Outside of Eden
First Reading, Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

If food is good for you, what could be wrong with eating it? If something is pleasing to behold, what could be wrong with looking at it? If doing something will give me experience, what could be wrong with learning?

According to the Book of Genesis, that is how Eve rationalized biting into forbidden fruit. She did not intend to do evil. She looked for what was good. She saw nutrition, beauty, and wisdom. But she turned away from the voice of God. And Adam did the same.

The sin we commit often comes disguised as something good. We eat what is good for us, but too much. We look at beauty, but in its pornographic forms. We want to learn, but through experiences we later regret.

The First Sunday of Lent points an accusing finger at all the children of Eve and Adam. We have sinned because we fooled ourselves into thinking it was the right thing to do.

However, Lent is not done with us. It is only beginning. We face this painful story with honesty so that this season can bring healing.

What did you eat? What did you look at? What did you experience? What did it cost you?

What One Can Do
Second Reading, Romans 5:12-19

One person can do a lot of damage. As we begin Lent we remember the story of Adam and the origins of human sin. But we all know how much damage any one person can do, because we have experienced it in our own sinful lives. One person can say and do things that hurt. Such things hurt another person, but they also hurt the very person who commits the offense. In addition, one person’s offense may tarnish others—the family, the profession, or the church. One person can do a lot of damage.

At the beginning of Lent it is tempting to wallow in sin. This season will indeed turn our attention to our offenses. This is a perfect time of year to make a good examination of conscience and to bring our sin to the sacrament of reconciliation.

But there is more to Lent than sin. There is grace.

St. Paul told the Romans that death came into the world through one person’s transgression, but “how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

One person can do a lot of good. The kindness we perform for another person can bring unexpected joy. And by the death and rising of Christ, sinners are made righteous.

Yes, reflect on sin this Lent, but remember also the grace. Jesus brings life to the world, and to you.


### Mass Intentions & Schedule

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| Cantors   |          |        |        |
| Resound  | M. Olson | Praise Ensemble |

| Gift Bearers |          |        |        |
| Volunteer    |          |        |        |
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| Nursery - Sunday |        |        |        |
| During 8:30 am Mass - Closed until further notice. |

### Homebound Eucharistic Ministers - Sunday

| Hospital & Auburn Home/Meadows - L. Hansen, T. Klatt |
| Homebound & The Lighthouse - S. & C Fleck |
| Westview Acres & Good Samaritan - B. & G. Hilgers |

### Weekly Activities

**Monday, March 6**
- 8:00 am Pietra Fitness - Parish Center
- 4:30 pm Pietra Fitness - Ed Center Music Room
- 6:00 pm Women of St. Joseph Committee - St. Paul Rm
- 7:30 pm Women’s Book Study - Parish Center

**Tuesday, March 7**
- 7:00 am Holy Hour for Priests & Religious - Chapel
- 8:15 am Mass - Chapel
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Quilting - Food Shelf (All Welcome!)
- 7:00 pm Praise Ensemble - Choir Loft
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting - SPCR
- 7:00 pm Baptism Class - Ed Center Rm 223

**Wednesday, March 8**
- 8:15 am Mass - Chapel
- 9:00 am Video Study begins (“Who am I to Judge!”) - SPCR

**Thursday, March 9**
- 8:15 am Mass - Chapel
- 5:45 pm Resound Rehearsal - Choir Loft
- 6:00 pm Holy Hour with Vocal Prayer - Chapel
- 7:00 pm Weekly Bible Study - EC Media Center

**Friday, March 10 - Parish Office Closed**
- 7:00 am Mass - Church
- 1:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration) Concludes - Chapel
- 4:00 - 7:30 pm KC Fish Fry - Education Center Commons
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 11 - Second Collection**
- 9:00 am Pro Life Rosary - Church
- 4:15 pm Confessions - St. Paul Conference Room (by the Chapel)
- 5:15 pm Mass - Church

**Sunday, March 12 - Second Collection/Linger Longer**
- 8:30 am Mass - Church
- 10:30 am Mass - Church
- 3:00 - All C-STEM Palooza
- 5:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration) - Chapel
  *Continues around the clock through Friday at 1:00 pm*

