

ST JOSEPH

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

March 10, 2024

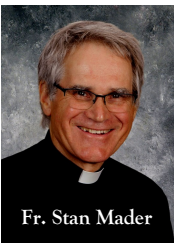


Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

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"Jesus Christ and Nicodemus"; Matthias Stom, 1640-1650.



Fr. Stan Mader

At the 8:30 am Mass this week we will be celebrating the second scrutiny for those who are preparing to join the Church at the Easter vigil, especially for those who will be baptized. At Masses with a Scrutiny, the readings from Year A are used, as opposed to Year B which we are in now. The gospel for the second scrutiny is that of the man born

blind, which comprises the entire chapter 9 of the gospel according to John. It is not only about the miracle of curing someone who was born blind but also describes someone coming to deeper and deeper faith after his encounter with Jesus, concluding with his worship of Jesus despite its conflicts with family and the synagogue community. He goes from physical and interior darkness to light. At the other Masses the gospel is from John 3, part of Jesus' first meeting with Nicodemus which includes the comprehensive verse 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." It goes on to talk about choosing to believe in Jesus as the light of the world or preferring to remain in darkness. May you have a week of light.

As we get deeper into Lent, additional confession times will start to appear. This week the extra time is on Saturday, starting at 3:30 pm. I will also be working my way through the school confessions this week, and assisting at several other parishes during their extra confession times. Please select a time and parish to go to confession, and perhaps plan on going again in 2-3 months.

Another almsgiving option (*in addition to the coin cups in the narthex, the Annual Catholic Appeal, our own parish collection, the special collection this weekend for the Gather and Grow food shelf, and the Good Friday collection for the upkeep of the holy sites in Israel and Palestine*): try giving blood. There is a significant shortage right now. If you were not able to give at the KC-sponsored event last month, check redcross.org and enter your zip code, and you will find a nearby spot in the coming weeks.

This Friday is the St. Joseph Festival! In addition to the extremely popular Fish Fry (*I believe the Knights of Columbus are averaging over 600 adults/week, plus children*) there will be a Kid's Carnival at family-friendly prices, bingo, and other

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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

New to the Parish? WELCOME!

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

extras. Please join me in purchasing raffle tickets – many of you have received them.

This week we also welcome Matt Birk, a Super Bowl Champion, a 15-year veteran of the National Football League and a devoted Catholic, who will be speaking to our high school students (and those from other area parishes) on Wednesday night. We are grateful for the grants which helped us to offer this opportunity.

On occasion, we have a 7:30 pm Sunday Mass in our chapel downstairs. Its main purposes are to provide a more youth-oriented Mass following Youth Group and to provide an option for those who work the 7:00 am-7:00 pm shift on weekends. Our next Mass is this weekend, but then we are off through Easter. We have scheduled for next year – almost always the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, September through April. We will communicate more completely as September approaches, but please know that there is that option, several times a month. We have tried to communicate to nurses through the hospital and assisted living places but are unsure it was effective.

Remember we have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm every Friday during Lent. The school also does them at 2:00 pm. Attendance has been low at the 7:00 pm time. Can you suggest a better time, such as 3:30 pm before the fish fry opens?

What are you doing for Lent? Are you trying something in each of the traditional and effective ways of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

We are looking for an additional person to be at Eucharistic Adoration from 5:00-6:00 pm on Tuesdays. When that is filled, we want to start on Monday at 9:00 pm through Tuesday at 9:00 am as some people are asking for the overnight option to resume as it had been before the pandemic.

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NEWS & EVENTS

LENT BROCHURE

There are Lent brochures for you to reference throughout Lent for Holy Week Mass times, all Confession times, and when to pray Stations of the Cross as a community! They can be found in the Narthex. *Be sure to take one home today!*

RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS

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. If you do not receive any or would like more, call or stop by the Parish Office and we will be happy to help you. *Thank you!*

24-HOUR DROP BOX

Did you know we have a 24-hour drop box? If it is difficult for you to make it to the Parish Office during the day, you have the option to drop off items in the drop box located in the school lobby at Door #1, on First Street (*across from the church*). The lobby is open all hours and the drop box is checked daily. There is also a drop box in the church by the main doors.

