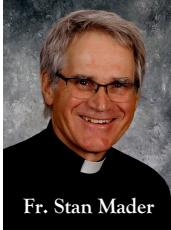




Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

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Fr. Stan Mader

It is Lent! Last week I wrote about some ideas to try for Lent this year. Remember to have some additional prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Do enough to be aware. Don't just take things away, fill them with something better. Please also pray for the 13 people who are preparing to become Catholic or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. This first Sunday of Lent is an important milestone for them – they go to meet a bishop at the Basilica for the Rite of Election, some of them being “elected” to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Many have been working on this since September or before. Now they move from the inquiry stage to being Catechumens. Please pray for them. They will be introduced at the 10:30 am Mass this weekend.

Small Groups: We are ready for signup! Group leaders have been teamed up, and they have determined when and where the groups will meet, that group's start date, and the makeup of the groups – women, men, mixed, preferred age range. Groups will be maxed out at 12 people per group, so sign up soon! To sign up go to our website and to the small group button. You will see the names of group leaders and when and whether they meet in a home or at the parish. Sign up for which one works for you. This spring all these groups will meet for six sessions using material created here in Minnesota, a series entitled, “Lord Teach Us to Pray.” Obviously, it is about prayer. They will all use the same format our trained leaders learned during many weeks of preparation. We decided to go with only one topic during Lent so group leaders could compare notes, so all the parish would be discussing one thing, and for expedient launching. We have MANY ideas for follow-up, later this spring, in the summer, and certainly in the fall. Some of those topics will be about the Mass, the Eucharist, Bible basics, Social Justice, and a Temperaments group (precursor to the Cana International group) just to name a few.

In the meantime, other groups that meet will continue. Some of these always welcome new members, such as Pray. Vent. Laugh for parents of very young children on Thursday mornings in the Parish Center (bring your kids), and a group that meets on Tuesday mornings after Mass to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. These are drop-in groups. A woman's group that reads spiritual books together meets from 5:00-6:30 pm on Mondays. If

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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024



*Lent
2024*



*Morning
Prayer*

All are invited to pray Morning Prayer with us on weekdays during Lent starting at 7:00 am in the Chapel.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
7:00 am**

IN THE CHARITY CHAPEL
(Lower Level)

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.

Know and celebrate our Catholic Faith Love God and our neighbor Serve as disciples of Jesus

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

PRAYER CHAIN
952-442-3718

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

interested in that group, contact Virginia at vgelhar@stjosephwaconia.org. Another group that reads through spiritual books and welcomes men and women meets on Sundays at 9:30 am. Contact Patrick Witherow at patwither0@gmail.com for information. There are many other groups that meet but are cohorts and/or meet only monthly. You will hear more of them when they expand.

A few bills before the legislature bear some study. The public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota is the Minnesota Catholic Conference. You can find their website at mncatholic.org. There you can track bills on issues of interest such as prison reform, education issues, the ERA amendment, gender education, religious freedom, health care, support for infants, social media issues, and life issues including assisted suicide, abortion, and more. You can read about the various bills and issues and see what the Catholic teaching is on those subjects and why that is so. Often it provides a counterview to the current trend and provides good reasons for it.

New to the Parish? WELCOME!

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A bill getting much attention this year is about assisted suicide, H.F. 1930/S.F. 1813. No one wants to suffer needlessly. But we do not need a bill that actively puts someone to death to prevent most of that. It is not about choice; no one must undergo unwanted treatment. Patients already have autonomy and choice when it comes to their healthcare options at the end of life. It is not about suffering: surveys from other states that have accepted physician-assisted suicide show that current pain is not even among the top five reasons why people choose assisted suicide. They are concerned about future pain, but medical personnel will tell us that current health care is very good at controlling pain. It is not (only) about terminal illness. In other countries, such as the Netherlands, children and vulnerable adults are subjects of these bills. Look at the Minnesota Alliance for Ethical Healthcare (www.ethicalcaremn.org) for more information.

A serious concern, I think, is that health care is expensive, and suicide/killing is cheap. The same argument is made to make abortion more appealing to many people: if we see a particular child as a problem rather than a resource, it is financially expedient to end that life rather than to exert the effort and finances to give that child a good future. You can see how this might express itself in socioeconomics and racial profiles. We are better than this.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Saints Gala for the school. We had a successful night: it appears we will reach our financial goal, and the whole evening was so much fun! Ask the people who were there – and they were there in every age group. Also, be sure to go to the school website at school.stjosephwaconia.org to see the new promotional video for our school!