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**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Joseph Catholic Community is hosting **Vacation Bible School** Catholic Kids Camp this Summer June 12th-15th. The Program is “Set Sail With The Holy Trinity” for children age 4 years (toilet trained) - 5th grade (register according to the grade they finish in 2016-17). Visit: [www.growingwiththesaints.com](http://www.growingwiththesaints.com) for more details about the program! Registration will begin in March. Watch the bulletin and website for more details. Contact Julie if interested in volunteering or with questions: 952-442-3703 or jloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org.
Sympathy
The Sympathy of the Parish is extended to the family & friends of Marlois Weinand. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Nursery Update:
Our nursery is temporary closed until more volunteers are recruited and/or there is more of a need for this service. Please contact Julie at the Faith for Life office if you are interested in volunteering or are in need of the nursery 952-442-3703 or iloscieder@stjosephwaconia.org. For the time being Mass can be viewed down in the parish center if needed. Please let an usher know if you would like this option.

Sing Along Cancelled March 6
Please note that we will not have a Sing Along on March 6. Mark your calendars for Monday, April 3 for the next Sing Along!

Weekly Contributions Report
This report for last Sunday was not available at press time. Look for it in the bulletin next week.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays
During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 7:00 pm in the church. (Good Friday at 3:00 pm) Also at 8:15 am on select Fridays when school is in session. Watch the bulletin.

Money Counters Needed
We are in need of additional detail oriented volunteers to help count and prepare the deposit for the offertory gifts received at the weekend Masses. It is generally a two hour commitment, once a month on a Monday (Tuesday if there is a banking holiday). Contact Bonnie Delaney to learn more and to volunteer: bdelaney@stjosephwaconia.org.

Early Bulletin deadline
Articles for the March 19 bulletin are due Thursday, March 9 at noon.

Linger Longer Next Sunday

Second Collection next Weekend
We will have our monthly second collection for our charity account next weekend, March 11 & 12. Thank you for your continued generosity!

CUF Mass & Dinner – March 11
The Catholic United Financial Council will be attending Mass on Saturday, March 11 at 5:15 pm. All are welcome to join the council for dinner at the American Legion Post 150 for a Steak Fry following. The Steak dinner is $12. For Catholic United Members, the cost will be $8.

Vocations and the Elijah Cup
One way our parish prays for vocations is with the symbol of the Elijah Cup. Each week two families have a Cup in their possession and pray in their special way for vocations. For the week of March 5, a cup will be in homes of Jon, Anne and Charlie Walton & Stan & Chris Yetzer. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please call Mary Schullian at 952-679-4663.

Claim Your Lost & Found Items
Items left behind in church are placed inside the kiosk in the narthex. Please check for items that might be yours. All items not claimed by March 15 will be disposed of. If you are missing a gold tear drop earring with tiny diamonds, call the parish office to claim it.

VIRTUS Training at St. Joe’s
St. Joe’s will be hosting live VIRTUS training sessions on Mondays: March 13 and April 3 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the Music Room of the Education Center. All those working with youth or vulnerable adults who have not previously attended a VIRTUS session must do so before volunteering. Register at www.virtus.org. If you have questions please contact Emily at 952-442-4500. Thank you.

Are YOU Being Called to Serve?
SJ Parish Pastoral Council invites all those possibly interested in serving on a council to attend a dinner and discernment session on Tues, March 28 at 6:00 pm in the Education Center Commons. You will meet current members and learn more about serving in this role. Please RSVP via email to pastoralcouncil@stjosephwaconia.org

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BUY your Easter Lilies from St. Joseph and support our Faith for Life Programs!

Order deadline: Thursday, March 16th

***** ORDER FORM*****

Name__________________________________________________________

Email__________________________________________________________

6” Easter Lily - $15.00 each

Quantity ____ X $15 = Total $__________

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.
Drop this form and check in 24/7 drop box at school or bring it to the church or school office. **Pick-Up your order after all weekend Masses on April 8-9th in the Narthex** faithforlife@stjosephwaconia.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Could you not watch one hour with me?
---Matthew 26:40

"Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion. Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. When we pray we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us. If our Creator and Savior comes from heaven with such great love, it is only fitting that we should go to meet Him. And this is what we do when we spend some time in prayer."
---St. Bernardine of Siena

URGENT NEED: The Mon. 4:00pm and Wed. 11:00pm hours are in need of adorers who can regularly worship the Blessed Sacrament during these time slots.

