



Fr. Stan Mader

After the celebration of Mass on Tuesday, October 29, we will have a reception for Sandy Rosetter and Bonnie Delaney in the parish center. Everyone is welcome. I encourage you to join them at Mass at 8:15 am and then come downstairs afterward to congratulate them on their retirement (*or as Bonnie prefers, her "graduation"*). Refreshments will be served. The staff and some parish leadership attended an event several weeks ago, but we also wanted to have an opportunity for everyone to say thank you for their time here. Both have been continuing to coach their successors for a few weeks and even a day or more this past week. We thank them for their time here and for their desire to make the transition smooth.

Elections are a week from Tuesday. In addition to the presidential race, there is one U. S. Senate seat to fill in Minnesota, all the U. S. House seats, all the state house seats, and many local contests, including Waconia Mayor, some city council seats, and some local school board seats. Many judgeships are up for a vote as well. Please inform yourselves and vote. The US Council of Catholic Bishops

has an impressive document, ["Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"](#) a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. It has footnotes and is about 60 pages long. There are other helpful documents on the [uscgb.org](#) website. One is a [single page](#) regarding what it means to form one's conscience. Among the things it says is that our conscience just does not come to us, it must be formed so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by being open to the truth and what is right.
- 2) Study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.
- 3) Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) Prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God.

Many of these things, and others on the single sheet, and in the longer document which is more about participation in

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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 & Thur: 5:00pm - 9:00 pm
Tues: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wed: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

ROSARY

Half hour before every daily Mass
Sat: 4:45 pm
Sun: 8:00 am

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

the public square and voting, are helpful in any examination of conscience. I encourage all of you to do that every night, even if just for a minute or two. How did the day go? When were you most joyful? When most anxious? Now in a moment of quiet reflection, how did God touch you that day? What happened a few times that you now see a message? Where did I fall short of loving others? It all makes for a richer, more satisfying life to see where we are. "The conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is that voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil." (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015, no. 17.)

In recent weeks, several people have asked me whether the trip to Greece is still on for June 3-15. The answer is yes! There are 23 people signed up for the trip at this time, not all from our parish. Three nights in Athens and seven on a ship, followed by a final night in Athens. The trip traces some of the steps of Paul, visiting Athens, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Ephesus as well as some islands. The cost is estimated to be about \$5,200 plus airfare. Some meals will be on your own. Full refund if you cancel before February 3, 2025. See the button on the homepage of our website for more information and a link to the trip organizer, Magi Travel.

As reported last week, we have closed on the Peterson House at 4 South Pine. I will be moving in there in the coming weeks, creating more opportunities for use of the current rectory.

We have received notice that the lease on 19 Main Street (*the blue house*) will end at the end of November. Two entities have expressed interest in leasing some space there. We are considering our options.

Thank you to Fr. Steve Ulrick who will preside at Mass on Wednesday while I am away for a Catholic Rural Life meeting. I will be gone from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday afternoon.

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NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Philip Sweeney, Eldon Peterson, and Merlyn Eiden. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish office hours are now Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES - Friday

Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on Friday, November 1 at 8:15 am & 7:00 pm.

RAKE for a REASON - Friday

Join us for our annual Rake-for-a-Reason event! We'll start the day with All Saints' Day Mass at 8:15 am. Alumni are welcome to join our students as we serve our community by raking and cleaning up yards for local seniors. It's a great way to live out our faith and reconnect with students, staff, parents, and alumni. Donations to support the event and school programs are appreciated.

Contact the school office if you'd like to help in any way. Let's come together in faith, service, and fellowship!

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS - Saturday

A Special Mass of Remembrance for those who have passed away this past year will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 am.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance is available in the Narthex. You are invited to write in the names of your loved ones who passed away this past year. (*If you have already added a name, you do not need to do so again.*) Those whose names are written in the book will be remembered at our November Masses.

SAINTS WAX MUSEUM - Nov 6

Please join St. Joseph School and the 5th grade class to celebrate Mass on Wednesday, November 6 at 8:15 am. Following Mass, our 5th grade students will be hosting a "Saints Wax Museum" in the Parish Center (*lower level of the church*). Join us to see our 5th grade students dressed as their favorite Saint!

