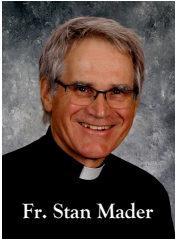




Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

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Fr. Stan Mader

This weekend, we celebrate Pentecost, the birth of the Church, the day the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles, Mary, and the other people who were gathered and praying. It is also the final day of the Easter season. Pentecost was/is a feast of pilgrimage on the Jewish religious calendar.

It was better known to them as the Feast of the Weeks, coming 50 days after Passover. It was originally an agricultural feast for the first fruits of the year ... a winter wheat harvest. *(There was also a fall harvest festival, Sukkot, or Tabernacles, usually in September.)* The Feast of the Weeks became connected to the reception of the 10 Commandments and the conclusion of the covenant. This celebration was the reason why so many Jews from around the world gathered in Jerusalem that day.

Ordinary time returns on Monday. We do have two more special Sunday feasts – next weekend will be Trinity Sunday, and the one after that will be the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. That way, we will again have a short procession around half the block if the weather and road conditions allow. That will take place after the 8:30 am Mass.

This coming Saturday, Archbishop Hebda will ordain 13 men to the priesthood to serve in our Archdiocese. One of them, Hjalmar Gudjonsson, has been living with me several days a week these past few months as he was teaching theology at Holy Family Catholic High School. This class of 13 is the largest since 2005, I think. Next year, there are six expected to be ordained, and the following year currently has five in that class. The year after that has no one – partially due to the addition of an extra year of preparation before beginning the graduate-level courses in theology. You are all welcome to attend the beautiful ordination service at the Cathedral on Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 am. Our teaching parish seminarian, Monico, is from the diocese of Boise, Idaho, so when he is ordained, that will take place in Idaho.

St. Joseph Catholic STEM School will hold its graduation with a Mass at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 20 (*this coming Monday*). Note the time change for Mass this Monday – 6:00 pm rather than 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. The graduation ceremony itself will take place after Mass.

I was assigned to St. Joseph in 2018, it was for a six-year term which will end on June 30. I received a letter this past week extending this assignment for up to another six years. I am



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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

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

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

68 years old now. Usually, retirement is at age 70, but I plan to remain here until age 72 ... then we will see.

While our local synod is over, implementation of its resolutions continues. Our evangelization team will be meeting on Sunday afternoon to assess this past spring's efforts and plan an expansion of small groups in the fall. There is a special focus on the Eucharist for the next year as far as material covered in the group meetings, but it won't necessarily be limited to that topic. The dream is that someday all Catholics in our Archdiocese will be in a small group. We recognize it will take some years to change the culture to achieve that. But please, plan on being part of a small group next fall. Talk to those who were in it this Spring. I believe everyone enjoyed the experience. I anticipate there will be more options being offered. We could use some more co-leaders to provide those opportunities. Thank you.

On Wednesday of this week, we will celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass (*aka Cap & Gown Mass*) with our High School Seniors at 7:00 pm. A small reception will follow. We encourage all graduating seniors to wear their caps and gowns and help us celebrate with them. Congratulations to all of you! Four years ago, you were cheated of most of your grade school celebrations due to COVID-19.

A week from Monday, we will celebrate Memorial Day Mass at 8:15 am in our parish cemetery, which is just south of Highway 5 on Hartmann Road. Bring a lawn chair. As part of the service, we will read the names of all buried there who served in the military. The American Legion will arrive at 9:15 am to do their rituals. If the weather is bad, we will celebrate Mass in the church instead. There will be no afternoon confessions or 6:30 pm Mass celebrated on Memorial Day. The office will be closed as well.

With the road work around the church, traffic is being detoured to 1st Street, between the church and the education building. This quiet street has suddenly become much busier, so be careful as you cross the street. *Remember: crosswalks can be your friends!*

Fr. Stan Mader

NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Gigi Gunborg Roehrdanz;

Child of Alexandra

DAILY MASS NOTE

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 20 at 6:00 pm. Confessions will be heard at 5:00 pm.

SJS 8th GRADE GRADUATION MASS

All are welcome to join us in celebrating and honoring our St. Joseph School 8th grade graduates at a Graduation Mass on Monday, May 20 at 6:00 pm!

