

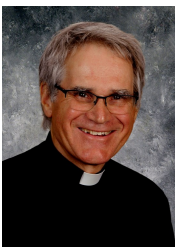


Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

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Alleluia
HE IS RISEN!



Happy Easter! Lent is behind us, we are in the Triduum, the three most sacred days of the year (*Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday/Easter*), and we proclaim that Jesus is risen! Now we have the 50-day Easter Season, culminating in Pentecost. Easter is the Good News. Easter brought incredible joy to the disciples as they saw, spoke with, and ate with the risen Jesus who had been crucified, who died, and who was buried. The angel tells the women, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" (*Easter Vigil Gospel*). We are in a world right now with a great deal of bad news, injustice, division, and sometimes weirdness. It is a big election year and weary people need hope. We need to go to whatever our Galilee is. Let the joy of Easter clothe you, comfort you, excite you, and help you to see beyond what we think to be.

Congratulations to all our OCIA (*Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*). At the Easter Vigil, six were baptized

along with seven others who also received various combinations of being received into the Church, confirmed, and receiving First Holy Communion. Some of these thirteen have been meeting with team members since June. There may be several others who will complete their initiation to the Church in the coming months. Next year we hope to have another large group. Talk to your friends and family members who either were never confirmed or never baptized and have them take a look at this journey to know about Christ and the Church.

To all those who are here for the first time, or the first time in a while, please come back. We are always better together than apart. In addition to the beautiful church building, we are living stones who seek to know, love, and serve the Lord. We have faith formation possibilities for all ages and groups. We have a school second to none. We have a growing community that I hope takes the best of all ages in our Catholic tradition. So, come back, and let's make something great together.

The coming week is known as Easter Week or the Octave of Easter. Each day is like Easter. We sing the

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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...)

Gloria every day, and we conclude each Mass with a double alleluia to express additional joy. It concludes with Divine Mercy Sunday, a day we especially recall God's mercy on us.

Thanks to those who are ministering at all the special services during Holy Week. It takes many people to plan and present these most important liturgies. More thanks next week.

We will have a guest priest here the weekend of April 13-14 from Cross Catholic Outreach. He will speak about the projects they are involved with around the world. Fr. Alan Bower reminded me that he was here four years ago as well. Please welcome him! I will be taking a short vacation/retreat from Thursday, April 11 to Monday, April 15.

Our Parish Council concludes its year in June. Two members will have their terms end at that time. We invite others to consider becoming members of this group which is the primary advisor of the pastor. Please let me or any parish council member know of your interest. There will be an information night in April and a discernment night in May. You may attend a meeting to see what we typically do there. Our usual meeting time is the fourth Monday of the month, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Mark your calendars for March 23-26 next year. We will have a parish mission at St. Joseph. All other meetings will have their dates changed to free up those days so people can be part of this event. Much more to hear about it as the days draw near!

Footsteps of St. Paul/Greek Island Cruise: I will be co-leading a trip to Greece **June 3-15, 2025**. The trip includes four nights in Athens and seven on a luxury cruise ship. Cities we visit will include Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Thessaloniki, and several islands including Mykonos and Santorini. See our website or go to magitravelinc.com, click on tours of Greece, and scroll down to the tour under our names. There is a poster in the narthex as well, with a QR code which will give you access to all the information. We will have a meeting sometime in May, but people are already signing up - I encourage you to reserve a spot. There is a full refund until four months before departure. We will be traveling with some people from St. Joseph in Lino Lakes and elsewhere.



NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Theresa "Tess" Truman, Betty Baumann and Chuck Weiland. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Kira Lou Bradley; *Child of Ben & Jenn*

YOUTH GROUP & MASS

The next Youth Group meeting will be on April 7 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center, followed by evening Mass in the Chapel at 7:30 pm.

