



Fr. Stan Mader

You see alongside this article a welcome to Sheila Wald, who will be our new Office Coordinator (*aka Administrative Assistant position*) in the Parish Office . We are very happy to introduce her to you and hope she will have a long and happy experience of working at St. Joseph. Sheila comes to us from Mandan, North Dakota. She grew up on a farm south of Bismarck and has worked for many years in various administrative roles. She holds a BA from Mary University in addition to an AA degree.

Sandy Rosetter, who has served as our Administrative Assistant for 21 years, and Bonnie Delaney, who has been with us for 27 years as an accountant and occasionally as our Business Administrator, will be retiring this month. We have a celebration with the staff planned for this week. Sandy will be staying on for a few weeks to help Sheila in the transition. When she has finished working here, we will have a reception for her after a morning Mass, which she has attended almost daily for years. We will miss both Sandy and Bonnie, their history with our parish, and their wisdom and abilities. By the time most of you read this, we will have completed our interviews for the accounting position.

Our small groups continue. It is not too late to join the OCIA group which meets about three times a month, on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center (lower level of the church). If you, or someone you know, is “thinking about thinking about” becoming Catholic, this is for them. If you just want to

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WELCOME!

A warm welcome for Sheila Wald!



Sheila Wald

Sheila will be joining our parish staff as our new Parish Office Coordinator on October 7. She brings with her; office experience of all kinds and we look forward to working with her!

Sandy Rosetter will spend a couple of weeks training her in and getting her acquainted with everything St. Joe’s! Sandy’s last full day in the office will be Thursday, October 17. Join us in welcoming Sheila to our St. Joseph community!

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!

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

more about the Catholic Church, how we look at scriptures, and what we teach and believe, it is for you. Check out "Small Groups" by clicking the button on the website homepage. Between the PECS groups started this Fall, and the legacy groups, we have almost 200 people who attend regularly in the 20 or so groups!

The focus of this year is on the Mass and Eucharist. There will be some events throughout the Archdiocese regarding this, and we are offering classes on those topics in our small groups. In the coming weeks, I will also be presenting some ideas and explanations of the Mass in a series of weeks to try to deepen everyone's appreciation and understanding of the Eucharist.

We have received approval to move forward with the purchase of the Peterson home at 4 South Pine Street, with an expected closing date of October 15.

The Synod on Synodality's second and final session runs from October 2 to October 27. My seminary neighbor, Bishop Juan Carlos Bravo Salazar, is again one of the delegates representing the bishops of Venezuela.

On Monday, October 28, at 1:00 pm, the feast of the apostles Sts. Simon and Jude, Most Reverend Kevin Kenney will be ordained a bishop at the Cathedral in St. Paul. You are all welcome to attend this impressive ceremony. If you are unable to attend in person, it will be live-streamed on the Archdiocesan Facebook page. It will also be available on metro cable channel six. Bishop-elect Kenney will be the second auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese. He had been the vicar for the Latino Ministry and is very proficient in Spanish. His most recent, and continuing assignment, has been as pastor of St. Olaf in downtown Minneapolis. He also had several other duties. He had spent some time before seminary working in challenging areas of Chicago, working to keep young men out of gangs, among other things. He received most of his seminary training while discerning whether to join the Claretian religious order. Eventually, he returned to complete his studies to be a diocesan priest. He is the most recent of numerous priests from our Archdiocese to be named a bishop.

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NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Adelaide Vivian Butz;
Child of Daniel & Jenifer
Emma Lorelle Savaryn;
Child of Isaac & Macy

ROSARY FOR LIFE - Monday

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

We will have our monthly second collection for World Mission Sunday. Online donations can be made online at stjosephwaconia.org (Scan the QR Code!) or in the memo line on checks please add World Mission Sunday collection. Thank you!



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!



SMALL GROUPS

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic? Try OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) which meets 3 Tuesdays a month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center (lower level of the church). New groups starting in October. Join a group today! Check the website for details.