BACCALAUREATE MASS

High school seniors, please plan on attending the Baccalaureate Mass on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 pm. Wear your cap and gown, and meet in the Narthex by 5:50 pm. Our parish looks forward to celebrating your achievements with a special Mass for you and your family!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Mass will be celebrated at the cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at 8:15 am. Military Honors will follow. Bring a lawn chair. If it rains, Mass will be celebrated in the Church. There will not be Adoration, confession, or Mass at 6:30 pm this evening. The Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day. Also, there will not be a livestream for this Mass.

GREEK ISLES TRIP

There will be an informational meeting for those interested in going on the Greece Trip with Fr. Stan on Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 pm in Rooms 101-13 at St. Joseph of the Lakes (171 Elm Street Lino Lakes, MN 55014). This meeting will have the tour agency present to answer questions. There will be a secondary meeting here on June 3 at 7:15 pm in the Parish Center. This will be with Fr. Stan - no travel agent. It is anticipated that most of the spaces will be taken after the May 30 meeting.

NEWS & EVENTS

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ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY GARDEN

The St. Joseph Community Garden led by Molly Frensko with the help of volunteers, yielded 786 pounds of donated produce last year for the Gather & Grow Food Shelf! Molly has led this effort for the past 3 years. The garden is now cleaned up and we are looking for a new volunteer to lead this effort next year. It would involve planning, planting, and cleaning up. Molly put together a sign-up genius for volunteers to sign up for a week at a time to water, weed, and do what is needed. She met with each group to let them know what needed to be done and where things were. Do you have a green thumb and a passion to help those in need? If so, please contact Chris Parker if you are interested at cparker@stjosephwaconia.org or call [952-442-3702](tel:952-442-3702).

HONORING DECEASED VETERANS

Just before Memorial Day, volunteers from the American Legion will be placing flags on veteran's graves in our cemetery. This will be a visible way to honor them. We have an extensive list of the veterans that are buried in our cemetery that is read at the Memorial Day Mass each year. If you are wondering if your loved one is on our list, please contact the parish office by calling [952-442-2384](tel:952-442-2384) to verify. The flags will remain on the cemetery throughout the summer and families are welcome to keep the flag.

HIRINGS

*Join our team who is committed to building
a great faith-based sense of community & involvement!*

We have a variety of employment positions available, and we would like to encourage interested parties to apply and would like our community as a whole to help us find amazing people to work in this mission field by praying for and recommending qualified people you know to apply for these roles. The work is extremely rewarding, and the benefits are heavenly! Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume' to Deacon Bruce Richards at brichards@stjosephwaconia.org.

RECEPTIONIST for the parish & school: The successful applicant should be joyful, faithful, and energetic. They will be responsible for greeting all visitors, answering the phone, managing teacher and student needs that arise, assisting in the health office as necessary, organizing supplies, working with the school's parent organization to ensure we have necessary volunteers, and completing other duties as assigned. This position follows the school year calendar with approximately 7 hours per day.

CUSTODIAN for the parish & school - 2nd shift: The successful applicant should be a joyful, faithful, and energetic person. They will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the school building and all campus property. The custodian assists the facilities manager. This is a 12-month position and is full-time with competitive pay.

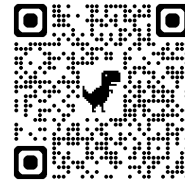
NOW ENROLLING for FALL!

New Kinderstart Preschool Classroom | Ages 4-5

St. Joseph Catholic School is thrilled to announce the opening of an additional Kinderstart Preschool classroom, serving children ages 4-5 years old, for the upcoming school year! Schedule a tour, and learn why more families than ever before are enrolling in their Nationally-Accredited, faith-based preschool program in partnership with Lake Area Discovery Center!

**Don't wait - seats are limited
and expected to fill fast!**

Spread the word with families and friends!



Scan the QR Code to visit our website to get started!

Questions? Contact John Bannigan at
jbannigan@stjosephwaconia.org or call 952-442-4500

4TH GRADE CLASSROOM TEACHER -The successful applicant should be a joyful, faithful, energetic teacher with a knack for integrating instruction, a love for active learning, and an ability to create and maintain a faith-filled culture while developing all students spiritually, academically, and socially. Applicants should have a valid MN teaching license or its equivalent.