ROSARY & SHARING EVENT

On April 13, the Woman of Joy are inviting all to come to pray the rosary at 9:00 am and then listen to parishioner Abby Turek share a talk entitled "My Encounter with Mary". Refreshments will be provided. Please **RSVP by April 8**, via the online form or fill out the registration portion of the flyer available

in the Narthex, to ensure enough materials are available for all who attend. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

SEASONAL MISSALETTES

Seasonal Missalettes are available by the side (ramp) door, and in the Narthex. *Please take one!*

NEW TO ST. JOSEPH? | WELCOME!

Are you new to the St. Joseph community? Have you been coming for some time and would like to become a parishioner? We are excited to meet and talk with you! Have questions? Please contact Cheryl Salz by calling [952-442-3712](tel:952-442-3712) or emailing csalz@stjosephwaconia.org.

LOST & FOUND

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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| MON | APR 1 | 6:30 pm | Living & Deceased Members of the John Shultes Family |
| TUE | APR 2 | 8:15 am | Thomas & Dolores Kalb † |
| WED | APR 3 | 8:15 am | Adam Hughes (<i>Silent Saint</i>) |
| THU | APR 4 | | xxx |
| FRI | APR 5 | 8:15 am | Mass for Reparation of Sin |
| SAT | APR 6 | 5:15 pm | *Corky Gothmann † |
| SUN | APR 7 | 8:30 am | Living & Deceased Members of the Herman & Elizabeth Dressel Family |
| | | 10:30 am | St. Joseph Parishioners |
| | | 7:30 pm | Kenneth Dalbec † |

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

PRAY

Please pray for the following: Shawn S, 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, Marilyn P, Marilyn B, Diane V, Lori S, Judy R, Rick S, Barbara S, Jake W, 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

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| APR 11-15 | Fr. Stan is Away |
| APR 13 | Women of Joy Speaker Event 9:00 am Church & Parish Center |
| APR 27-28 | First Holy Communions |
| APR 28 | Confirmation 2:00 pm Cathedral of St. Paul |
| MAY 4-12 | KC Novena For Life |
| MAY 5 | KC Faith, Family & Baseball with Dick Bremer 11:30 am–2:00 pm School Gym & Commons |
| MAY 7 | St. Joseph School Spring Concert 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm in the Gym |
| MAY 20 | St. Joseph School: 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Celebration 6:00 pm |
| MAY 22 | Baccalaureate Mass 6:00 pm |

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
6:30 pm: Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

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: OCIA (*School Media Center*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:15 am: Mass with the School
9:00-10:00 am: Coffee & Conversations (*Parish Center*)
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*School*)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)
7:00 pm: The Catholic Man (*Parish Center*)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off

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, APRIL 5

Parish Office Closed

8:15 am: Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Food Shelf Collection

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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





**CONGRATULATIONS
RAFFLE WINNERS!**

The 2024 St. Joseph
Festival Raffle Winners:

Marge Dalbec
Preston Fox
Greg (& Barb) Fruwirth
Victoria Parpart
Duane Tellers
Lauren Williams-Kirsch

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for all
the participants and
volunteers who help make
this such a fun and
successful event!



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

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

Register your child(ren)
online today for our next
year 2024-25 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/](http://stjosephwaconia.org/ff-registration/).

JULIE LOSCHEIDER
Family Formation

KIRSTIN BULARZIK
EDGE & Confirmation

Interested in helping or have
questions? Email us at
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SILENT SAINT

Silent Saint

The recipient of St. Joseph's
April 3 Day of Prayer is:

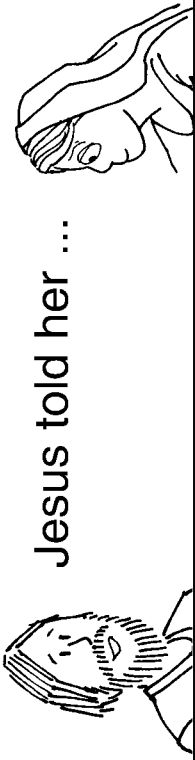
ADAM HUGHES

Thank you Adam
for your kindness,
generosity & support!

