

Fr. Stan Mader

Happy Father's Day to all to whom that applies! And thanks for your role in helping to raise your children, for being an example for them, and along with their mothers, providing for them, protecting them, and giving the children both a nest and wings.

Credit for originating the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, whose father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. She is said to have had the idea in 1909 while listening to a sermon on Mother's Day, which at the time was becoming established as a holiday. Local religious leaders supported the idea, and the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. In 1924, U.S. Pres. Calvin Coolidge supported the observance, and in 1966 Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation that recognized the day. It became a national holiday in 1972 when Pres. Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

According to the Pew Research Center, it has become less common for dads to be their family's sole breadwinner. As of 2016, about a quarter of couples (27%) who live with children younger than age 18 were in families where only the father works. In about 6% of the homes, the father is a stay-at-home dad while the mother is the only one working outside the home. This marked a dramatic change from 1970 when almost half of these couples (47%) were in families where only the dad worked. The share of couples living in dual-earner families has risen significantly, and now comprises the majority of two-parent families with children. Most dads say they feel proud when they think about their young adult children, and they draw a direct line between their parenting and their children's successes and failures. Still, fathers are more likely than mothers to feel disconnected from their young adult children, and many fathers express a desire for more frequent communication.

This past Friday and Saturday (June 7-8), we celebrated the final moveable feasts of the Church year, the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Saturday). You may not see it easily, but we have windows in the sanctuary facing each other commemorating both. Churches often have complimentary windows across from one another. See if you can discern others in our church, such as the Eucharist and the one of a pelican biting its chest to feed its chicks, a long-revered image of the sacrificial gift of the Eucharist.

Do you remember when the Rural Life Sunday Mass was held at the Leonard farm last year? This year it will be near New Prague. Next Sunday, June 23 at 1:30 pm. Location is at Fr. Michael Miller Farm - "A Taste of Heaven" (12890 70th Street West New Prague). See archspm.org and click on events to find other driving directions. The farm is between New Prague, Lonsdale, Heidelberg, and Montgomery. Join Bishop Williams at this celebration of rural life. Mass will be followed by lunch,

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OUR CHURCH SHINES BRIGHT!

St. Joseph Church is beautifully captured in these photographs by parishioners. Todd Machtemes, a faithful member for 52 years, photographed the church at night, with the steeple magnificently illuminated as lights reflect off the water. Judy Bailey captured a moment of enchantment with the church positioned perfectly at the end of a rainbow. *Thank you for sharing these pictures with us!*



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...)

music, children's activities, games, and the chance to see the farm animals. All are welcome. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Handicapped parking is available in the gravel area. In case of rain, the celebration will be inside the pole shed at the farm. Flyers with details and instructions are also in the Narthex.

I expect to have an article published in the Waconia Patriot in the June 13 issue. Please consider reading it.

As requested, we have organized a short trip/pilgrimage to Wisconsin to see various shrines such as the only approved Marian apparition in the United States (*Our Lady of Champion*), as well as the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Lacrosse, Holy Hill near Milwaukee, the St. Joseph National Shrine in DePere, and other stops. We need a \$50 reservation fee by June 22. The total trip cost is \$795. Coach bus throughout. Lodging will be at nice hotels, with almost all meals, and tips included. Mass will be celebrated daily. The trip will occur on August 21 through August 23 (*Wed-Fri*). Adults only, please.

Congratulations to those getting married this week. We have one wedding here, and another couple from our parish family getting married at the University of St. Thomas chapel.

If you missed the announcement last weekend, our deacons have finally received their assignments. Deacon Chris Richards will be ministering at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound, Deacon Patrick Kirsch will be at St. Boniface in St. Bonifacius and Immaculate Conception in Watertown, and Deacon Bruce Richards will be staying here at St. Joseph in Waconia! Deacon Greg Miller will also continue here at St. Joseph. Their assignments all begin on July 1. Congratulations to them and the parishes that will benefit from their fine work!

NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Leroy "Sonny" Willenbring and Florian Kirsch. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Mila Ann Mason;

Child of Robert & Ashley

SUMMER CHURCH HOURS

During the summer, the church will be open from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm on Monday, and from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesday through Friday.