LENTEN OFFERING CUPS

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

VALUE BOOKS

We are having a flash sale on Value Books! St. Joseph School will be selling our limited supply of Value Books, containing discounts at many local businesses, for only \$10! Stop by the school office to secure your value book. *Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Catholic School!*

CHRISM MASS

The Archdiocese's faithful are encouraged to attend the yearly Chrism Mass, which will take place on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul. During this Mass, Archbishop Bernard Hebda will bless the Holy Oils that will be utilized throughout the Archdiocese. Moreover, all priests will also renew their priestly vows during this Mass.

Lent 2024

ADDITIONAL Confession TIMES DURING LENT

March 16 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm

March 23 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm

RECONCILIATION SERVICE
MARCH 24 at 4:00 pm

March 25 from 4:30 - 6:15 pm

March 26 from 8:45 - 10:00 am

March 27 from 9:00 - 10:15 am

March 27 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Holy Week 2024

HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28

Mass at 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm

Service with Communion at 7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY | MARCH 30

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

(Mass will not be celebrated at 5:15 pm)

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

Mass at 6:30 am,

8:30 am & 10:30 am



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19

Father, you entrusted our
Savior to the Care of St. Joseph.

By the help of his prayers may Your Church
continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH PRAY FOR US!

PRAY A NOVENA to ST. JOSEPH

March 11-19

O good father St. Joseph! To you do I raise my heart
and hands to implore your powerful intercession.

By all your sufferings, sorrows, and joys, obtain for
me from the kind Heart of Jesus the help and graces
necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I ask
particularly for the grace of a happy death, and the
special favor I now implore... Amen.

What is a Novena?

Praying a specific prayer for nine consecutive days.

Know

Love

Serve

SPECIAL OFFERING
Easter Altar Flowers

Your Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Envelope #: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Send to the parish office or place in the collection. Thank you!





FISH FRY
ALL YOU CAN EAT!

4:30-7:30 PM
ADULTS: \$16
KIDS (6-12): \$7
Children under 6 eat free!



REGULAR:
5:30 PM
GRAND:
7:30 PM

KID'S CARNIVAL

TICKETS COST
\$0.25
5:30 - 7:30 PM



CASH RAFFLE PRIZES
GRAND PRIZE: \$2,500
2ND PRIZE: \$1,000
3RD PRIZE (2): \$500
4TH PRIZE (2): \$250
TICKETS: \$10 EACH



ST JOSEPH FESTIVAL

All are Welcome!
FRIDAY, MARCH 15
4:30-8:00 pm

FISH FRY BINGO & BEER!

At St. Joseph School



THE FESTIVAL & KC FISH FRY IS AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2024-25

You're invited
to grow your Faith!



Family Formation

K-5 Grade
2 Gr. Sacramental Prep

Sept 4, 2024
to Apr 9, 2025

6:00 - 7:00 pm
1st, 2nd & 3rd Weds



EDGE

6-8 Grade

Sept 4, 2024
to Apr 9, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 pm
2nd & 4th Weds



Confirmation

9-10 Grade

Starts on
Aug 28, 2024

7:00 - 8:30 pm
Wednesdays



Legacy

11-12 Grade

Sept 18, 2024
to Apr 2, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 pm
1st & 3rd Weds

Faith Formation is a welcoming process of lifelong learning and formation in the Catholic faith at St. Joseph Catholic Community. Our curriculums help guide all of us to love Jesus and His Church, to live out our Catholic faith, and to prepare us to receive the Sacraments faithfully and continue to grow after Confirmation.

Please contact us with any questions or if you are interested in being a catechist, we would love to hear from you!



REGISTER NOW

Early Bird Rate
\$25/family!

Registration fee increases to
\$50/family on June 8.

*Addition Program costs apply for
each grade level.

JULIE LOSCHEIDER

K-5 Gr | 952-442-3703

KIRSTIN BULARZIK

6-12 Gr | 952-442-3705

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. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Richards at 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.



PRAY for those in OCIA/OCIC

Order of Christian Initiation Candidates & Catechumens

ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The OCIA process has several distinct stages. These Catholic OCIA stages are a good model of faith development itself.

