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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

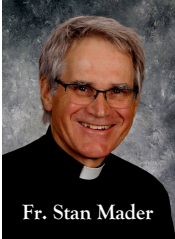
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*

March 17, 2024



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Fr. Stan Mader

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Of course during Lent, Sunday always takes precedence; I am sure many of you will be celebrating this great saint this weekend in a variety of ways. Blessings on all of you with Irish blood in your veins. St. Patrick himself, of course, was born in Britain of a Romanized family. Most know that he was kidnapped during an Irish raid and spent six years in slavery as a herdsman in Ireland before escaping and eventually being reunited with his family. Later, he felt a calling to return to Ireland and spread the Christian faith there. He was an enormously successful evangelizer, and during his lifetime almost all of Ireland was converted to Christianity.

On Tuesday this week, we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. The Mass with the school will take place on that day this week rather than on Wednesday. Deacon Bruce, our principal, will be preaching that day. Please come to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day! Due to a scheduling challenge, we will also have Mass at Auburn Meadows on the 19 at 11:00 am rather than the usual 3rd Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Although St. Joseph speaks no words in the gospels, he is an enormously beloved saint and patron of carpenters, workers, and fathers. He is also patron of many different countries representing four different continents. March 19 is also the anniversary of the installation of Francis as pope in 2013. (*He was elected on March 13 that year.*)

We are in the final two weeks of Lent! Starting this past week all the daily readings are from the gospel according to John (*except for major feasts like St. Joseph*). The first readings are, as they have been all Lent, from the Old Testament. This week, we also begin using a Passion Preface (*the part just before the Holy, Holy, Holy*) rather than a regular Lent one. Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday. We begin those Masses with a reading of the Palm Sunday gospel, bless the palm branches, and have a simple procession into the church. The gospel during Mass that day is the entire Passion; this year it is according to Matthew. Palm Sunday is also the start of Holy Week, which I will write more about next week. March 25, would normally be the Feast of the Annunciation, but with Easter is so early this year, that date falls during Holy Week. In those cases, we move the Feast of the Annunciation past Easter and Easter week, and won't be celebrating it until April 8 this year.

All of our small groups have started now, with the last one beginning March 11. We are having a quick meeting this Sunday to see how things are going, and in April will gather a larger group to review and then start planning groups for the Fall and beyond. We will have a greater variety of topics.

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Lent 2024

DAILY MASS

Monday at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
at 8:15 am

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

Masses at 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Vigil on Saturday, March 23 at 5:15 pm

Parish Reconciliation Service
on Palm Sunday from 4:00-6:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm
Passion Liturgy 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
Easter Mass at 6:30 am,
8:30 am & 10:30 am

LENTEN DAYS of FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Days of Fasting are
Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
On fast days, one full meal is allowed.
The other two meals should be smaller
and together not equal a full meal.
Consuming liquids between meals is
allowed. Ages 18-59 are required to fast.

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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New to the Parish? WELCOME!

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

If you, like me, have been slipping in some of your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in recent days, take heart and get back on track. Redirect yourselves and keep going. God loves us no matter how much we mess up but doesn't want us to remain stuck in our failures. Every moment is a chance to start anew. Lent is not about condemning yourself for your slip-ups. It is about focusing on God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So, accept God's mercy, and start anew.

Our Parish Penance Service will be next Sunday (Palm Sunday) at 4:00 pm. Six priests are scheduled to be available to hear confessions. We will have a short liturgy followed by individual confession. This week, we also start having a few extra times for confessions, notably at 9:00 am on Saturday the 23 and beginning at 3:30 pm. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week (March 25-27), we have many options for confessions.

You are all welcome to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 10:00 am on Holy Thursday. Arrive early due to limited parking spots.



NEWS & EVENTS

CEMETERY NOTICE

Please have all decorations removed from the cemetery by April 1. *Thank you!*

FEAST of ST. JOSEPH

Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19 at 8:15 am with the school. Please join us in celebrating our patron saint!

RECONCILIATION SERVICE


Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 24, our Parish Reconciliation Service will be from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Additional priests will be present at this service to hear confessions. Additional confession times are available online or in the narthex.

GREETER TRAINING

There will be a training for Greeters on Saturday, March 23 after the 5:15 pm Mass and on Palm Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass. It won't take more than 30 minutes. Current greeters are encouraged to attend as well as anyone new interested in participating in this ministry.

GRIEVING A LOSS?

St. Joseph provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to come together in faith and support. Grief Share will be meeting on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 9:00-11:00 am in the St. Paul Conference Room (*lower level*) Please join us starting March 22.



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!