Fr. Stan Mader

SMALL GROUPS

at St. Joseph

Find your community this Lent! If you make a resolution to take the next step in your faith journey, you won't be alone. Group leaders from our parish have been praying and preparing for months to welcome you into a small faith community that meets you wherever you are on your faith journey. Find a group that works for you. Fill out the interest form by going to the Parish website (stjosephwaconia.org) or scanning the QR Code. If you don't have internet access, call the Parish Office at 952-442-2384.



SCAN ME



ASK THE DEACON

Ash Wednesday
by Deacon Greg Miller

QUESTION:

Why do we receive ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday?

ANSWER: This is a very good question. Perhaps another way of asking it might be, "What do the ashes placed on the forehead on Ash Wednesday represent?" No matter how you ask the question, the fact is that there is a tremendous deep meaning behind the placing of ashes on the foreheads of the faithful who come forward on Ash Wednesday.

"Ash Wednesday", or "Day of Ashes" as it is also known, is a day considered to be holy by many Western Christian Churches, including Catholics, Lutherans, Moravians, Episcopalians, Methodists, and some churches in the Reformed tradition such as certain Congregationalist and Presbyterian churches. It is the first day of Lent and is traditionally observed with fasting and abstinence from meat by several of these denominations. Lent is the penitential season leading up to the great celebration of Easter, the momentous event in human history when Jesus rose from the dead, thus reopening the gates of heaven and giving the gift of salvation to the entire human race.

WHAT DO THE ASHES REPRESENT?

The symbolism of the ashes goes back to the beginning of time, and the story of creation found in the Bible. The Book of Genesis actually contains two stories of creation. In the second account, the creation of the human race is stated in this way; "The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. Speaking to the man, Adam, the Lord God said, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it

you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). It is this line from the book of Genesis that is said by the minister when he makes the sign of the cross on the peoples foreheads with the ashes; "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Throughout the Old Testament, the use of ashes is used as a form of repentance. It was generally believed that if someone was suffering tremendously, a suffering that is understood to be the fruit of sin, that person would sit down in the ashes. They would tear their garments as a sign of contrition, and they would sprinkle ashes upon their heads so that everybody knew they were mourning their sinfulness. The reason he would sit in the ashes is because ashes are the leftovers of something that has been consumed. The leftovers of a burning flame. Whenever something has been burned up, ashes are what remains. For example, in the Bible, ashes are the leftovers from a sacrificial offering. Also, there were only ashes left after cities like Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed and burned to the ground. So ashes represent that which is left over especially in atonement for sin or as a fruit of or a sign of a destruction that came about because of sin. So sitting in the ashes and sprinkling them over your head was a form of acknowledgment of a sinful deed and a way of being spiritually cleansed. When one got up from the ashes, the belief was that the effects of his sinfulness would be left behind on the ash heap. The ash heap was generally found outside of town, separate from the people and the town's activity. It was a suitable place to leave your sinfulness behind because it took humility to obey the Law of Moses and to publicly demonstrate that you were repenting of sin.

In the Old Testament Book of the Prophet Jonah, when the people believed in Jonah's message; "the King of Nineveh rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes." The king then ordered all the people to do the same and call loudly to God. He also commanded that they must all turn from their evil ways in the hope that God might turn from his blazing wrath so that they might not perish. (See Jonah

3:6-10).

In the story found in the Book of Esther, when it looked like all the Jews were to be exterminated; "The Jews went into deep mourning; with fasting, weeping and lament. Most of them lay on a sackcloth and ashes" (Esther 4:3).

Another story with which many of us are familiar is the story of Job. Job, a wealthy and happy family man was suddenly afflicted with loss and pain. Neither Job nor his wife nor his friends understood why he had become afflicted. They became convinced that he had sinned somehow against God. When his three friends first approached him sitting among the ashes and "saw him from afar, they did not recognize him; and they raised their voices and wept; and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven" (Job 2:12). These men joined in prayer to help their friend overcome the consequences of his sin.

The meaning of these ashes takes on a more significant meaning throughout the scriptures. It has to do with punishment and the forgiveness of sin. The ash heap outside of town is also where the poor, the destitute and the lepers could be found living. It was certainly not a desirable place to be. Poor people who ended up there and could not escape were considered to be doomed. Meanwhile, the wealthy who lived lives of comfort in the towns and cities looked down on these victims with great disdain and would not lift a finger to help them.