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

This past weekend, Father Stan announced the new assignments for the recently ordained deacons from our parish. Deacon Patrick Kirsch is appointed to serve alongside Father Peter Hughes at St. Boniface in St. Boni and Immaculate Conception in Watertown. Deacon Chris Richards has been assigned to assist Father Peter Richards (*no relation!*) at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound. Meanwhile, Deacon Bruce Richards will continue his ministry at St. Joseph, serving with Deacon Greg and Father Stan.

MISSION TRIP PRAYER

From June 22 - July 1, youth from our parish will be participating in a Mission Trip. Let us lift them up and hold them in prayer while they are away serving the community of Billings, Montana.

O Divine Father,

*With hearts filled with gratitude,
we thank You for summoning these teenagers
to embark upon this mission journey.*

*May they, as vessels of Your boundless love,
illuminate the lives of those they encounter,
becoming beacons of Your grace and mercy.*

*Grant them the gift of unity,
that they may walk in harmony towards
Your holy purpose, guided by the
radiant light of Your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*In Your infinite wisdom, mold their spirits
to mirror the virtues of compassion,
kindness, respect, and generosity.*

*Bestow upon them the shield of safety,
guarding them against the perils of the world,
and shield their souls from the affliction of
loneliness with the warmth of Your presence.*

*We offer this prayer, trusting in Your divine
providence, through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON JUNE 17 6:30 pm Mary & Wally Lahl †
TUE JUNE 18 8:15 am Patty & Merrill Kirsch †
WED JUNE 19 8:15 am *Collective:*
Harold Stacken †, and Sr. Stella
Stacken, SLW (80th Jubilee)
Eugenia Schmitt †
THU JUNE 20 xxx
FRI JUNE 21 8:15 am Mick Giesen †
SAT JUNE 22 5:15 pm St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN JUNE 23 8:30 am Georgiana Johnson †
10:30 am Carol Stahlke †

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

PRAY

Please pray for the following: Shawn S, Julie W, Art W, Paul T, Joan H, Rene F, Jeff E, 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

JULY 4 Fourth of July Mass at 9:00 am
JULY 11 Youth Group: Movie Night
2:00-4:00 pm in the Gym & Commons
JULY 25 Youth Group: Water Day
1:00-3:00 pm on the Church Lawn
AUG 4 KC Respect Life Picnic
12:00-3:00 pm at Klein Drive Park
AUG 8 Youth Group: Bowling
3:00-4:30 pm | *Must sign up!*
AUG 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)
Vigil Mass on Aug 14 at 7:00 pm & Aug 15 at 9:00 am
AUG 21 St. Joseph School Back to School Night
3:00-7:00 pm

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Deacon Greg's Ordination Anniversary
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm: Mass
7:15 pm: Finance Council Meeting (School Media Center)

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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)
7:00 pm: KC General Meeting (Klein Drive Park)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
10:00 am-2:00 pm: Open Library Hours (School Media Center)
4:30 pm: High School Group Prayer (Chapel)
5:00-7:00 pm: College Group (Mocha Monkey - Downtown)
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
7:30 pm: Cana Temperament's Group (St Paul Conf Rm)

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
2:00-3:30 pm: Youth Group: Hiking (Baylor Regional Park)
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (Chapel)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Parish Office Closed
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

2:00-3:00 pm: Wedding
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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

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Love

Serve

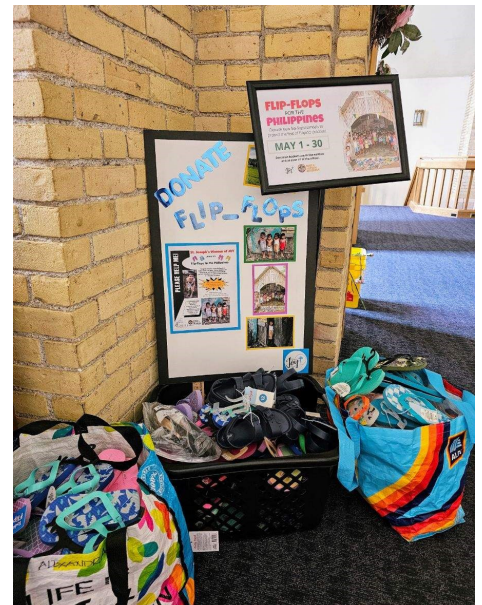
NOTE of GRATITUDE

from the Women of Joy



In May, the Women of Joy organized a heartfelt initiative titled “Flip-Flops for the Philippines,” aiming to collect new children's flip-flops for the kids in the Philippines supported by Risen Savior Mission (RSM). Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we gathered over 220 pairs of shoes!

