



Vine & Branches Area Faith Community

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May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

*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 May 20	No Mass <i>Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34</i>
Tues May 21	(Spfld) 8:30 Mass +Norbert Sturm <i>James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37</i>
Wed May 22	(Lamb) 8:30 Mass +Marvin & Magdalen Miller <i>James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40</i>
Thur. May 23	(Sanb) 8:00am Mass +LeRoy Geis <i>James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50</i>
Fri. May 24	(Spfld) 8:30am Mass +Bob Ferdinandt <i>James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12</i>
Sat. May 25	(Spfld) 5:30pm Mass +Glenn Schmitz <i>James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16</i>
Sun. May 26	(Spfld) 8:30am Mass +Eugene Tauer (Lamb) 10:30am Mass -For the People <i>Deuteronomy 4:32-34; 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20</i>

Church of St. Raphael & Area Office

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

- ✠ Saturday 4:30—5:15pm at **St. Raphael**
- ✠ Tuesday after Mass at **St. Raphael**
- ✠ Wednesday after Mass at **St. Joseph**
- ✠ Sunday before Mass at **St. Joseph** (when Father can get there in time)

◆ Prayer Chain

507-920-6709, 507-441-1049, 507-227-6606

◆ Good Neighbor Thrift Store 723-5778

20 E. Central, Springfield, MN

◆ Office of Catholic Charities 866-670-5163

Baptism: Pre-baptism classes required - Contact AFC Office

Suggested Stipend for Sacrament of Baptism—\$25.00

Marriage: All Catholics are to contact the parish and pastor at least 6 months before their wedding.

► **Mass Stipend \$10.00**

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

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.

Hello everyone,

I just want to share my gratitude with everyone who helped out at our Catholic school this year. A special thank you to Mrs. Steffl for all of her hard work. Now for the pizza party today at the park with the kids on the last day of school. That is how a school year should end... with pizza.

There has been quite the kerfuffle happening at the state capitol recently and I just want to draw your attention to it. The bishops of our state have been keeping an eye on recent legislation called the Equal Rights Amendment looking to make a change to our state constitution. Bishop Zielinski told us last week at our clergy meetings that this is something pretty awful as it is attacking many things, especially our religious freedom. Bishop Barron is describing it as an imposition of the sexual revolution on the people of our beloved state of Minnesota. He highlights two things in his video which are abortion rights and the imposition of gender ideology and experimenting on young kids sexuality by hormone treatments and surgical procedures. A group that is not protected in this proposed legislation are religious people. Here is a link to a video by Bishop Barron of Winona/Rochester sharing his thoughts on the matter:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDTG6M7H_-8

Please contact your state representative to share your thoughts on the matter. You can also go on to <https://www.mncatholic.org/>

If anyone is aware of someone who would be a good preschool teacher here at St. Raphael's please let me or Mrs. Steffl know. I have heard how much people have loved Mrs. Hovland in that role and I pray for nothing but the best for her as she moves on to a new mission in her life at the service of Jesus.

God's blessings,

Fr. Jeremy



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~Church of St. Joseph~

Meetings and Activities

May 19	10:30am	Mass
May 22	8:30am	Mass
May 23	8:00am	Mass—St. Thomas
May 26	10:30am	Mass

St. Joseph Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	62,000.00	\$56,038.57	\$65,702.85
Student	\$250.00	\$226.07	\$314.00
Loose Plate	\$2,500.00	\$2,259.76	\$3,086.65

Last Week's Parish Revenue-St. Joseph	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,185.00
Student Envelope	\$4.00
Loose Plate	\$57.00
Total	\$1,246.00

Today we celebrate our Seniors—Reese Berg, Mercedes Myers, & Caleb Kronback as they get ready to graduate Friday, May 24th. We wish them much success in their future plans.

Thank you to Jan Benedict for the beautiful decorating and delicious meal as we celebrated our CCW Mother's Monday evening.



Congratulations to Paxton Pankonin, son of Cole & Brittany Pankonin, as he will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after Mass today. Welcome into the Holy Catholic Church and St. Joseph's community!

Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service

Sponsored by the Lambertton American Legion Auxiliary

Where: Lambertton Legion

Time: Drop Off Tuesday, May 21 5:00-7:00pm

Cleaning: Wednesday, May 22 8:00am-4:00pm

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

Our Shepherd of the field:

Father Jeffrey Horejsi



~Please also pray for those in need ~

Bob Peterson Mary Arnoldi Pat Dauer
Brett Baumann Linda Riley Marcie Anderson
Shane Blair

May 26 Ministries

Lector Jane Zimmermann
EMC Pat Story
Servers Maia Scheffler & Hadynn Jenniges
Sacristan Cathy Graff
Ushers Pat Schroepfer & Kevin Zimmermann
Gift Bearers Larry & Marg Weber
Money Counters Kylee Jenniges & Pat Story



St. Joseph's Parish will be celebrating Fr. Jeremy's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination with Mass (10:30) and lunch **Sunday, June 2, 2024**. Lunch will be in the church basement right after Mass. All are invited to come and celebrate with Fr. Jeremy.

Sign up sheets for annual church cleaning are now out on the cry room table. You are encouraged to sign up on your own, with a friend or as a family. Our goal is to complete all tasks by June 15th. Cleaning supplies are available in the church basement or you may bring your own if you prefer.

Please contact Anita Vogel or Mary Senst if you have any questions or notice that any cleaning supplies need to be restocked. Thank you for your help!

Change for life

Your change.
Their lives.

Fill a baby bottle with change
and bring hope to many lives.

Choices



Please join us in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for

Choice's Pregnancy Center of Redwood Falls. Take a bottle and fill it with change, cash or a check, and then return it to the

church on or before Father's Day. Any questions can be directed to Emily Scheffler, Reverence Life Chair. Your contribution will bring hope to many lives!

~Church of St. Raphael~

Contribution Budget July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Received to Date
Adults	\$335,000.00	\$302,788.57	\$287,031.03
Gr. 7-12	\$1,100.00	\$994.52	\$30.00
Pre K-6	\$1,100.00	\$994.52	\$115.13

The 400 Club Winner this Week		
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#361 Julie Platz \$150.00


~ Serving next Funeral will be Group E ~


May 25 & 26, 2024

	5:30pm	8:30am
Servers	VOLUNTEER	TJ Reindl
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Lector	Max Meine	Jack Hartjes
EMHC	Max Meine	Dcn Barry Reindl
Accompanist	TBA	TBA
Song Leader	TBA	TBA
Rosary	VOLUNTEER	Jackie Roiger
Head Usher	Dale Lindmeier	Luke Roiger
	Steve Meine	Mark Roiger
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Videographer	Aubrey Schilling	

Last week's Parish Revenue	
Adult Envelopes	\$3,843.00
Loose Plate	\$275.00
Ascension	\$40.00
Catholic Communication	\$50.00
Faith Formation Donation	\$20.00
Air Conditioning	\$25.00
DUF	\$20.00
Red Heart Envelope	\$25.00
Capital Improvement	\$25.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
Adopt a Student	\$25.00
Good Neighbor Thrift Store	\$665.13
Total Income	\$5,038.13


Reminder: The hand pump on the east side of the cemetery is working. This is for watering plants only, not drinking.

 **St Raphael School** will be selling rolls after Mass on Sunday, May 19, 2024.




Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Every 1st and 3rd Friday we have Adoration Prayer in church from 9:30am-4:00pm. We are in need of more people to take an hour here or there or sub when someone can't make it. Call Amy Schmitz 507-920-9804 to give your name and number and talk about when you wish to offer your Prayers for Adoration.



St. Raphael 150th Anniversary Donation

If you who would like to make a monetary donation towards our 150th Anniversary, please complete the form below and return it and your donation in the collection basket.



Name _____

Address _____

Amount _____

You will receive credit on your 2024 tax contribution statement for your donation.

~Church of St. Raphael~

Meetings & Activities

May 19	8:30am	Mass
		Rolls sold after Mass
May 20	6:30pm	Book Study: The Jewish Roots of Mary chapter 7
May 21	8:30am	Mass
May 22	1:00pm	Administrative Council Meeting
	5:00pm	Cemetery Spring Clean-up
May 24	6:30-7:30am	That Man is You
	8:30am	Mass
May 25	5:30pm	Mass
May 26	8:30am	Mass
		NO Book Study
May 27		NO Book Study

Please remember in your prayers:

✠ Our Shepherd of the Field:

Father Steven Verhelst

Please pray for our parishioners this week~

Sun: Tony & Emma Vaske Family

Mon: Brian & Becky Veenstra

Tues: Keith & Mary Veenstra

Wed: Kyle & Jessica Veenstra Family

Thur: Darvin & Kay Voge

Fri: Arlene Vogel

Sat: Jack & Becky Vogel

Weekly Candle Intentions (\$5.00 offering)

Special Intentions Special Intentions

✠ Small Votive Candles are now \$1.00 each

✠ Large Intention Candles are now \$5.00 each



Check out Channel 8—Cablecast

*** St. Raphael Sunday Mass**

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

***Battle Ready—Episode 3**

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



Spring Cemetery Clean-up will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:00pm. Lunch will be provided afterwards.

