

EPH Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2024

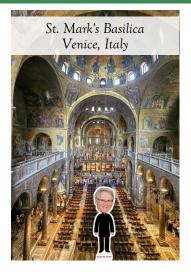


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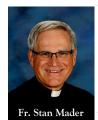


Boston, Massachusetts

FLAT FR. STAN'S SUMMER ADVENTURES!

Check out some of the exciting places Flat Fr. Stan has traveled this summer! Take "Flat Fr. Stan" on your own adventures and email your photos, along with a location description, to Sarah Richards at srichards@stjosephwaconia.org.





There is a lot of news in this week's article - please read it carefully.

School starts tomorrow! St. Joseph is opening its doors for the 165th consecutive year, starting in 1860, just before the Civil War. Please pray for students, teachers, administrators, and families in all our schools. We have expressed our intention to manage our own preschool program next year (Fall of 2025) taking over from Lake Area Discovery Center. We hope/expect to have many of the same preschool teachers remain on board. We thank CSCOE (Catholic

Schools Center of Excellence) for their support and advice as we take the steps to have that happen. We feel it will help us integrate the programs better, and result in a higher percentage of people in the preschool choosing Catholic education for the Elementary ages as well.

Last week, I wrote that purchasing the Peterson house on the corner of Main and Pine was a possibility. We are moving ahead in that process. As I write this, we are waiting for the purchase agreement to be drawn up. We will then put down 3% in earnest money on the house. In the meantime, we are preparing a proxy request, which is needed for any purchase over \$25,000. We need to get the Archbishop, and an assistant at the archdiocese, someone called a Vicar General, both of whom are board members for our parish, to sign off on such transactions so all board members, including me and the two trustees, agree. The availability date is not yet determined. The purchase price of that beautiful house and the double lot it is on is \$485,000. We are also responsible for the assessments for the street project. We are

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FEATURED EVENTS THIS WEEKEND!!!



BLESSING OF BOOK BAGS Aug 24-25 during all Masses



ICE CREAM with FR. STAN Aug 25 after the 10:30 am Mass In the Parish Center.

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! Contact Cheryl Salz 952.442-3712 csalz@stjosephwaconia.org

PARISH OFFICE

www.stjosephwaconia.org (Located in the Education Center) Mon -Thurs, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Chuck Walerius • 952-270-4706 (Fr. Stan's message continued...)

discussing the merits of paying for it out of our savings or taking out a mortgage.

Yet more big news: As you might have heard, the archdiocese will have a Capital Campaign starting in 2025. The last one was over 20 years ago. They hope to raise \$250 million dollars. About \$190 million of that is to be raised by the parishes, sixty percent of which will remain in the parishes for purposes we determine. Each of the 190, or so parishes will need to participate over the next 2-3 years. We have been selected to be one of about a dozen parishes to be in the pilot phase of the campaign, so this will be coming to the general membership of our parish in less than six months. This gives us the advantage of getting more support from the consulting company than other waves of about 40 parishes will get. This will take effort this fall and throughout the spring, but we feel it is our best choice to do it at this time. I will be attending a pastor's meeting in mid-September to learn more. The use of this money, both at the archdiocese and in our parish, will be explained in detail as we go along.

Thank you to all those who have signed up for one of the small groups starting in September. I would like to see 300 people enriching their lives in this way this fall. Some groups will meet five or six times, some eight, and others about three times a month through Easter. Go to our website and browse the options.

We have begun the process of speaking with candidates for our music director/liturgist position. I am gathering a group of people to be on an interview committee. We have three applicants we will consider and will continue to search on our own as well.

Baseball Report: My stats keep sinking along with that of the team. Our losing streak continues. We played an exceptionally good team from Alexandria and lost 10-1 in the first game, and we trailed 5-0 when I had to leave halfway through the second game. Both their pitchers were excellent. We had a 75-year hurling the first game. I was hitless in four at-bats and am now batting .091 on the season with one run and one RBI. I will miss the games this weekend due to a conflict, so I won't be able to improve on that for a while. The season ends around September 23.

News & Events

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Lucia Rae Thompson; Child of John & Katti

FOOD SHELF REMINDER

Let us not forget those in need in our community. This month, the Food Shelf needs hearty canned soups, peanut butter, boxed crackers of all varieties, jars of pasta sauce, and boxed oatmeal of all kinds. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf or placed in the wagon by the main door of the church. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Waconia United Food Shelf, PO Box 577, Waconia, MN 55387. Donations can also be made online at waconiafoodshelf.org.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Is your high schooler looking to give back, connect with other Catholic students, and grow closer to God? Join our mission trip to St. Louis from July 5 through September 12! Incoming freshmen through seniors are invited. Come to our informational meeting on

September 3 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm to learn more. Registration opens in late September, with forms due by September 24. For details or to secure your spot, contact Kirstin Bularzik at 952-442-3705.

LABOR DAY MASS

Mass on Labor Day, September 2, will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts…" (*Pope Francis*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 2. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.

