

Fr. Stan Mader

Thank you to Fr. Alan Bower for being here for Mass last weekend and sharing about the work of Catholic Cross Outreach. He wrote a very appreciative note about the hospitality shown him and the various ministers and the bell choir - which he never gets to hear anywhere else. I was told that our students were remembering his homily in the hallways on Monday and Tuesday this past week. You can find more information on how to support their work on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Nationally, there is a Global Solidarity Collection, which occurs around this time of the year. The Second Collection is typically on the Second Weekend of the month and would have been last week, but with Fr. Bower visiting, it is this weekend instead. The Global Solidarity Collection is a combination of what used to be many different collections in the past: for the Church in Eastern Europe, the Mid-East, Africa, and Asia collections. I hope you might consider financially supporting this collection, which in effect, supports the spread of the gospel.

Next weekend is First Communion Sunday. We will have many visitors. The 5:15 pm and 10:30 am Masses will experience higher attendance as family and friends gather to celebrate with our class of over 40 first communicants. Please welcome them, and realize we may be reserving a pew you are often sitting in. That afternoon, 36 of our 10th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Basilica. Please keep these young people in your prayers!

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is called Good Shepherd Sunday as every year we hear from the 10th chapter of John where Jesus uses the image of the Good Shepherd to describe himself. Last week, I wrote a little about drug abuse, opioids in particular, and the vast number of people who die from such abuse. I shared a poem by Kris and Scott Post who lost their son, Sawyer, to an overdose 18 months ago. Here is the second of two poems they shared. As it is entitled A Shepherd's Love, I thought this was a good weekend to share it.

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

A SHEPHERD'S LOVE

*Jesus by our side seeks our hearts
while we're here, the love for each other,
a shepherd draws near.*

*As He designed, the sun rises and sets. A new
day, a new season, continued search for rest.*

Heavenly Father, where did we go wrong?

Oh my Jesus, with you we stay strong.

*We waited far too long to pray, wanting God
before you need God is truly the way.*

*So many voices, noise all around, easy to
misstep when we shield our hearts from being
found. God our Father, Jesus at our side, His
love is the shepherd to be our guide.*

*Not as predictable as the sun, we don't always
rise. We fell short in teaching you Jesus is at
your side.*

*A miss in helping you to know peace, unable
to steady your mind, we failed to teach a life
knowing Jesus under God's sky.*

*So many voices, noise all around, easy to
misstep when we dull our hearts from His
sound. God our Father, Jesus at our side,
His love is the shepherd to be our guide.*

*A father's love, a mother's affection, you filled
so many hearts beyond comprehension.
In the arms of Jesus is where you now lie, risks
taken in the dark tore you from our lives.*

*All those giving advice, spinning you to feel
lost but not found, we failed in being louder
to keep you around.*

*So many voices, noise all around, easy to
misstep when we shield our hearts from being
found. God as Father, Jesus at our side, His
love is the shepherd to be our guide.*

*The love of God felt in our hearts,
the love of a shepherd to protect in the dark.
Your laugh, your smile for the days to follow,
someone you love needs you here tomorrow.*

*So many talking, our words were blocked.
Why didn't we stay ahead, why weren't we
solid on His rock? Hard to hear, so much
unclear, it's hard to breathe without you near.*

*So many voices, noise all around, easy to
misstep when we dull our hearts from His
sound. God our Father, Jesus at our side,
His love is the shepherd to be our guide.*

*We are all called to love and watch over
each other. Stranger to stranger, neighbor
to neighbor, be a shepherd to all
those needing good favor.*

*Silence the voices, listen to God's guidance
first, understand you'll never thirst. He'll
always provide during all of our trials, keep
God first and you'll have peace in the miles.*

*So many voices, noise all around, we will still
misstep, but our heart is now found. God as
Father, Jesus at our side, His love is the
shepherd to be our guide.*

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NEWS & EVENTS

MARRIAGE BANNES

Sam Roberston & Laura Kirsch are preparing for their wedding on Saturday, June 22. Please pray for them!

