



Fr. Stan Mader

This weekend we will have parish representatives in the narthex after Mass to answer questions about small group possibilities for you, some starting in September. You can register for some of these online this weekend. Additional ones, our “legacy groups” which have been around for at least 2-8 years, will be available for sign-up soon. We aim over the year to have these ways of study, prayer, interaction, and fellowship to be the way our, and all parishes in the Archdiocese. We continue with the PECS small group method this year. Many of them will have content that specifically addresses the Eucharist and the celebration of the Mass. Please give this a try. Some of these are 5-8 sessions, and the one I will teach about an overview of Catholicism. This group will meet several times a month through Easter as we journey with those in OCIA, who are considering becoming Catholic. Look online or talk to our representatives after Mass for more information!

For several weeks we will be hearing from the Bread of Life discourse from the sixth chapter of John as our weekend Gospel readings. It began two weeks ago with one of the stories of the feeding of the multitude. As many of you have heard me say, this is the only miracle that appears in all four Gospels and is actually recounted six times – sometimes with different numbers of those being fed or a different number of loaves and/or fish. Again as I have said, they all have the same shape: people have gathered, Jesus teaches them, and bread is

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PRAY with POPE FRANCIS

Papal Prayer Intention for August



For POLITICAL LEADERS

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

New to the Parish? WELCOME!

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

brought forward. It is blessed, broken, and given to the people to eat. Fragments are collected and the people are dismissed. That is the shape of the Mass: people gather, we hear scripture and a homily, bread (and wine) are brought forward, it is blessed (consecrated), broken, and given to the people to eat (communion), and then people are dismissed to live their Christian lives in the world.

Last weekend began the bread of life discussion. In the meantime, Jesus sent his disciples off in a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. He later comes to them, walking on the Sea. They land at Capharnaum; which is where Jesus had his headquarters, in a sense. Those who had been fed, come looking for him, wanting more bread. Jesus says he himself is the bread of life. It is more satisfying than the manna the Israelites received in the desert, for they ate that but ultimately died. We who eat the Eucharist will never die – eternity is a possibility for us. But these people we met last week, have missed the real miracle. They were looking only to avoid hunger. At the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Sr. Josephine Garrett spoke about these readings. Among the many jewels of her talk was her insight that we want to be full and not hunger. Our desire to be full, she said, is not faulty. The problem is when we are not ok with hunger. We live under the illusion that we should never be hungry. But that is not the world Jesus was in, not what is promised to us, and not what Jesus himself accepted. We depart, as we see many of the disciples do, to a false self-sufficiency. We can become tired of waiting. We struggle with being broken-hearted and wounded and do not wish to revisit those wounds. But it is exactly there where God has done His greatest work. If we stick to the Sacraments and repent, we will be healed, we will be full, perhaps not here on earth. We are and will be broken pilgrims, but healing starts with repentance. So, repent in hope and joy. Be open to being loved, and you will be filled. I will write more throughout the month.



Baseball Report: Our team dropped two games last weekend. I arrived near the end of the first one. It was a close game we lost with a walk-off suicide squeeze play. In the second we had a bad inning letting in 8 runs, and ultimately lost 14-4. I reached base on a fielder's choice, and also had a clean single in two at-bats, getting an RBI and scoring a run. Season total: 1-4, which is a .250 batting average, with one run and one RBI, 0 stolen bases.

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NEWS & EVENTS

HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, August 15 at 9:00 am, Mass will be celebrated for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm. *This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on August 15 for a retreat and professional development day for staff. Regular hours will resume on Monday, August 19.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Fr. Stan invites all kids of the parish to enjoy ice cream with him at the end of summer. They need to be able to discuss two books they read this summer and recall 2 homilies. This will happen after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, August 25!

BLESSING OF BOOK BAGS

Lots of feelings surround the start of a new school year. All students are invited to bring their bookbags to Mass on August 24 & 25 for a blessing by Fr. Stan. Students will also receive a bag tag to remind them God walks with us always and sends the Holy Spirit to strengthen and equip us for all the steps we take in life.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE

