

ST JOSEPH

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

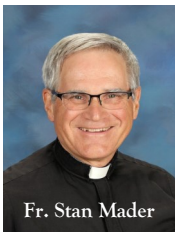
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Suffer the Children by Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1800



Fr. Stan Mader

We are rolling into the autumn season, the sun setting just south of west and rising just south of east. Summer has very much been in the air, but the social calendar is clearly about school, faith formation, fall sports, and small groups resuming. Blessings be upon you as your life pace picks up.

Our Parish Council meets this Monday. Among the many things the council is addressing now, is to formulate ideas for the 3-4 main focus points for the coming year or two. Each member has also been assigned as a liaison to different areas of parish life, e.g. school, administration, faith formation, pastoral care, communications, etc. Parish Council members are Dale Willenbring, Theresa Boll, Gary Golka, Lisa Seibert, Elizabeth Hoffman, and Logan Haskins. Mark Vogel is our parish council Chair.

By the time most of you read this, I will have attended the Pastor's Academy and will have learned much more about the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign and how it will be presented in our parish. We are in the first wave of

parishes to do this. You will hear more in the coming months.

This past week I had several meetings that reflected my activities in the archdiocese beyond the parish. All these rarely happen during the same week, but I want to share some of my activities and why I chose to do them. The first was the Presbyteral Council Meeting at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center (ACC). This is a gathering of the deans (locally elected priests representing geographical areas in the Archdiocese) along with several appointed by the Archbishop; about 20 in total. I had been dean for about five years, and last year I was elected the Executive Director by a vote of all the priests in the archdiocese. It isn't a difficult job, simply running about 10 meetings a year with various other duties that come with a higher profile. I do this because I enjoy seeing how the Church operates beyond the parish and might be able to influence some matters in small ways.

A second item is my membership on the Archdiocesan Parish Planning team. (APP) This group is called upon to

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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

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

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

do some research and give recommendations to the Archbishop regarding parishes that are either in some crisis or who have asked for some assistance. Usually, these are parishes with financial or crumbling buildings struggles. The team consists primarily of accountants, former business administrators, and other troubleshooters who listen to the issues and look at financial records to see how precarious the situation is.

I am also involved with Catholic Rural Life's, "Thriving Rural Parishes" endeavor. This is a rather impressive group of writers, thinkers, advocates, employees of the USCCB, and others who are trying to work with some parishes in very rural dioceses to help the Church become stronger there through the parishes. I am on this because I respect that 100-year-old organization, desire to support rural life, and enjoy thinking of the Church nationally. This is mostly a monthly Zoom call, with a 2-3 day meeting each year. I receive compensation for time spent on this.

I am also on the board for The Catholic Cemeteries. There are only two meetings a year (typically). This board runs five major Catholic Cemeteries in the Archdiocese. It keeps me abreast of trends in cemeteries and helps me reflect on dying and death issues.

I no longer serve on the College of Consultors. My second 5-year term ended in February.

Changing gears, Elevate Life is an umbrella organization for many pro-life efforts. They are having a fundraiser on Thursday, September 26 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Ave. North, Plymouth, MN. See elevatelifeusa.org for more information about the organization and the gala fundraiser.



Baseball: We lost a well-played game on Saturday, 6-3. I had a pop fly out to center field and coaxed a walk. Our final game(s) was on Saturday, September 21. I will likely have played in just play in the first game. Our team is among the very lowest teams in the standings. I am batting .083 (1 for 12) with a .154 on-base percentage. I have one RBI and 1 run. My highlight this year is that I haven't been injured.

Fr. Stan Mader

NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Brock Michael Carlson;
Child of Kevin & Kortney

Augustine Henry Burmis;
Child of Jake & Elli

DAILY MASS NOTE - Wednesday

Mass with the School on Wednesday, September 25 will be celebrated at the Lowry Nature Center at 8:15 am. *Please join us!*

CEMETERY NOTICE

Please have all decorations removed from the cemetery by October 1. *Thank you!*

LOST & FOUND

Items found in the church are placed inside a basket in the Narthex labeled "Lost & Found". Look for items you may have left behind there.

