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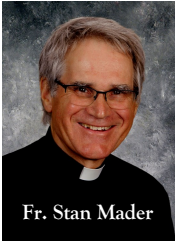
*Fifth Sunday
of Easter*

April 28, 2024



Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

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Fr. Stan Mader

Congratulations to all the First Communicants this weekend, and welcome to all the guests who are here to share this joyful event! We are happy to welcome you to the table of the Lord. It is a powerful experience and one that you can have again and again. This weekend we also have Confirmation for many of our 10th graders. This will take place at the Basilica on Sunday afternoon. These young people have been preparing for this for two years. Congratulations on completing our initiation as Catholics!

May begins this week! It is the month of Mary and during the month (*and beyond, we hope*) there will be a daily rosary started 30 minutes before each weekday Mass. Thank you to all the volunteers who will be leading that!

May begins with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, one of our parish feasts. It is also "Saints-Giving Day," an event now in its third year at St. Joseph. This event is a fundraiser for the school. It is much like National Giving Day, used by many organizations in November, but without the fees charged by that organization. This year, there is a challenge grant that will match donations dollar for dollar up to \$40,000! You can participate by dropping off a check at the office or going to the school website, school.stjosephwaconia.org. There will also be a link from our parish website. You can watch a giving thermometer throughout the day to see how your donation is helping with the challenge grant. The event begins one second after midnight on May 1 and continues until 11:59 pm on that same day. As in past years, those who donate at least \$40 get a unique pair of socks - this year they look like a #2 pencil!

Looking for a college scholarship? The Knights of Columbus might be able to help you. High School seniors are invited to apply for grants from the Knights of Columbus. Amounts vary depending on the number of applicants. (*Last year we had none!*) You must be the child or grandchild of a Knight of Columbus who is in good standing. Go to waconiaknights2506.com for more information and application materials. Applications must be completed by June 1 and include a letter (or recommendation) from your pastor, and principal or counselor, - so apply early!

Next weekend former Twins announcer Dick Bremer will be speaking in our gymnasium. The Knights of Columbus

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FAMILY FORMATION

End of another great year!

That's a wrap on our 2023-24 Family Formation session! We ended with youth Mass and then with families planning how they are going to continue their faith journey of Knowing, Loving, and Serving the Lord during the Summer months when we are not meeting. We cannot wait to have everyone back in the Fall of 2024. Registration is NOW open!

Registration Information is on page 4...

FAMILY SUMMER FAITH PLAN

It is important that we are always working on how to Know, Love, and Serve our Lord! In each month, put how as a family you are going to get to know more in your faith, learn more about how much God Loves you, and Serve someone who is in need.

Know	MAY	Know	JUNE
Love		Love	
Serve		Serve	
Know	JULY	Know	AUGUST
Love		Love	
Serve		Serve	

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

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New to the Parish? WELCOME!

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

and our parish are sponsoring our second annual Faith and Family (and Baseball) event. It will begin at 11:30 am (*right after the 10:30 am Mass*). It includes a ballpark lunch (*hot dog, beans, chips, popcorn, ice cream*) and the talk. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 per person with a max of \$20/per family, so a great bargain. Dick Bremer was the Twins games TV announcer for 40 years, broadcasting nearly 5,000 games. He is a man of faith and will speak about baseball, but also his foundation in faith and family. (See page 4 for more information.)

I was at a meeting this past week where we received a presentation by Jason Adkins, head of the Minnesota Catholic Conference. This is the lobbying arm of the Catholic Church in the Minnesota State Legislature. There are many issues the Church supports or tries to fight against. Many of these are about life issues, but also religious freedom, assisted suicide, immigrant issues, support for the poor, gambling issues, and more. The Minnesota Catholic Conference builds coalitions with other religious groups and other entities to help pass legislation. Right now, one of the hottest topics where something can still be done this session is to correct an oversight in the Minnesota Human Rights Acts that fails to retain religious protections in a particular issue. I encourage all of you to visit www.mncatholic.org, the website for the Minnesota Catholic Conference. It has loads of information, action items, bill tracking, and more. Next week, I hope to share some information from Pro-Life Action Ministries.

