

Fr. Stan Mader

Welcome to Fr. Bower who is here this weekend to speak about the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. One of their efforts in recent years has been digging wells in Africa. During Lent of 2023, we raised enough money to have one dug in Africa. Fr. Bower will share about their many ministries around the world.

I have some important information about our school. In recent months, the school board undertook a process called Accelerating the Organization, as I reported some weeks back. The effort is to result in a more efficient and effective organization, and being good stewards of the resources given to the school. A third-party international expert assisted us in this at no cost. The school board has since adopted its recommendations. The first will result in a change in the *model* of leadership at St. Joseph School.

The leadership model will have two components:

- **Head of School** – Deacon Bruce Richard will take on this role.
- **Principal** – Amy Gallus, a teacher at our school for the past 10 years, and formerly a principal in a Catholic elementary school, will take on this role, with a bit of teaching as well.

The **Head of School** is ultimately responsible for the Catholic faith formation of staff, students, and families, as well as overall educational excellence. With the Principal managing the day-to-day academic affairs of the school, the Head of School will have the capacity for other very crucial tasks. These include visioning, long-range planning, ensuring alignment of curriculum to vision, strategic goal setting and execution, safety and security, financial management, budgeting, scholarship distribution, public relations and marketing, working with the school board, alumni relations, and high-level fundraising. The Head of School and the Principal will share hiring responsibilities.

The **Principal** will have primary responsibility for academic excellence and the day-to-day academic affairs of the school, including professional development, curriculum development, master scheduling, faculty coaching and evaluation, internal communications, working with the school board, supervision of extended day program, and handling student affairs. The Principal will have equal responsibility, along with the Head of School, for the Catholic faith formation of the students.

Congratulations to both Deacon Bruce Richards and Ms. Amy Gallus in their new roles! Stay tuned for additional information in the coming months.

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## NEWS & EVENTS

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### YOUTH GROUP

On April 21 at 6:00 pm, the youth group will be meeting in the school gym.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Last Sunday we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday. Learn more about how to pray this chaplet by picking up a brochure in the narthex or by the ramp door. There are also complimentary Divine Mercy prayer cards available too!

### SERRA: INVITATION to PRAY

Serra is the global lay apostolate for vocations within the Catholic Church. There are brochures available in the Narthex to participate in the World Day of Prayer by joining a Prayer Apostolate of Suffering for Vocations. In this apostolate, participants can offer their suffering for needs within the church including holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of the entire Christian life. It is that wonderful time of the year where we, as a Catholic community, get to celebrate with those who will be receiving their First Holy Communion! On April 27 at 5:15 pm & April 28 at 8:30 am & 10:30 am, the first 5 rows on both sides of the center aisle will be reserved for these Communicants, and their families and friends! These Masses will be full, but there will be room in the overflow space and downstairs. Also, these Masses will be live-streamed. ([stjosephwaconia.org/watch-mass/](http://stjosephwaconia.org/watch-mass/))

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## HIRING

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### EVENING CUSTODIAN

The facilities department is hiring an evening custodian to work Monday-through Friday from 3:00-8:00 pm. Candidate MUST be at least 18 years of age. Flexible on shift times and even more flexible with Summer hours and time off. Interested, contact Chris Parker, Parish Business Administrator at [cparker@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:cparker@stjosephwaconia.org) or call 952-442-3702 for more information.

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

In recent years there have been over 100,000 deaths annually due to drug overdose in the US alone. Since the year 2000, the rate of deaths has quadrupled. More than 1,000,000 deaths have come from opioid overdose in the past 20 years alone. Many more die from other drugs. It affects our community. Scott and Kris Post's 22-year-old son, Sawyer, died from it in 2021. I presided at the funeral. They want to help other parents to not have that heartbreak. Here is a poem they wrote. We will share more next week.