These flip-flops will serve a crucial purpose: protecting the feet of children who must scavenge for food in garbage dumps, often navigating through hazardous conditions like broken glass and bacteria-laden areas. For many of these children, this will be their first pair of new shoes, providing, not just safety, but a glimmer of hope and comfort. Your contributions have made a tangible difference in their lives.

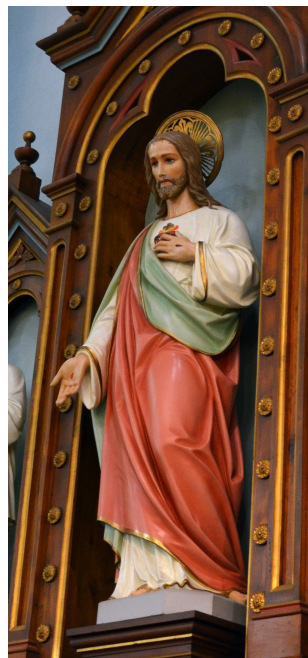


THE BIGGER PICTURE

Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue

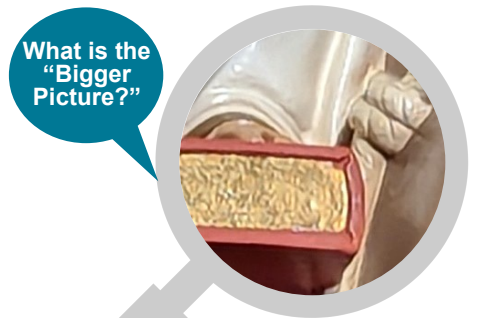
The detailed image from last week's bulletin was a closeup of the hand of Jesus pointing to His Sacred Heart. The Bigger Picture reveals it is the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue on the side altar closest to the Holy Family stained glass window and the Baptismal font. This statue has been on this side altar since this church was built in 1859. It is most likely made of plaster.

It could be said that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was first written about in John's Gospel when John records that during the Last Supper, he leaned back and rested his head on Jesus' heart. This sacred devotion gained further significance in the 17th century through the experiences of a French cloistered Visitation Nun, Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque. Over eighteen months, she received four visions in which Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart and expressed His desire for a feast in its honor. We celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart on June 7.



NEW THUMBNAIL IMAGE

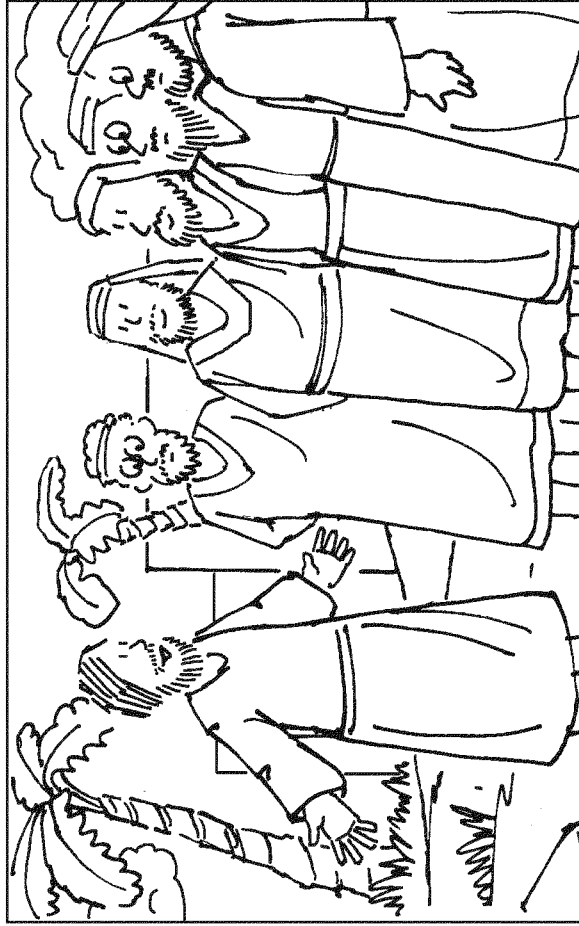
Do you know the Bigger Picture?



