

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

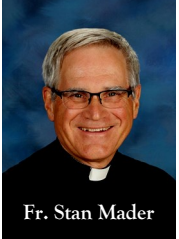
*Twenty Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

September 29, 2024



Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

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Fr. Stan Mader

October is a pro-life month. Our Pro-Life group will be presenting a series of issues highlighted by posters in the narthex and some articles in the bulletin. These are issues for all ages: certainly, abortion is one issue, and another is end-of-life issues, such as euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. It is also important to understand the laws in the state of Minnesota, and this information will be included in the material presented in the coming month.

You recall that *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision of 1973 which allowed abortion in many cases throughout the country, was overturned in the summer of 2022. The result of that decision (*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*) returned the power to regulate abortion to state and federal legislatures. This has made the focus of abortion, and often other life issues, focus on states even more so than at the federal level. In Minnesota, the party favoring more liberal abortion laws - indeed very liberal laws - had a slim margin in both houses of the state legislature. The Senate is currently split evenly with the one seat (*in the Woodbury area*) determining who will control the Senate. The house currently is split 68-64 between the DFL and Republicans respectively, with two vacancies. All 134 seats are up for election in 2024. Please inform yourselves of the positions of the various candidates in these and all important issues. Please take note of the displays you will see in October.

Pope Francis, who has often spoken more gently about some issues than some of his predecessors, has never gone soft on the issue of abortion. In January, he used the term "horrific" in his State of the World address. In 2021 he said, "Abortion is murder ... It's a human life, period." In 2023 he said, "Peace requires before all else the defense of life, a good that today is jeopardized ... through the promotion of an alleged 'right to abortion.' No one, however, can claim rights over the life of another human being, especially one who is powerless and thus completely defenseless. For this reason, I appeal to the consciences of men and women of goodwill, particularly those having political responsibilities, to strive to safeguard the rights of those who are weakest and to combat the throwaway culture." Most recently, on the papal plane, returning from his lengthy trip to Asia, Pope Francis, when to provide counsel to American Catholic voters in the upcoming election, noted first of all, since he is not American, he will not be voting, but also expressed his opinion that both major presidential candidates are against life and advised American Catholics to choose who they think is the "lesser evil" in the coming U.S. elections. No candidates were mentioned by name.

Various small groups continue to form. Check out our website on stjosephwaconia.org for a host of new opportunities.

Congratulations to Lucas and Taylor who are being married here on September 28, and Maison and Selena who will be married here on October 4.

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SILENT SAINTS

Kurt & Lisa Siebert



The recipients of
St. Joseph's
October 2
Day of Prayer are:

KURT & LISA SIEBERT

Thank you Kurt & Lisa
for your kindness,
generosity & support!

*We are blessed
to call you friends!*

SMALL GROUPS

Why Small Groups?

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Small Groups



Catholicism Scripture Mass Prayer Eucharist

Join a group now!

Small groups are an important way for us to form, nourish and shape our faith lives with others. They can help us, our family, and our friends to know, love and follow Jesus more closely and to live more joyful, abundant Christian lives. Scan the QR Code to visit stjosephwaconia.org for more information or to join a small group!



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

New to the Parish? WELCOME!

Contact Cheryl Salz
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Chuck Waleries • 952-270-4706

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



Final Baseball Report: We had our final games this past weekend. We lost the first game. It was a well-played effort, but ultimately a 6-1 defeat. I had to leave the second game after two innings, where we enjoyed a 6-1 lead, but I am uncertain of the final. We may have had our first victory. I did a little better, too. For the day I was two for four, on base three times (safe on an error once), and suffered an 8-pitch strikeout. I stole a base and scored a run. Final totals: 3 for 16, (.188 batting average); .294 on-base percentage, 1 RBI, 2 runs, 1 stolen base, and a .482 OPS. Far less than last year, but I enjoyed my time.

Fr. Stan Mader

NEWS & EVENTS

CEMETERY NOTICE - Tuesday

Please have all decorations removed from the cemetery by Tuesday, October 1.

BLESSING of the ANIMALS - Friday

Fr. Stan invites all animals—dogs, birds, cats, even horses, cows, and more—to the St. Joseph parking lot at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 4, for a blessing on the Feast of St. Francis!

