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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

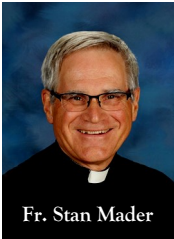
*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

August 4, 2024

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Fr. Stan Mader

We have come to August, which always frightens me. School starts in three weeks (*Monday, August 26*) and we must get our plans ready to roll out for the fall. Among those things are implementing “small groups” for the fall and beyond. Our Synod Evangelization Team is working on identifying and training more facilitators

and specifying the various group options to meet. Members of the Synod Evangelization Team (SET) will be in the narthex next weekend to share additional information. You may be aware that, in addition to the groups that have been meeting for some years (*CANA, Teams of Our Lady, Scripture study groups, etc.*), we will be offering a video series by Bishop Barron on the Eucharist, a biblical walk through the Mass by Edward Sri, OCIA (*aka RCIA*) for the whole parish which I will teach on Tuesday nights, a series on prayer, and others. The long-term goal is for the gathering in groups to be the norm for all parishes in the Archdiocese. This way of being a Parish is also to prepare people to encourage others to join in groups as well – especially those who have drifted from the faith because it wasn’t feeding them, or they don’t care anymore. We cannot continue to be a Church as if it were sixty years ago. We are now in an apostolic age again, where Christianity is no longer informing our institutions and social structures. We must be able to teach people about our experience with Jesus because it isn’t just in the air anymore. It is an exciting time to be a priest, actually, and I would love to see where we are in another 3-5 years!

I was gone the past two weekends – last weekend with my siblings. Thank you to the missionary speaker, Fr. Dennis Callan SVD, for being in our parish, which allowed me this time with family. The weekend before, I was at the National Eucharistic Congress with others from the parish. Many of you have read or seen other coverage of the Congress but let me give you some figures. Depending on the day, there were 45,00-55,000 people at the event. That is one of every 1,500 Catholics in the United States. The closing Mass on Sunday had at least 1,200 priests and 150 bishops present. Lucas Oil Stadium, where the Indianapolis Colts play, had people sitting as high as the 6th (and highest) tier attending Mass. There were well over 100 exhibitors in the massive Convention Center, as well as many rooms for breakout sessions. In addition, there were Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Art by Vicente Juan Masip, 1545-1550

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-Tues & Thur: 5:00-9:00 pm
Wed: 5:00-10:00 pm

ROSARY

Half hour before every daily Mass
Saturday - 4:45 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am

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

areas set up for children of various ages to use for playing and learning. There were three other exhibits I never even got to see: one with relics of saints, one with a replica of the Shroud of Turin, and one of the Eucharistic Miracles from around the world, emulating those in the website created by Bless Carlos Acutis (1991-2006). He will be canonized as a saint early next year.

The Congress began on Wednesday night. Each night there were speakers (from three to six each night) and about an hour of adoration with varying types of intermittent music accompaniment. It is quite something to be with 50,000 people in silent adoration - and I do mean silent! Each morning began with Mass at 8:30 am. One day it was of the Syriac-Malabar Rite, an Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church, primarily found in India (and now the US). There are about 4.3 million members of that rite. It was fascinating to experience the breadth of the Church in that ceremony. After Mass was celebrated, there were various talks - for families, for youth, for clergy, and others. Exhibit halls opened at noon and were swamped. Think of the State Fair in the Grandstand or Mercantile Mart, and you have an idea, except here everyone was promoting ways of spreading the gospel. In the afternoons, some of the talks for specific audiences continued, or there were other speakers on many additional topics. Many had to do with the Eucharist, of course, but other topics were discussed. There was also a theme for each day, so the effect was that of a retreat. In short, it was an amazing experience and I have great hope that it will provide leaven for a renewal of the Church in the United States. I will share more about the content I heard in upcoming homilies and future articles.

Fr. Stan Mader

NEWS & EVENTS

EVENING MASS TIMES

During the 2024-25 school year, Mass will be offered on select Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. Please see the flyer on the back page of the bulletin for a complete list of these dates and all times Mass is celebrated at St. Joseph!

LEADERS NEEDED

The 2024-25 program year for K-12 grade starts in one month! We are in need of leaders to help teach our youth! Are you feeling called to help St. Joseph in this important ministry? Please get in touch with either Julie (952-442-3703) or Kirstin (952-442-3705), or email them at faithforlife@stjosephwaconia.org.

LIVE-STREAMING

Live-streaming services are temporarily unavailable. If you cannot attend Mass in person at St. Joseph or another church, please participate in the celebration of Mass virtually by going to www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/. Scroll down on the home page to view live-streamed and recorded Masses. Daily Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul is celebrate at 7:30 am.