- **Inquiry:** the initial period before you decide to enter the Catholic Church. You're asking questions and checking it out, but aren't yet ready to commit.
- **Catechumenate:** those who decide to enter the Church and are being trained for a life in Christ are called catechumens, an ancient name from the early Church. In this stage, you're developing your faith and are being "catechized"—learning catechism, or the basic points about Catholic faith and life.
- **Purification & Preparation:** The Church will help you focus and intensify your faith as you prepare to commit your life to Christ and be received into the Church at Easter.
- **Initiation** itself, the culmination of the whole process! You're received into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass, where you'll receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. (*If you've already been baptized, you won't be baptized again.*)
- **Mystagogy:** after reception into the Church at Easter, this period lets you reflect and learn more about the mysteries of the Mass and the Sacraments that you now participate in fully.

Please join us in praying for those who are going through the OCIA process here at St. Joseph:

Amber Kintziger
Ashley McHugh
Audrey Remer
Ashley Swenson
John Anderson
Stephen Lagle
Tammy Frommelt
Zachary Frommelt
Rosalba (Abby) Blanco
Adriana Macedo
Eliseo Herrera
Adrian Herrera
Jayden Herrera

PRAY with POPE FRANCIS

Papal Prayer Intention for March



For the NEW MARTYRS

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	MAR 11	6:30 pm	Regina Rausch †
TUE	MAR 12	8:15 am	Mary & Wally Lahl †
WED	MAR 13	8:15 am	Mike & Elizabeth Rainer <i>(Silent Saints)</i>
THU	MAR 14		No Mass
FRI	MAR 15	8:15 am	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 2506
SAT	MAR 16	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN	MAR 17	8:30 am	Georgiana Johnson †
		10:30 am	Collective: William & Jeannene Otto † Al Cannon †

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

PRAY

Please pray for the following: Denise F, 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.

LOOKING 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 22	KC Fish Fry 4:30-7:30 pm School Commons & Gym
MAR 22	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Church
MAR 24	Parish Reconciliation Service 4:00 pm Church

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 am: Morning Prayer *(Chapel)*
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Weekly Scripture Study *(St. Paul Conference Room)*
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 *(School Media Center)*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 am: Morning Prayer *(Chapel)*
8:15 am: Mass *with the School*
9:15 am: Coffee & Conversations *(Parish Center)*
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration *(Chapel)*
6:00 pm: Family Formation *(School)*
7:00 pm: Confirmation - Speaker: Matt Birk *(Church)*

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

No Mass | *Fr. Stan's Day Off*
7:00 am: Morning Prayer *(Chapel)*
8:45 am: Pray. Vent. Laugh. *(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 15

St. Joseph Festival | Parish Office Closed
7:00 am: Morning Prayer *(Chapel)*
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 - 10:00 am: Adoration with Benediction *(Church)*
4:30-8:00 pm: St. Joseph Festival
4:30-7:30 pm: KC Fish Fry *(Commons & Gym)*
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross *(Church)*

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

3:30-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary *(Church)*
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 am: Parish Rosary *(Church)*
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
12:00 pm: Baptism
6:00 pm: Youth Group *(Parish Center)*
8:00 pm: Men's Cana Experience *(Parish Library)*

FAMILY FORAMTION

Our fourth-grade Family Formation students have been training to assist with the Mass! The Altar Server Ministry welcomes those in fourth grade or older who would like to support the priest during the Mass. Participation includes carrying the cross or candles in the entrance processional, holding the Roman Missal for prayers, and helping with preparations for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Boys and girls who have made their First Communion and are in the fourth grade or older are heartily encouraged to become altar servers. For more information, please visit stjosephwaconia.org.



SUNDAY EVENING MASS

St. Joseph offers evening Mass at 7:30 pm in the Chapel (lower level) periodically throughout the year. This Mass is offered as an option for those who are working the 7:00 am–7:00 pm shifts at places like the hospital or nursing homes. It also attracts youth as it follows our Youth Group meetings. Here are the dates of the next evening Mass we will be offering: March 10, April 28, and May 12. *Hope to see you there!*



SILENT SAINTS

Mike & Liz Rainer



Silent Saint

The recipient of St. Joseph's
March 13 Day of Prayer is:

MIKE & LIZ RAINER

Thank you Mike and Liz
for your kindness,
generosity & support!

We are blessed to call you friends!

Our faith community has been blessed with MANY silent saints. Each month we honor our saints with a special day of prayer. We keep these Silent Saints in our prayers for that day. Mike & Liz will be honored at Mass with the School on March 13 at 8:15 am.