SAINT SCAVENGER HUNT - Friday

On Friday, October 4 from 6:00-7:30 pm, 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!

FOOD SHELF REMINDER

Let us not forget those in need in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf or placed in the St. Joseph Outreach bins 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.

PIZZA & GAMES - RSVP by Oct 6

The Women of Joy invite all women (18+) to join us for a fun evening of Pizza & Games on Friday, October 11! Be sure to RSVP online by October 6 so we can order enough pizza for everyone. Flyers are available in the Narthex, and you can find more details online. Simply scan the QR code to sign up!



PARISH MISSION COMMITTEE

A parish mission is a special event designed to inspire and renew the faith of our Catholic community through a series of sermons and spiritual instruction. Its goal is to deepen our connection to God and encourage a more passionate practice of our faith. St. Joseph will be having a Parish Mission on March 23-26. To make this mission successful, we need a dedicated team of parishioners to help plan and host the event alongside parish staff. If you're interested in learning more about how you can be part of the committee, please contact Kirstin Bularzik at kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org.

ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Do you love bringing people together and making events unforgettable? We would love to have you join the St. Joseph Festival Committee! Help us plan and run our annual festival and contribute to a fun, vibrant parish celebration. Whether you're interested in being part of the planning or volunteering on the day of the event, we welcome your support. Contact Kirstin Bularzik at [952-442-3705](tel:952-442-3705) or email kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org to get involved. We look forward to working with you to make this event a big success!

PRAY with POPE FRANCIS

Papal Prayer Intention for October is for a shared mission. We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| MON | SEPT 30 | 6:30 pm | William & Jeannene Otto † |
| TUE | OCT 1 | 8:15 am | Denise Frank † |
| WED | OCT 2 | 8:15 am | <i>Collective:</i> Gary Svobodny † Kurt & Lisa Siebert (<i>Silent Saints</i>) |
| THU | OCT 3 | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| FRI | OCT 4 | 8:15 am | Mass of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| SAT | OCT 5 | 5:15 pm | St. Joseph Parishioners |
| SUN | OCT 6 | 8:30 am | <i>Collective:</i> Sawyer Post † Leo Gelhar † Living & Deceased Members of the Mercel & LaVerne Vos Family |
| | | 10:30 am | Luba Schulz † |

* 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

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| OCT 7 | "Rosary for Life" with Adoration 5:30 pm in the Church with Mass at 6:30 pm |
| 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 (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>) 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 |
| NOV 23 | Turkey & Fixings Event |

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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, OCTOBER 2

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
9:15 am: Coffee & Conversation
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*School*)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Parish Office Closed
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass
3:00 pm: Wedding (*Church*)
5:30 pm: Blessing of the Animals (*Parking Lot*)
6:00 pm: Saints' Scavenger Hunt (*Church*)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

Know

Love

Serve



YOUTH PARISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

SONAR Worship & Pat Millea

On Wednesday, September 18, we hosted an incredible praise and worship night for our middle and high school students, inspired by the Steubenville St. Paul summer conference. With around 250 students attending, the energy was amazing! The night kicked off with an inspiring talk by Pat Millea on the power of worship, followed by a hands-on session of praise, worship, and adoration. The evening wrapped up with a fantastic Christian music concert by SONAR Worship that had everyone on their feet!

A big thank you to our generous donors and dedicated volunteers for making this memorable night possible!



LET'S TALK ABOUT PRO-LIFE

In our modern world, we are faced with many difficult moral questions, and among the gravest is the issue of abortion. In the definitive teaching on human reproduction, *Humane Vitae*, the Church reaffirms that direct abortion, even for therapeutic reasons, is to be absolutely excluded as a lawful means of regulating the number of children.

Over time, our culture has shifted towards an ever greater degree of social and legal acceptance of abortion. Sadly, this creates a false perception of conflict between the well-being of a mother and the life of her child. The truth is that abortion often results in profound harm to the long-term psychological and emotional health of the mother, in addition to taking the life of the child.