Adorers are needed for the following days and times:
Sundays 11:00 pm
Mondays 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm
Tuesdays 7:00 pm
Wednesdays 12:00 am, 11:00 pm
Fridays 12:00 pm

Please consider a weekly hour of prayer through Eucharistic Adoration. To sign up for an hour, contact Kristi Tollefsrud at 952-212-2590 or adoration@stjosephwaconia.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14:16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dw 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Get Readings Online: www.usccb.org

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Church of St. Joseph, Waconia

KC Fish Fry Dinner

$1 off

Each Adult Ticket Purchased

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting “All You Can Eat” Fish Fry’s on all of the Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday), serving from 4 - 7:30 pm in the Education Center. Tickets: Adult $11, Child $5 (ages 5-12), Under 5 free. Take out service available.

Church of St. Joseph
41 East First Street, Waconia MN 55387
www.stjosephwaconia.org - 952-442-2384

Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

Tues, March 7 at 7:00 pm - St. George, Long Lake (Parish Mission)
Wed, March 8 at 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm and 7:40 pm - St. Victoria
Thurs, March 9 at 7:00 pm - St. Hubert, Chanhassen
Wed, March 15 at 8:00 pm - Immaculate Conception, Watertown
Sun, March 19 at 6:30 pm - Guardian Angels, Chaska
Mon, March 27 at 7:00 pm - St. Mary, Waverly

Sun, April 9 at 4:30 pm – St. Joseph, Waconia
Tues, April 11 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm - St. Nicholas, Carver
Tues, April 11 at 7:30 pm – St. Victoria, Victoria (After Lenten Mission)
Wed, April 12 from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm - St. Mark, Shakopee

Who am I to judge?

Learn how Catholic morality is all about love... how making a judgment is not judging a person’s soul... and how, in the words of Pope Francis, “relativism wounds people” and is “the spiritual poverty of our times.”

Plan to join us! This video study will begin on Wednesday, March 8 and will meet weekly in the St. Paul Conference Room in the lower level of the church from 9:00 - 10:30 am for 8 weeks. The videos will be from our FORMED.org resource. The discussion will be led by Sarah Richards. No sign up or purchase required. For more information, contact Sarah Richards by email: sarahiorichards@gmail.com.

(All parishioners are invited to access FORMED.org for their personal use. Create your own account using our parish code: nr2525.)
Family Faith Works Event:

All are welcome to attend a family event:

The Sandwich Project - Make a Difference!

Wednesday, March 15th 6:30 pm at St. Joseph School - Here at St. Joseph we have the honor of having the founder of “The Sandwich Project - Make a Difference”, Allan Law speak of this amazing program he started and each day makes possible. Families are encouraged to come hear him speak of his passion of giving and serving resulted in this program that he continues to do each day. After his talk all families will gather and start making the sandwiches that he will be delivering to the homeless. The more food that is brought the more sandwiches we can make which will result in more families in need being fed! If unable to attend but would like to make a financial contribution please contact Julie. Visit our webpage to get you or your family signed up: www.stjosephwaconia.org Questions: Contact Julie at jloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org or 952-442-3703

St. Joseph C-STEM Palooza
Girls only! – Sunday, March 12, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at St. Joseph School. Rock your world with this hands-on workshop! YUMMY or YUCKY, SWEET or SALTY, SOUR or BITTER: Join us as we Sink our Teeth into the science of taste! Plus, we will enjoy refreshments, fun STEM activities, and SmartLab adventures! All ages Kindergarten-High School! Free admission, but you do need to RSVP in advance! Go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-joseph-catholic-school-8525937697

Weekly Bible Study - Join us!
Come to a Lectionary-based Bible study led by Fr. Bennet and others on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 pm in the School Media Center. Participants are given the Mass readings for the following Sunday and discover the meaning of the readings through study, prayer, and reflection. This is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass. No RSVP needed, join in anytime!

Kneelers in the Chapel
Thank you to the generous donor that provided for chairs with kneelers for our chapel! They will be used by those that come for adoration and will be greatly appreciated.