But then something very peculiar happens in the scriptures. The tables are turned. Jeremiah, in his Lamentations, describes how the rich will end up on the ash heaps because of their sinfulness; "Those who feasted on dainties perish in the streets; those who were brought up in purple lie on ash heaps" (Lamentations 4:5). This is after the time of the prophet Samuel whose mother lifted a prayer to the Lord after her son's birth; "He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ashes to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor" (1 Samuel 2:8). This is a foreshadowing of the salvation earned for us by Jesus Christ and is echoed in

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ASK THE DEACON

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the Magnificat prayer of the Blessed Mother found in Luke's gospel; "He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty" (*Luke 1:51-53*). Both of these references allude to a sinful condition illustrated in the parable of Jesus about the Rich Man and Lazarus. In this parable, a rich man feasts on his wealth while ignoring the plight of a poor man. The powerful message that Jesus is teaching is that we are to love our neighbors as stated in the commandments. To ignore those around us who are suffering, who are less fortunate than ourselves, is sinful behavior. Jesus is letting us know that in the afterlife there will be a reversal of fortunes. He reiterates this when he says that the first will be last and the last will be first (*Matthew 19:30, 20:16, Mark 10:31, Luke 13:30*). Additionally, Jesus warns that he who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted (*Matthew 23:12, Luke 14:11*).

ASH WEDNESDAY TODAY

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance, of mourning because of our sinfulness. It is

a time to review our lives and how we live them for the rest of the year. It is a time to take stock of ourselves and how we can improve. In improving ourselves, how can we improve with those around us? How can we improve our relationships with our neighbors and with God? Our world is torn and shredded to pieces in many parts, by terrible poverty, by war, and by massive divisions. Each of us contributes to that division and disorder. We are often unaware of how we contribute to that disorder, but most of us wish we did not. In the verses of Matthew's gospel referenced above, Jesus is calling out the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees, telling them to stop exalting themselves above those they were hired to serve.

The ashes we use on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from the palms from last year's Palm Sunday. The palms were used by the people to proclaim praise for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem upon a colt. Not even a week later, the people of Jerusalem were shouting out, "Crucify Him!" (*Matthew 27:22, Mark 15:13, Luke 23:21, John 19:6*). The ashes we receive, the remains of the burned palms from last year symbolize the hypocrisy in each and every one of us. These ashes represent our sinfulness, the sinfulness we ought to leave on the ash heap outside. When we choose to allow ourselves to be visibly marked by this sign of sorrow, by this sign of lamentation, this sign of repentance, we are telling ourselves and the world that we want to do better; that we want to improve ourselves; and that we want to make the world around us a better place for all of us. It is a sign that we are

willing to humble ourselves so that Jesus can work in us to heal us from our sinfulness. It is then, with the forgiveness of sin, and a true submission to the God who loves us, that we will be exalted as we share in his sufferings, his death, and his Resurrection, as we proclaim his Holy Name.

We find in the Gospel of Mark, the first words that Jesus speaks as he begins his ministry of preaching of the Kingdom of God; "The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel (*Mark 1:15*). This is important because when the minister, priest, or deacon applies the ashes to your forehead, he has an option of what to say. He can say either, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" or he can say the words that Jesus spoke in the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Either way, we are called to humble ourselves before God and express sorrow for our sins while making amends and promising to do better. To Jesus Christ be Glory!

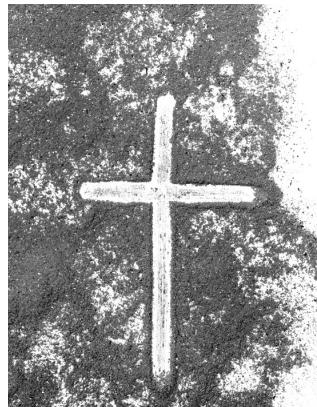
"He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that he humbled himself, obediently accepting death, death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name, so that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!" (*Philippians 2:8-11*)

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Scan the QR Code to sign up today for electronic giving! Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Joseph Catholic Community! **Questions?** Contact Chris Parker at 952-442-3702 or cparker@stjosephwaconia.org.



