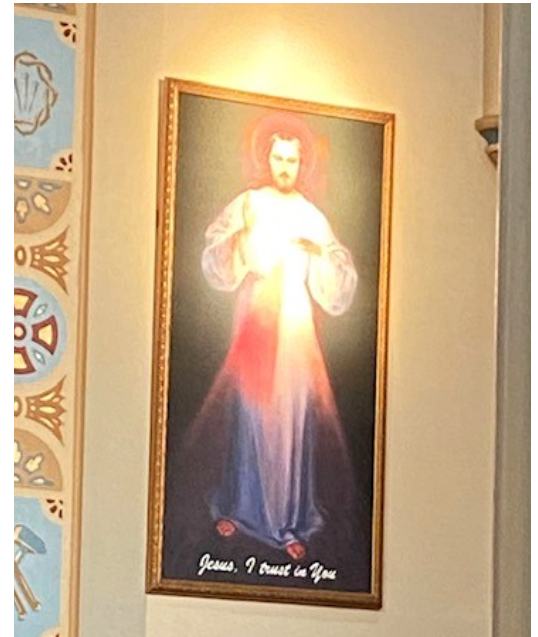


Fr. Stan Mader

I am trying to take a few days off next week. I plan to be gone from Friday until later in the afternoon on Monday. For some of this, I will be around the area and doing personal business, but maybe I will get a short retreat or go on an excursion. Fr. Steve Ulrick will have the Mass for me on Friday morning, and Fr. Alan Bower will be here on the weekend, speaking on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. He reminded me that he was here four years ago while I was in Israel, just before Covid-19 dominated the news. Please give him a warm welcome again.

Fr. Alan Bower is a 28-year Navy veteran. He transitioned to the Naval Reserve as a Navy Chaplain on the day of his ordination, May 20, 1989. He was recalled to active duty for Desert Shield/Storm (JAN-SEP 1991) and served the Marines at Camp LeJeune, NC. In 1997, his bishop released him for a three (3) year period of active duty during which he served as Command Chaplain of Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Command Chaplain of the USMC landing craft/aircraft carrier USS WASP (LHD-1). He now spends some time doing outreach on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, a Catholic nonprofit ministry that partners with bishops, priests, and religious and lay workers to provide food, water, housing, education, orphan support, medical care, elderly care, microenterprise, and disaster relief ~ and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ ~ to the poorest of the poor in many countries around the world. To learn more about the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach and its mission, please visit its website, CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or text BLESSINGS to 474747. Fr. Bower says that as an Outreach Priest, he can see the difference Cross Catholic makes in serving the poor. He is inspired and motivated as a priest working with those in need.

Thank you to everyone who was involved with the Holy Week liturgies. Many people have given me compliments on the music and the services in general, some specific. One visitor (and traveler) said about the Holy Thursday Service, "That was the greatest Mass I have ever attended." Aw, shucks. Thank you to Sean Barker, who is our liturgist, and music and choir director, as well as the many singers, musicians, bell choir, adult choir, lectors, servers, greeters, ushers, sacristans, people changing the environment daily, eucharistic ministers, and of course our corps of deacons as well as Monico Heredia, our teaching parish seminarian. They all add a sense of reverence and stability to the complicated services. Thank you to Doug Haran, Peg Schmaltz, and Kirstin Bularzik who helped with the preparation of our large OCIA class who were initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Several other people, alumni of the Welcome Retreats, gave talks during the year as well. Many of these ministries required rehearsals - and lengthy ones. I am also grateful for Deacon Patrick and Deacon Bruce preaching on Good Friday - it gave me a lighter day when I needed one. Thank you to all of you who attended. We hope they become must attended Masses for more and more people.



NOTE of GRATITUDE

On Holy Thursday, a parishioner took this picture of the Divine Mercy image which appeared to be glowing during the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. They sent it into the Parish Office expressing their gratitude to Fr. Stan, all the Deacons and to Sean Barker, the choir and musicians, and the servers for the beautiful Triduum and Easter liturgies!