SECOND COLLECTION

We will have our monthly second collection next weekend for the Venezuelan Mission. Online donations can be made through online giving at www.stjosephwaconia.org/giving/ways-to-give/ or in the memo line on checks please add the Venezuelan Mission collection. *Thank you!*

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The last day to sign up through Love INC to receive school supplies is August 12. Go to www.loveinccc.org for more information, to register to receive supplies, to donate money/supplies, or to volunteer. *Flyers and a drop-off donation bin are in the Narthex!*

WORSHIP AIDS

Thank you to Sean Barker for enhancing our worship at St. Joseph, including preparing worship aids for the next several Sundays. These are available online for you to print at home. Moving forward, we will no longer print them weekly. Please use the hymnal in the pew and refer to the wooden stand with numbers for Mass. The Parish App also provides these resources and Mass readings. Download it for FREE by texting APP to 55321!



EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

of the Most Reverend Kevin Thomas Kenney

The morning of July 25, Pope Francis named Father Kevin Thomas Kenney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. All are invited to his episcopal ordination, which will take place at the Cathedral of St. Paul and live streamed. It will be on Monday, October 28, 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul. This Mass will be live streamed on the Archdiocese's Facebook page



Learn more about Bishop-elect Kenney by scanning the QR code and keep updated at thecatholicspirit.com.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

The detailed image from last week's bulletin was a closeup of the loaf of bread and roses on the statue of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, found on the side altar with the Blessed Mother's statue. St. Elizabeth is the patroness of woman who belong to the Third Order Franciscans. This statue has been on this altar since this church was built in 1859.

“How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!”

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Several miracles are attributed to Saint Elizabeth during her lifetime – one being a “miracle of roses” which tells us that as Elizabeth was taking bread to the poor, she encountered her husband's hunting party. In order to reassure his nobles that Elizabeth was not stealing from the royal stores, he asked her to reveal what was hidden under her cloak. As her cloak fell open, red and white roses cascaded out of the basket she held much to the astonishment of the nobles, but which to Ludwig only underscored that his wife's actions were pleasing to God.



What is 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.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2024-25

You're invited
to grow your Faith!



Family Formation

K-5 Grade
2 Gr. Sacramental Prep

Sept 4, 2024
to Apr 9, 2025

6:00 - 7:00 pm
1st, 2nd & 3rd Weds



EDGE

6-8 Grade

Sept 4, 2024
to Apr 23, 2025

6:00 - 7:00 pm
2nd & 4th Weds



Confirmation

9-10 Grade

Starts on
Aug 28, 2024

7:00 - 8:30 pm
Wednesdays



Legacy

11-12 Grade

Sept 18, 2024
to Apr 2, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 pm
1st & 3rd Weds

Faith Formation is a welcoming process of lifelong learning and formation in the Catholic faith at St. Joseph Catholic Community. Our curriculums help guide all of us to love Jesus and His Church, to live out our Catholic faith, and to prepare us to receive the Sacraments faithfully and continue to grow after Confirmation.

Please contact us with any questions or if you are interested in being a leader, we would love to hear from you!



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YOUTH GROUP

Grades 6-12

SEPT
8

Welcome Party

SEPT
22

Church Garden

OCT
13

Relays

NOV
10

Fall Festival

NOV
24

Sandwich Project

DEC
22

Almost...

Christmas Party

JAN
12

Snow Night

with Indoor Snowball Fight!

JAN
26

Chase Away

Winter Blues

FEB
23

Family Feud

MAR
9

Day at the Races

APR
13

Pictionary & Charades

APR
27

Sandwich Project

MAY
11

Mother's Day Flowers

MAY
25

End of Year Party

Hey there,
Middle & High School students!

Let's all come together for
a super fun social gathering.
It's a great chance to bring
your faith to life by helping
others, and at the same time,
growing closer to God.

See you there!

STJ

**Meets on these Sundays at 6:00 pm
in the Parish Center (lower level).**

2 VIRTUS certified Adults are needed
at each event. If you can help,
please talk with Kirstin at 952-442-3705!

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.



OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

For June 2024

WEEKEND OFFERTORY:

June 2024, 395 Donors, 748 Contributions \$ 99,879

June 2023, 385 Donors, 696 Contributions \$ 74,306

Contributions to Special Funds

Capital Repairs & Maintenance \$ 1,755

2nd Collection - Peter's Pence \$ 2,388

Year to Date (July 2023 - June 2024)

Total Offertory Contributions \$ 1,075,410

Last year, same period \$ 1,077,611



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.



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SERVICES APPEAL

2024 GOAL

Thanks to your generous support, we have already surpassed our goal! Please continue to support the Catholic Services Appeal. It funds ministries for those seeking to expand their faith and education, as well as provide essential ministries in our Archdiocese. In addition, a percentage of all donations above our goal will be given back to us.

St. Joseph's 2024 Goal:	\$ 53,881
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Amount Pledged/paid so far:	\$ 61,247
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Number of Donors	167
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Scan the QR Code to learn more and donate online today!