In February, we kicked off the Catholic Service Appeal collection. This annual collection is now back in the Archdiocesan fold. It supports Catholic ministries throughout the Archdiocese. It includes Catholic education at many levels, outreach to college students and young adults, deaf ministry, Latino ministry, marriage and life projects, seminarians, retired priests, and more. When I looked at our statistics about a week ago, I saw we are at about 56% of our goal. In my first four years here at St. Joseph, we reached our goal and went beyond it. Last year, we fell short. More than a dozen parishes have already reached their goal. We do get rebates as we reach our goal. Please help us do that. You can still find information and donate online by clicking on the Catholic Services Appeal square on the home page of our parish website.

Looking ahead: the annual golf tournament, "Fore the Students," will be held at Island View on Monday, June 3. Information about reserving your spot and/or sponsorships will be available very soon.



NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Cameron Graham Gerritsen;

Child of Jeff & Alyssa

Ava Charlotte Litfin;

Child of Philip & Nichole

Declan Croix O'Sullivan;

Child of Joseph & Alyssa

Sebastian Alexander Pargas;

Child of Jesús & Brittany

Tucker Anthony Manarin;

Child of Anthony & Laura

ROSARY before DAILY MASS

Please join us beginning May 1 in praying the rosary in the church a half hour before daily Mass is celebrated.

MORNING PRAYER

We invite you to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church in the Charity Chapel (*Lower Level of the Church*) on Wednesdays at 7:00 am.

MAY CROWNING

May Crowning will be celebrated at the 8:15 am Mass with the School on May 3. All are welcome to join in this celebration!

INVITATION to the SPRING PLAY

You are invited to attend St. Joseph's Middle School spring play, "The Enchanted Bookshop" in the school gym! 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.

FOOD SHELF REMINDER

Let us not forget those of our community in need. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf, or placed in the wagon by the main door of the church. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Waconia United Food Shelf, PO Box 577, Waconia MN 55387. Donations can also be made online at waconiafoodshelf.org. Thank you!



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
2nd Grade First Holy Communion Candidates

Prayers to Jesus

Dear Jesus,
I am super excited for first communion. Thank you for my parents and relatives and friends. I am also very thankful for you. I hope to get better and better at going to church.

Aria Viessman

Dear Jesus,
I am excited and nervous to make my first communion. It will be a special day.

Caleb Loawagie

Dear Jesus,
I love you Jesus. I am scared and excited for communion. I can't wait.

Madi Prich

Dear Jesus,
I love you. I am little scared. You love me as I pray. I like you so much. I loved to receive the eucharist and drink the blood and be with you forever and ever. You are so amazing.

Kenzie Mueller

Dear Jesus,
I am happy for first communion and receiving you. I hope I have a good time at first communion. I love you so much and me as well and I love helping people and myself.

Lauren Mueller

Dear Jesus,
I feel good and glad and kind of nervous he will be with me when it happens. I love him so much. When I receive him my soul will be vary happy to receive him so much.

Charlotte Garvey

Dear Jesus,
I thank you for life. I love you. Thank you.

Catherine M.

Dear Jesus,
I am so excited for first communion. I am thankful for my mom and dad. Receiving the body and blood of Jesus is such a blessing.

Ryleigh Swenson

Dear Jesus,
I am excited to recieve you because I have never done it before.

Luke Rainer

Dear Jesus,
My first communion makes me happy because Jesus take away my sins.

Grahm Krusenstjerna

Dear Jesus,
I am happy to be receiving your body and blood today and be closer to you.

Jacob Reinitz

Dear Jesus,
I'm feeling a little nervuis because there is probably going to eb a lot of people here at the church but I am also very excited to receive Jesus because I love him so so much.

Sydney Johnson

Dear Jesus,
I am so excited to receive you. It is going to be awsome. Thank you. Amen

Lily Hanson

Dear Jesus,
I am grateful for my fiamily. Thank you for blessing me with the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Rylan Fritz

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for letting me receive you. I'm exsided.

Abby Bularzik

Dear Jesus,
I am so happy to receive you, Amen.

Chloe Youngren

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for letting me receive your body and blood.

Cameron Clancey

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for letting me receive first communion. I am SO thankful to be closer to you.

Dear Jesus,
I am kind of nervis. I'm thankful for my family. Jesus please help me be my best self.

Catherine Beste

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of the people and the Eucharist.

Gunnar

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for being able to receive you and thank
for making everything.

Oliver Turek

Dear Jesus,
I am kind of nervous to receive you. I am allso really
excited. Love,

Mackenzie Henn

Dear Jesus,
I'm excited for receiving Jesus into my heart and
loving Jesus.

Ellie Betts

Dear Jesus,
Im glad because Jesus comes in my heart.

