

Fr. Stan Mader

OCIA (*Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is the new name for RCIA. It is a process by which people explore becoming Catholic. It is about a six-month process of learning about Jesus, the teaching of the Catholic faith, learning some ways of prayer, and drawing closer to Christ. In the end, if they are ready for it, and choose to, they will become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. If they have never been baptized, they would be baptized. If they have not received Holy Communion before, they receive that sacrament for the first time. They will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. (*The term confirmation is used in several Christian traditions for a ceremony, but it is different than Catholic Confirmation, so we "re-do" that.*) These Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil in April. These classes will begin this Tuesday night at 7:00 pm in our parish center. We will usually meet three times a month until April. Topics will be different every night, covering those topics most non-Catholics wonder about, such as Mary and the saints, confession, the pope, "last rites", etc., but also a rather thorough presentation of how we look at scripture, what Sacraments are, the Creed, what the Trinity is, how

we view death and resurrection, quite a bit about the Mass and the Eucharist, Church history, how to live out the faith, i.e. morality, which covers so much more than sex or vices. The topics change a bit from year to year depending on the interests and backgrounds of the people who are coming. If someone knows nothing about Christianity, you need to start with the concept of one God. If everyone has been Christian all their lives and is already familiar with the rituals, the leader can go deeper into other areas. It is about more than gathering information, more than a class. It is a journey to come to know Christ and a journey we walk in a community. If you, or someone you know, want to learn more, please call me at [952-442-3700](tel:952-442-3700). If people are interested later in the fall, they can still join! Maybe you can come and scout it out for them and invite them later.

This year it is open to everyone in the parish. I am hoping some parish members decide to experience it for themselves and can walk with someone new to the faith. We have two 9<sup>th</sup> graders and other young adults in the group this year, along with a dozen who are already Catholic. Come, join this unique small group. Almost all

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**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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*New to the Parish? WELCOME!*

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

the teaching will be live and interactive. About 20 sessions total and will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday nights.

It is time for my annual essay, "What Did We Do on Our Summer Vacation?" Here are some things that staff participated in, and parishioners attended since school let out at the end of May, in addition to the regular Masses, funerals, baptisms, and weddings.

Several members of the parish participated in the "Source and Summit" Eucharistic Procession along the entire length of Summit Avenue in St. Paul. There was a magnificent farewell to Mr. Sutherland who retired from the school. School supporters hosted a successful Fore the Students golf tournament in June. We had a St. Joseph Night at Lions Field at one of the games of the newly crowned State Baseball Champion Waconia Lakers. We tried to have a number of meetings with college students at home for the summer. The Synod Evangelization team met several times to determine the small group opportunities for this fall. Several children were brought up to speed on being baptized and/or receiving first reconciliation and first communion. Our deacons were assigned to local parishes. The budget was approved. Several of our teens had a great experience on our first Mission Trip in years and are ready to go to St. Louis for another one next year. Others went to Steubenville North and are excited about going again. In the school, there were several camps: Vacation Bible School; Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp, STEM Camp. Several from our parish went to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, attended by over 50,000 people. The floors in the education building were cleaned and gleamed again. Parts of our grounds were given new grass seedings. Some diseased trees were taken down. We had a significant presence at the National Night Out. The Knights of Columbus hosted another Respect Life Picnic, and had other meetings and gatherings. We had a staff retreat day. The school put on a back-to-school night. There were six youth group gatherings during the summer, and Camp Impact, for middle schoolers, had the largest attendance in its history. New staff were hired and began their new jobs. The school hosted a welcome-back night days before school restarted on August 26. We negotiated the purchase of the Peterson House. Once again, it was a full summer, and, so far, it seems September is busier. The Spirit is moving!



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## NEWS & EVENTS

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### SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Nelson Villegas, Germain Buesgens, Peggy Scott, Mary Meyer, and Aaron Davis. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS NEEDED

We are seeking Eucharistic Adorers on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00 pm and on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you feel called to spend an hour in prayer during these times, please email us at [adoration@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:adoration@stjosephwaconia.org).