DIVINE MERCY

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest."

(Quote from the Diary of St. Faustina, no 1507)

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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...)

Now we celebrate Easter for seven weeks, and that is followed by Pentecost. During the Easter season, all readings are from the New Testament. In the weekday Masses, the first reading is always from Acts and the gospel from John. We are in the odd situation of reading events from Acts that follow Pentecost which we will celebrate at the end of Easter, but such is the case. Sunday readings are from John as well, which, along with this summer when we read from the sixth chapter of John for six weekends, is how we hear most of the gospel according to John. It makes for some tough preaching as it is quite poetic and lacks parables. It is good to have our deacons right now!

Our deacons will very soon be given some assignment possibilities (at least). They will visit the pastor there to see whether it is a good fit, and then it all gets reviewed again until it is assigned by the Archbishop at a date TBD. Please keep them in your prayers! Deacon Greg, of course, will remain here. There is a possibility of a second deacon to share the load, but competition for deacons is fierce right now.

Rejoice in these days. Nietzsche once said of Christians, "They don't look saved." Let's prove this man who promoted the phrase, "God is dead" wrong again.



NEWS & EVENTS

FR. STAN is AWAY

Fr. Stan will be away from April 11 through April 15. Thank you to Fr. Ulrick who will be celebrating Mass with us on Friday. Also, we welcome Fr. Bower who will be visiting us next weekend to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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/)

CONFIRMATION MASS

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, a baptized person receives a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every

situation. Our high school confirmation students will be confirmed on April 28 at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Basilica.

KC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. The Knights Tootsie Roll Drive supports the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" by collecting donations. For every donation, each donor is offered a piece of candy by the Knights. Because of these little gifts of appreciation, the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" has been frequently referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." Help God's special children and get your Tootsie Roll after Mass on April 13-14 or go online to make a donation at waconiaknights2506.org/donations.php. Thank you for your support of the Special Olympics and the Knights of Columbus.

LET'S TALK ABOUT PRO-LIFE

The Season of Easter is about celebrating life over death. This is why we are pro-life and the victory of this day is the starting point and foundation of the pro-life movement. In the spirit of Easter, please consider doing a pro-life activity such as volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center or donate money (Southwest Options is in need of funding, please visit southwestoptionsforwomen.org/donate to donate), watch a movie like Unplanned, volunteer at a nursing home or make cards and gift baskets for the residents there, but most of all support life from womb to tomb.



Rosary & Sharing

By parishioner **Abby Turek**,
"My Encounter with Mary".

**FREE
EVENT!**

APRIL 13
9:00-10:30 AM
IN THE CHURCH

RSVP by APRIL 8



You're Invited!

ALL ARE WELCOME!
A *FREE* event by the Women of Joy

ROSARY & SHARING

by parishioner Abby Turek, "My Encounter with Mary"

at **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH & PARISH CENTER**

Refreshments will be provided.



SCAN ME

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BY APRIL 8**

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ROSARY & SHARING REGISTRATION

*Register online, or fill out the form below to leave
in a drop box, collection basket or the Parish Office (attn: Cheryl Salz).*

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOLY THURSDAY

Chrism Mass | March 28, 2024

During Holy Thursday every year, the Chrism Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The Chrism Mass is a public celebration and display of the unity of the Archbishop to the priests of his archdiocese and the entire Church community as Members of the Body of Christ to Jesus Christ who is the Head of the Church. It is one of the most holy and solemn Masses celebrated all year because, in addition to the priests renewing their promises to the bishop, the three oils blessed by the bishop during the Mass play such an important role in the life of the Church.

The Archbishop of our archdiocese blesses three separate oils during the Chrism Mass.

- The oil of catechumens is used in the Sacrament of Baptism. The individual is anointed on his chest with the oil of catechumens before being baptized with water.
- The oil of the sick is used in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The individual is anointed on his forehead and his hands when this Sacrament is conferred.
- The holy chrism is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and in Holy Orders for the ordination of priests and bishops. The individual is anointed on his forehead with the holy chrism after being baptized with water. Priests are anointed on their hands and bishops are anointed on their heads with the holy chrism during the ordination ceremony.