24-HOUR DROP BOX

Did you know we have a 24-hour drop box? If it is difficult for you to make it to the Parish Office during the day, you have the option to drop off items in the drop box located in the lobby at Door #1, on First Street (across from the church). The lobby is open all hours and the drop box is checked daily. There is also a drop box in the church by the main doors.

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to arrange for a Mass intention for a loved one? With "Collective" intentions on the weekends, we have more intentions open on the calendar. You can place a Mass Intention by coming into the Parish Office, Or you can call us at [952-442-2384](tel:952-442-2384) or by email at churchoffice@stjosephwaconia.org. The suggested donation is \$10.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	SEPT 23	6:30 pm	Don & Dave Schuler †
TUE	SEPT 24	8:15 am	Mary & Wally Lahl †
WED	SEPT 25	8:15 am	Karren Matuska †
THU	SEPT 26		No Mass
FRI	SEPT 27	8:15 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Gindt & Grote Families
SAT	SEPT 28	5:15 pm	Collective: Kathy, Brian & Eric Johnson † Alice Wickenhauser † Mark Buesgens †
SUN	SEPT 29	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	Collective: Russ & Winnie Whittaker † The Aaron Davis Family

* 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, 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

OCT 4	Blessing of the Animals 5:30 pm - Parking Lot
OCT 4	Saints Scavenger Hunt & Fall Activities 5:45-7:30 pm in the Church
OCT 11	Women of Joy: Pizza & Games Event 6:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Center
OCT 16-20	Fall Break - No School
NOV 1	All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass at 8:15 am with the School & 7:00 pm
NOV 1	Rake for a Reason St. Joseph School Service Day
NOV 2	All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance at 9:00 am

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00-9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
5:30 pm: Confession
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm: Mass
7:30 pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Holy Family Conf Rm)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Scripture Study (Parish Center)
9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
7:00 pm: OCIA/Catholicism Group Meeting (Parish Center)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
8:15 am: Mass with the School (Lowry Nature Center)
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm: EDGE (School)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (School)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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, SEPTEMBER 27

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

Know

Love

Serve



NICKLE DICKLE DAY

Raffle Winners & Basketball Events

This past weekend, St. Joseph was buzzing with activity on both Friday and Saturday! The Knights of Columbus kicked things off with their first-ever carb dinner and bingo night, setting the tone for a fun weekend. The school's athletic department also hosted its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and we're excited to share that they broke another record for team participation this year!

Throughout the day, our community kept the energy going with a Kids Zone at the playground. Nearly 100 children joined us for crafts, while Waconia Wrestling brought the fun with corn hole, and the Waconia Rotary held their always-popular duck races.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make these two busy days such a success. We can't wait to do it all again next year!



CONGRATULATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS!

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle!

\$2,500: Julie Strom

\$1,000: Mary Boll

\$500: Rose Laumann

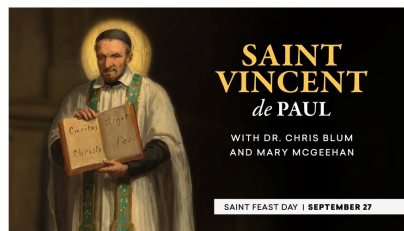
\$250 (x 4): Nick & Veronica Sterner,
Deacon Greg Miller, Victoria Wildung,
and Marlene Steinhagen

FORMED.ORG

The Catholic Faith On Demand

Check out these Formed picks for this week!

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St. Vincent de Paul | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share about the life of St. Vincent de Paul on this episode of Catholic Saints.



First Martyrs of the Church of Rome | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Mary McGeehan to discuss the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Killed under Emperor Nero in AD 64, the First Martyrs offer us a powerful witness of fidelity to Christ.

RAISING SAINTS INVITES YOU TO



PRAY VENT LAUGH

Pray.Vent.Laugh is a small group for parents and grandparents with young children. Plan to bring your kids and join us for prayer and fellowship.

