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We welcome Dick Bremer, who announced televised games for the Twins for 40 years, as our guest speaker for the second annual Family, Faith, and Baseball event at St. Joseph today (*Sunday*) following the 10:30 am Mass. A ballpark lunch of hot dogs, beans, chips, popcorn, and ice cream is available for \$5 (\$6 at the door). Max \$20 (\$24 at the door) per

Fr. Stan Mader

family. Children under 5 are free. Enjoy baseball talk from the inside, and some wisdom on faith and family. Dick wants to hear your questions, so there will be opportunities to talk with him! Pick up an autographed copy of his book as well – it is a delightful read.

May is the Month of Mary. We will start praying a rosary beginning 30 minutes before the scheduled start of every weekday Mass. Thank you to the dedicated people leading this effort!

Catholic Rural Life is celebrating 100 years! Formerly known as the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, it is featured as the cover story (center page story) of the current issue of the Catholic Spirit. I am quoted in the story. There is a big celebration on Wednesday, May 8. Speakers will include Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York whose doctoral thesis was about the founder of the Catholic Rural Life organization. Msgr. James Shea from the University of Mary, in Bismarck will also be among the speakers. There may still be space – see <u>CatholicRuralLife.org/100-years</u> for information, or check with me ... I might have access to a free ticket yet.

School Spring Concert – Tuesday, May 7 at 1:30 and 6:00 pm. This will last about an hour.

The Parish Council meeting for May was moved to Tuesday, May 28, due to Memorial Day. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm in the Holy Family Conference Room in the school.

In celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival, four marathon processions are starting throughout the country, all ending at Indianapolis where the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be held July 17-21. One begins at the headwaters of the Mississippi, at Lake Itasca. It will reach our Archdiocese Memorial Day weekend. There are several opportunities to be part of this, including a process from Albertville to St. Michael from 6:00 to 7:15 pm on Friday, May 24. One large one will be on Memorial Day, May 27. It is called the Source and Summit Eucharistic

AMAZING QUILTS for CHARITY

For a stretch of over 6 weeks, parishioners Marie Kirsch, Charlotte Farrell, Kathy Gerding, Essene Grote, Anna Kearney, Geraldine Poppler, Delora Rolf, Aldean Steinhagen, Molly Steinhagen, and Donna Wulf gathered on Tuesday mornings at the Rectory. They were busily and happily quilting the beautiful quilt tops they had crafted with such care for charity. Their talented hands crafted over 60 quilts that were gifted to Love Inc, various mental health groups, and other deserving charities!

All are welcome to join them next year in January when they meet again for their quilting session. Don't worry if you've never quilted before, they would be more than happy to show you the ropes!



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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

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

Procession. It will begin with midday prayer at the Saint Paul Seminary at 12:45 pm, and process down Summit Avenue to the Cathedral of St. Paul at 4:00 pm for Benediction followed by an ice cream social. There will be a stop at St. Thomas More church along the way. Free parking at the University of St. Thomas will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Free shuttle buses will transport people back to the Seminary from the Cathedral. I plan to go, and hope some from our parish will join. With enough interest, we could try to get a bus. See saintpaulseminary.org/event/ source-and-summit-eucharistic-procession/ to RSVP.

This is all part of a three-year national Eucharistic Revival. As noted above, the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21. This is the first such national congress in 83 years, the last being held in the Twin Cities in 1941, which drew 475,000 attendees at various venues throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul.

I will be the spiritual director for an "In the Footsteps of St. Paul" tour to Greece in June of 2025. Also leading the group will be Andrea Grasse, music director at St. Joseph of the Lakes in Lino Lakes, and her husband. We traveled together to Italy last fall. About 10-15 people have signed up so far. We will have an informational meeting at St. Joseph of Lino Lakes (173 Elm Street, Lino Lakes) at 7:00 pm, on Thursday, May 30. I could arrange something here after that but without the tour company present. I encourage you to attend the first meeting if possible – the trip to Italy nearly was sold out at the meeting.

I still have a little hope for a trip to the Holy Land in February of 2025. Please pray for peace for the people of all faiths there. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," Psalm 122.

This year Memorial Day is on Monday, May 27. Weather permitting, we will have Mass at the cemetery "around" 8:15 am. Plan to bring a lawn chair. We will read the names of those we know to be buried there who served in the military. Thank you to those who continue to help us make the list complete. The American Legion ceremonies are expected to start around 9:15 am. This Mass will not be livestreamed.

Our long-time neighbor, Fr. Bob White of St. Victoria in Victoria, will be celebrating 50 years as a priest at the end of May. Congratulations, and ad multos annos!

In Stan Mader

News & Events

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Steve Ebert. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

SIS SPRING CONCERT

You are invited to attend St. Joseph School spring concert, performances will be on May 7 at 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm in the school gym.