### EMPTY ROOM

*His room sits empty.*

*A fresh coat of paint perhaps but it does not cover the love that once filled it and it does not brighten the tears that now flow in it.*

*His chair is where I sit now, trying to remember all who he was, trying to avoid the anger of why he is no longer here.*

*I regret the anger each time it rises and eagerly try to understand it was a mistake. His mistake. My mistake. Plenty of lessons to go around.*

*He promised me he would never do anything to hurt me but he did just that, he hurt me.*

*He was such a good boy, full of love, full of life. So why? This is a question that won't be answered until we meet again.*

*The lessons of his life are numerous in number but the greatest lesson is to know God before you need Him.*

*Parents be the voice that your child hears above all the noise.*

*Look out for each other, block the mistakes when someone is feeling invincible. Be the Shepherd!*

*Just say no!*

*Gone are the days of experimenting. Drugs are drugged, one pill kills!*

*Any decision you make is not just about you. Remember, those who love you, once you are gone, break! The pain doesn't leave for those you leave behind.*

*Find out who God is for you. He can and does fill any room!*

*Fr. Stan Mader*

### 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!

Contact Cheryl Salz

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Chuck Walerius • 952-270-4706

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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MON	APR 15	6:30 pm	William & Jeannene Otto †
TUE	APR 16	8:15 am	Patty & Merrill Kirsch †
WED	APR 17	8:15 am	Living & Deceased Members of the John & Regina Pieper Family
THU	APR 18		xxx
FRI	APR 19	8:15 am	Mick Giesen †
SAT	APR 20	5:15 pm	Collective: Jeanette "Jan" Arman † Carol Stahlke †
SUN	APR 21	8:30 am	Collective: *Ron Dressel † Betty Kelzer Baumann † Bob Farrell †
		10:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners

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

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## PRAY

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**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.

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## THIS WEEK

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### MONDAY, APRIL 15

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, APRIL 16

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*)  
7:00 pm: KC General Meeting (*Parish Center*)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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*)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

No Mass | *Fr. Stan's Day Off*  
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)  
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

*Parish Office Closed*  
8:15 am: Mass

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)  
8:30 am: Mass with Baptism  
10:30 am: Mass  
12:00 pm: Baptisms  
6:00 pm: Youth Group (*Gym*)

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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APRIL 27-28	First Holy Communions	MAY 7	St. Joseph School Spring Concert 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm in the Gym
APR 28	Confirmation Mass 2:00 pm at the Basilica of St. Mary	MAY 20	St. Joseph School: 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Celebration   6:00 pm
MAY 4-12	KC Novena For Life	MAY 22	Baccalaureate Mass   6:00 pm
MAY 5	KC Faith, Family & Baseball with Dick Bremer 11:30 am-2:00 pm   School Gym & Commons	MAY 27	Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery 8:15 am   Military Honors to follow
MAY 1	Saints Giving Day St. Joseph School Fundraiser	MAY 29	Last day of School for St. Joseph STEM School

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## FAMILY FORMATION

Our tradition in our last student-only class has always been a joyful one. We celebrate the conclusion of another fantastic year, a year filled with exploration and growth in our faith. This growth isn't just personal; it's a shared experience, one that we've all walked through together, supporting and learning from each other. And how do we celebrate this shared journey? With ice cream!



## CONFIRMATION

It's the time of year students get to ask Fr. Stan any questions they might have. These questions varied from "What is Fr. Stan's favorite movie?" to deep questions of faith like "What practices do you recommend for maintaining a strong faith around friends and family who don't practice their faith?". They enjoyed hearing his answers and finding out information that was not part of the weekly curriculum.



## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Community!