~The Cemetery Committee

To view the Mass videos online, visit our YouTube channel and subscribe.



<https://www.youtube.com> and search for St. Raphael Catholic Church. You will see a picture of our church.



You are cordially invited to

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, MINNESOTA

150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Mass 4:00 p.m. • Celebrant Bishop Chad Zielinski

Complimentary Meal to Follow

Brief Program around 6:30 p.m. | Music to follow

Please RSVP by June 1, 2024

507-723-4137 or straphael@newulmtel.net

~Good Neighbor Thrift ~

May 20-25

50% off Men's & Women's Tank Tops

Monday 9:00-3:00; Tuesday-Friday 9:30-4:00;

Saturday 9:00-12:00

Questions about donations—call 723-5778

Accepting Spring/Summer Children's Clothing

Raffle Tickets for the 150th Anniversary Quilt will be on sale after **most** weekend Masses starting April 27th. You may also purchase them at the Parish Office. They are \$10.00 each. They will also be available to purchase at our Celebration on June 22, 2024. The Quilt is hanging in the Gathering Space. Thank you, The 150th Committee.

~St. Raphael School~

It is the mission of St. Raphael Catholic School to bring students to a deeper relationship with Jesus while providing excellent education.

Thank You: Thank you to the entire St. Raphael parish for all the prayers and financial support during the 2023-2024 academic year. I, the staff, and the families we serve truly appreciate it. With your help, we have been able to continue our mission to bring students to a deeper relationship with Jesus while providing students with excellent education. I truly believe in this mission and ministry and am honored and blessed to be a teacher and the principal here at St. Raphael Catholic School. Please continue to pray for our school, staff, students and their families. We are so incredibly blessed!

Last Day: Students and staff enjoyed a fun-filled day this past Thursday on our last day of school for the year. We enjoyed play and social time down at Riverside park and a pizza picnic lunch.

Congratulations: This past Tuesday, we had a special graduation Mass led by our 6th grade students and staff. Congratulations to our graduating 6th grade class: Brayden Brown, Elsi Heiling, Chloe Hillesheim, Cole Jensen, Kinley Kieper, Aubree Knutson, Evelyn Landkammer, Olivia Peichel, Aubrey Schilling, and Blake Zihlke. We are so proud of all of you for all you have accomplished during your years at St. Raphael Catholic School. May God bless you today and always.

Save the Date: Our largest fundraiser of the school year is coming up on Friday May 31, 2024 from 5 PM- Midnight. This year marks our fourth annual "A Night in Havana" event. It is an adults only night out with many fun ways to entertain yourself for the evening! The event is free to attend and open to the public. It takes place in the parking lot of the church and school. This year, we will have a food truck that is available to purchase your meal, you can purchase drinks at our own Havana bar, bid on the silent and live auction items, purchase raffle tickets, and enjoy free live music by local bands Chris and Chris and The Blue Ringers. Come and join us for this fun fundraising event! All proceeds benefit St. Raphael Catholic School. The committee began sending out sponsor letters in March and has been following up with them. To date, we have received \$35,750.00 in sponsorships (these sponsorships come from our beloved local businesses as well as many out of town businesses) and \$32,080.00 in raffle ticket sales! (Many of these are tickets sold by our school families as well as purchased by our alumni all over the country!) This is a total of \$67,830.00 so far that has been raised for the school! I will continue to update everyone on our totals! Our goal for the fundraiser is \$130,000 to be put toward the school. This will go toward our general budget, school endowment, and specific needs of the school!

K-6 Elementary School-Now Enrolling: We are now enrolling students going into K-6th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. We offer a comprehensive faith-based education which includes daily prayer, weekly Mass, formal religion classes, language arts, math, science, social studies, technology, physical education, music, and art. Call the school office for a tour or to get more information 507-723-4135.