Emmett Wilson

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for my reconciliation. It feels good to get
the body of Christ.

Bryce Kraemer

Dear Jesus,
I'm excited and nervous for First Communion. It's a
Special Day to receive Jesus. I'm happy my family
will be there.

Clara Leonard

Dear Jesus,
I am so excited to be reseving the Body of Christ
and nervous.

Sawyer Hedlof

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for being my savior. I love you. I am
excited to receive my first communion.

Roman Hoen

Dear Jesus,
I am feeling happy and nervous and excited for first
communion to receive you for the first time. I love
you. Thank you for saving us from sin.

Sabrina Kostecka

Dear Jesus,
I am feeling nervous and thankful. I am exsited for
my First Communion.

James Ranweiler

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving me and keeping me safe.

Cameron Hascall

Dear Jesus,
I am happy to be closer to you. I am thankful for my
family and my Grandparents. I am thankful for my
class and geting pride tikets and shoutouts.

Owen Zajicek

Dear Jesus,
I love you. We pray for you. I'm so excited to get my
fist communion. St. Peter pray for us. Amen.

Sylvia Philp

Dear Jesus,
I am feeling nerves to receive Jesus but I am
feeling excited. Amen.

Jacob Reiner

Dear Jesus,
I feel scard to rsev 1st communion. I am feeling
happy to rsev good. Amen.

Violet

Dear Jesus,
I am very excited to be receiving first communion. I
am also kind of nervous. I love you.

Jackson Pfouts

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for giving me life and hope. I am thankful
for receiving Frist Communion and being part of the
Catholic Faith.

Ava Fuchs

Dear Jesus,
I am thankful for receiving First Communion. I am
happy to receive you for the first time. I am
thankful for our Catholic Church.

Alyssa Fuchs

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loveing me. I love you Jesus.

Lincoln Rousan

Dear Jesus,
I feel special to receive first communion. I know
that you are always here with me! Thank you for
watching over me! Thank tou for sacrificing your life
for me and my family and friends. I love you God.

Bennett Hohenstein

Dear Jesus,
I am feeling a little nervous for first communion but
I know you will be with me. which makes me feel
safe.

Zoey Edel

Dear Jesus,
I am thankful for my baby brother becuase he got
sick and you healed my baby brother. Thank you for
the food and for keeping my family healthy. I am
happy and nervous to do my first communion.

Dylan Moctezuma



MASS INTENTIONS

MON	APR 29	6:30 pm	Mary & Wally Lahl †
TUE	APR 30	8:15 am	Annette Revering †
WED	MAY 1	8:15 am	Erik & Mary Olson (<i>Silent Saints</i>)
THU	MAY 2		xxx
FRI	MAY 3	8:15 am	Georgiana Johnson †
SAT	MAY 4	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN	MAY 5	8:30 am	Collective: Terry Barrett † Mick Giesen † *Daniel Hoen †
		10:30 am	Theresa "Tess" Truman †

* 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, 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 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 "Cap & Gown" 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
JUNE 3	'Fore' the Students Golf Tournament
JUNE 6	Youth Group: Escape Game 2:00-4:00 pm in the Parish Center

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 29

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Weekly Scripture Study (*St. Paul Conference Room*)
9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
1:30 pm: SJS Spring Play Performance (*Gym*)
3:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School (*May Crowning*)
9:15 am: Coffee & Conversations (*Narthex*)
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:30 pm: School Activities Board Meeting (*HFCR*)
:00 pm: The Catholic Man (*Parish Center*)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: SJS Spring Play Performance (*Gym*)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Parish Office Closed
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass
6:00 pm: SJS Spring Play Performance (*Gym*)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Food Shelf Collection | KC Novena for Life
11:00 am: Funeral (*Steve Ebert*)
2:00 pm: SJS Spring Play Performance (*Gym*)
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Food Shelf Collection | KC Novena for Life
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
11:30 am: Faith, Family & Baseball with Dick Bremer (*Gym*)
6:00 pm: Youth Group (*Parish Center*)

Know

Love

Serve

KC CORNER

Faith, Family & Baseball with Dick Bremer on May 5!