SATURDAY ROSARY

Are you concerned about loved ones who have left the Church? Join the Women of Joy on September 7, at 9:00 am in the church to pray a Rosary. Following the Rosary, we invite you to Coffee & Conversations with Fr. Stan in the Parish Center. All are welcome—we hope you can join us in prayer and fellowship!

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	AUG 26	6:30 pm	Russ Whittaker †
TUE	AUG 27	8:15 am	Mary & Wally Lahl †
WED	AUG 28	8:15 am	Russ & Winnie Whittaker †
THU	AUG 29		No Mass
FRI	AUG 30	8:15 am	Gordon & Alice Wickenhauser †
SAT	AUG 31	5:15 pm	Teachers & Students
SUN	SEPT 1	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	Mary Margaret Mader †

^{*} 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			
SEPT 2	Parish Office Closed for Labor Day Mass at 6:30 pm		
SEPT 8	Youth Group: Welcome Party 6:00 pm in the Parish Center		
SEPT 8	Evening Mass 7:30 pm in the Chapel		
SEPT 14	Nickle Dickle Day		
SEPT 17	Mass with Anointing 8:15 am Speakers on "Later Life Financial Planning" in the Parish Center afterwards with refreshments.		
SEPT 21	EDGE Retreat 10:00 am - 6:15 pm in the Parish Center		
SEPT 25	Lowry Nature Center (Bike Day) Mass at 8:15 am at Lowry Nature Canter		
OCT 4	Blessing of the Animals 5:30 pm -Parking Lot		

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

First Day of School: Grades 1-8 5:00 - 9:00 pm: Adoration 5:30 pm: Confession

6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)

6:30 pm: Mass

7:30 pm: Parish Pastoral Council (Holy Family Conf Rm)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

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 28

First Day of School: Kindergarten
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: Family Formation: Parent Meeting (School)

7:00 pm: Confirmation (Church)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Parish Office Closed

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)

8:15 am: Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Outreach Sunday: Food Shelf Collection 10:00 am: Funeral (Floyd Haugh) 4:00-5:00 pm: Confession 4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)

5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Outreach Sunday: Food Shelf Collection 8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)

8:30 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass



HIRINGS

Church & School

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Seeking qualified candidates for our Parish Administrative Assistant position. Consider joining our team! We are looking for applicants who are friendly, detail-oriented, computer proficient, and have a heart for the Faith. To learn more, please contact Chris Parker at <u>952-442-3702</u>, <u>cparker@stjosephwaconia.org</u>, or by emailing Fr. Stan at <u>frstan@stjosephwaconia.org</u>.

ACCOUNTING

We are seeking a qualified accounting professional. An ideal candidate will have experience in financial reporting, payroll, and managing accounts payable/receivable. Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and proficiency in accounting software, Paycor and Parish Soft is strongly preferred. Looking for more information about this position, please contact Chris Parker at 952-442-3702, cparker@stjosephwaconia.org, or by emailing Fr. Stan at frstan@stjosephwaconia.org.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & LITURGY

The Church of St. Joseph invites passionate candidates to apply for the position of Director of Liturgy. This full-time role offers a unique opportunity to lead our vibrant community in worship, weaving together music and liturgy with abundant joy and reverence. Resumes are being accepted by Deacon Bruce Richards at brichards@stjosephwaconia.org, and Fr. Stan Mader at frstan@stjosephwaconia.org.

Preschool Full Time $\operatorname{\mathscr{C}}$ Part-Time Opportunities

St. Joseph's Lakes Area Discovery Center Preschool is hiring for two positions:

- Full-Time Toddler Assistant: Hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with an hour-long lunch break.
- Part-Time Lead Kinderstart Teacher: Hours are approximately from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Aimee Sieve at <u>asieve@stjosephwaconia.org</u> or call 952-442-4500 for more information.

SAINTS PROGRAM (School Aged Child Care) PART TIME POSITIONS

- One Assistant Teacher: Qualifications would be a minimum of a high school diploma, at least 18 years of age, and experience and love of working with children from grades K-5.
- A few Teacher's Aides: Qualifications would be at least 16 years of age and a love of working with children.

Hours would be 2:45 pm to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, with the possibility of longer shifts on days off of school during fall, winter, and spring breaks. Possible job share with other people, so it would not need to be a five-day-a-week commitment. Interested applicants can reach out to our Saints Director at saints@stjosephwaconia.org.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION

Register for Faith Formation and OCIA/OCIC

Have you or your child(ren) missed out on any of the Sacraments? Contact the Parish Office to learn more about how to receive them by calling 952-442-2384! Faith Formation Programs will prepare students in grades K through 12 to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (OCIA/OCIC) is available for those looking to become Catholic.

The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—form the foundation of every Christian life, as taught by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1212). Through these Sacraments, we are reborn in Baptism, strengthened by Confirmation, and nourished by the Eucharist.