After the Chrism Mass, the holy oils are distributed to the parishes of the archdiocese where they are used to anoint the faithful throughout the year.

At this year's Chrism Mass, both Fr. Stan and Deacon Chris Richards served at the altar.

Referenced Article: "Why is the Chrism Mass So Important", Andres Garfalo, 3.28.2018



“Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength.”

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church on why the Church Anoints, CCC 436)





TRIDUUM & EASTER

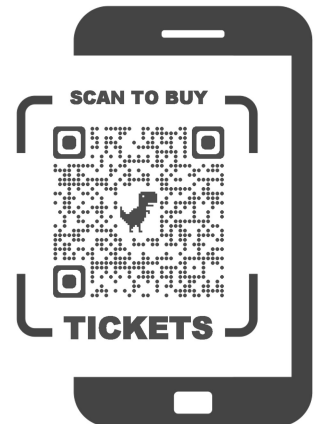
Thank you to all the ministers and volunteers who gave of their time and talents this Easter! The church was beautifully decorated to reflect somberness during the Triduum and then the joy of Easter. Musicians enhanced and further drew us into the Liturgy as we celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion were celebrated with those who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil from OCIA.





“Faith, Family & Baseball”

Lunch & Speaker Event



*Featuring Former
MN Twins
Announcer
Dick Bremer*

Gather with families to hear about **baseball stories** and a **faith journey**

Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 am
St. Joseph Catholic STEM School

Advance tickets (thru 4/27) \$5 | \$20 family max | 5 and under free
At door tickets \$6 | \$24 family max | 5 and under free

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| MON | APR 8 | 6:30 pm | Sally Fena † |
| TUE | APR 9 | 8:15 am | Georgiana Johnson † |
| WED | APR 10 | 8:15 am | Noah Joseph Parker † |
| THU | APR 11 | | xxx |
| FRI | APR 12 | 8:15 am | Margaret Eiden † |
| SAT | APR 13 | 5:15 pm | Collective: Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 2506 Carol Stahlke † |
| SUN | APR 14 | 8:30 am | St. Joseph Parishioners |
| | | 10:30 am | *Ian & Brent Dodge † |

* 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, 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 27-28 | First Holy Communions |
| APR 28 | Confirmation 2:00 pm Basilica of St. Mary |
| 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 |
| MAY 27 | Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery 8:15 am Military Honors to follow |

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 8

5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
7:00 pm: Activities Board Meeting (*Holy Family Conf Rm*)
6:30 pm: Mass
7:00 pm: School Board Meeting (*School Media Center*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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: OCIA (*School Media Center*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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*)
6:00 pm: EDGE (*School*)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Parish Office Closed | Fr. Stan is Away
8:15 am: Mass with Fr. Steve Ulrich
9:00 am: Grief Share (*St. Peter Room*)
4:00 pm: Eucharistic Workshop (*Church/Parish Center*)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Fr. Stan is Away | Second Collection | KC Tootsie Roll Drive
9:00 am: Second Saturday Rosary (*Church*)
9:30 am: Women of Joy Event (*Parish Center*)
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession with Fr. Alan Bower
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass with Fr. Alan Bower

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Fr. Stan is Away | Second Collection | KC Tootsie Roll Drive
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass with Fr. Alan Bower
10:30 am: Mass with Fr. Alan Bower
6:00 pm: Youth Group (*Parish Center*)

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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2024-25

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Family Formation

K-5 Grade
2 Gr. Sacramental Prep



EDGE

6-8 Grade



Confirmation

9-10 Grade



Legacy

11-12 Grade



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

The fee is only \$25 per family!

