Lamberton Legion. Jon had a heart attack two months ago and had triple bi-pass surgery. He was released to return to work when he cut his hand while using a saw at home. He lost part of his pointer finger and severely injured the middle finger on his left hand. Amber had a rough health patch earlier in the year when she suffered seizures. More information is on the flyer posted on the bulletin board.

Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Raphael School Auditorium
Springfield, MN

Serving: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic
toast, coleslaw, cookies, coffee or milk

Adults ~ \$6.00

Children (5-10) ~ \$3.00

Preschool (under 5) ~ \$1.00

Household ~ \$25 feeds your family

All proceeds benefit St. Raphael School



All families, especially those with children, are invited to attend an **Advent Prayer Service** with Bishop John LeVoir on **Sunday December 10. The service is at 2:00pm in Tracy at the Church of St. Mary.** This service is designed to help us focus on the birth of Jesus. Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by bishop LeVoir individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing on families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A "swaddling clothes collection" will be taken for babies in need and given to We Care in Morgan. Any cash donations will also be taken to We Care in Morgan.