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Judy Rademacher, Louie LeBlanc, and Bill Hilgers. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

FUNERALS

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Bill Hilgers on Monday, March 22 at 11:00 am with visitation in the Narthex starting at 9:00 am.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for Judy Rademacher on Wednesday, March 24 at 11:00 am with visitation in the Narthex starting at 9:00 am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Next weekend we celebrate First Holy Communions at all Masses! On April 27 at 5:15 pm and April 28 at 8:30 am & 10:30 am, the first 5 rows on both sides of the center aisle will be reserved for the Communicants, 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/)

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Fr. Alan Bower was filled with gratitude for the hospitality, conversations, and music ministry St. Joseph offered while he was visiting last weekend. He is also grateful for the prayerful giving to Cross Catholic Outreach. In addition to brochures in the Church, donations can be made by texting the number **474747** and type **Blessings** as the message, or online at www.CrossCatholic.org/Outreach.

INVITATION TO THE SPRING PLAY

Performed by St. Joseph School 5-8 grade Students



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS:

The Enchanted **Bookshop**

ST JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

April 30 at 1:30 PM

May 2 & 3 at 6:00 PM

May 4 at 2:00 PM

We are excited to extend a warm invitation to you for St. Joseph Catholic School's Spring Play, titled "The Enchanted Bookshop." This engaging play revolves around a unique bookstore that holds a mysterious secret within its walls. We're sure you're intrigued, and to unravel the mystery, you're going to have to join us for the performance! The play has been scheduled for four different dates to ensure everyone has a chance to join us: April 30 at 1:30 pm, then again on May 2 & 3 at 6:00 pm, and finally, on May 4 at 2:00 pm. Our enthusiastic middle school students in grades 5-8, have been rehearsing their scripts and perfecting their roles. They're eager to bring the characters of the Enchanted Bookshop to life!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Last day to sign up is May 31 | Scan the QR Code to register online today or go to stjosephwaconia.org!



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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!!!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!
Contact: Julie Loscheider
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2024 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

A special thank you to the following people who made a donation toward the purchase of the beautiful flowers and decorations displayed in the church during the Easter season. Donations received beyond the amount used will be put toward altar needs and improvements throughout the year.

IN LOVING MEMORY/HONOR OF:

Ray Krautbauer *by Shirley Krautbauer*

Paul & Esther Reinitz, Clarence & Lucille Thurk *by John & Marlene Thurk*

Lorraine & Edward Luczak and Scott & Norma Sanders *by Davis & Brianna Pfouts*

Clarence Brown and Jerome Brown *by Karen Brown*

Jerome & Phyllis Wagener *by George & Mary Boll*

Ron Dressel *by Susan Dressel*

Harlan Lemke and Members of the Lemke Family *by Donna Lemke*

Gordon, Georgiana, Ben & Loretta Johnson *by Charles Johnson*

Vern Ebersviller *by Jan Ebersviller*

Mildred Strand *by Charles & Naomi Erickson*

Barbara Sunnarborg *by Naomi Erickson*

Gerald P. Laumann, Gerald A. Eveslage, and in honor of Jeff Eveslage *by Jeffrey & Kris Eveslage*

Dennis Happ, John & Bernice Scheuble, Margaret Hart, Albert & Evelyn Happ, and Richard (Dick) & Angela Happ *by Mary Happ*

Deceased members of the Simons & Laumann Families *by Denis & Bonnie Laumann*

Richard J. Hoffman and Darlene Hoffman *by Thomas & Michelle Nelson*

Kellie Harvat *by Bill & Sally Worm*

Dwayne Rademacher *by Judith Rademacher*

Marilyn Kelzer, Ray & Genevieve Kelzer, Ferdinand & Minnie Wagener *by Denis Kelzer*

Rueben & Verna Goetz, Charles & Emma Kelzer *by Wilfred & Jean Kelzer*

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Harold Stacken *by Adeline Stacken*

Lyle & Sue Gustafson *by Bruce Gustafson*

George Della Paolera, Gertrude Stacken, Jerry M.V., and Dianne Eiden *by Robert & Roseann Della Paolera*

Living & Deceased members of the Peters & Lerschen families *by Rodney & Marilyn Peters*

2024 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Gerald Poppler *by Geraldine Poppler*

David R. Schmitt, Ray & Eugenia Schmitt, & All deceased family and friends *by Gary & Donna Schmitt*

Sawyer Post *by Scott & Kris Post*

Gerry Bailey and Addison Wade *by Judy Bailey*

Russ Whittaker, Winnie Whittaker, John Whittaker & Damien Roth *by Victor & Sandra Schreiner*