In each bulletin, you will find a small thumbnail picture representing a tiny part of a larger object in the church. In the subsequent bulletin, the full image and a detailed description will be revealed, offering insights into the artwork's history and meaning. Join us in this engaging exploration, akin to solving a puzzle, and deepen your appreciation for the rich heritage of our church.

Jesus explained the parables
to His disciples.

Find and circle 6 differences in the pictures.



Ages 3+

June 16, 2024 • Mark 4:26-34

The Kingdom of God Is Like...

Jesus told a parable (a type of story)
about how the kingdom of God is like
a farmer planting his crops.

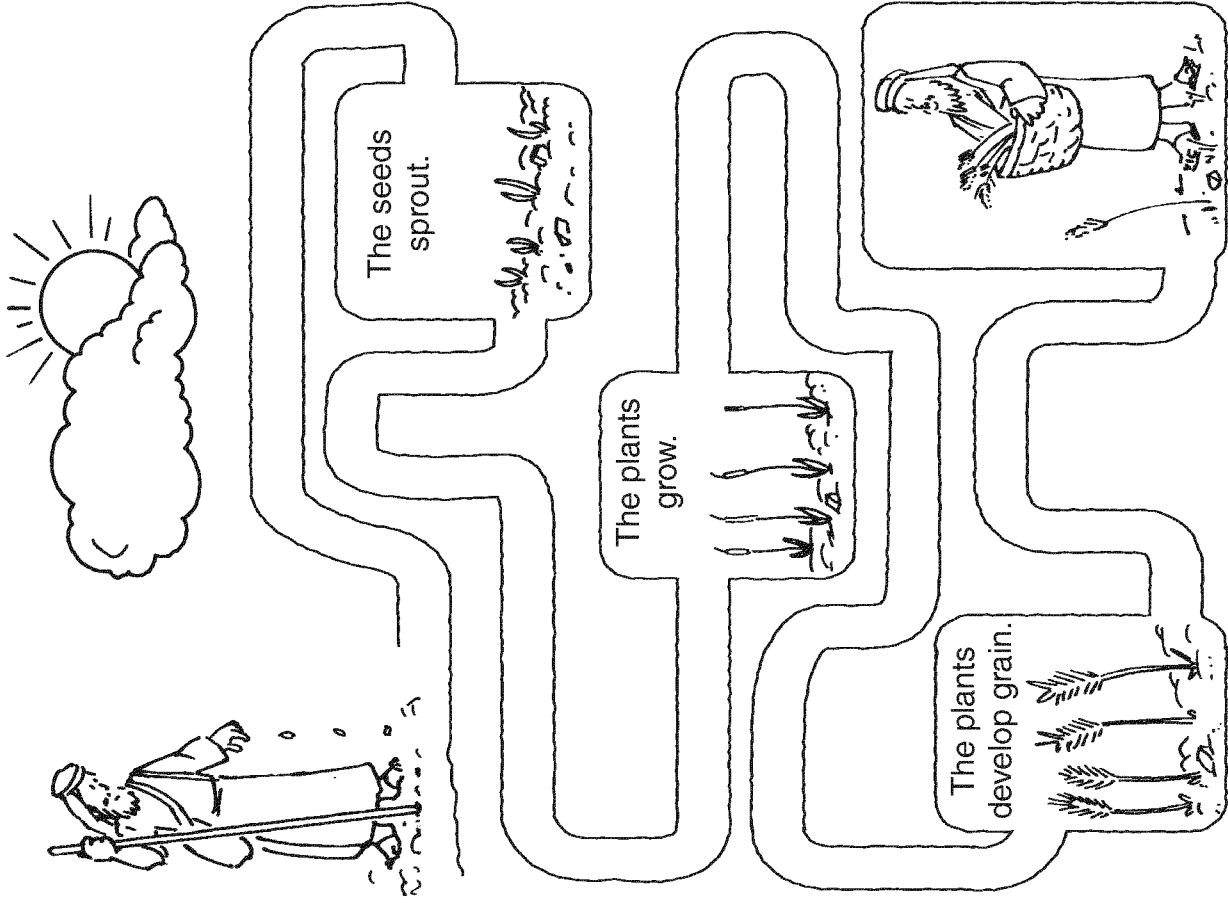
Find 5 seeds hidden in the picture.



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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

A man scatters seeds on the ground.

Follow the path to see how the seeds grow.



Jesus also said the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed – the smallest of the seeds. It grows to become the largest plant.

Count the birds. Trace the correct number.