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

**Addition Program costs apply for each grade level.*

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KIRSTIN BULARZIK

6-12 Gr | 952-442-3705



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PRAY with POPE FRANCIS

Papal Prayer Intention for April

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Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley



For the **ROLE OF WOMEN**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



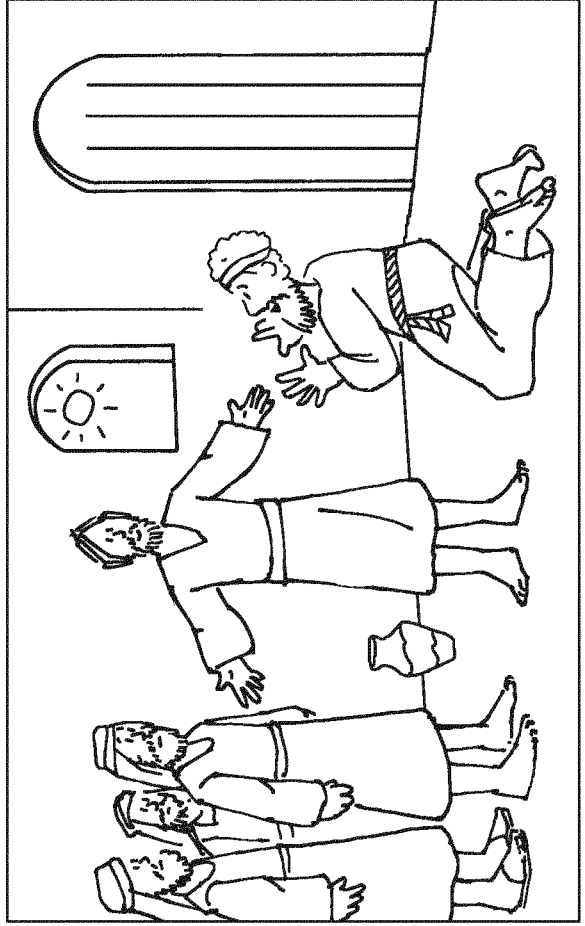
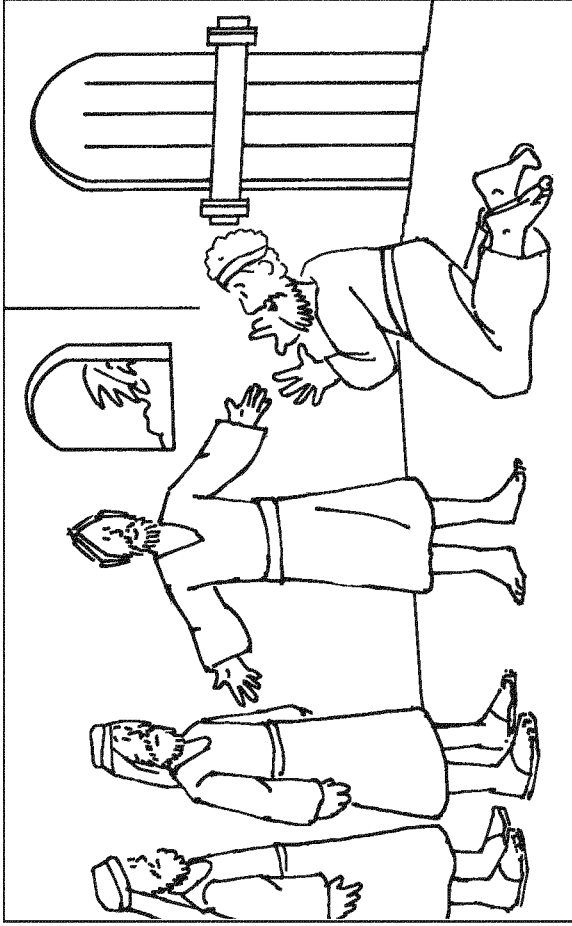
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Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

Circle 6 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



Ages 3+

April 7, 2024 • John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the 1st Easter evening, the disciples were together with the doors locked. Suddenly, Jesus came and stood among them!




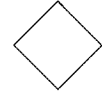


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

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One disciple was not there.

Use the code below to fill in the letters.

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Later Jesus appeared to Thomas and the others. He told Thomas, "Stop doubting and believe!"

Connect the dots.

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