### MASS with ANOINTING - Sept 17

Join us at 8:15 am on Tuesday, September 17 as we celebrate Mass along with the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick. A family member, friend, or neighbor may not know about this opportunity and may need help with transportation. *Spread the good news!*

### NICKLE DICKLE RAFFLE TICKETS

Did You Receive SJ Nickle Dickle Day Raffle tickets? If not and you would like them, please stop by or contact the parish office by calling [952-442-2384](tel:952-442-2384) or at [churchoffice@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjosephwaconia.org).

### 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL - Sept 14

*Nickle Dickle Day*

Registration is still open! Each fall, St. Joseph hosts its annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in conjunction with Waconia's Nickle Dickle Day. This event benefits our Athletic Program. Teams from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through adult are invited to register and join in the fun! Learn more and register online at [stjosephwaconia.org](http://stjosephwaconia.org).

### UPDATED CHURCH HOURS

As summer winds down, please note that the church will now be open daily from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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MON	SEPT 9	6:30 pm	Edward Miller †
TUE	SEPT 10	8:15 am	Georgiana Johnson †
WED	SEPT 11	8:15 am	<i>Collective:</i> Living & Deceased Members of the Lambert & Isabelle Tellers Family Judy Rademacher † Keith Hoof †
THU	SEPT 12		<i>No Mass</i>
FRI	SEPT 13	8:15 am	Mick Giesen †
SAT	SEPT 14	5:15 pm	<i>Collective:</i> Marilyn E. Kelzer † Carol Stahlke † Kellie Harvat †
SUN	SEPT 15	8:30 am	<i>Collective:</i> Margaret Eiden † Living & Deceased Members of the John & Regina Pieper Family
		10:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners

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

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## PRAY

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### 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.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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SEPT 17	Mass with Anointing   8:15 am <i>Speakers on "Later Life Financial Planning"</i> 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 Center
OCT 4	Blessing of the Animals   5:30 pm - Parking Lot

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## THIS WEEK

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

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### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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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*)  
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)  
7:00 pm: OCIA (*Parish Center*)

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### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)  
8:15 am: Mass with the school  
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)  
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*Church*)  
6:00 pm: EDGE (*School*)  
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)

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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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*Parish Office Closed*  
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)  
8:15 am: Mass  
9:00 am: Grief Share Group (*St. Peter Room*)  
5:00-8:00 pm: Carb Load & BINGO (*Commons*)

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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 *Nickle Dickle Day*

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11:00 am-3:00 pm: 3-on-3 Tournament (*Parking Lot*)  
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession  
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)  
5:15 pm: Mass  
6:15 pm: Slam Dunk Contest (*School Gym*)  
7:00 pm: Raffle Drawing (*Commons*)

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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

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# PRAISE & WORSHIP

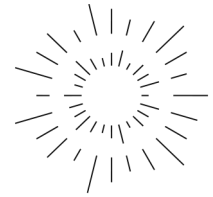
FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

Calling all youth in grades 6-12! Join us for an unforgettable evening of Praise & Worship on Wednesday, September 18, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the St. Joseph School Gym. The evening will feature live music from SONAR WORSHIP, a dynamic and uplifting band that will lead us in worship. We're also excited to welcome speaker Pat Millea, who will share an inspiring message that you won't want to miss.

This is a FREE event and a wonderful opportunity to come together with friends, deepen your faith, and experience the joy of worship. Bring your energy, your enthusiasm, and your friends for a night that promises to be both fun and spiritually enriching!



PAT MILLEA



SONAR WORSHIP



## NOTE of GRATITUDE

*Thank you Jeff Klein, JDK Trucking & Jason Pawelk!*

On August 26, we experienced a day of intense heat and humidity, with heat indices soaring above 100 degrees. Later that evening and into the early hours of Tuesday, two rounds of severe weather hit the area. Wind gusts reaching 65 mph or higher caused significant damage to many trees in Waconia and across the metro area.

