

Fr. Stan Mader

A couple of weeks ago we showed a short video from the Archbishop about the Catholic Services Appeal. You may not have gotten the nuance that in recent years it was a collection for the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation, separate from the Archdiocese. In January it returned to the responsibility of the Archbishop, not a board for a foundation. The mission is the same, but the change has allowed for some improvements such as a cleaner mailing list, savings on administration, and a focus on the efforts of the Archbishop. As before, the money collected for this appeal goes to serve the needs of many interests of the Catholic Church, including Catholic Education, outreach to college students, seminary training, life issues, support for marriages and family life, and chaplains for large hospitals. There are many other organizations and causes that are supported, things our parish uses along with the Archdiocese, and things we could not fund on our own. Please support this appeal. *Thank you!*

If you haven't signed up for a small group yet, please do so ASAP. Many of them are meeting for only six weeks, we don't want you to get too far behind. See the website to sign up. If you click on a particular group that still has room, you will see who is leading that group near the bottom of the sign-up area. Most of them are focusing on prayer this time, although a few legacy groups are focusing on other topics. We are open to receiving ideas for groups this summer and fall - send your suggestions to [smallgroups@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:smallgroups@stjosephwaconia.org).

The Saint Joseph Festival will be on Friday, March 15 this year. In addition to the Fish Fry, there will be beer sales, bingo, a low-cost Kid's Carnival area, and a raffle. Raffle tickets will be in the mail by the time you read this - the top prize is \$2,500, with a second prize of \$1,000, two prizes of \$500, and two of \$250. Bingo starts at 5:30 pm in the gym, with Grand Bingo at 7:30 pm. Doors open for the fish fry at 4:30 pm.

Last weekend, our OCIA candidates celebrated the Rite of Election. Those who have not been baptized yet are now Catechumens, a major step toward being baptized. They will be in some intense preparation in the coming four weeks, culminating with the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on March 30. We will soon have a board with their pictures on display in the narthex. Please pray for

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Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst ... 'Repent and Believe'.

*"What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart.  
What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart  
and in the poor - He knows your weakness. He wants only  
your love, wants only the chance to love you."  
(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)*

To learn more, please go online by scanning the QR code above or go to [stjosephwaconia.org/lent-2024/](http://stjosephwaconia.org/lent-2024/).



### LENTEN OFFERING CUPS

These cups were created by SJ School Students! Collect change for charity as a part of your almsgiving for Lent. Proceeds will be divided between the Gather & Grow Waconia Food Shelf and our Venezuela Mission. Cups are available in the Narthex. Please return by Holy Week.

### 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

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*New to the Parish? WELCOME!*

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

them. During the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent, they will be celebrating the Scrutinies at the 5:15 pm, 8:30 am, and 10:30 am Masses, respectively. These are times for them to examine themselves closely about their readiness for these Sacraments while we pray for them.

I have picked up a roommate! Deacon Hjalmar Gudjonsson will be staying at the rectory several nights most weeks until he is ordained a priest late in May. He teaches at Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria and is also assigned to Divine Mercy Church in Faribault. He has a fascinating personal history: he was born in Iceland (and his parents are Icelandic), spent some time in Sweden growing up, was an Augustinian Friar in Austria for seven years, discerned out of that life, and now is a candidate for the priesthood here in our Archdiocese. He speaks several languages. His formation and academic background are so deep he does not attend seminary this semester. He found he didn't have enough to do during the week as a deacon, so he asked for more and is filling a spot at Holy Family teaching theology. Given the distance to Faribault, he stays here some nights and/or when there are winter travel issues or events into the day. If you see him around, welcome him!

The school is undergoing a self-audit of sorts under the name ATO, Accelerating the Organization. The strategy will be to identify areas where expenses are high and develop a plan to reduce expenses and transfer the savings to scholarships and teacher salaries. We hope to increase efficiency by eliminating duplicate work, identifying things that are no longer needed, and redirecting that effort and expense in more useful directions. The plan includes sharing the results with staff and getting their input and ideas.

*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.

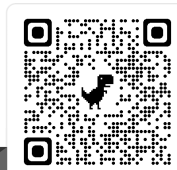
### WHY JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

Encounter Jesus anew, expand our parish community, and meet new people.

### WHAT TO EXPECT IN A SMALL GROUP?

Regular 1.5-hour meetings, with an emphasis on prayer and authentic, community-building encounters with Christ, 6-12 people in each group, and more!