Steve Van Keulen & Scott Lamberton *by Ed & Rose Van Keulen*

Ninnie Dunbar, Papa Dunbar, Rich Sarcletti, and Nan Dillon *by James & Dana Sarcletti*

Dale P. Schmaltz, Dean A. Schmaltz, Scott D. Schmaltz, Rosemary Schmaltz, & Debbie Erling *by Peg Schmaltz*

Ray & Lucille Bleedorn, and Jerry & Emily Honebrink *by Fred Bleedorn*

Bob Frandrup *by JoLynn Frandrup*

Dick & Angela Happ *by Paul & Melissa Fuhrman*

Doug Johnson *by Joyce Johnson*

Archie & Mavis Larson, Sandy Burdorf, Steve Larson, Henry & Lavern Braunwarth, and Steve Braunwarth
by James & Joyce Larson

Mary Elizabeth Kamp and Joseph Kamp *by Thomas & Theresa Leshner*

Amelia Lipinski, Ron Lipinski, Ron McGlynn, and Celia McGlynn *by Elizabeth Lipinski*

In Memory of the Rolf & Wickenhauser Families *by Delora Rolf*

Gary Schlechter and Jim & Helen Geyen *by Susan Schlechter*

Bob Tschida, Leonard Drietz, and Diane Drietz *by Bill & Karen Tschida*

Leo & Vangie Schneider Family and Jerome & Phyllis Wagener Family *by Dan & Bonnie Wagener*

John & Sue Walton *by Jon & Anne Walton*

Ted & Marie Welz and Floyd & Millie Werner *by Mike & Joann Werner*

Noah Joseph Parker *by Chris & Terri Parker*

Living & Deceased Members of the Schuler & Hucky Families *by Mary Schuler*

Gerry Bailey & Addison Wade *by Judy Bailey*

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

Freddy Villegas & Flormira Garcia
Virginia Hanes
Rita Johnson
Jim & Virgie Kunze

Heidi Basil-Niccum
Verne & Jennie Betlach
Jennifer Tiller
Alison McCracken
Candice Anderson

Frank & Myrene Whittaker
Helene Heaney
Marlene Steinhagen
Paul & Carol Miller

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.



PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMANDI

Confirmation will be celebrated on April 28 at the Basilica of St. Mary

Just as Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is broken, Confirmation strengthens that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit (cf. CCC 1285). It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters (cf. CCC 1302-1303).

Next week we will have 38 of our 10th graders going to the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis to become confirmed. Join us in praying for them:

Lord,

*You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.*

*Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment
the good work that You have begun in them.*

*As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.*

*Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.*

*Deepen our faith in the Gospel
and help us to pass it on by our example.*

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

For March 2024

WEEKEND OFFERTORY:

March 2024, 427 Donors, 776 Contributions \$ 113,381

March 2023, 409 Donors, 750 Contributions \$ 95,011

Contributions to Special Funds

Capital Repairs & Maintenance \$ 1,628

2nd Collection - Gather & Grow Food Shelf \$ 3,243

Year to Date (July 2023 - March 2024)

Year to Date

Total Offertory Contributions \$ 779,823

Last year, same period \$ 783,578



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	APR 22	6:30 pm	Katherine Yetzer †
TUE	APR 23	8:15 am	Al Cannon †
WED	APR 24	8:15 am	Fr. Walter Sochacki †
THU	APR 25		xxx
FRI	APR 26	8:15 am	Steven Ebert
SAT	APR 27	5:15 pm	Mary Lou Bauer †
SUN	APR 28	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	Gordon & Alice Wickenhauser †

* 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, Marilynn P, Marilyn B, Diane V, Lori S, 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

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 1	Saints Giving Day St. Joseph School Fundraiser
MAY 7	St. Joseph School Spring Concert 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm in the Gym
MAY 20	St. Joseph School: 8 th Grade Graduation Mass & Celebration 6:00 pm
MAY 22	Baccalaureate Mass 6:00 pm
MAY 27	Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery Mass at 8:15 am Military Honors to follow.
MAY 29	Last Day of School for St. Joseph STEM School
MAY 30	Fr. Stan's Ordination Anniversary Mass at 8:15 am

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 am: Visitation for Bill Hilgers (Narthex)
11:00 am: Funeral for Bill Hilgers
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
6:30 pm: Mass
7:30 pm: Parish Pastoral Council Mtg (*Holy Family Conf Rm*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