SECOND COLLECTION

We will have our monthly second collection for Catholic Home Mission Appeal next weekend. It offers financial We have an extensive list of the veterans support to missionary activities that that are buried in our cemetery that is read strengthen the Catholic Church in the at the Memorial Day Mass each year. If you United States, and in its territories and are wondering if your loved one is on our former territories. Online donations can list, please contact the parish office by be made through online giving at calling 952.442.2384 to verify. The flags stjosephwaconia.org/giving/ways-to-give/ will remain on the cemetery throughout or in the memo line on checks please add the summer and families are welcome to Home Mission Appeal collection.



HONORING DECEASED VETERANS

Just prior to 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. keep the flag.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	MAY 6	6:30 pm	Carol Stahlke †
TUE	MAY 7	8:15 am	Jan Revering †
WED	MAY 8	8:15 am	Bill Hilgers †
THU	MAY 9		xxx
FRI	MAY 10	8:15 am	Lyle & Sue Gustafson †
SAT	MAY 11	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN	MAY 12	8:30 am	Collective:
			Living & Deceased Members of the John & Regina Pieper Family
			Louise Snyder † & Maureen Stocker †
			Alice Wickenhauser +
		10:30 am	Collective:
			Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #2506
			Winifred Menzel †
			Living & Deceased Members of the Eveslage & Lembeck Families
		7:30 pm	Mary Jo Berven †

* 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 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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 6

5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration			
5:30 pm: Confession			
6:00 pm: School Activities Board Meeting (Holy Fam Conf Rm)			
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)			
6:30 pm: Mass			

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
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 Concert (Gym)
3:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
6:00 pm: SJS Spring Concert (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass with the School & Baptism
9:15 am: Coffee & Conversations (Parish Center)
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

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, MAY 10

Parish Office Closed 7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church) 8:15 am: Mass 9:00 am: Grief Share (St. Peter Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Second Collection 9:00 am: Second Saturday Rosary (Church) 4:00-5:00 pm: Confession

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

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Second Collection | Mother's Day 8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church) 8:30 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 6:00 pm: Youth Group (Parish Center) 7:30 pm: Youth Mass (Chapel)





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 THIS 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. 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!

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

FLIP-FLOPS for the PHILIPPINES

Donation collected from May 1-30

In the Philippines children scavenge for food in garbage dumps, and many small children walk through broken glass and bacteria-infested areas. We can make a difference for these kids by providing safe footwear. For many of them, it will be their first pair of new shoes. Join the Women of Joy in making a difference by donating new children-sized flip-flops for the kids Risen Savior Mission (RSM) serves in the Philippines.

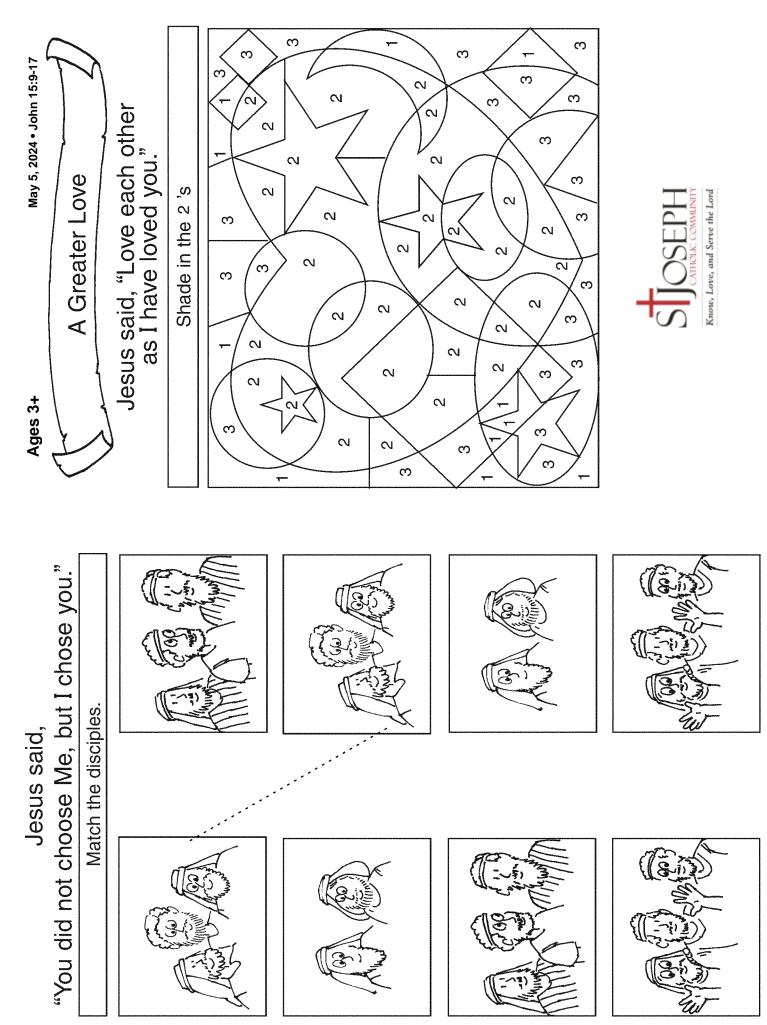


Donate new flip-flops/sandals to protect the feet of Filipino children!

MAY 1 - 30

Donation baskets are in the narthex and at door #1 of the school.





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