

Fr. Stan Mader

This weekend, we will be kicking off the Catholic Service Appeal. Many regular donors have already received a mailing. We will see a video of Archbishop Hebda explaining what the collection supports and how you can contribute. There have been some changes in the organization of this collection in recent months, but the mission remains the same – supporting the work of the Catholic Church in many ways – Catholic school education, seminary, strengthening families, outreach to college students, protection of life, hospital chaplains, and more. Last year was the first year I have been at St. Joseph and we did not reach our goal. I hope we can get back on track this year. *Thank you!*

Lent begins this coming Wednesday, February 14. Coincidentally, it is St. Valentine's Day, when we celebrate one form of love. Ash Wednesday ushers in Lent which is a time to reflect on the great expression of Christ's love for us, his passion, and death. Jesus' death and resurrection demonstrate God's love for us in conquering the death we had imposed on ourselves through sin. I hope this Lent is a time of powerful conversion for you. I hope one thing you will "do" for Lent is to join a small group and grow with the people in that group during the coming weeks.

Just to review the fasting and abstinence regulations during Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both fasting and abstinence days. This means no meat for anyone 14 and older. Fasting is obligatory for all who are at least 18 and not yet 60. Fasting in this case means only one full meal. If needed, you can have two additional smaller meals, which together are not equal to one full meal. If your medical condition is such that you need to eat more, do so. If it is just because you feel hungry, don't. Of course, people younger than 14 or older than 60 can fast. Abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory for people over age 14. Abstinence from meat or some other sacrificial penance is recommended for every Friday throughout the year; during Lent, it should also include going meatless. Other forms of penance during the rest of the year could be something other than no meat, such as no TV, fasting from other types of food typically enjoyed, activities you might otherwise do, etc.

The hallmarks of Lent are fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Please choose something, preferably from each

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Lent
2024



*Ash
Wednesday*
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

MASS TIMES

6:30 am

Word & Communion Service
with Ashes

8:15 am

Live-Streamed

12:00 pm

7:00 pm

Live-Streamed

STATIONS of the CROSS

Pray as a community on Fridays at 7:00 pm during Lent with Stations of the Cross in the church. On Holy Thursday, St. Joseph School will have their annual Living Stations at 1:30 pm, and on Good Friday they will be prayed at 3:00 pm.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Mark your calendars for the Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 4:00 pm. Additional Confession times are also listed on the parish website and in the Lent Brochure available in the Narthex.

MASS TIMES
Mon: 6:30 pm | Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:15 am
Sat: 5:15 pm | Sun: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Mon: 5:30 pm | Sat: 4:00 pm
or by appointment

ADORATION
Mon & Thur: 5:00-9:00 pm
Tues: 9:00 am-9:00 pm
Wed: 5:00-10:00 pm

HOLY HOUR | Thur: 4:00 pm

ROSARY
Saturday - 4:45 pm | Sunday - 8:00 am

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(Fr. Stan's message continued...)

of these categories, to help you observe this Lenten season. Fasting can be from typical pastimes like electronics, TV, eating between meals, liquor, snacks, and sweets. Then, when we fast, we should fill the void with something else. For example, we can fast from worry and feast on trust; fast from bitterness and feast on forgiveness; fast from suspicion and feast on truth. If we are fasting from an activity that sucks up our time, fill that time with reading or prayer. Almsgiving should accompany prayer and fasting. If what we fast from saves us money, we can give that money to someone else. Having a simple meal of rice and beans while giving up restaurant or takeout, and giving the difference of the cost to the food shelf or another hunger-related organization would be helpful. Fasting from an activity might allow us the time to visit someone in a nursing home, pray a rosary, attend an additional Mass, or listen to a useful podcast. Monitor your prayer. Does it begin to center around the activities we put aside during Lent, or does it turn to those our almsgiving is supporting? That would be a good indication, increasing our awareness of others. Another prayer suggestion would be to come to one more weekly Mass or spend some time each week in Eucharistic Adoration. On Thursday, February 15, we will begin having Morning Prayer in the chapel at 7:00 am again. We had a good response to that during Advent. It takes 15-20 minutes, and you are on your way. It is a beautiful way to begin your day focused on God.