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: Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:15 am: Mass with the School
9:00 am: Visitation for Judy Rademacher (Narthex)
11:00 am: Funeral for Judy Rademacher
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: EDGE (*School*)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
8:45 am: Pray.Vent.Laugh. (*Parish Center*)
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Parish Office Closed
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Grief Share (*St. Paul Conference Room*) - All Welcome
4:00 pm: First Holy Communion Dress Rehearsal (*Church*)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

First Holy Communions | Confirmation
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass with First Holy Communions
10:30 am: Mass with First Holy Communions
2:00 pm: Confirmation (*Basilica of St. Mary*)

Know

Love

Serve

SUMMER CAMPS



JULY 29-AUGUST 2

CSTEM

CATHOLIC | SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATHEMATICS

CAMP

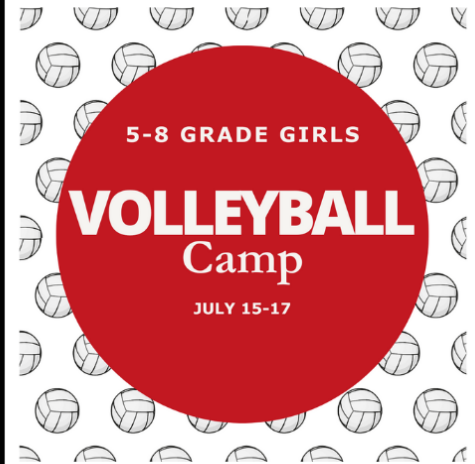


INCOMING KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE

SUMMER

Saints

REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN



5-8 GRADE GIRLS

VOLLEYBALL

Camp

JULY 15-17



1-3 GRADE GIRLS

BASKETBALL

Camp

JUNE 25 - JUNE 27



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER!



COACH MEATH'S

BASKETBALL

Camp

JULY 8-12
MONDAY- FRIDAY (THURSDAY OFF)



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



THURSDAYS:
JUNE 4TH, JUNE 11TH,
JUNE 18TH AND JUNE 25TH

INTRODUCTION TO VIOLIN



CAMP IMPACT

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd."

Find and circle these hidden objects in the picture.



Ages 3+

April 21, 2024 • John 10:11-18

The Shepherd and His Flock

A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.



Count how many.

4 or 5 ?

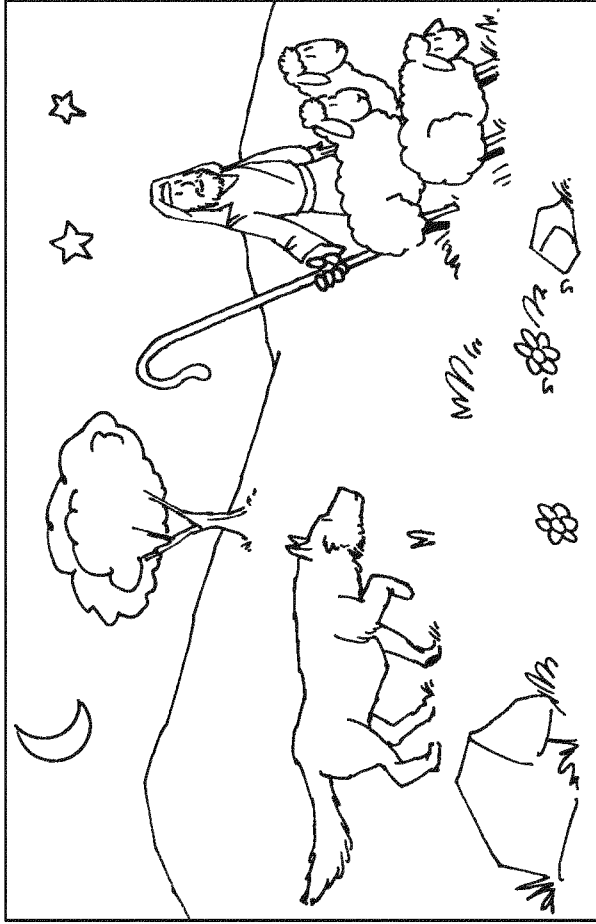
5 or 6 ?



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When a wolf comes, the shepherd protects the sheep.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.



His sheep know his voice.
They listen to him.

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