PRAYER for ASH WEDNESDAY



Blessed are You O Lord
who gives us life and all things.
Lead us into repentance and
renew our lives with your grace.
May the crosses of ashes that mark our
foreheads be a reminder that
we belong to your Son.
May our worship and prayer be sustained
throughout these days of Lent.
I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Jane Burford, Bernadine Seitz, and Dale Schmaltz. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

FUNERAL

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Bernadine Seitz on Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 am with visitation in the Narthex starting at 9:00 am.

YOUTH GROUP & MASS

The next Youth Group will gather at 6:00 pm on Sundays, February 18 & 25. The next evening Mass will be on February 18 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel (*lower level*).

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.

WELCOME RETREATS

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.



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

We invite you to learn more and register online by scanning the QR Code or by going to stjosephwaconia.org.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to our Tuesday Scripture Study! We are meeting after the Tuesday morning Mass for an hour in the Parish Center. We will enjoy refreshments from St. Martha's Hospitality room as we study the readings for the upcoming weekend Masses. Anyone can join us at any time. The resource we are using can be found here: www.emmausjourney.org. Handouts will be provided. *Hope you can join us!*

NEW TO ST. JOSEPH? | WELCOME!

Are you new to the St. Joseph community? Have you been coming in person or virtually for some time and would like to become a parishioner? We are excited to meet and talk with you! **Have questions?** Contact Cheryl Salz at [952-442-3712](tel:952-442-3712) or cshalz@stjosephwaconia.org.

LOST & FOUND

Did you know that there is a Lost & Found basket in our church? This basket is currently getting full with items found in the pews after Mass and in other areas of the church. All found items are placed inside this basket which is located in the Narthex labeled "Lost & Found". Look for items you may have left behind there.

KC CORNER

NOTE of GRATITUDE

The Waconia Knights of Columbus would like to express their gratitude towards all the participants of the Respect Life Breakfast that took place on January 21. Especially to those from Trinity Lutheran and St. Joseph Catholic Community who contributed to the success of this year's breakfast. The event witnessed more than 400 attendees and a sum of \$6,000 was raised, after expenses, to support the Respect Life causes. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Asha and the St. Joseph School for making their facilities available and helping us with the food arrangements. *Thank you!*

BLOOD DRIVE

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



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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PRO-LIFE CORNER

Are you experiencing an unexpected pregnancy or know someone who is? For over 30 years, SouthWest Options for Women has been a supportive, non-judgmental environment for facing an unexpected pregnancy, addressing pregnancy health concerns, as well as a place for resources and financial help during pregnancy and so much more. Located at: 574 Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, walk-ins are welcome. For hours and more information, go to: southwestoptionsforwomen.org or call 952-938-4496. SouthWest Options for women is a 501c3 non-profit and is funded by public donations which are welcome and appreciated!

THIS WEEK

February 14-18

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 am: Word & Ash Service
7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
9:15 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*)

WHY DO WE REMAIN STANDING AFTER THE GOSPEL IS READ?

Standing for the proclamation of the Gospel is a sign of respect. It has been a common prayer posture since the early Christians. Here at St. Joseph, we remain standing until after the Gospel book, in which are found the words of Christ himself, is enthroned. Simply put, Jesus should be the first to sit down. Once He is sitting or enthroned, then we can sit.



NEXT WEEK

February 19-25

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
11:00 am - 5:30 pm: KC Blood Drive (*Parish Center*)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
6:30 pm: Mass
7:00 pm: Finance Council Meeting (*Holy Family Conf Rm*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
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*)
3:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
7:00 pm: OCIA Meeting (*School Media Center*)
7:00 pm: KC General Meeting (*Parish Center*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*Church*)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)
7:00 pm: The Catholic Man (*Parish Center*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:30 am: Pray. Vent. Laugh. (*Parish Center*)
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 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 24

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Welcome: Women's Retreat Weekend
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
6:00 pm: Parent Eucharist Talk (*Church*)
6:00 pm: Youth Group
8:00 pm: Men's Cana Experience (*Parish Library*)

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Members 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 Phyllis Schmitz †
MON FEB 19	6:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #2506
TUE FEB 20	8:15 am	Patty & Merrill Kirsch †
WED FEB 21	8:15 am	Harlan Lemke †
THU FEB 22		No Mass
FRI FEB 23	8:15 am	Gordon & Alice Wickenhauser †
SAT FEB 24	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN FEB 25	8:30 am	Dale Schmaltz †
	10:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Simon Boll Family

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

Know

Love

Serve

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 Allynna 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