At St. Joseph, we had several trees come down in the Catholic Cemetery, as well as on the school and church grounds. The cleanup was substantial—three dump trucks were filled with debris from the Cemetery alone, and an additional two dump trailers were needed to clear the school and church grounds.

We extend a huge thank you to Jeff Klein, Jason Pawelk, and JDK Trucking & Excavating for their hard work in clearing away the trees and debris!

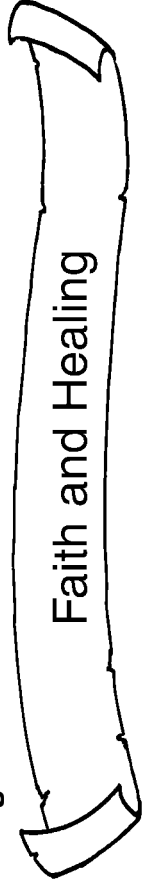
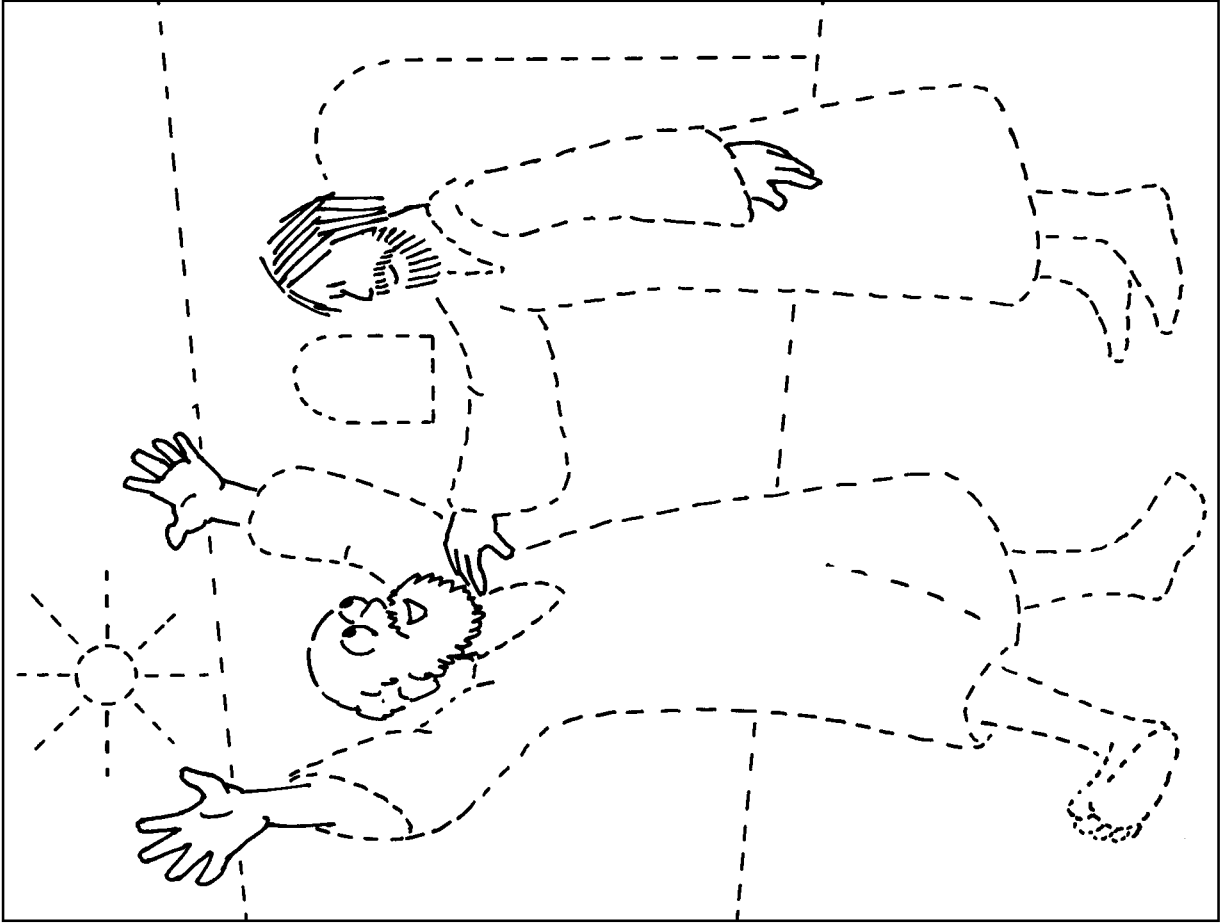


Ages 3+

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Jesus made the man well.