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	MAR 18	6:30 pm	Wes Schiffler †
TUE	MAR 19	8:15 am	Ron Dressel †
WED	MAR 20	8:15 am	Stan Yetzer †
THU	MAR 21		No Mass
FRI	MAR 22	8:15 am	Rose Marie Sorensen †
SAT	MAR 23	5:15 pm	Ray & Jeff Krautbauer †
SUN	MAR 24	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	Fr. Bob Schwartz †

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

PRAY

Please pray for the following: Julie W, Art W, 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 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
APRIL 7	Youth Group 6:00 pm Parish Center
APR 11-15	Fr. Stan is Away
APR 13	Women of Joy Speaker Event 9:00 am Church & Parish Center
APR 14	Youth Group 6:00 pm Parish Center
APRIL 27-28	First Holy Communions
APR 28	Confirmation 2:00 pm Cathedral of St. Paul

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
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, MARCH 19 *Feast of St. Joseph*

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass *with the School*
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*)
7:00 pm: KC General Meeting (*Parish Center*)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*Church*)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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 22

Parish Office Closed
7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 - 10:00 am: Adoration with Benediction (*Church*)
9:00 am: Grief Share (*St. Paul Conference Room*)
2:00 pm: Stations of the Cross *with the School* (*Church*)
4:30-7:30 pm: KC Fish Fry (*Commons & Gym*)
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross (*Church*)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9:00-10:00 am: Confession
2:00 pm: Wedding
3:30-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 *Palm Sunday*

8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
4:00-6:00 pm: Parish Reconciliation Service (*Church*)

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.

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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*Scan to
Volunteer!*

THE SANDWICH PROJECT

Youth Group Service Night

A group of our elementary and middle school students recently participated in a remarkable initiative, making over 300 sandwiches with the intent to donate them. The sandwiches were made for the Waite House, an institution in South Minneapolis that serves more than 4,500 community members annually. The students' efforts were not just about providing food, but also about showing care, compassion, and community spirit that extends past our town's borders. The Waite House staff greatly appreciated the students' contribution. This initiative highlights the importance of community spirit and serves as an example of the values we aim to instill in our students.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration Fee is \$25 per family until June 8.



Family Formation:
K - Grade 5
September 4 - April 9

EDGE:
Grades 6-8
September 4 - April 9

Confirmation:
Grades 9-10
(Starts) August 28

Legacy:
Grades 11-12
September 18 - April 2

Register your child(ren) online today for our next year 2023-24 sessions! Faith Formation programs at St. Joseph are for students in grades K - 12.

We recognize that parents are the primary guides for their children, and these programs are secondary to the active faith life of the family. Parents are living examples and nurture their children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith. Within the home, the child receives the foundations for a life of faith: a sense of trust, freedom, and joy.



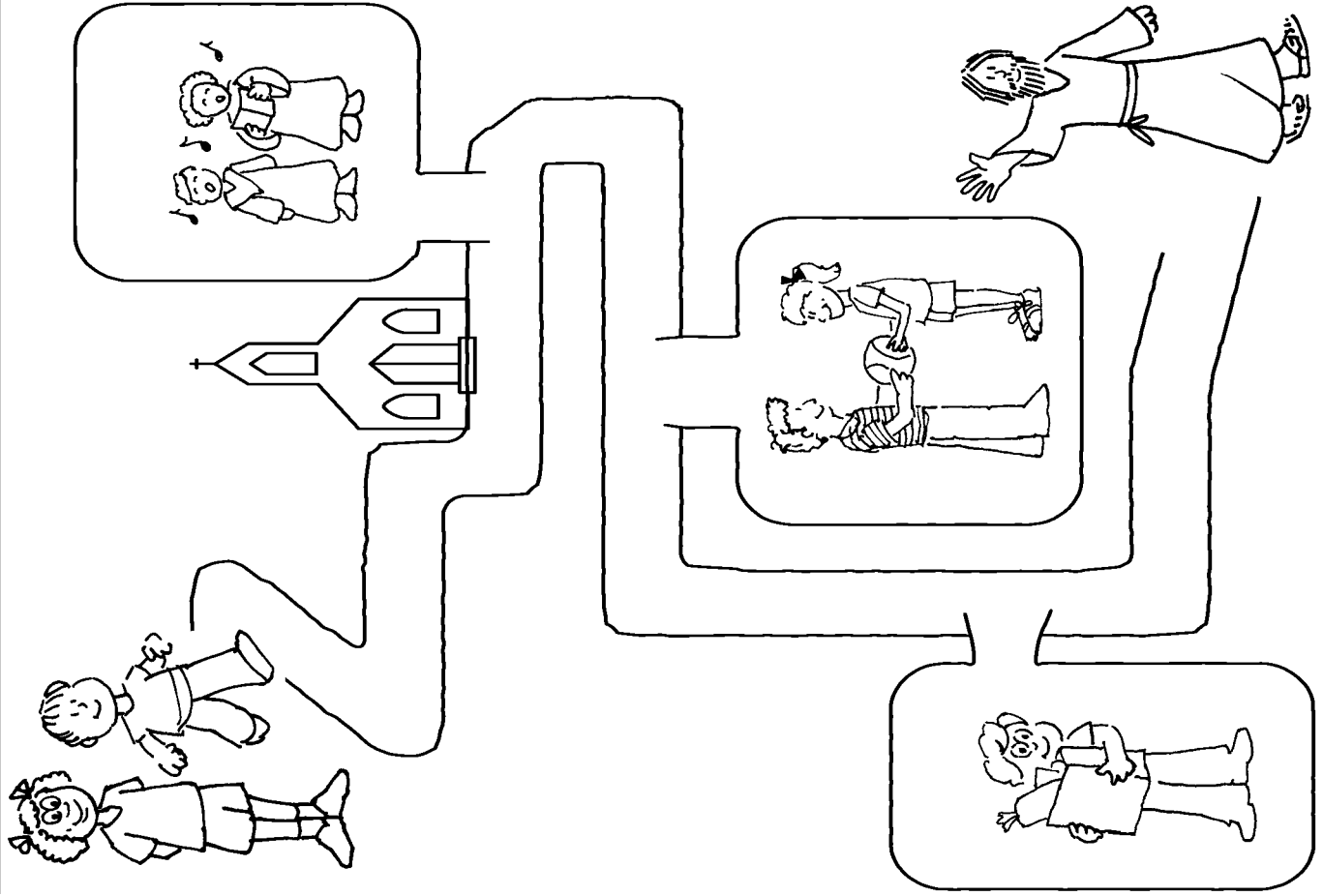
*For more information, go to
stjosephwaconia.org/ff-registration/.*