Several things I used to do for Lent have become standard. Other things I need to pay much more attention to. One is that I will attempt to write several letters each week to people who have been important in my life. Another will be to get rid of clutter, do more spiritual reading, and fill in gaps for other things I will fast from. Make this Lent count!

Next week's bulletin will be published in time to be picked up at Ash Wednesday services. It will also serve as the bulletin for the weekend of February 17-18.

The Men's Welcome Retreat will be from the morning of Saturday, February 17 until Sunday afternoon the 18. The Women's retreat will be the following weekend, February 24-25. If you have not been on one of these retreats, please consider going on it. It is 33 hours that will change your life. It includes staying overnight and Sunday Mass, many meals, and much more. It would be a great thing to do during Lent.

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NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of James Brincks and Joanne Senechal. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

FUNERAL

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Jane Burford on Tuesday, February 13 at 11:00 am with visitation in the Narthex starting at 10:00 am.

LENT GIFT | TAKE ONE!

We invite you to prepare spiritually for the Passion and Resurrection of Christ during the Lent, and Triduum seasons with a gift from us to you! Please help yourself to the Magnificat Lenten Companion. Look for this book next to the Sunday bulletins in the Narthex and by the side door by the ramp.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our Catholic Services Appeal is in full swing and encourage you to take this opportunity to help us help others. Scan the QR Code or go online to stjosephwaconia.org/csa/.



PARISH LIBRARY RESOURCES

Have you had the opportunity to check out our Parish Library located in the Parish Center (*lower level of the church*)? It contains many Catholic resources (books and media), some of which may be checked out. If you have checked out a book and haven't returned it after three weeks we would appreciate it if you would return the books and resources so that others may also enjoy them also. Please put the returned materials in the cart inside the Parish Library. *Thank you!*

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	FEB 12	6:30 pm	Kathy Quast †, and her Deceased Brothers & Sisters
TUE	FEB 13	8:15 am	Leo Menze †
WED	FEB 14	6:30 am	xxx
		8:15 am	Leo Gelhar †
		12:00 pm	Al Cannon †
		7:00 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
THU	FEB 15		No Mass
FRI	FEB 16	8:15 am	Living & Deceased Member of the John & Regina Pieper Family
SAT	FEB 17	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN	FEB 18	8:30 am	Georgiana Johnson †
		10:30 am	Collective: Dennis Volhard † Living & Deceased Member of the Jeanne Anderson Family
		7:00 pm	Phyllis Schmitz †

* Indicates the family has requested to take up the Gifts.

PRAY

Please pray for the following: Joan H, Rene F, Jeff E, Emery K, Chuck P, Steve E, Peggy S, Jane B, Aaron D, Nathan D, Stella W, Jeremy P, Marilynn P, Marilyn B, Diane V, Lori S, Judy R, Rick S, Barbara S, Jake W, Theresa T, Theresa L, Dale S, Sandy M, Brian N, Sally W, Sarah R, and Ryan P. **And for St. Joseph loved ones in the Military:** Airman Riley M, Sergeant Ryan H, Sergeant Allyna S, PFC Dalton W, Sergeant Robin L, Staff Sergeant Weston H, Staff Sergeant Sean W, Tech Sergeant Michael S, Major Leah M, First Lieutenant Samuel M, Chaplain (*Lieutenant Colonel*) Lawrence B, Col. Mitch D, Lieutenant Commander Philip L, and SPC Justin S. **And for those in Law Enforcement:** Logan H, Adam M, Alex W, Andy F, Dennis F, Fred R, Tyler S, Eric W, Adam H, and Cory W. **And for those Discerning a Religious Vocation:** Seminarian: Mónico H.