ART TEACHER - The successful applicant should be joyful, faithful, and energetic. This position is available for the 24-25 school year. It is 0.4 FTE. The art teacher is responsible for planning and implementing instruction for the development of visual arts literacy for K-8 students. This position could be combined with our need for a classroom assistant to become a full-time position.

CLASSROOM ASSISTANT - Responsible for supporting elementary classroom instruction and supervision of students in K-2 classrooms exceeding 20 students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH TEACHER - The successful applicant should be joyful, faithful, and energetic. The faith teacher is responsible for planning and implementing instruction for the development of middle school students. This is a key role in our school. This position could be combined with our need for a classroom assistant to become a full-time position.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

First Holy Communion | April 27-28

On the weekend of April 27-28, 48 Second grade students receive their First Holy Communions! First Holy Communion is a momentous occasion in the life of a Catholic child, as it brings them closer to Christ and allows them to experience the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This ancient tradition should be treasured as a sacred rite of passage that nourishes young souls on their spiritual journey.

Thank you to Julie Loscheider, Bonnie Ellingson and faith formation catechists, as well as the parents and families of these students for preparing them to receive this amazing gift.

“All the good that is in me is due to Holy Communion. I owe everything to it. I feel this holy fire has transformed me completely.”

St. Faustina



MAY CROWNING

Mass with the School | May 1, 2023

Mass was celebrated with the School on Wednesday, May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. It was also celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary which has a longstanding Catholic tradition called May Crowning. A “May Crowning” is typically held, where Mary is presented with a floral crown. Lilies were bestowed into a basket before the statue. Marian hymns were sung by the school choir throughout Mass as our kindergarten students were the ministers. This was a beautiful Mass that honors the queenship of Mary as the mother of Jesus. Note that we do not view Mary as a goddess, nor do we worship Mary; she is honored or venerated as the mother of Christ, the most important woman in our Catholic faith. Mary is honored through pilgrimages, sacrifices, visits to church, and other customs as our Mother. She gave birth to that Body, making her our own mother; thus giving birth to us spiritually.