Preschool-Now Enrolling: Although we will have a different teacher, we plan to keep doing what we do best at St. Raphael Catholic School--bringing students to a deeper relationship with Jesus while providing them with excellent education!!! I am confident we will find an excellent candidate and continue the legacy of an awesome preschool program at St. Raphael. Registration is now open for the Little Panthers Preschool program (3 year olds) and our Kindergarten Readiness program (4 year olds). Our Little Panthers program meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-11 AM and our Kindergarten Readiness program meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-11 AM. The cost is \$13.50 per day for each of our preschool programs. Students who are eligible for our program must be 3 years old before September 1, 2024 (Little Panthers) and 4 years old by September 1, 2024 (Kindergarten Readiness.) Students must also be potty trained and be able to use the bathroom independently. To register for the 2024-2025 school year, stop in to the school office to get a registration form and return it with your \$25 registration fee. You can also call the school office and we would be happy to mail a registration form out to you!

Now Hiring a Preschool Teacher: We are looking for an awesome preschool teacher! Ideal candidates would have education in teaching and/or child development along with experience working with young children. Preferred candidates would have a passion for passing on the faith, love children, and be a great communicator. Working hours are 7:45 am-11:15 am Monday-Friday during the school year. Interested candidates can send a cover letter, personal resume', and two letters of recommendation to Mrs. Steffl at principal@straphaelpk-6.com.

Now Hiring a 6th Grade Teacher: We are looking for a fantastic 6th grade teacher! Ideal candidates would have an education in teaching and have a Minnesota teaching license or be eligible for one. Preferred candidates would have a passion for passing on the faith, love children, be a great communicator, and a team player. This is a full time+ position during the school year. Interested candidates can send a cover letter, personal resume', and two letters of recommendation to Mrs. Steffl at principal@straphaelpk-6.com.

Upcoming School Masses: Although school is now out for the summer and there are no more Masses led by our students, please join us for daily Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays during the summer at 8:30 AM.

Upcoming Dates:

May 24: The Loft Nutrition fundraiser (proceeds go to the playground project)
May 31: A Night in Havana Fundraiser 5 PM-Midnight

Blessings

Mrs. Beth Steffl

~Youth & Adult Faith Formation ~

HOW SHOULD I RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION? First and for most you should approach the reception of Holy Communion with a soul free from all mortal sin.

The Catholic church teaches that you may receive the Sacred Host in two ways, with both you should bow first and then to receive Holy Communion in the hand respond “Amen”, extend your hands, one directly over the other, as the Sacred Host is deposited. If possible, keep your hands flat and wait until the priest/deacon/EMHC deposits the Sacred Host before reaching for it. Please do not reach for the Sacred Host but rather receive it into your hand. Avoid holding your hands up too high or too low. Holy Communion on the tongue should be received by keeping your hands folded, respond “Amen”, tip your head back as you open your mouth and slightly stick out your tongue so that the Host may be placed upon it.

After you receive Holy Communion you should take a step to the side, make the sign of the cross and then process on your way back to the pew.

If the chalice is present you should approach the chalice, bow slightly, respond “Amen” and receive the chalice. Take a small sip and return the chalice to the EMHC, make the sign of the cross and return to your pew. If you choose not to receive from the chalice be sure to bow slightly to the chalice as you pass by.

~Mrs. Karen Reindl

CAMP BELOVED 2024
GIRLS' CAMP!

July 20-22 (Grades 6-8)	July 23-26 (Grades 9-12)	Schoenstatt Sleepy Eye, MN
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Wednesday, September 18, 2024 will be the first night of 2024/2025 Faith formation classes.

CAMP GREATNESS 2024
BOYS' CAMP!

7/27-29 (Grades 6-8)	7/30-8/2 (Grades 9-12)	Schoenstatt Sleepy Eye, MN
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Summer Fun
 is coming to our parish for grades 1-6 & grades 7-12!

Games! **Skits!** **Sacraments!**

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a summer youth program which features 4 missionaries who host a fun daytime program for grades 1-6 and a youth group for grades 7-12 in the evening

Details

Grades 1-6
 July 15-18 from 9am-2pm daily

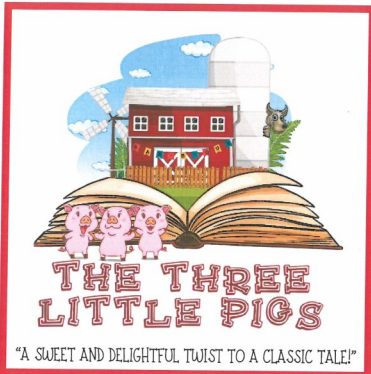
Grades 7-12
 July 14-18 from 7:30-9:30pm daily

at St. Raphael Catholic Church basement

\$5/person to those who register before July 1. Registration forms are available on the Faith Formation table or contact Karen Reindl at straphaelpk-6.com

Diocese of New Ulm

THEATRE AUDITIONS

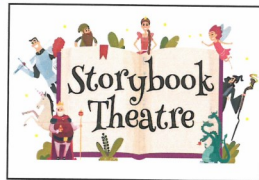


STUDENTS IN
1ST - 12TH GRADE
ARE WELCOME
TO AUDITION!