In such challenging times, it is essential that we have the courage to confront the truth honestly and to speak clearly about the value of every human life. As St. John Paul II reminds us in *The Gospel of Life*, we are called to recognize the dignity of life from its very beginning until natural death and to stand firm in defending it. Please join us in praying our annual "Rosary for Life" on October 7 at 5:30 pm with Adoration prior to Mass which will be celebrated at 6:30 pm.



**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 4
6:00-7:30 PM

IN THE PARISH CENTER
(Lower Level of the Church)



RSVP TODAY!

For more information, contact **Julie Loscheider**



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jloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org

AT THE DOOR
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OCTOBER 11
6:00-8:30 PM

IN THE PARISH CENTER
(Lower Level of the Church)

Pizza AND **GAMES**

YOU'RE INVITED!

ALL WOMEN AGES 18+

Join the Women of Joy
for an evening of fun,
fellowship, and
encouragement!

Enjoy delicious pizza as
we play Mexican Trains.
An easy-to-learn, fun to play,
table-top domino game!

A gluten-free pizza option
will be available.



YOUR TICKET TO PLAY!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH | 41 EAST FIRST STREET, WACONIA, MN 55387

PIZZA & GAMES REGISTRATION

*Register online, or fill out the form below to leave
in a drop box, collection basket or the Parish Office (attn: Cheryl Salz).*

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ GLUTEN-FREE: Y N



Knights of Columbus
Soccer

Challenge

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Event: Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Location: Klein Drive Park

Date: Sunday, September 29, 2024 Time: 4:00-5:00 pm

Contact: Trent Klein 952-201-1107

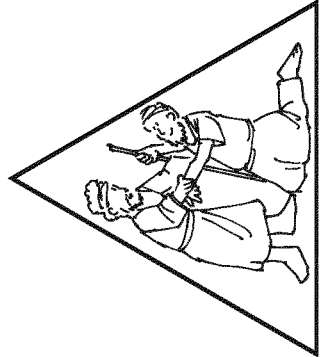
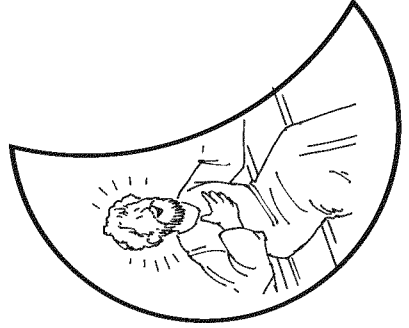
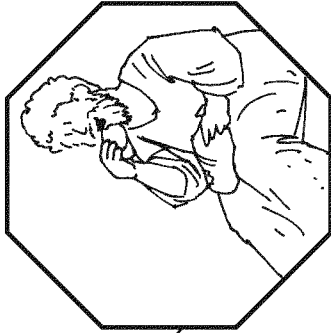
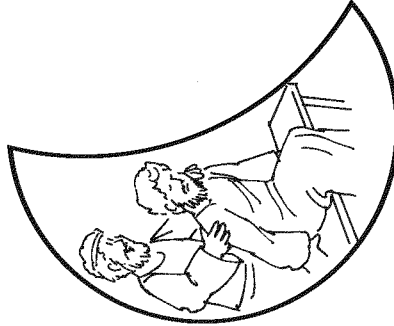
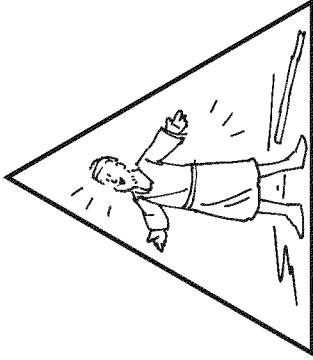
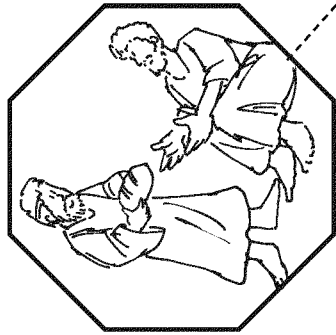


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Jesus said, "No one who helps in My name will lose their reward."

Match the shapes.