THURSDAYS
8:45-10:00 am
Parish Center
(lower level of the church)

2024-25 DATES:

- September 26
- October 10 & 24
- November 14
- December 12
- January 9 & 23
- February 13 & 27
- March 27
- April 10 & 24
- May 8 & 22

AGENDA

8:45 am: Settle In

Allow Children to acclimate. *Snacks & Coffee will be offered!*

9:00 am: Opening Prayer

Connections & Conversations

Gospel Reflection

9:55 am: Closing Prayer

For more information, contact **Julie Loscheider**



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FREE
EVENT!



Raising Saints

SAINT SCAVENGER HUNT & FALL ACTIVITIES



Families with kids ages 0 to Grade 4 are invited to a FREE Family Event!

Join us for a scavenger hunt to find Saints' lost items around the church. Afterward, enjoy fun fall activities!

OCTOBER 6
6:00-7:30 PM

IN THE PARISH CENTER
(Lower Level of the Church)



RSVP TODAY!

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Blessing

OF THE ANIMALS

All are welcome to join us
on the Feast of St. Francis
for a Blessing of Animals!

OCTOBER 4
5:30 PM




IN THE **ST. JOSEPH PARKING LOT**









For More Information
www.stjosephwaconia.org

Taking a child in His arms, He said ...






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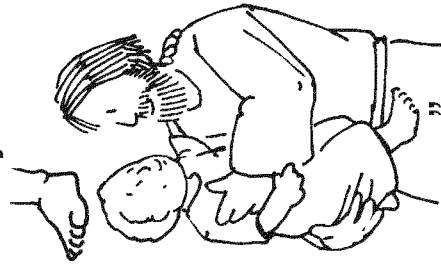






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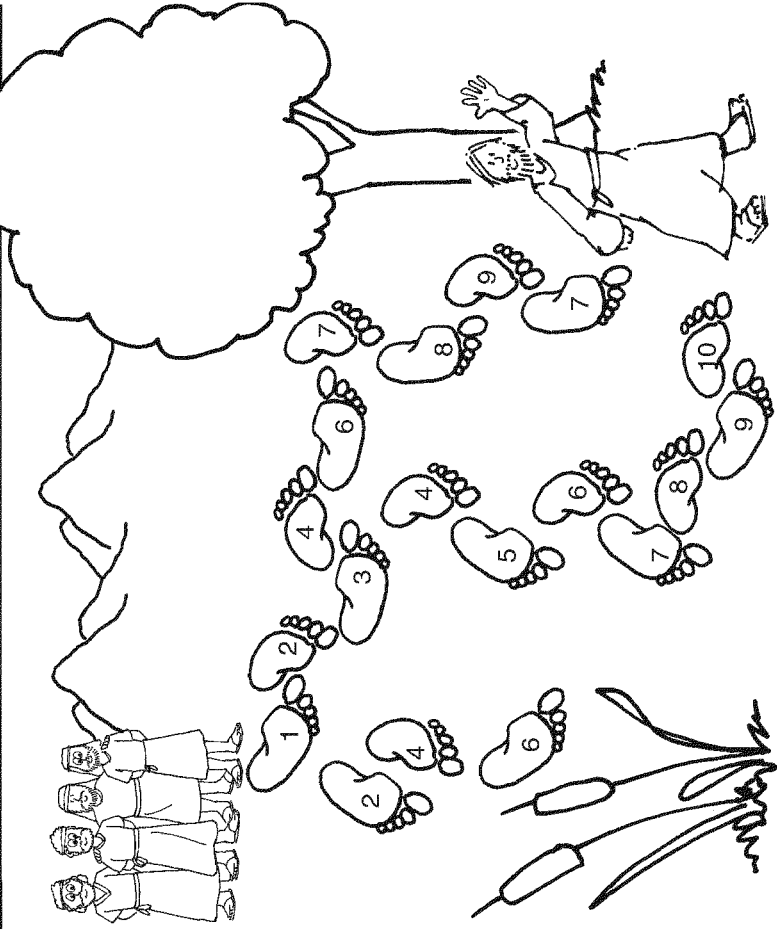







Who Is the Greatest?