PRACTICES
1:00 - 5:15PM
EACH DAY

PERFORMANCES
JUNE 7 @ 7:00 PM
JUNE 8 @ 2:00 PM

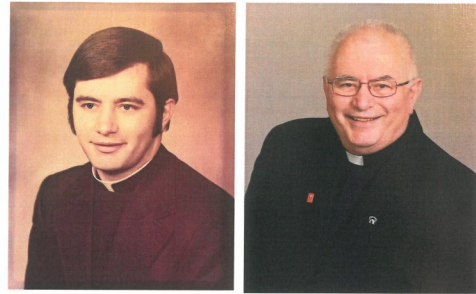
MONDAY, JUNE 3
@ 1:00PM
SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATIE MUELLER AT KTMUELLER@ICLOUD.COM

Join Fr. Denny Labat to celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination as a priest!



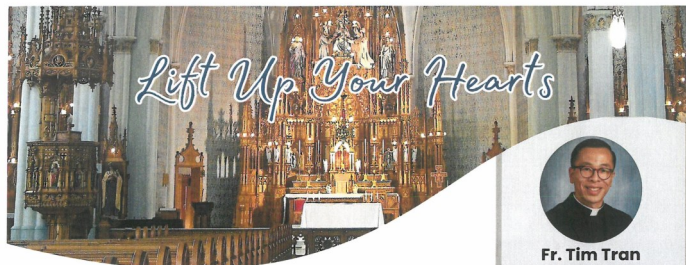
Where: Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 503 W. Lyon St., Marshall, MN
When: Sunday, May 26, 2024
Mass at 2:30PM (priests welcome to concelebrate)
Open house reception will follow in Carlin Hall (church basement) 3:30 to 6:00pm

Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions

✝️ A new VIRTUS Training Session has been added for **Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from 6:00-9:00pm at Church of St. Mary, Arlington.**

You can register online through the diocesan website www.dnu.org/safeenvironment by clicking on the large red button in the left margin of the main Safe Environment web page.

PROMISE TO PROTECT
PLEDGE TO HEAL



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

PROVINCE CONFERENCE 2024
Tuesday, June 25
St. Mary's Catholic Church
636 1st Ave N, Sleepy Eye, MN

Schedule

8:00am Holy Mass with Bishop Chad W. Zielinski
(Mass collection for Cross Catholic home project)
8:45am Registration/Coffee & Rolls
9:15am Welcome - Chris Heiderscheidt
9:20am Province Director Report - Carol Shukle
9:30am Fr. Tim Tran - Archdiocesan Eucharistic point-person
10:45am Angela Copenhaver
Noon Lunch
1:00pm Melissa Kaufenberg
2:00pm Deacon Mike McKeown
2:30pm Katie Braulick
3:00pm Closing Prayer

Diocese, Deanery & Parish - Please bring a Silent Auction Item

Block of rooms under "CCW" reserved at AmericInn, 1100 Main St E, Sleepy Eye MN. Call 507-794-9494 by May 24, for a room in this block.

Questions? Email: chrishaiderscheidt@gmail.com

Registration Fee \$55 - Must be received by June 17, 2024, check payable to Province of St. Paul/Mpls. Send payment with this remittance to: Barb Mathiowetz, 77916 US Hwy 71, Olivia, MN 56277

Name _____ Parish/Diocese _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Dietary Restriction _____



Fr. Tim Tran
Eucharistic Revival



Angela Copenhaver
Human from Day One



Melissa Kaufenberg
Cross Catholic Outreach



Deacon Mike McKeown
Deliverance Ministry



Katie Braulick
Embrace Miscarriage Ministry

You're Invited

"A NIGHT IN HAVANA" FUNDRAISER

5PM - MIDNIGHT
21+ ONLY
FREE ENTRY

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Friday May 31st, 2024

LINGEN DAIRY FOOD TRUCK
SERVING CAJUN CUISINE
5PM - 8PM
RAFFLES - LIVE MUSIC - GAMES
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION - HAVANA BAR