Dick Bremer announced Minnesota Twins baseball games from 1983-2023, and he is coming to the "Faith, Family, and Baseball" luncheon in the school gym at 11:30 am on Sunday, May 5. All attending can enjoy a baseball fare lunch, listen to Mr. Bremer share tales from his career, and listen to him talk about how the role his faith has played in his life. Please note that seats are limited. So it is encouraged to buy tickets online today at stjosephwaconia.org/faith-family-baseball/. Tickets bought online in advance cost \$5 (max \$20 per family), while those purchased at the door will be \$6 (max \$24 per family). Admission is free for children aged 5 and under. *This event is hosted by the Waconia Knights of Columbus and the St. Joseph Catholic Community.*



Scan the QR Code to purchase your tickets in advance online tickets!

SAINTS GIVING DAY

Online School Fundraising Event on May 1!

Our school is hosting our 3rd Annual Saints Giving Day! We are attempting to raise \$50,000 in 24 hours. We are inviting the entire St. Joseph Community to join our team! This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, and friends to show their Saints Pride! Donations of \$40 and more will receive a pair of 3rd edition Saints Giving Day socks!



TEXT
SAINTSGIVE
to 41444

Questions or want to Donate?
Contact John Bannigan
at jbannigan@stjosephwaconia.org.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

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



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2024-25

You're invited to grow your Faith!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

The fee is only \$25 per family!

The fee increases to \$50 per family on June 8.

*Additional Program costs apply for each grade level.

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KIRSTIN BULARZIK

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SILENT SAINTS

Silent Saints

The recipients of St. Joseph's
May 1 Day of Prayer are:

ERIK & MARY OLSON

Thank you Erik & Mary
for your kindness,
generosity & support!

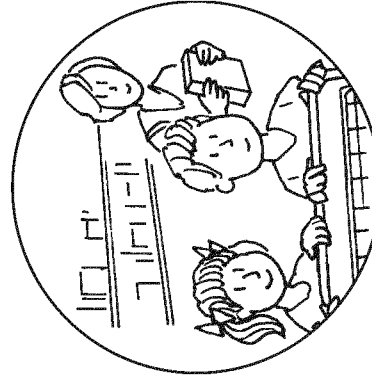
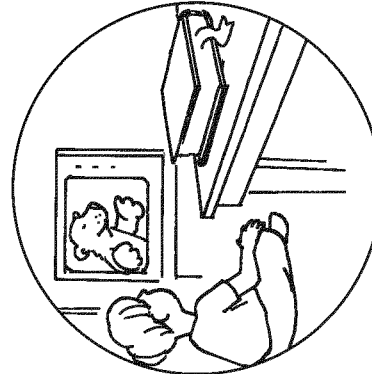
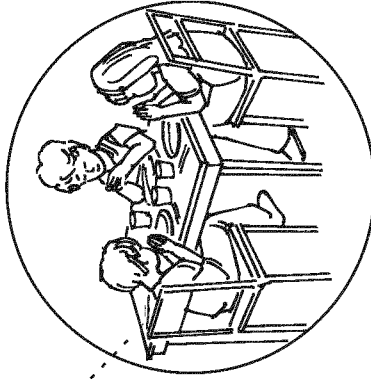
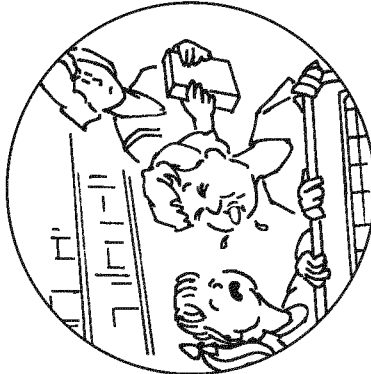
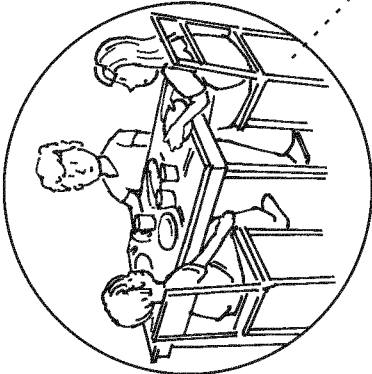
We are blessed to call you friends!



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. Erik & Mary will be honored at Mass with the School on May 1 at 8:15 am.

Jesus said that when we stay connected to Him, we bear good fruit with our lives.

Match the opposites.