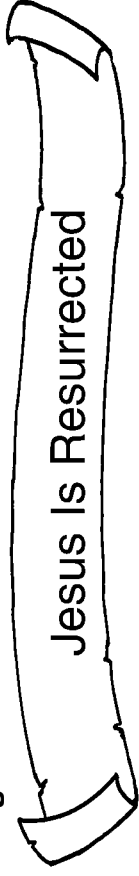
We are blessed to call you friend!



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. Adam will be honored at
Mass with the School on April 3 at 8:15 am.



Jesus told her ...



Jesus Is Resurrected

Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved.

Use the code to find the missing letters.

⊕ = a ♥ = r □ = t

◇ = n ○ = m

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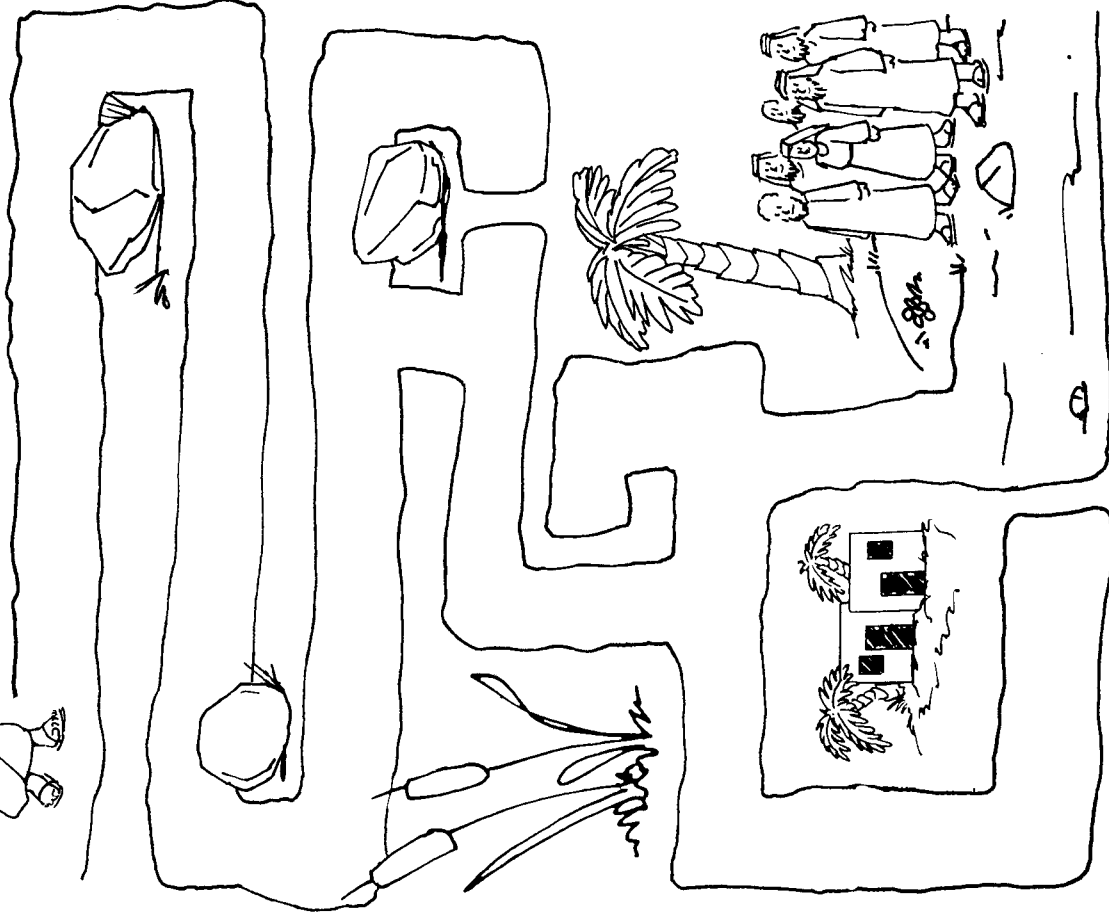
Circle the objects hidden in the picture below.



Mary went to tell the disciples
what she had seen.



Help Mary get to the disciples.



Later, as Mary stood crying,
she saw Jesus alive!

Connect the dots.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O