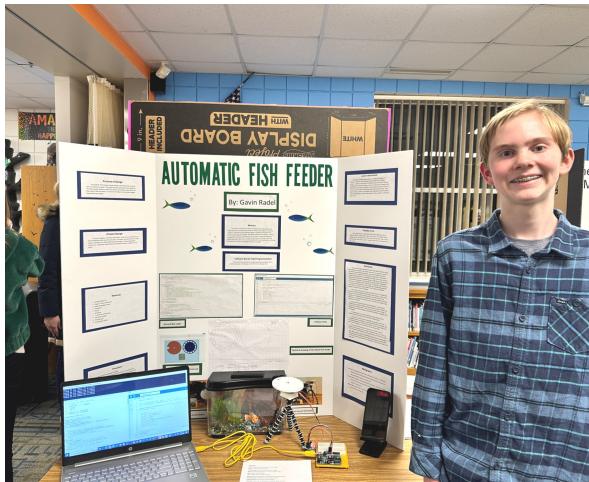
MAR 1-10	St. Joseph School Spring Break
MAR 1	KC Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm School Commons & Gym
MAR 1	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church
MAR 3	Youth Group at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center & Evening Mass at 7:30 pm in Chapel
MAR 8	KC Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm School Commons & Gym
MAR 8	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church
MAR 9	Second Saturday Rosary for Family Members to Return to the Church 9:00 am Church
MAR 9-10	Second Collection: Gather & Grow (Waconia Food Shelf)
MAR 10	Youth Group at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center & Evening Mass at 7:30 pm in Chapel
MAR 10	Daylight Savings Spring Ahead!
MAR 15	St. Joseph Festival 4:30-8:00 pm School Commons & Gym
MAR 15	KC Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm School Commons & Gym
MAR 15	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church
MAR 19	Feast of St. Joseph
MAR 20	Confirmation Speaker: Matt Birk 7:00 pm Church
MAR 22	KC Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm School Commons & Gym
MAR 22	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church
MAR 24	Palm Sunday
MAR 24	Parish Reconciliation Service 4:00 pm Church
MAR 28	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm Church
MAR 29	Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:00 pm Church
MAR 30	Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:00 pm Church
MAR 31	Easter: Resurrection of Our Lord Mass at 6:30 am, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Mass of the Holy Spirit & National STEM Certification

The middle schoolers at St. Joseph Catholic STEM School had the incredible opportunity to attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit. It was extremely powerful to see nearly 7,000 students from Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese come together to celebrate Mass. A special honor was our principal, Deacon Bruce, assisting in the Mass. The students were filled with joy and pride in watching him process with the bishops.

St. Joseph Catholic STEM School was filled with people on January 30 as it celebrated a certification from the National Institute for STEM Education. This certification puts the school on the map as a nationally certified STEM school – the only school in Minnesota to hold such a title. It was a high honor to have in attendance Senator Julia Coleman, City Council Member Steve Yetzer, CSCOE (Catholic School Center of Excellence) President Steve Hoeppner, President of Minndependent Tim Benz, and Beth Pesnell of the National Institute of STEM Education. After receiving the award, guests toured the school and saw what C-STEM was all about.

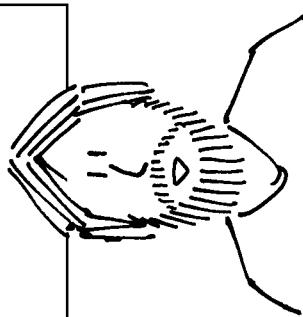


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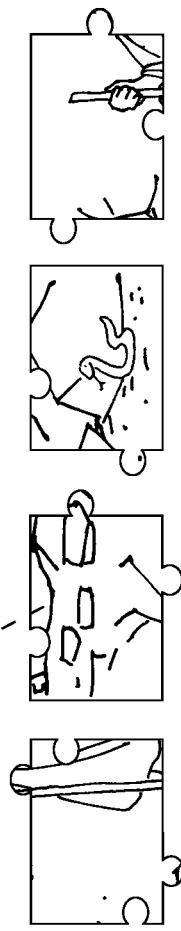
Jesus: Temptation and Good News

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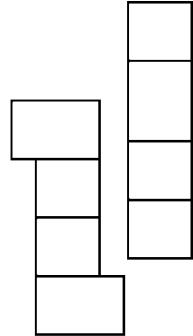


Then Jesus was led into the desert.
He stayed 40 days.