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	OCT 28	6:30 pm	Lenny Peitz †
TUE	OCT 29	8:15 am	Living & Deceased Members of the James & Francis Kirsch and Lawrence & Evelyn Schuler Families
WED	OCT 30	8:15 am	Collective: Fr. Robert Valit † Joan Parker †
THU	OCT 31		No Mass
FRI	NOV 1	8:15 am	Carol Stahlke †
		7:00 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SAT	NOV 2	9:00 am	Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
		5:15 pm	Collective: Gordon & Alice Wickenhauser † George Johnson †
SUN	NOV 3	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	Collective: Philip Sweeney † Christine Catlin John † and Evon U'ren

* 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.

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

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 Mtng (*Holy Family Conf Rm*)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Farwell Gathering for Sandy & Bonnie (*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 30

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with Fr. Steve Ulrick
5:00 - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*Off Site*)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation | Rake-for-a-Reason
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
7:00 pm: Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 All Souls' Day

9:00 am: Mass of Remembrance
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

LOOKING AHEAD

NOV 9 Second Saturday Rosary & Speaker Event
9:00 am in the Church & Parish Center

NOV 10 Youth Group: "Fall Festival"
6:00 pm in the Parish Center

NOV 10 Evening Mass
7:30 pm in the Chapel (Lower Level)

NOV 11 Veteran's Day Program
2:00 pm in the School Gym

NOV 14 Pray.Vent.Laugh.
8:45 am in the Parish Center

NOV 14 Kindergarten Information Night!
5:00-7:00 pm in the School Gym

In Loving Memory

of our parishioners who passed away this past year. Including those buried in our cemetery, and whose funeral was held at St. Joseph.

Carol Stahlke	Judith Rademacher
Lindsay Block	Steven Ebert
Harold Stacken	Debra Vanderlinde
Gerald Eveslage	Allen Timmers
Alice Wickenhauser	Alfred Cannon
Mary Lu Rasmussen	Floyd Haugh
Phyllis Schmitz	Peggy Scott
Judith Pulkrabek	Germain Buesgens
Jeffrey Craine-Alfaro	Dr. J. Aaron Davis
Jane Burford	Mary Meyer
Bernadine Seitz	L. Arloa Molstad
Dale Schmaltz	Rudolph "Rudy" Borowicz
Theresa "Tess" Truman	Leslie "Les" Janski
Dean Schmaltz	Luba Schulz
Debra Erling	Martha Eckman
William Hilgers	

MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

UPPER ROOM

St. Joseph Small Groups!

We welcome anyone to join a small group, no matter where they are on their faith journey! No experience is needed in a topic to join a group. Small groups encourage a sense of belonging and create a vibrant culture of fellowship. Small groups are a part of the Synod implementation for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis & St. Paul. A way of "Being Parish" as is seen in the Upper Room.

Check out the small groups offered by scanning the QR Code!



COME & SEE

VIRTUS

Protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults.



Learn more about VIRTUS, which is an Archdiocesan initiative for cultivating an environment of awareness for the protection of our children and vulnerable adults by going online to stjosephwaconia.org/virtus. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Richards at srichards@stjosephwaconia.org.



Photo by Mariam Dalancy

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

For September 2024

WEEKEND OFFERTORY:

September 2024, 396 Donors, 899 Contributions \$ 70,558

September 2023, 380 Donors, 683 Contributions \$ 80,375

Contributions to Special Funds

Capital Repairs & Maintenance \$ 1,590

2nd Collection - St. Joseph School \$ 8,317

YEAR TO DATE (July 2024 - September 2024)