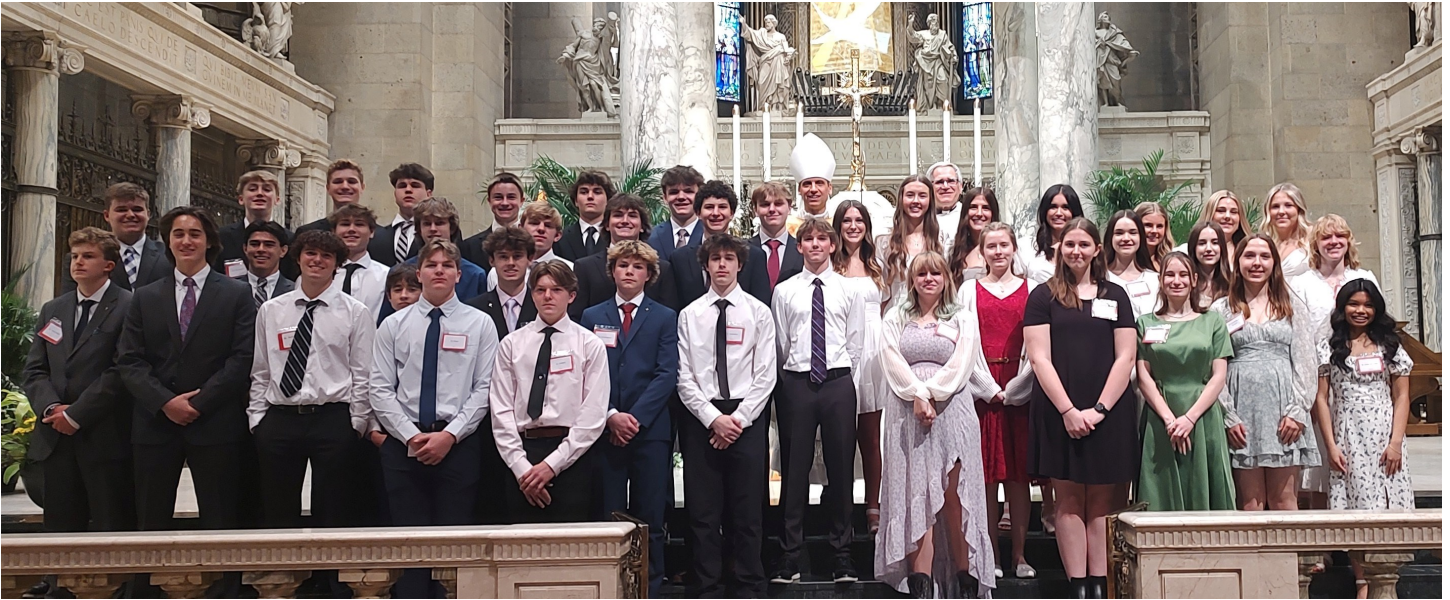


CONGRATULATIONS!

Confirmation | April 28

Congratulations to the 40 10th graders from St. Joseph who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 28 by Bishop Izens at the Basilica of St. Mary. Confirmation deepens our baptismal life and calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. Through Confirmation, our personal relationship with Christ is strengthened. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service. The Holy Spirit bestows

seven gifts—wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord—to assist us in our mission and witness. The impact of these gifts accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual development. When we are responsive to the grace of Confirmation and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we begin to bear the fruits of the Spirit. The tradition of the Church names twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (cf. CCC, no. 1832; Gal 5:22). *Congratulations to these students and their families!*



Scan the QR Code to register your child(ren) online today for our 2024-25 grades K-12 Faith Formation classes!



For more information, go to stjosephwaconia.org/ffregistration/.

FORE THE STUDENTS

Become a Sponsor, Register to Play or Donate Raffle Items!

'FORE' the Students
Golf Tournament

sjsgolf24.givesmart.com

June 3rd, 2024

We invite you to join us for a day of golf and fellowship in support of the students of St. Joseph Catholic School. For over 160 years we have been providing an exceptional education to the children of our surrounding communities. Your participation will assist us in providing a quality education "FORE" our students!

Have questions?

Please contact John Bannigan at jbannigan@stjosephwaconia.org.

Scan the QR Code or go to school.stjosephwaconia.org to learn more!

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.



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.

PRAYER to the SCARED HEART of JESUS

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | June 7 | Mass at 8:15 am



O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing, I adore you,
I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins,
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure and
wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus,
that I may live in you and for you.

Amen

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

For April 2024

Weekend Offertory:

April 2024, 388 Donors, 707 Contributions \$ 106,804

April 2023, 467 Donors, 965 Contributions \$ 131,084

Contributions to Special Funds

Capital Repairs & Maintenance \$ 1,830

2nd Collection - Global Solidarity Sunday \$ 2,584

Year to Date (July 2023 - April 2024)

Total Offertory Contributions \$ 890,381

Last year, same period \$ 938,406



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	MAY 20	6:00 pm	SJ School 8 th Grade Graduates
TUE	MAY 21	8:15 am	Al Cannon †
WED	MAY 22	8:15 am	Collective: Denise Bailey † Patty & Merrill Kirsch †
		6:00 pm	High School Graduates & Families
THU	MAY 23		xxx
FRI	MAY 24	8:15 am	Alphonse Donnay †
SAT	MAY 25	5:15 pm	Collective: John Robling † Helen Svobodny † Mary Tellers † & Jeanie Buckentine †
SUN	MAY 26	8:30 am	Collective: *Scott Schmaltz † Gerry Bailey †
		10:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners

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



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today.



LOOKING AHEAD

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 5	High School Prayer & Adoration Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00 pm in the Chapel
JUNE 5	St. Joseph Baseball Night Lion's Field First Pitch at 7:30 pm
JUNE 6	Youth Group: Escape Game 2:00-4:00 pm in the Parish Center

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 20

5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
5:30 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
6:00 pm: Mass with SJ 8th Grade Graduates (Church)
7:15 pm: Finance Council Meeting (Holy Family Conf Rm)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Weekly Scripture Study (Parish Center)
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: KC General Meeting (Parish Center)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm: Baccalaureate Mass (Church)

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Parish Office Closed
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Grief Share Meeting (St. Paul Conf Rm)

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass





BASEBALL

Night

TICKETS

\$5

Ages 18 & under
Admission **FREE!**



JUNE

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Concessions will be available for purchase!