Tori Hanson

Kyle & Alana  
Whittaker Family

Eva Baggenstoss

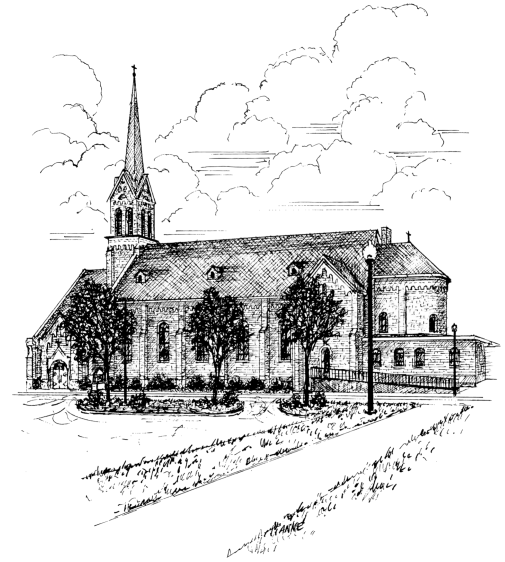
Michael Poppler

Joseph (& Alyssa)  
O'Sullivan Family

Stacie Priester

PJ & Jean  
Hanson Family

Jeff & Alyssa  
Gerritsen Family



*All are Welcome!*

We would love to hear from you!  
Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, the drop box, or the Parish Office. Thank you!

- I am a visitor
- I have a special prayer request

### I AM INTERESTED IN:

- Learning more about the Catholic Faith
- Joining the Parish
- Volunteering
- A Visit from the Priest
- Our Parish School (Pre K - Gr 8)
- Small groups

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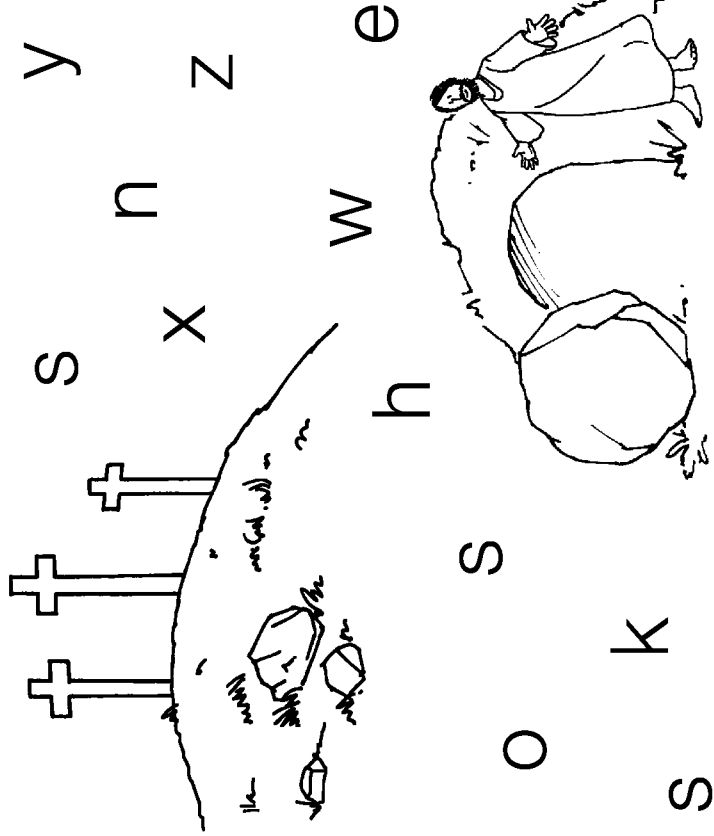
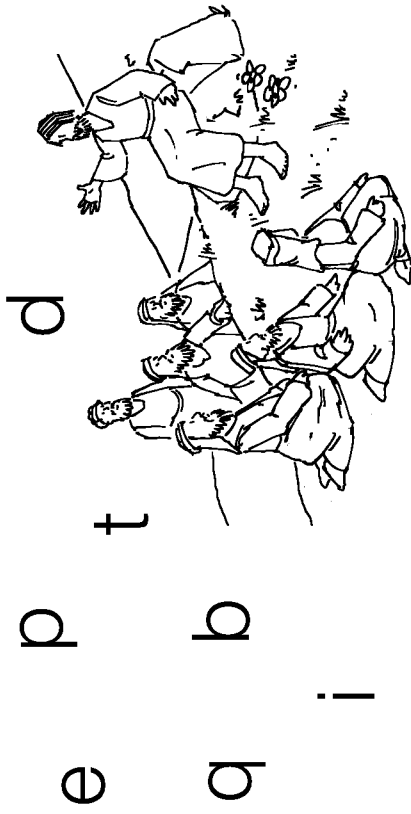
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### Questions?