Sign-up for Christ Renews His Parish
Men’s Weekend is March 18 & 19. Women’s weekend is April 1 & 2. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or online, www.stjosephwaconia.org under the Faith for Life tab. What is Christ Renews His Parish? Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process. As Catholics, we are called to witness to one another the amazing things God as done for us. The CRHP process allows us to do just that - take a break from our busy lives, share our faith with others, and get to know God through his works.

Weekly Contributions Report - Thank you!

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Join Your Prayers with Pope Francis
The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March:
Support for Persecuted Christians - That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Lenten Almsgiving
Be sure to pick up an offering cup at church to collect change for charity as a part of your almsgiving for Lent.

The offering cups were created by SJ School Students this year. They are praying for you... Please pray for them. Look on the bottom of your cup for the name of the student that designed and decorated it. Please return your offering boxes during Holy Week.

Proceeds will be divided between the Waconia Food Shelf and our Venezuela Mission.
Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Tues-Thurs 8:15 am, Fri 7:00 am
(Rosary precedes all Masses)

Confession
Sat 4:15 pm (Confessions are held in the St. Paul Conference Room, located in the lower level by the chapel) and by appointment

Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration)
Sunday 6:00 pm - Friday 1:00 pm
Holy Hour: Thurs 6 pm & Tues 7 am
Jason & Kristi Tollefsrud 952-212-2590

Parish Office
(Located in the Education Center)
Hours: Mon - Thurs, 9 am - 4 pm
Sandy Rosetter 952-442-2384
churchoffice@stioresihwacconia.org
www.stioresihwacconia.org
Fr. Bennett Tran, Pastor

School Office
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schooloffice@stioresihwacconia.org
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Bruce Richards, Principal

Parish Administrator
Ure Palm 952-442-3702
upalm@stioresihwacconia.org

Accountant
Bonnie Delaney
bdelaney@stioresihwacconia.org

New to the Parish? Welcome!
Contact Cheryl Sale to register: 952-442-3712 or csale@stioresihwacconia.org

Music & Liturgy
Sean Barker 952-442-3707
sbarker@stioresihwacconia.org

Parish Life
Cheryl Sale 952-442-3712
csale@stioresihwacconia.org

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faithforlife@stioresihwacconia.org
Cathy Carson 952-442-3705
carson@stioresihwacconia.org
Julie Loscheider 952-442-3713
jloscheider@stioresihwacconia.org

Pastoral Care
If you or someone you know is hospitalized and would like a visit from our staff, call Annette Hritz 952-442-3715.
If someone from your family has died and the funeral is not at St. Joseph, please call the parish office to include them in our prayers.

Befrienders
Trained parishioners (Befrienders) are ready to provide a listening presence to individuals in difficult and transitional situations, such as illness, loneliness or loss of a loved one. If you would like to be visited by a Befriend contact Annette Hritz at 952-442-3715 or ahritz@stioresihwacconia.org.

Homebound Communion
Annette Hritz 952-442-3715
Chris Yeter 952-442-2246

Prayer Chain
Carrie Randlo 952-540-7092
crandlo@gmail.com

Cemetery
Sandy Rosetter 952-442-2384
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Recently, we asked some of our Middle School students what they love most about St. Joseph School and how their faith influences their life outside of school.

**Here are some of the many responses we got back.**

**Bruce Richards**
Principal

My life has been influenced by my faith in many ways, such as when my relative was sick and in hospice I prayed every day that she might find peace.

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Kori Lenzmeier, Grade 6

St. Joseph School shows me how to be a better person and act like Jesus would. It also helps me show the world what one person can do to help people out there.

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Zach Lorusso, Grade 7

My faith reminds me to be humble. It reminds me to not complain. It helps me to follow the Holy Spirit. It helps me to accept things that are hard to accept. Helps me to be the best version of myself.

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Ally Kunkel, Grade 6

Sometimes my faith reminds me that I just need to do what's important and what's important is making other people happy and making people have hope.

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Elsa Reichenberger, Grade 6

**Simon Meath**, Grade 5

I go to Church. I make better decisions. I pray more. I am more faith filled.

**Lucy Hertel**, Grade 7

Having faith outside of school helps us to make connections with God. Making connections with God can have a lot of effects on your life. By being able to connect with God, you are able to pray to him and ask him for help in times of need.

**Luke Sonnek**, Grade 7

My faith influences my life outside of St. Joe’s when I see others. I am encouraged by my faith to act with kindness toward them.

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