JULIE LOSCHEIDER
Family Formation

KIRSTIN BULARZIK
EDGE & Confirmation

Interested in helping or have questions? Email us at faithforlife@stjosephwaconia.org

Help these children serve and follow Jesus.
Follow the path.



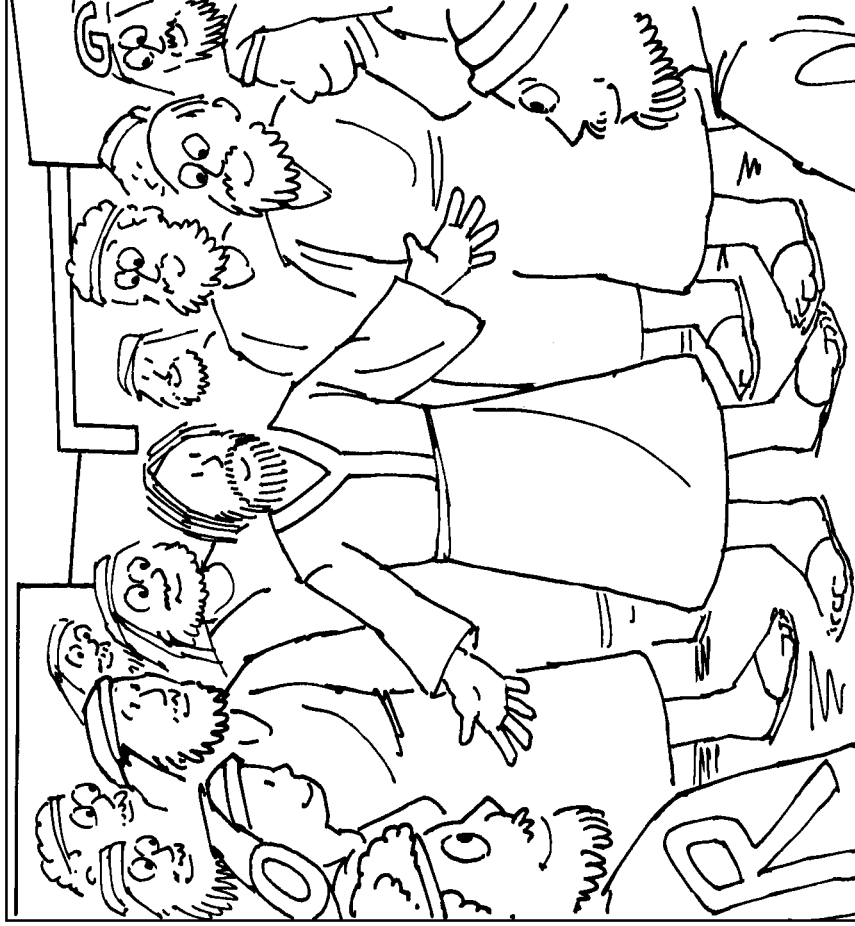
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Jesus Tells What Will Come

Jesus showed God's glory.

Circle these letters in the picture. G - L - O - R - Y

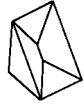


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Finish the puzzle with the beginning letters of each picture.

Count and circle how many people are Jesus' followers. 8 or 9 ?

Whoever Me



must Me ...



My Father will



the who serves Me."