LION'S FIELD

(927 Wildcat Way, Waconia)

FIRST PITCH AT 7:30 PM

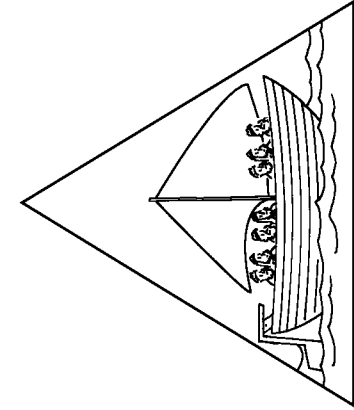
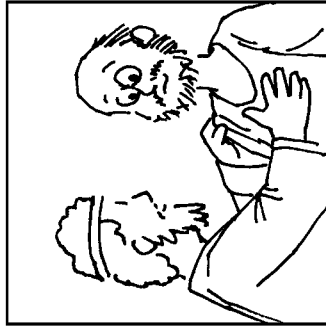
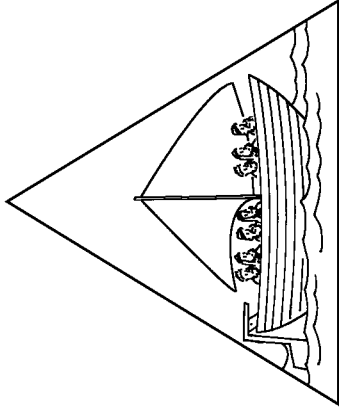
Learn more at stjosephwaconia.org or contact
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Ages 3+