BAPTISM

Baptism is a joyful celebration, marking the first step in the Catholic faith and welcoming a person as a child of God. Parents wishing to baptize their infant are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at <u>952-442-2384</u> to arrange this sacrament—even before the baby is born! If you are an adult or youth seeking Baptism, please reach out to the parish office at <u>952-442-2384</u> or parishoffice@stjosephwaconia.org.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In the Eucharist, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and we receive Him during Mass. St. Joseph invites families with children in second grade or older to prepare for First Holy Communion by attending weekly Mass and fully participating in Faith Formation classes and events. Before receiving First Holy Eucharist, your child must first receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For more information, please contact Julie Loscheider at <u>952-442-3703</u> or <u>iloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org</u>. Adults wishing to receive Communion are invited to contact Kirstin Bularzik at <u>952-442-3705</u> or <u>kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org</u>.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens us through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to the world. Our Confirmation program aims to inspire candidates to deepen their relationship with God, understand their Catholic faith, and live as witnesses for Christ. This sacrament, which follows Baptism and First Communion, completes one's initiation into the Catholic Church. Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process for high school teens.

To learn more or to register, please contact Kirstin Bularzik at <u>952.442-3705</u> or <u>kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org</u>. Adults wishing to be confirmed can also reach out to Kirstin for information on becoming Catholic.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

31ST ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING ST. JOSEPH ATHLETIC PROGRAM!

FIRST GAME AT 11:00 AM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

REGISTRATION FEE

\$76 until September 10

(\$90 after September 7)

REGISTRATION CLOSES

September 11 at 5:00 pm



SLAM DUNK/3-POINT SHOOT OUT

Begins at 6:15 pm

\$5 Admission

(Doors open at 5:45 pm)





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Friday, Sept 13th 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm St Joseph STEM School

41 E 1st Street, Waconia, MN 55387



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Fuel up Before the Run on Nickle Dickle Day!

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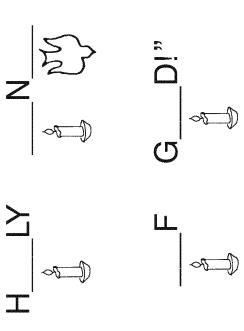
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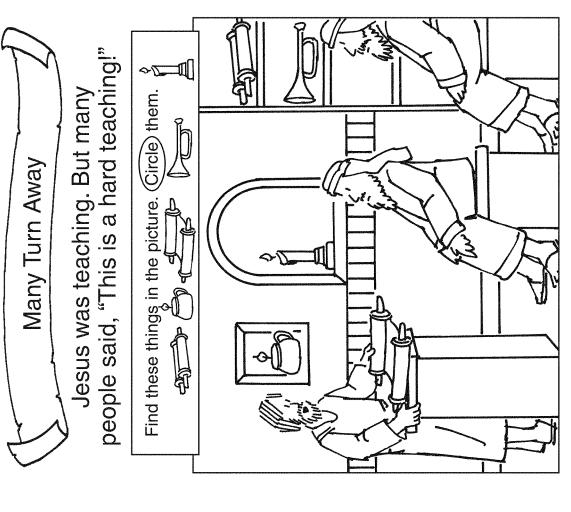
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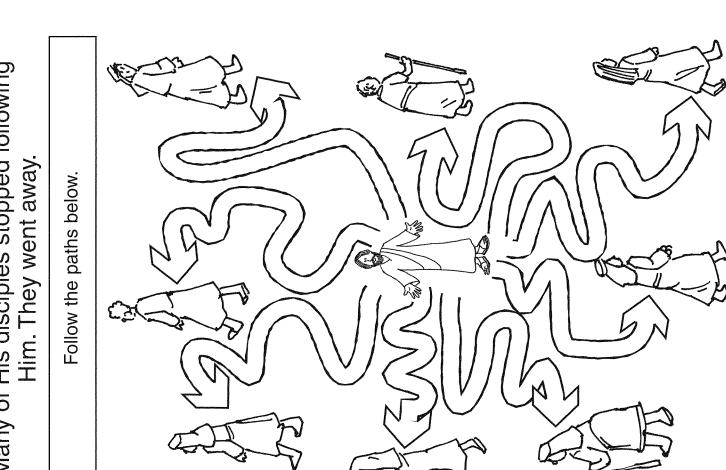
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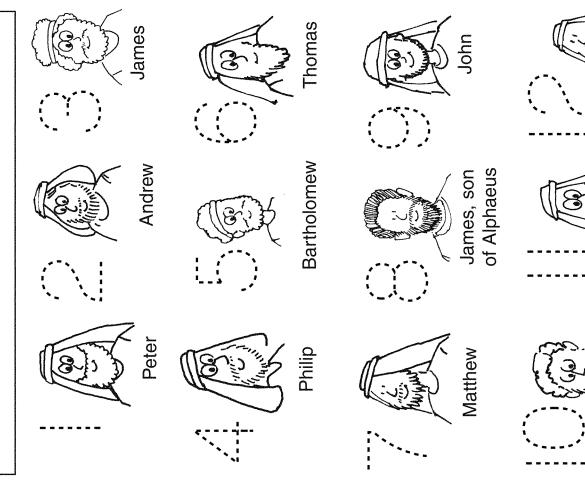


Many of His disciples stopped following



"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the 12.

Count the friends. Trace the numbers.



Judas

Simon

Thaddaeus