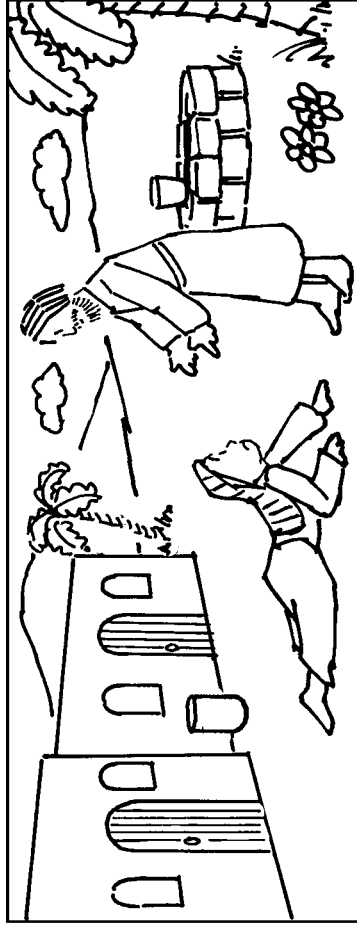
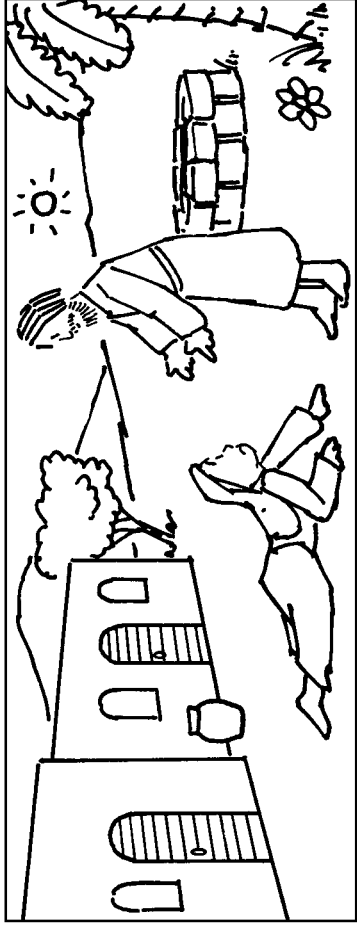
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## Faith and Healing

A woman came to Jesus for help.  
She bowed at His feet.

Circle 10 things that are different in the bottom picture.



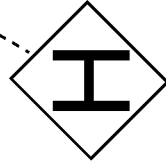
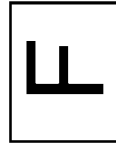
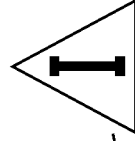
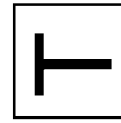
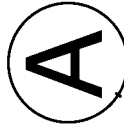
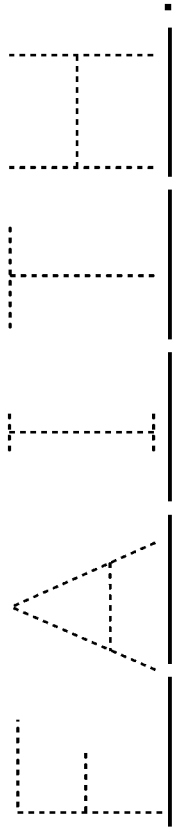


The woman's daughter  
was ill. She knew  
only Jesus could  
help her.



Follow the lines to the letters. Trace the letters.

She had



A man's friends took him to see Jesus for  
help. The man could not hear or speak.

Help the man get to Jesus.