LOOKING AHEAD

FEB 23	KC Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm School Commons & Gym
FEB 23	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church
FEB 24-25	Women's Welcome Retreat Weekend
FEB 25	Youth Group at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center
MAR 1-10	St. Joseph School Spring Break

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
6:30 pm: Mass
7:00 pm: School Board Meeting (*School Media Center*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Weekly Scripture Study (*Parish Center*)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Quilting (*Rectory*)
9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
11:00 am: Funeral (*Jane Burford*)
3:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
7:00 pm: OCIA Meeting (*School Media Center*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 *Ash Wednesday*

6:30 am: Word & Communion Service with Ashes
7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
9:00 am: Coffee & Conversation (*Parish Center*)
12:00 am: Mass
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation
6:00 pm: EDGE
7:00 pm: Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:30 am: Cana Experience: Created & Called (*Parish Center*)
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
7:30 pm: Cana Experience: Created & Called (*Parish Library*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Parish Office Closed
7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass
4:30-7:30 pm: KC Fish Fry (*Commons & Gym*)
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross (*Church*)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Welcome: Men's Retreat Weekend
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Welcome: Men's Retreat Weekend
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
6:00 pm: Youth Group
7:30 pm: Mass (*Chapel*)

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On January 20-21, we had a fantastic retreat with around 50 ninth-grade confirmation students from our parish and two other parishes. It was such a fun and enlightening experience for them as they delved deeper into understanding confirmation and how to nurture their faith. We made sure the retreat was interactive by organizing some awesome group games and parable skits, all put together by their groups. We also had a service project which was a great opportunity for them to give back to the community. And of course, they also had the chance to participate in adoration, reconciliation, and Mass. It was truly a memorable event for everyone involved!



PRO-LIFE CORNER

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage? Natural Family Planning builds strong families. It is medically safe, morally acceptable by the Church, and highly effective. NFP is inexpensive and reversible. Couple to Couple League offers three different options for completing the NFP class series. Live onsite, live online, and self-paced online courses are now available to engaged and married couples. For more information, go to ccli.org/learn-nfp-from-ccli.

WELCOME RETREAT

Men's Retreat: February 17-18
Women's Retreat: February 24-25



Do you wonder if you could be happier, healthier, more fulfilled, and have more passion for your faith? Take time out of your busy life and join us for a Welcome retreat here at St. Joseph.

INTERESTED?
Scan the QR Code!
Register online at
stjosephwaconia.org
or call [952-442-3705](tel:952-442-3705).



MEN'S RETREAT:
February 17-18

WOMEN'S RETREAT:
February 24-25

KC CORNER

KC FISH FRYS

KC Fish Frys are on all Fridays during Lent, serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm (except Good Friday). Want to know more?! Go online at stjosephwaconia.org/fish-fry.

COUPON

Church of St. Joseph, Waconia

KC Fish Fry Dinner

2024

\$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 4:30 - 7:30 pm in the Education Center. Tickets: Adult \$16, Child \$7 (ages 6-12), Under 6 free. Children's Menu and Take Out service available.