KC CORNER

Do you enjoy the KC Fish Fry? Please consider signing up to volunteer at this fun event! KC Fish Frys are on all Fridays during Lent, serving from 4:00 to 7:30 pm (except Good Friday). Scan the QR code or visit the parish website for more details: stjosephwaconia.org/fish-fry.



Scan to
Volunteer!



COUPON
Church of St. Joseph, Waconia
**KC Fish Fry Dinner
2024**

\$1 off

Each Adult Ticket Purchased

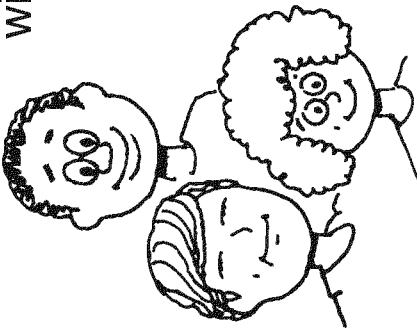
The Knights of Columbus will be hosting "All You Can Eat" Fish Frys on all of the Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday), serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm in the Education Center. Tickets: Adult \$16, Child \$7 (ages 6-12), Under 6 free. Children's Menu and Take Out service available.

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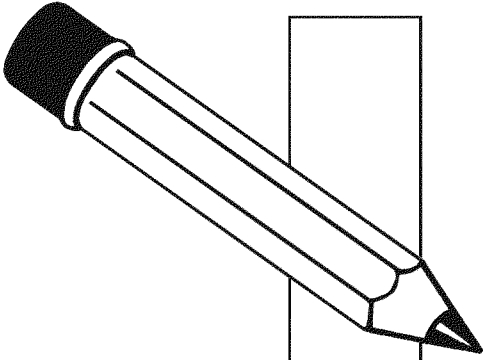


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Whoever believes in Jesus
will have eternal life.



Trace the letters below.



Believe
in
Jesus.

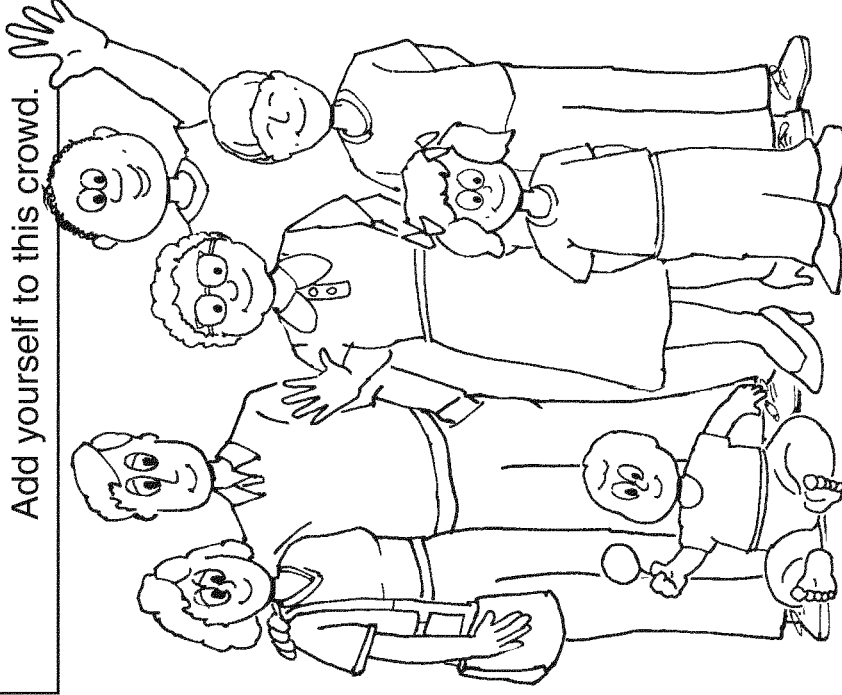
Ages 3+

March 10, 2024 • John 3:14-21

Light and Life

Jesus said that God loves
the people of the whole world.

Add yourself to this crowd.



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God sent Jesus to the world.

Circle the hidden objects.



Jesus is like a light for the world.

Connect the dots.

ABCDEFGHIJKL
12345678