On August 19 at 4:30 pm, the Cemetery Committee will be meeting in the Holy Family Conference Room in the education building. The Cemetery Committee oversees the maintenance and expansion of the cemetery grounds and the marking of burial plots. If you are interested in participating or are just curious, please contact Chris Parker at cparker@stjosephwaconia.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	AUG 12	6:30 pm	Ron Dressel †
TUE	AUG 13	8:15 am	Fr. Larry Johnson †
WED	AUG 14	8:15 am	Mary Lou Bauer †
		7:00 pm	Herb Ackerman †
THU	AUG 15	9:00 am	Fr. Frederick Meyer †
FRI	AUG 16	8:15 am	Wives & Widows of the Knights of Columbus Council #2506
SAT	AUG 17	5:15 pm	Collective: Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #2506 Mary Palmersheim †
SUN	AUG 18	8:30 am	Collective: Jeanie Buckentine † Bob Farrell †
		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, Marilyn 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 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
SEPT 14	Nickle Dickle Day
SEPT 8	Youth Group: Welcome Party 6:00 pm in the Parish Center
SEPT 8	Evening Mass 7:30 pm in the Chapel
SEPT 17	Mass with Anointing 8:15 am
SEPT 21	EDGE Retreat 10:00 am - 6:15 pm in the Parish Center

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration
5:30 pm: Confession
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm: Mass
7:15 pm: School Board Meeting (School Media Center)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

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 14

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 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
7:00 pm: Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am: Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (Chapel)
5:00-7:00 pm: Hog Roast (Parking Lot)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Parish Office Closed

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
12:00 pm: Baptism
2:00-6:00 pm: Small Group Facilitator Training
(Parish Center)

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Register your child(ren) today for the 2024-25 program year!

As the 2024-25 school year is quickly approaching, we are excited to kick off another year of faith formation. This year, we are looking forward to not only continuing to help our youth grow in their faith but also to build a strong sense of community and belonging.

We need your help to make this possible. Do you enjoy working with children and want to help our youth grow in their faith? Consider becoming a leader on Wednesday nights. Content and supplies are all provided for you. You can even choose your preferred grade level. Your prayers and assistance help us create the best opportunities for our youth to grow in their faith and want to continue coming back to church after confirmation.

Are you being called to help in this important ministry?

Please call either Julie or Kirstin!

JULIE LOSCHEIDER

Family Formation
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KIRSTIN BULARZIK

EDGE, Confirmation & Legacy
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THE BIGGER PICTURE

St. Aloysius

The detailed image from last week's bulletin was a closeup of the stem of flowers in the hand of the statue of St. Aloysius. This statue is found on the side altar with the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue. St. Aloysius is the patron saint of Catholic youth. This statue has been on this altar since this church was built in 1859.

“My confidence is placed in God who does not need our help for accomplishing His designs. Our part is to pray that we may be worthy of becoming His instruments.”

St. Aloysius



SCHOOL NEWS

Enroll Today!

Summer has flown by, and school is right around the corner! If you know of anyone still looking for excellent education for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond, have them look no further than St. Joseph Catholic School. St. Joseph's is an accredited, STEM-certified institution that brings to life the qualities of our namesake: We love Jesus, we work hard, and we care for our future. To enroll, call our office at [\(952\) 442-4500](tel:9524424500) or scan the QR code to visit our enrollment page.

Call for Employment: We are seeking two interested and qualified individuals to work in our Preschool. We need a full-time toddler assistant and one part-time preschool lead. Please inquire with Deacon Bruce Richards at brichards@stjosephwaconia.org and send a resume and letter of interest.

Call for Volunteers: We need coaches for our youth sports, particularly K-3 soccer. If you are interested, please contact Jenn Klein at jklein@stjosephwaconia.org.



SMALL GROUP NEWS

Information & Sign-up Link

Small Groups at St. Joseph are kicking off in September, and we are excited to offer five enriching options for you to deepen your faith and build lasting friendships. This year's focus areas include: The Mass, The Eucharist, Prayer, OCIA, and Scripture. To join any of these groups, simply scan the QR code to sign up and visit our Small Groups page for more information. The specific days and times for each group will be arranged by the group leaders as the start date approaches. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and connect with others in our community!



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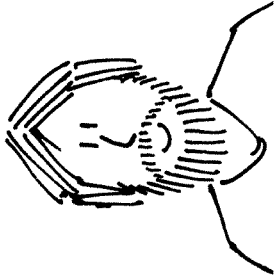
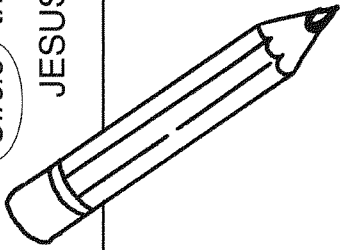
Love

Serve

Jesus is the bread of heaven
and gives life to the world.