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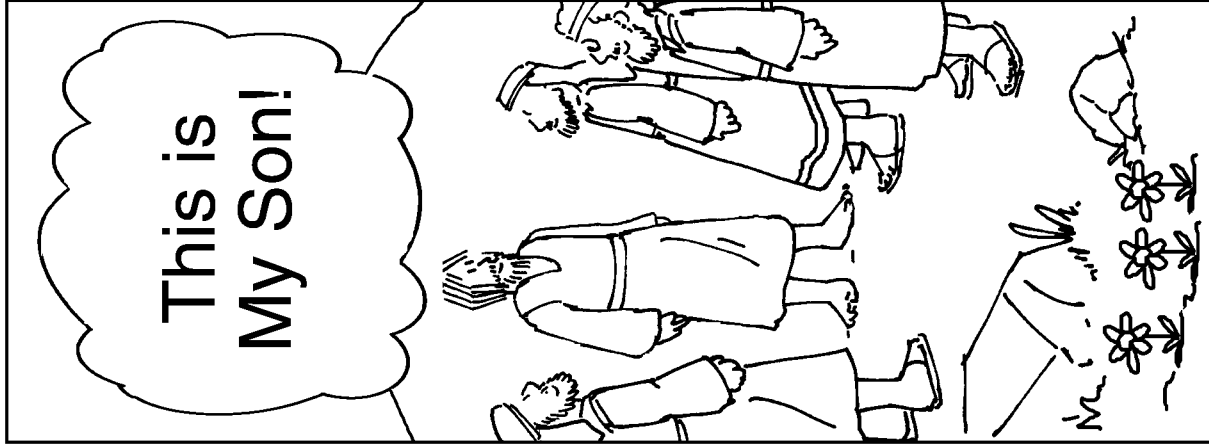
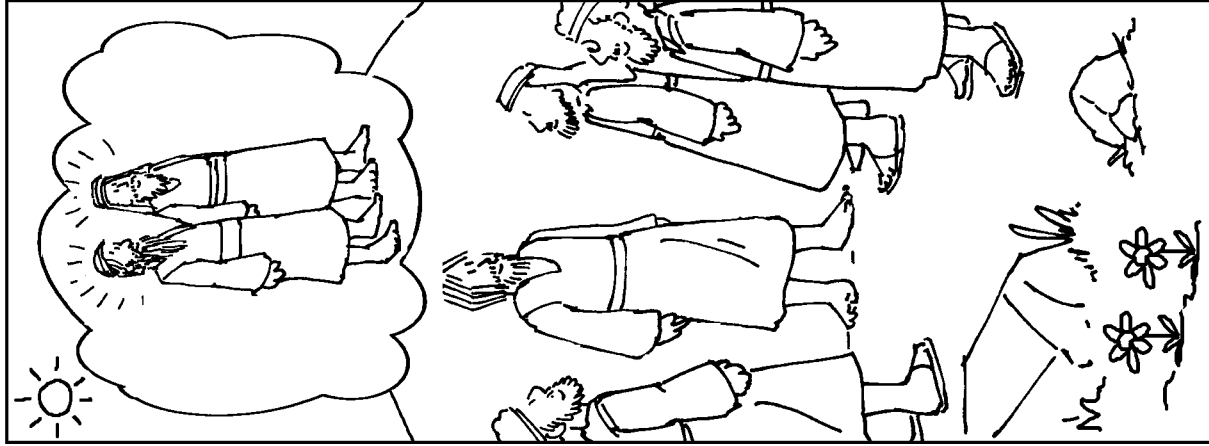
BLOOD DRIVE

The Waconia Area Faith in Action Blood Drive will be on February 19 at in the Parish Center from 11:00 am -5:30 pm. Sign up to make an appointment to donate blood today or call 888-448-3253!



A cloud covered the mountain.
A voice came from the cloud: "This is
My Son, Whom I love. Listen to Him!"