Total Offertory Contributions \$ 222,500

Last year, same period \$ 220,082

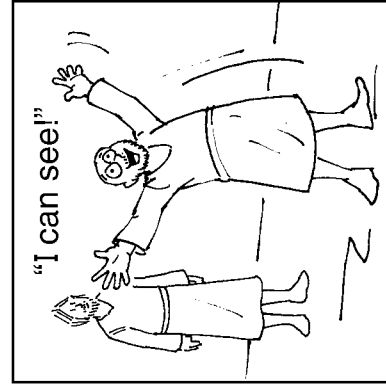
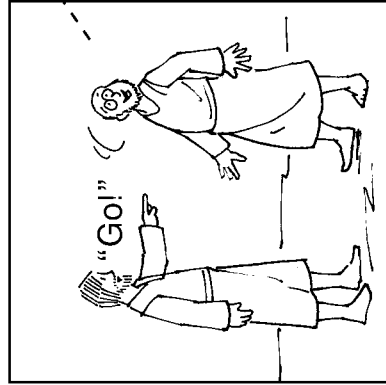
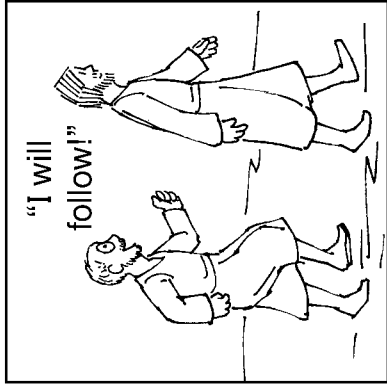


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Scan the QR Code to sign up today for electronic giving! Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Joseph Catholic Community! **Questions?** Contact Chris Parker at 952-442-3702 or cparker@stjosephwaconia.org.

Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.”
Bartimaeus could see. He followed Jesus.

Put the pictures in the correct order.



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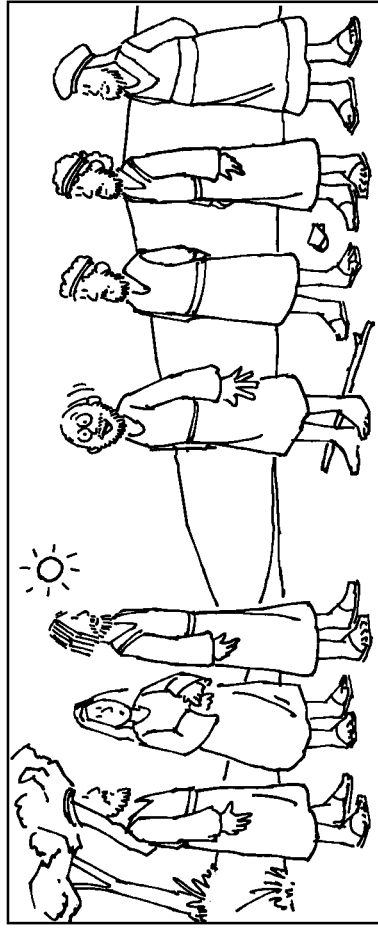
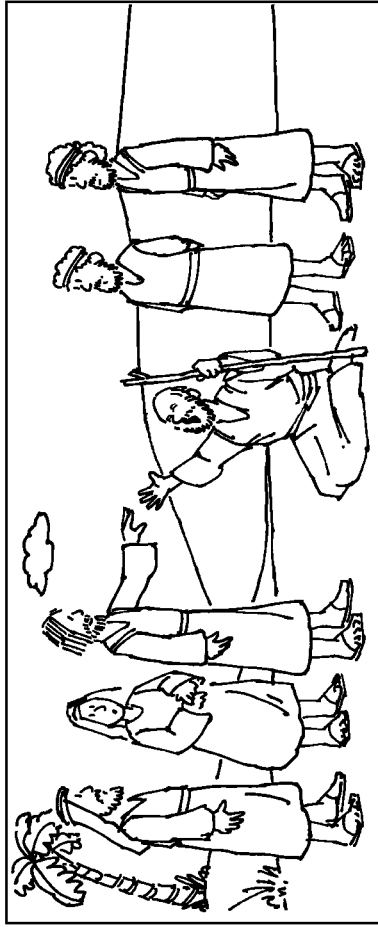
Ages 3+

October 27, 2024 • Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and Bartimaeus

Jesus and His disciples met Bartimaeus. He could not see.

Circle 6 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

Bartimaeus shouted. Many told him to be quiet. But he continued to shout ...

Trace the vowels. a e i o

“Son of
David, have
mercy
on me!”



Jesus asked, “What do you want?”
Bartimaeus said, “I want to see!”

Follow the steps to draw Bartimaeus with open eyes.



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