Circle the hidden words in the puzzle below.

JESUS GOD BREAD SAVE LIFE



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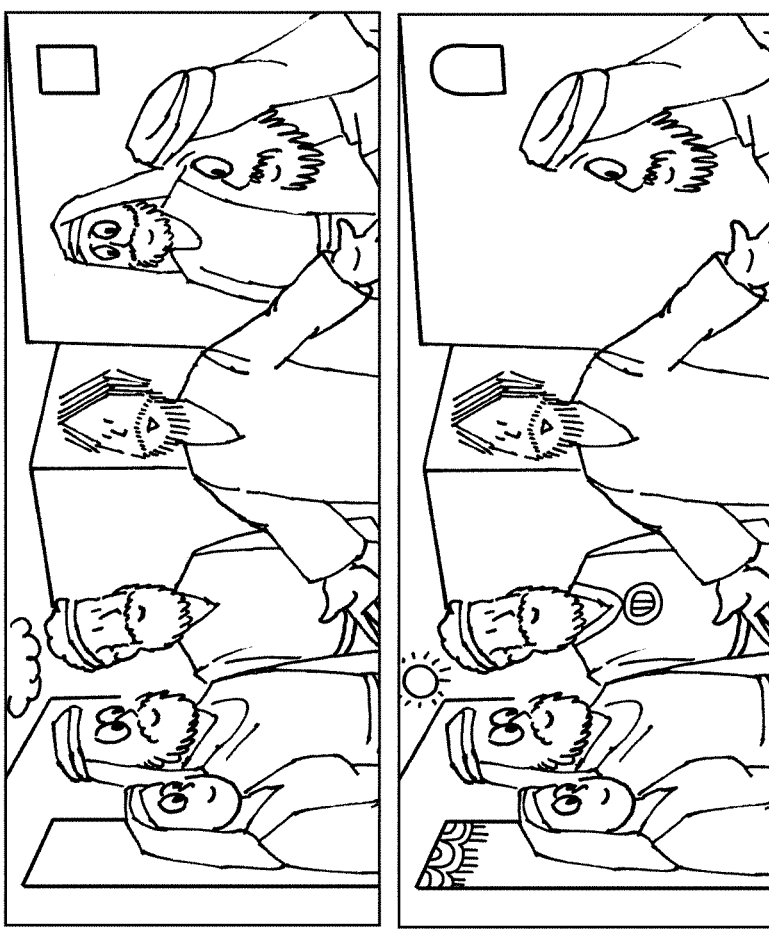
Ages 3+

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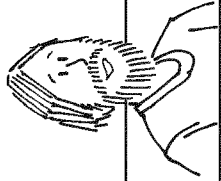
Living Bread From Heaven

Some people wondered about Jesus.

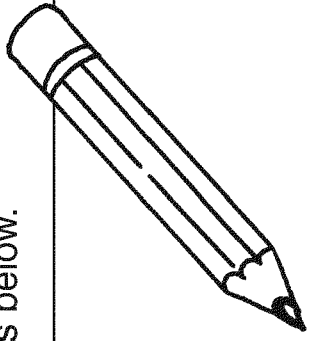
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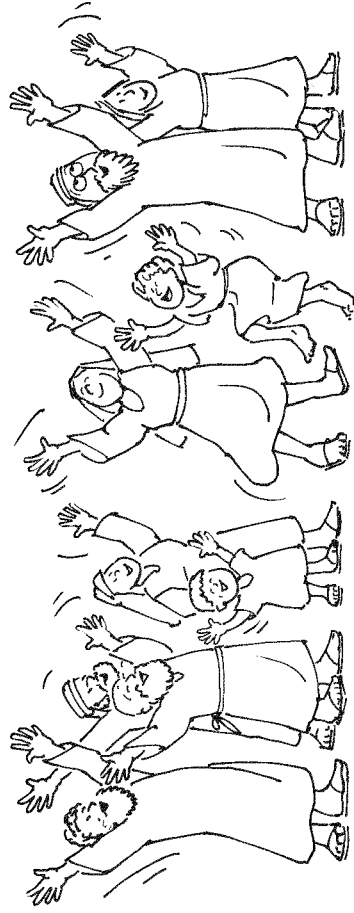
Jesus said, "The one who believes
has eternal life.
I am the bread of life."



Trace the words below.



eternal
life



Jesus said, "I am the living bread
that came down from heaven."

Match the shapes below.