Find a group that works for you. Fill out the interest form by going to the Parish website ([stjosephwaconia.org](http://stjosephwaconia.org)) or scanning the QR Code. If you don't have internet access, call the Parish Office at 952-442-2384.



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# NEWS & EVENTS

## MARRIAGE BANNES

Dan Simon & Allison O'Brien are preparing for their wedding on Saturday, March 23, 2024. *Please pray for them!*

## FUNERAL

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Dale Schmaltz on Saturday, March 2 at 11:00 am with visitation in the Narthex starting at 10:00 am.

## YOUTH GROUP & MASS

The next Youth Group will gather at 6:00 pm on Sundays, February 25 & March 3. The next evening Mass will be on March 3 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel (*lower level*).

## LENT MORNING PRAYER

On weekdays during Lent, Monday through Friday, we invite you to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church in the Charity Chapel (*Lower Level of the Church*) at 7:00 am. Resources will be provided for all who attend.

## ADORATION with BENEDICTION

On Fridays during Lent, adoration with benediction will be offered following daily Mass. Please join us to celebrate Mass at 8:15 am. Adoration will begin at 9:00 am and conclude with Benediction at 10:00 am.

## 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.

## KC FISH FRY

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](http://stjosephwaconia.org/fish-fry).

## 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.

### AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES & TIMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Our Lady of the Lake	Mound	Mar 5	7:00 pm
Ascension & St. Bernard	NYA	Mar 6	6:30 pm
Sts. Joachim & Anne	St. Mark, Shakopee	Mar 6	8:00 am - 7:00 pm
St. Bartholomew	Wayzata	Mar 7	7:00 pm
Guardian Angel's	Chaska	Mar 10	4:00 pm
St. Victoria	Victoria	Mar 12	6:30 - 7:30 pm
St. Mary's	Waverly	Mar 18	7:00 pm
Church of St. George	Long Lake	Mar 19	6:00 - 7:00 pm
St. Hubert	Chanhasen	Mar 21	6:00 - 8:00 pm
St. Joseph	Waconia	Mar 24	4:00 pm
St. Therese	Deephaven	Mar 28	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Holy Name of Jesus	Wayzata	Wed: 5:15-6:15 pm Sat: 8:30-9:30 am	
St. Boniface	St. Boni	Tues: 6:00-6:30 pm Wed: 7:30-8:00 am Sat: 3:00-3:45 pm	
St. John the Baptist	Excelsior	Tues: 5:00-5:20pm Sat: 8:30-9:30 am & 3:30-4:30 pm	

### 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.

St. Joseph Catholic STEM School

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[www.stjosephwaconia.org](http://www.stjosephwaconia.org)

## SAVE the DATE: ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL

Save the date of March 15 for St. Joseph Festival (*formerly known as WinterBlast!*) Learn more on the Parish website at [stjosephwaconia.org/st-joseph-festival/!](http://stjosephwaconia.org/st-joseph-festival/)

## RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS

Watch your mailboxes for St. Joseph Festival raffle tickets! If you do not receive any or would like more, call or come to the Parish Office and we will be happy to help you. Please remember to return your raffle tickets and proceeds to the Parish office as soon as possible! Please place them in a drop box or return them to the Parish Office. *Thank you!*

# VIRTUS



Learn more about VIRTUS, which is an Archdiocesan initiative for cultivating an environment of awareness for the protection of our children and vulnerable adults by going online to [stjosephwaconia.org/virtus](http://stjosephwaconia.org/virtus). If you have questions, please contact Sarah Richards at [srichards@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:srichards@stjosephwaconia.org).

## WHY DO WE KNEEL FOLLOWING MASS?

Please join us in our custom of kneeling down after Mass to pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be to the Father. For many years at St. Joseph, the Parishioners pause and kneel after Mass to say a prayer for the next person in our parish family to be born and the next to pass away and for vocations to consecrated life.



## 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.



# SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Deadline for Registration is Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

The Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute invites you to a seven-part experience unlike any other that will not only teach the basics of discipleship but will provide an ongoing initiative to put what you learn into practice!

- **Location:** St. Joseph the Worker, Maple Grove
- **Taught by:** Jeff Cavins with guest teacher, Dr. Mary Healy
- **Dates:** Thursdays, April 4 - May 16, 7 pm - 9 pm  
(Activated Discipleship Seminar tentatively scheduled for July 13)
- **Time:** 7 pm - 9 pm (Includes the small group dynamic)
- **Cost:** \$125 – Cost covers seven lessons taught by Jeff Cavins, \*materials (book, 40-Day Challenge Journal, chart, commitment card, kerygma card), and Activated Disciple Seminar registration.