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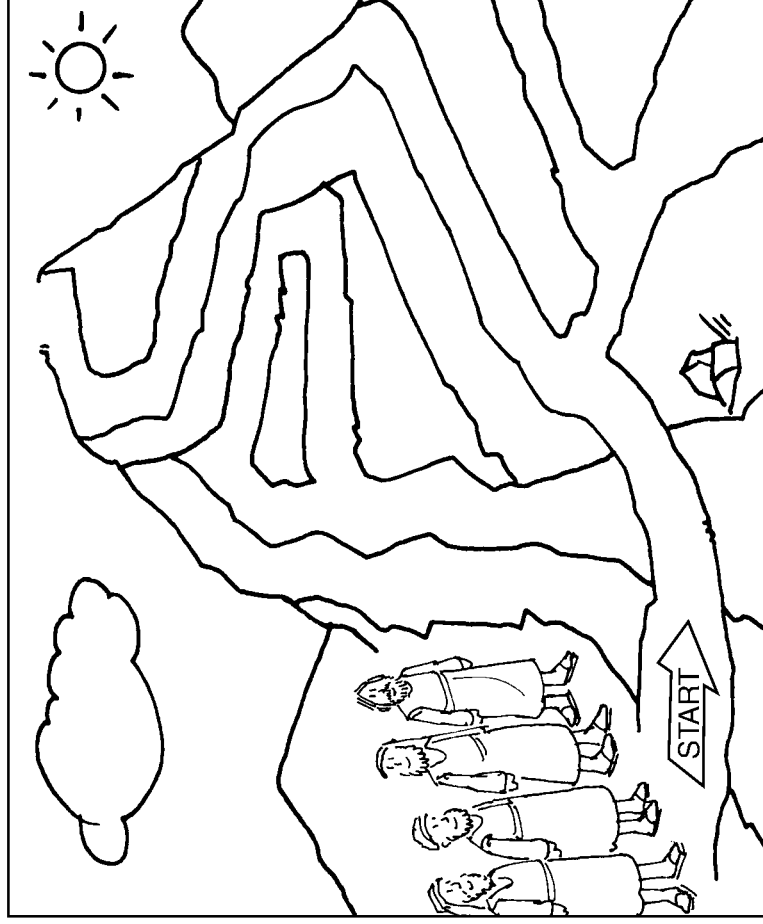
Ages 3+

February 11, 2024 • Mark 9:2-9

The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James
and John up a high mountain.

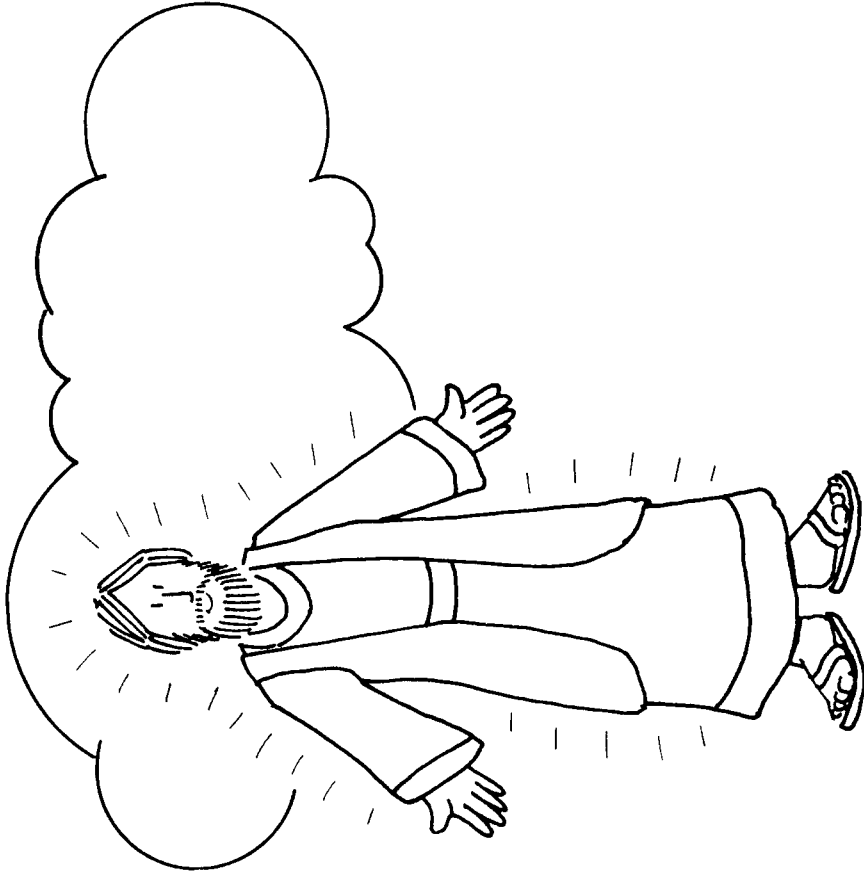
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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

Jesus' clothes were glowing white.

Match the letters.



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Suddenly Elijah and Moses were there speaking with Jesus!

In each row, circle the 1 that is different.