Contact us directly at [952.442.2384](tel:9524422384)  
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The disciples would see all these things.  
They would be witnesses.

Circle the letters. **w i t n e s s e s**



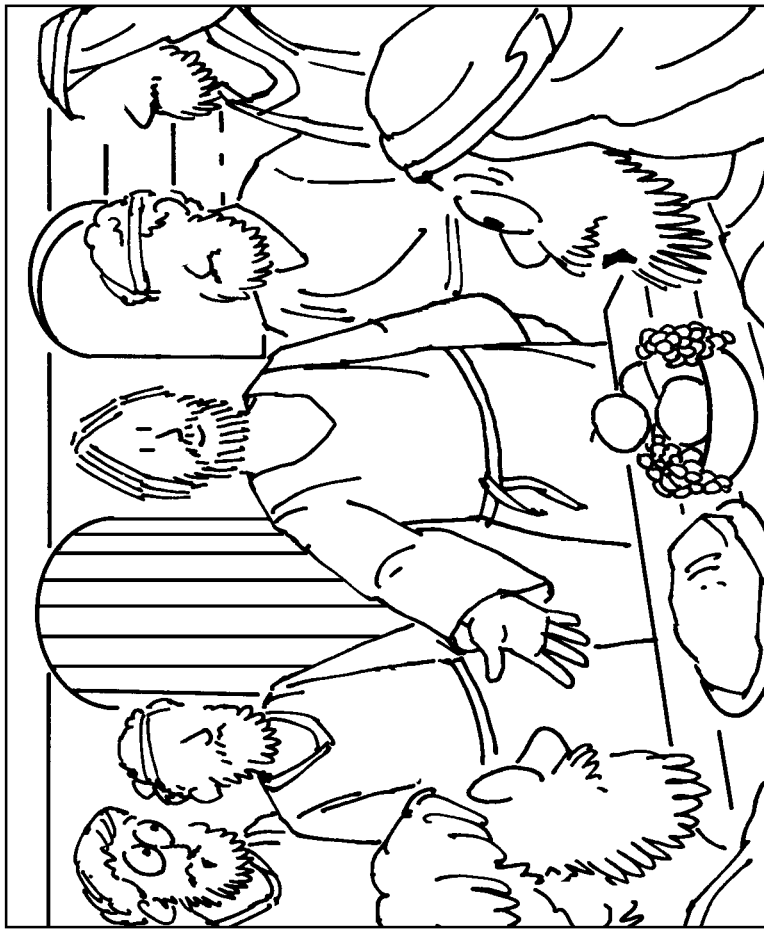
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April 14, 2024 • Luke 24:36-48

Jesus Helps the Disciples Understand Scripture

After Jesus died, He suddenly appeared before His disciples. They were frightened.

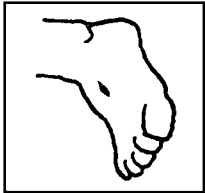
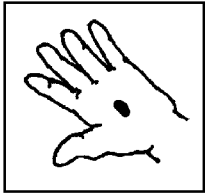
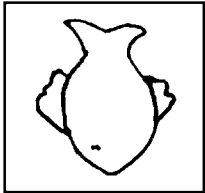
Finish drawing the frightened faces.















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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

Jesus showed His disciples  
 His hands and feet. He ate a piece of fish.  
 Then they knew He was not a ghost.

Finish the pattern by drawing  
 the missing items in the boxes below.



Jesus told them about things  
 written in the Bible.

Match the pictures with their shadows.