Register online by scanning the QR Code with your smart phone, or go online to [cistudent.com/the-experience](http://cistudent.com/the-experience).

# OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

For January 2024

## WEEKEND OFFERTORY:

January 2024, 338 Donors, 774 Contributions	\$ 59,285
January 2023, 370 Donors, 711 Contributions	\$ 78,694

## Contributions to Special Funds

Capital Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,682
2nd Collection (Caring Hands)	\$ 2,606

Year to Date (July 2023 - January 2024)	Year to Date (July 2023 - January 2024)
Total Offertory Contributions	\$ 567,393
Last year, same period	\$ 605,582



## 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](mailto:cparker@stjosephwaconia.org).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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MON	FEB 26	6:30 pm	Mary & Wally Lahl †
TUE	FEB 27	8:15 am	Mary Lou Bauer †
WED	FEB 28	8:15 am	Fr. Bob Schwartz †
THU	FEB 29		No Mass
FRI	MAR 1	8:15 am	Deceased Members of the Hubert Giesen & Orville Schwalbe Families
SAT	MAR 2	5:15 pm	Fr. Martin A. Beckman †
SUN	MAR 3	8:30 am	Jack & Ruth Louis †
		10:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		7:00 pm	Sr. SAM (Sr. Antonette Marie Wagner, SSND) †

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

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## PRAY

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**Please pray for the following:** Paul T, Joan H, Rene F, Jeff E, Emery K, Chuck P, Steve E, Peggy S, 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, 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.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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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

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## THIS WEEK

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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration  
5:30 pm: Confession  
6:30 pm: Mass  
7:30 pm: Parish Council Meeting (Holy Family Conf Rm)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
8:15 am: Mass  
9:00 am: Weekly Scripture Study (Parish Center)  
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: Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)  
7:00 pm: OCIA Meeting (School Media Center)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
8:15 am: Mass with the School  
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)  
6:00 pm: 2nd Grade Sacramental Class (School Media Center)  
6:00 pm: EDGE (School)  
7:00 pm: Confirmation (School)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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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, MARCH 1

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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, MARCH 2

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Food Shelf Collection  
10:00 am: Visitation: Dale Schmaltz (Nathex)  
11:00 am: Funeral: Dale Schmaltz (Church)  
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession  
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)  
5:15 pm: Mass

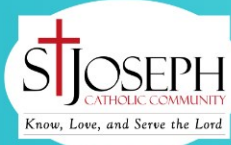
### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

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Food Shelf Collection  
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)  
8:30 am: Mass  
10:30 am: Mass  
6:00 pm: Youth Group (Parish Center)  
7:30 pm: Mass (Chapel)

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# SUMMER 2024



## V.B.S.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2023-2024 K-Second Graders  
Monday-Thursday | 9:00-11:00 am  
June 10-13

**LAST DAY TO SIGN UP - FRIDAY, MAY 31**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**



**REGISTER NOW**

**\$50**  
Online  
Registration  
for each camp  
per camper!



## CAMP IMPACT

2023-2024 5-8 Graders  
Wednesdays | 9:00-11:30 am  
June 26 and July 10, 17, 24 & 31

**LAST DAY TO SIGN UP - FRIDAY, JUNE 7**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**



**REGISTER NOW**

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE  
NEEDED FOR BOTH CAMPS!**

### CONTACT US

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Jesus gave His disciples and the crowd  
a message.

Use the code to write in the missing letters.

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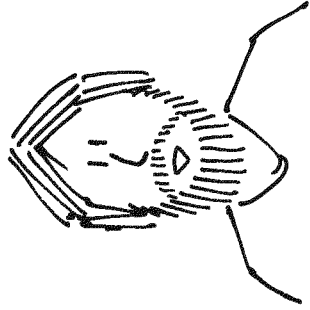
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Ages 3+

February 25, 2024 • Mark 8:31-38

Jesus Tells What Is to Come

Jesus spoke plainly to His disciples. He told them that He would suffer many things.

Find these items in the picture below.



**st**JOSEPH  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

Peter was very upset with what Jesus said.  
He took Jesus aside to talk to Him.

Connect the dots.  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N



Jesus told Peter that he  
did not understand the things of God,  
but only the things of people.

**Circle** Peter in the group of people below.