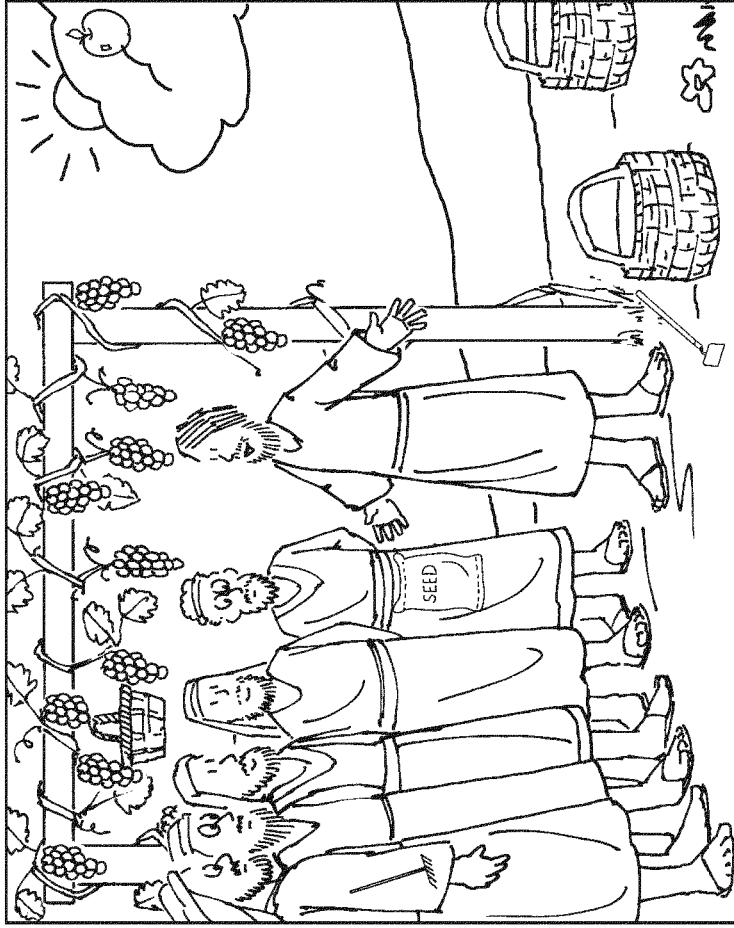
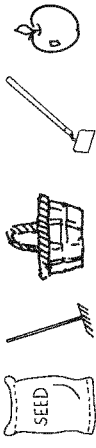
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The Vine and the Branches

Jesus said, "God is the gardener, I am the vine and you are the branches."

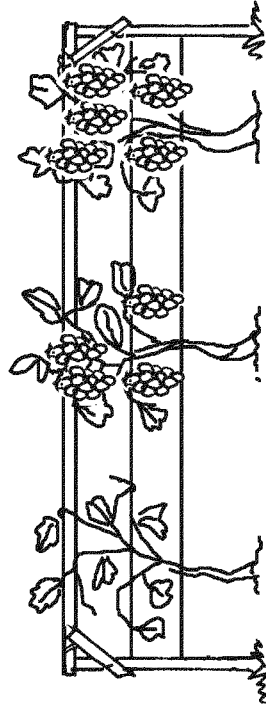
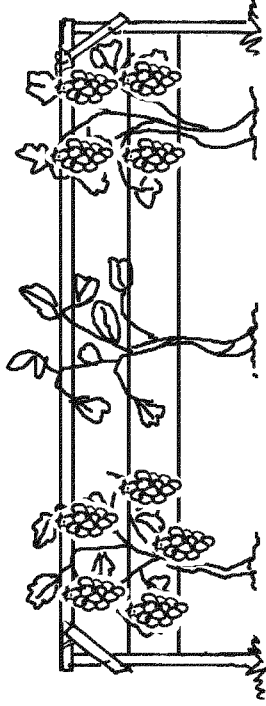
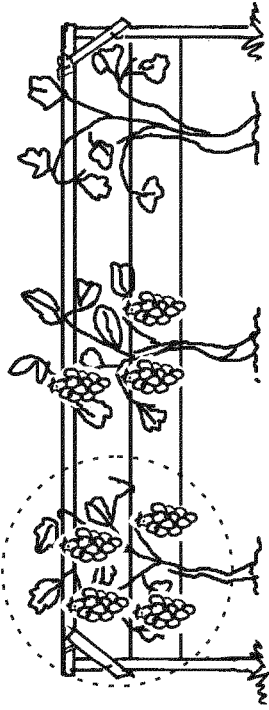
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Jesus said that if a branch does not bear fruit, it will be cut off.

Circle the plants that have fruit.



If a branch bears fruit, it will be pruned so that it will be even more fruitful.

In each square, connect the dots.