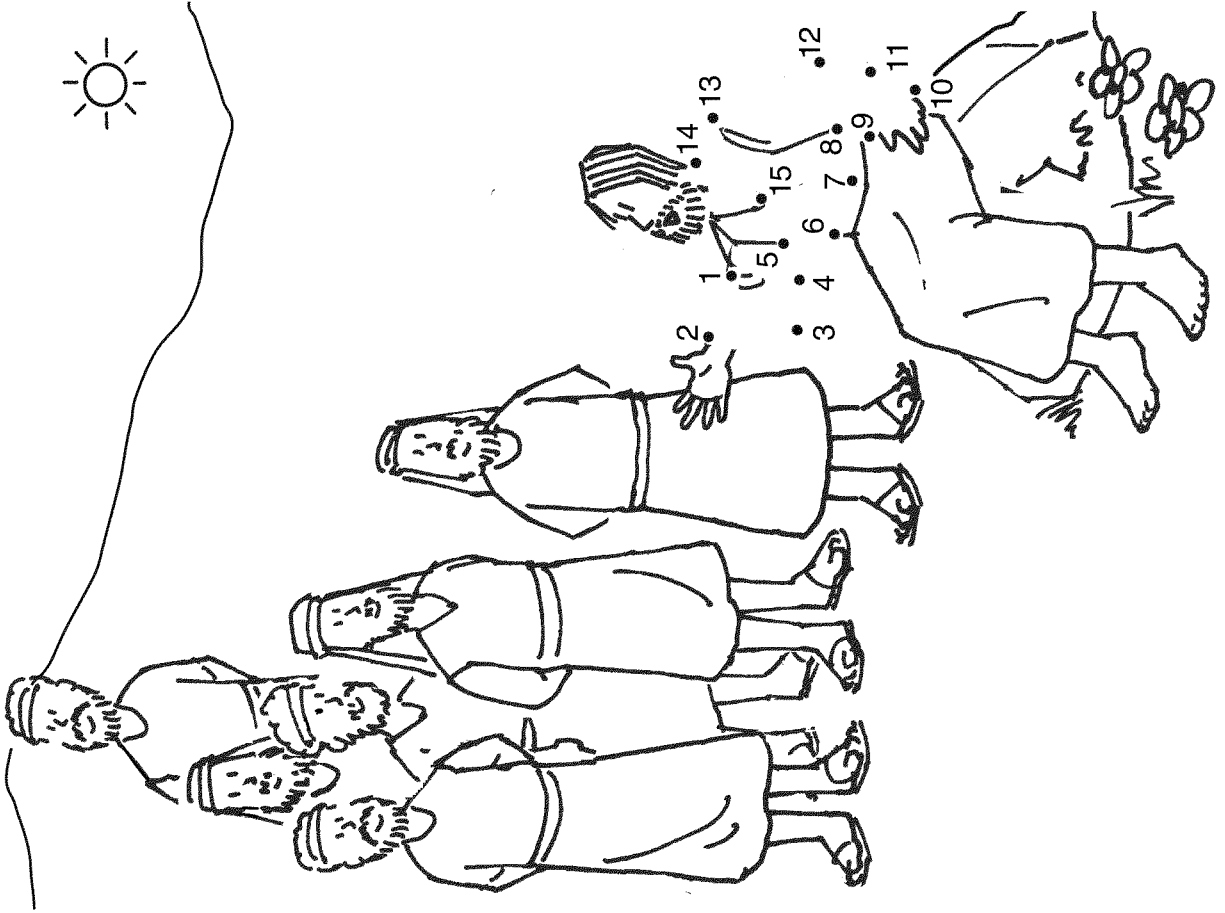
Jesus' disciples were arguing about who was the greatest.

Follow Jesus' footprints.
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Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be 1st must be the last."

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



Jesus said, "The greatest must be a servant to all."

Shade the shapes that have ●●●.