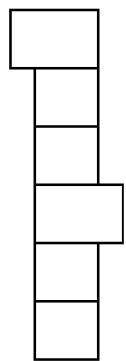
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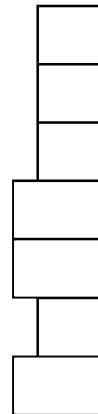
Then Jesus went into Galilee
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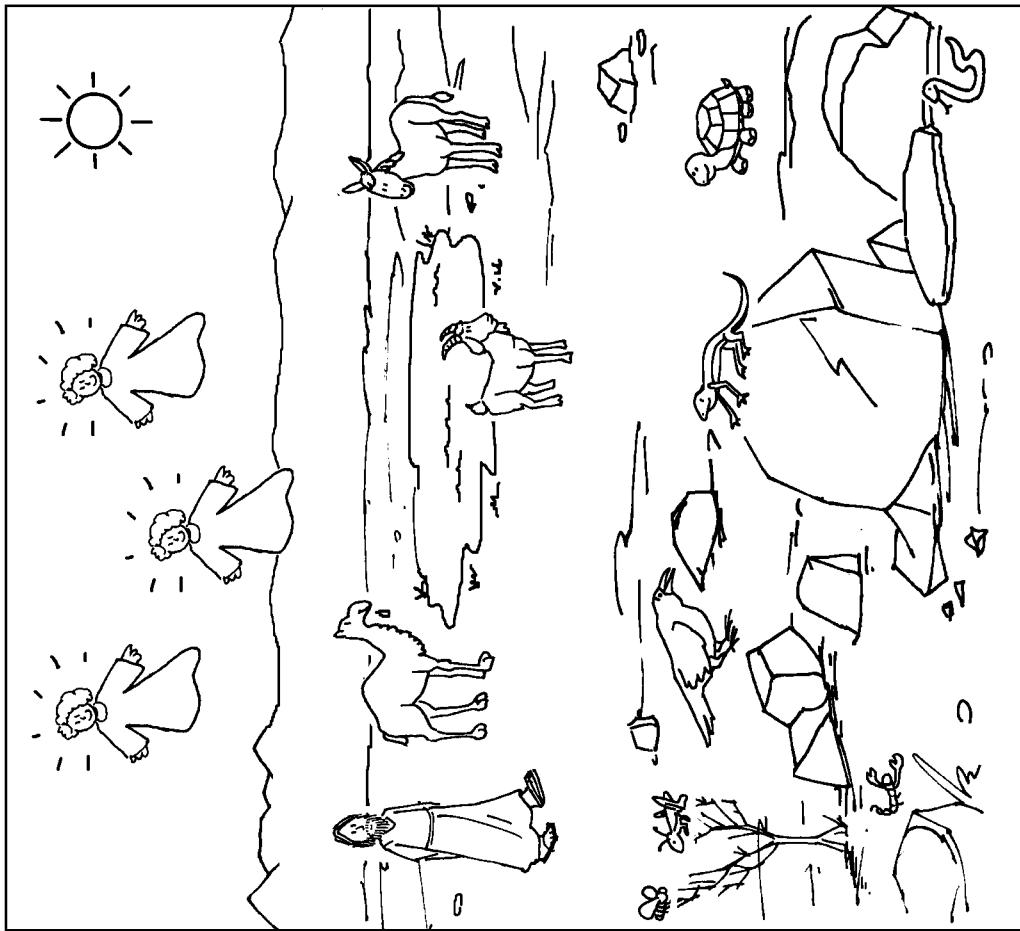
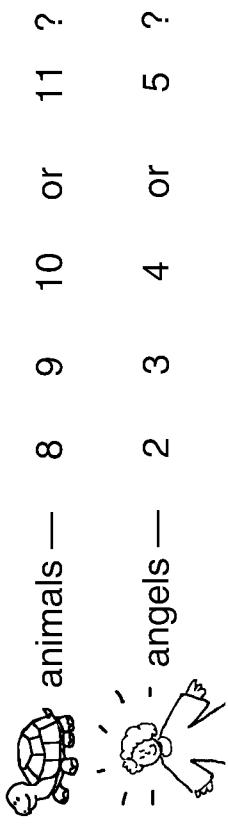
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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

**Jesus was with wild animals.
Angels were also with Him.**

Count and **circle** the number of animals and angels.



**Jesus was tempted to sin,
but He always did what was right.**

Circle the 1 that is different.