In Jesus' Name

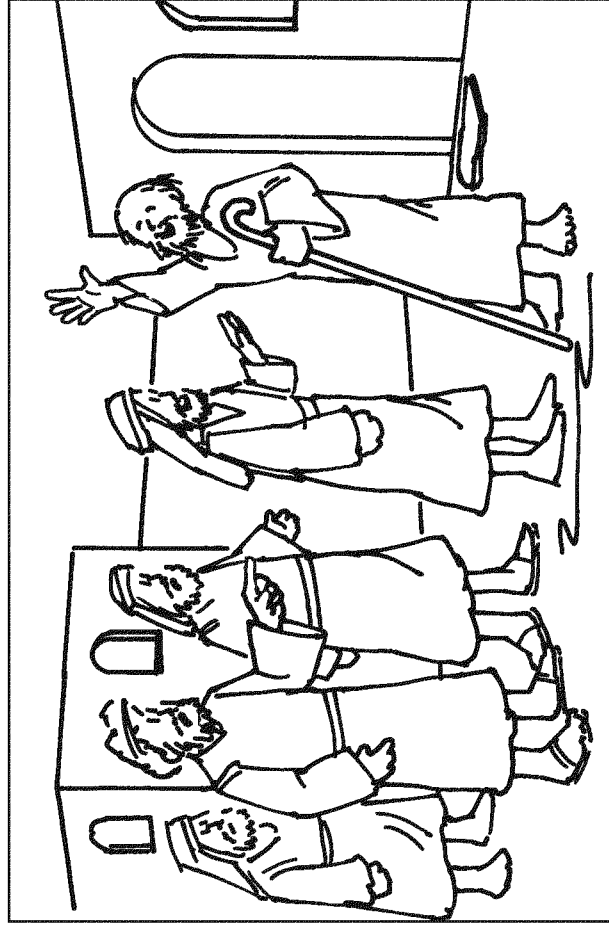
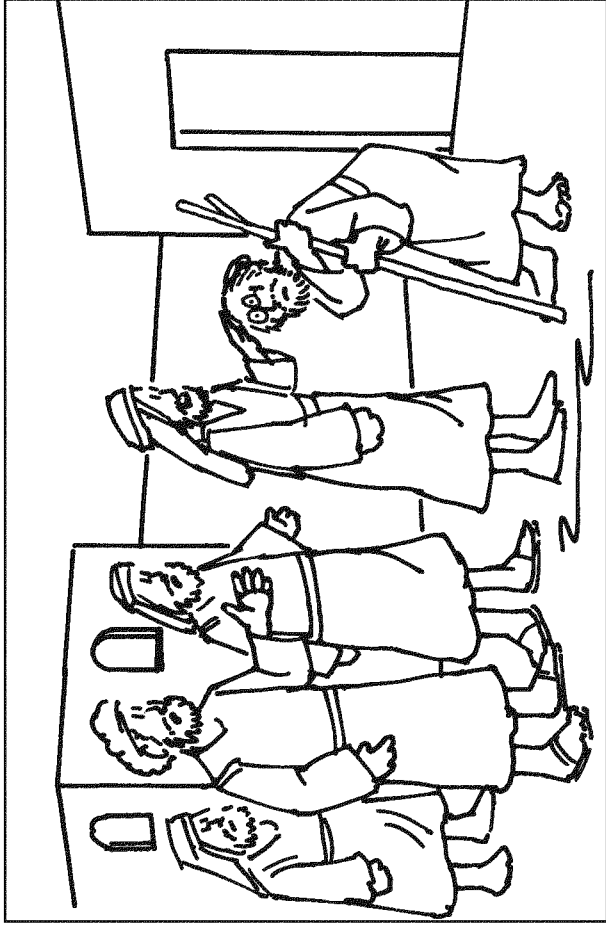
The disciples told Jesus about a man who was healing people in His name.

Find the hidden objects in the picture below.



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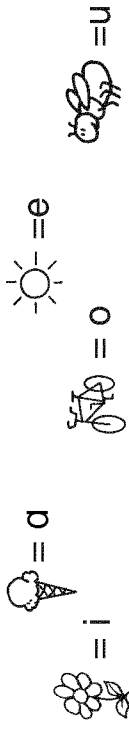
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Jesus said, "Do not stop him."



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 bicycle flowers flowers

f _ r _ _ s."
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