MASS INTENTIONS

MON	AUG 5	6:30 pm	Keith Hoof †
TUE	AUG 6	8:15 am	Dale Hiland †
WED	AUG 7	8:15 am	<i>Collective:</i> Elaine Bauer Kaiser † Living & Deceased Members of the John & Regina Pieper Family Steve Ebert †
THU	AUG 8		<i>No Mass</i>
FRI	AUG 9	8:15 am	Neil Kirsch †
SAT	AUG 10	5:15 pm	<i>Collective:</i> Living & Deceased Members of the Eveslage & Lembeck Families Gordon & Alice Wickenhauser † Ray Krautbauer †
SUN	AUG 11	8:30 am	<i>Collective:</i> Deceased Members of the Orville Schwalbe Family Georgiana Johnson † Debra Vanderlinde †
		10:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners

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

PRAY

Please pray for the following: Mia G, Joyce J, 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, 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, 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

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
SEPT 2	Parish Office Closed for Labor Day Mass at 6:30 pm

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm: Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

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)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Coffee & Conversation (Parish Center)
10:00 am-2:00 pm: Open Library Hours (School Media Center)
4:30 pm: High School Group Prayer (Chapel)
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm: The Catholic Man (Parish Center)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
12:00 pm: Wedding
3:00 pm: Youth Group: Bowling Event (Off Site)
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (Chapel)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Parish Office Closed
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Grief Share Meeting (St. Peter Room)
2:00 pm: Visitation (Al Cannon)
3:00 pm: Funeral (Al Cannon)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Second Collection: Venezuelan Mission
9:00 am: Second Saturday Rosary (Church)
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Second Collection: Venezuelan Mission
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass



Mass Times

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:15 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am
SUNDAY 10:30 am

DAILY MASS

MONDAY 6:30 pm
TUESDAY 8:15 am
WEDNESDAY 8:15 am
THURSDAY *No Mass*
FRIDAY 8:15 am

EVENING MASS

2024-25 DATES

SUNDAY 7:30 pm

Usually on the Second & Fourth Sundays of the month, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 pm in the Chapel (lower level)

September 8 & 22

October 13 & 27

November 10 & 24

December 8 & 22

January 12 & 26

February 23

March 9

April 13 & 27

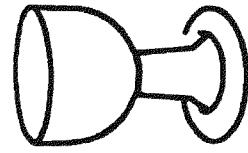
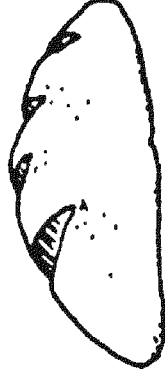
May 11 & 25

Then Jesus said,
"I am the bread of life."

Trace the letters.

"Whoever comes
to Me
will never go

hungry."



"Whoever believes
in Me
will never be

thirsty."

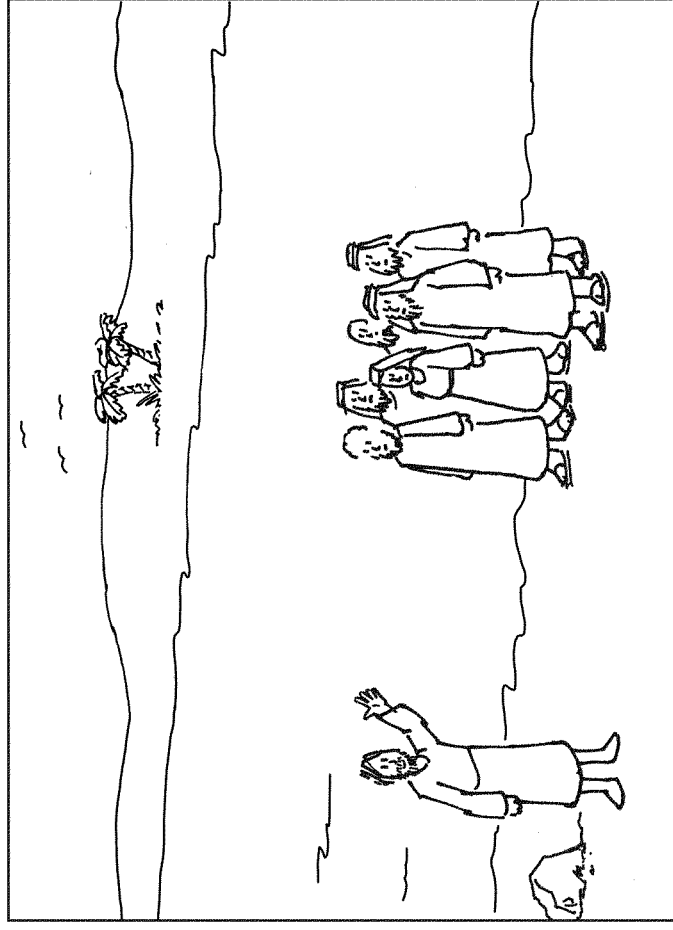
Ages 3+

August 4, 2024 • John 6:24-35

The Bread of Life

Some people came to see Jesus.

Add these things to the picture.



Jesus said, "You looked for Me because I gave you bread when you were hungry. My Father gives true bread from heaven."

Circle 5  s in the picture.



"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

Match the letters from the bread to the lines.
Trace the letters.

J E S U S