May 19, 2024 • John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

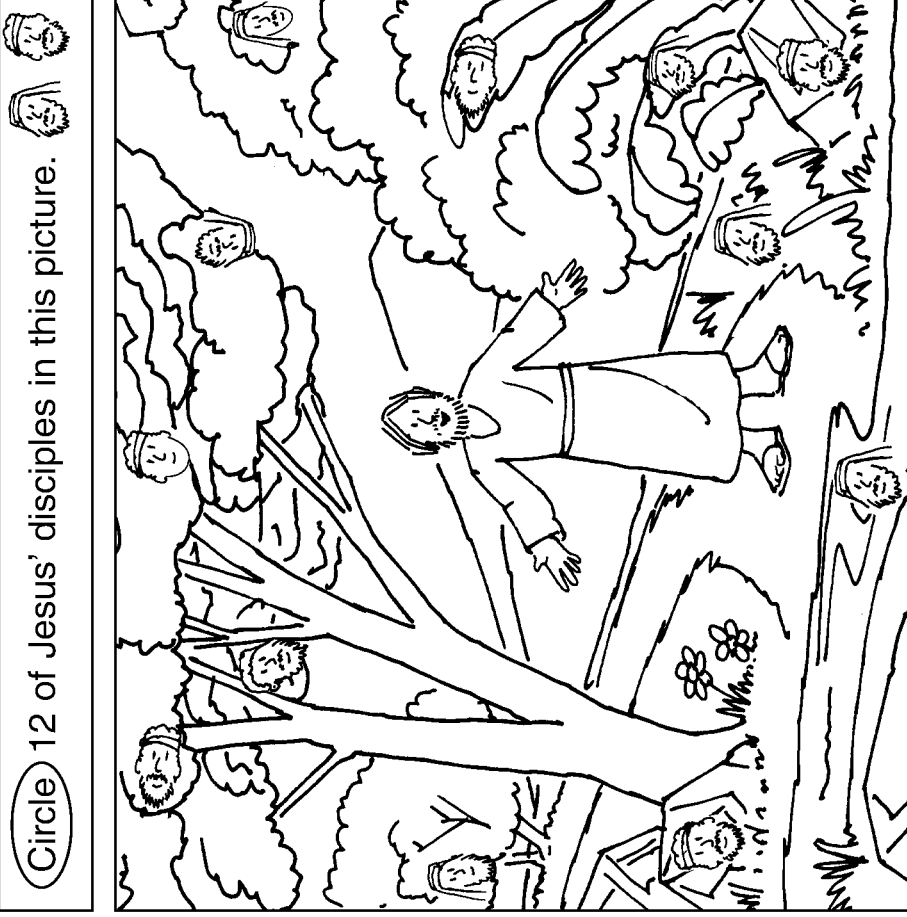
The Work of the Holy Spirit

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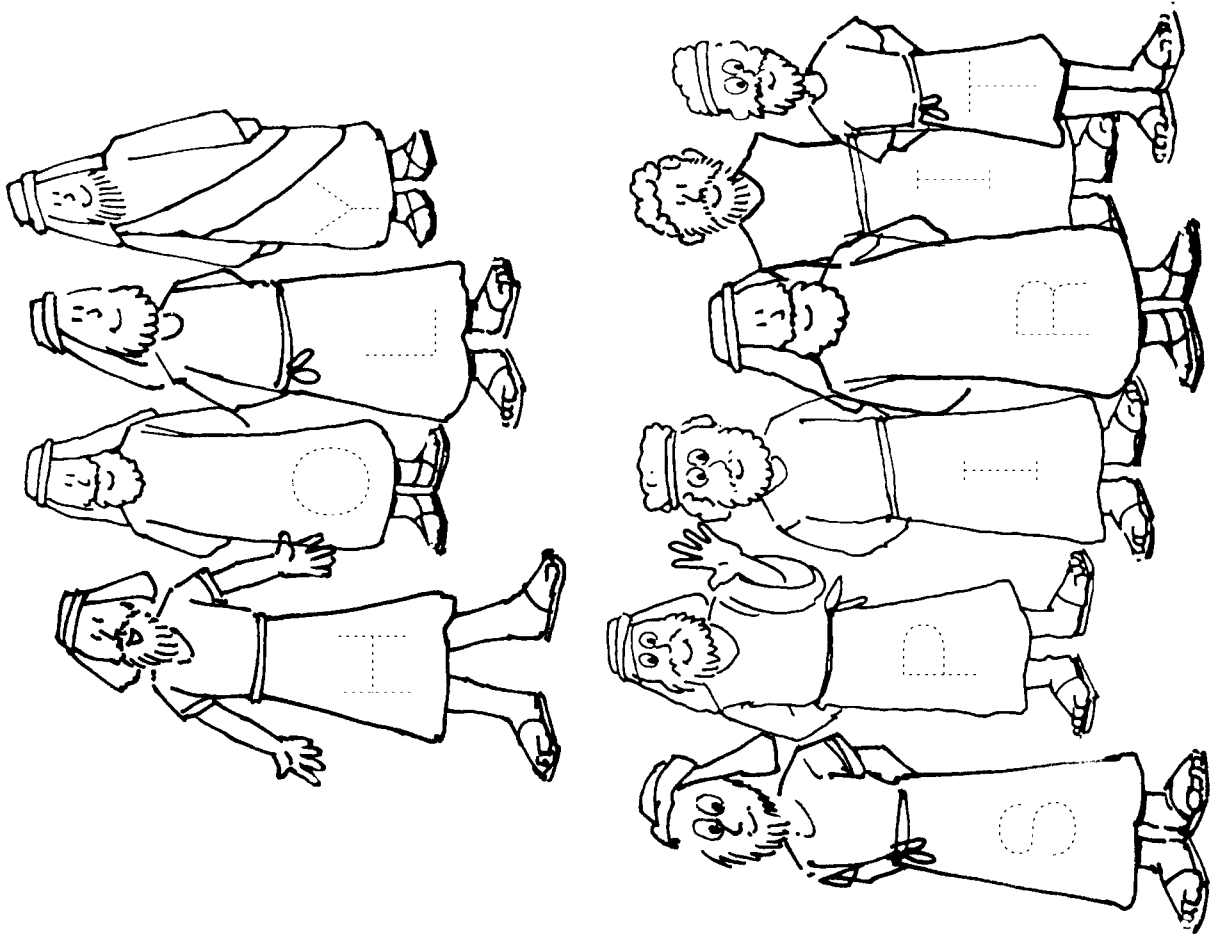
Jesus told His disciples about the Holy Spirit.

Circle 12 of Jesus' disciples in this picture.



The Holy Spirit will come to help
Jesus' followers.

Trace the letters.



Jesus said the Holy Spirit
would guide them in Truth.

Follow these letters through the maze.

H o l y S p i r i t