Know

Love

Serve

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	OCT 7	6:30 pm	Mary & Wally Lahl †
TUE	OCT 8	8:15 am	Al Cannon †
WED	OCT 9	8:15 am	Collective: Steve Ebert † Sharon Richards † Steven Anleitner †
THU	OCT 10		No Mass
FRI	OCT 11	8:15 am	Terry Barrett †
SAT	OCT 12	5:15 pm	Collective: Carol Schugg † Mary B. Donnay † Donald Tellers †
SUN	OCT 13	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	Leo Gelhar †

* 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 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
NOV 23	Turkey & Fixings Event
NOV 28	Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 am No Adoration Parish Office closed on Nov 28-29

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00-9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
5:30 pm: "Rosary For Life" with Adoration (Church)
5:30 pm: Confession
6:30 pm: Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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 9

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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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, OCTOBER 11

Parish Office Closed
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
6:00 pm: Women of Joy: Pizza & Games (Parish Center)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday
9:00 am: Second Saturday Rosary
9:30 am: Coffee & Conversations (Parish Center)
4:00-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Second Collection: World Mission Sunday
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
6:00 pm: Youth Group (Parish Center)
7:30 pm: Mass (Chapel)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr. Siebenaler has been honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from Saint Paul Seminary.

Fr. Martin Siebenaler, a 91 year-old retired Priest and alumnus of the Saint Paul Seminary, continues to inspire through his enduring commitment to priestly ministry. Ordained in 1959, Fr. Siebenaler's extensive career includes pastoral work in several Minnesota parishes and significant contributions to the Catholic community. Fr. Siebenaler served as pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Loretto from 1972 to 1986 and then St. Joseph in Waconia from 1986 to 2002. Today, he still celebrates Mass, hears confessions and offers Anointing of the Sick at the Allina Health United Hospital Hastings Regina campus and nearby Benedictine Living Community.

Quoted from the Ceremony Program, September 24, 2024



LET'S TALK *about* PRO-LIFE

The Catholic Church upholds the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. We are called to care for those who are disabled, ill, or nearing the end of life. Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) poses a danger to healthcare choices and the lives of vulnerable individuals. Life is a Gift from God, and we are stewards of that life. The Church teaches that assisted suicide and direct euthanasia are morally unacceptable (CCC. 2277). Medical Professionals' involvement in ending life raises ethical concerns, undermines trust, and increases the risk of elder abuse. Instead of PAS, policies that support palliative care and address the needs of those facing serious illnesses. True compassion means providing quality care and support, not offering a prescription to end life.

Act in defense of life by visiting www.EthicalCareMN.org and use the button to send a message to legislatures, expressing your opposition to assisted suicide.

Interested in more information and guidance on end-of-life topics? Please plan to join us on Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 am in the Parish Center for a presentation on Catholic Health Care Directives.

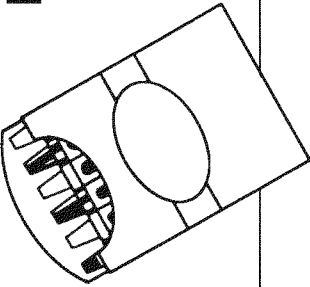
NOTE of GRATITUDE

From St. Joseph STEM School

Thank you for your generosity during the Second Collection for September!

We are incredibly grateful to the 52 generous supporters who contributed a total of \$7,322 during the Second Collection campaign in September for St. Joseph STEM School. The kindness and support of these benefactors make a profound impact on our school, allowing us to provide vital financial aid to students in need. Because of them, we can continue our mission of offering an excellent Catholic education with a focus on STEM, nurturing the minds and spirits of our students. Thank you for making a difference in our students and families lives. We shared 31 pints of Fr. Stan's delicious raspberries!

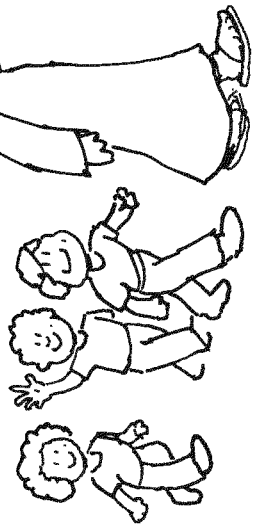
Thank you all "Berry Much!"



But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me." Then He took them in His arms and ...

Trace the letters.

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Jesus and the Children

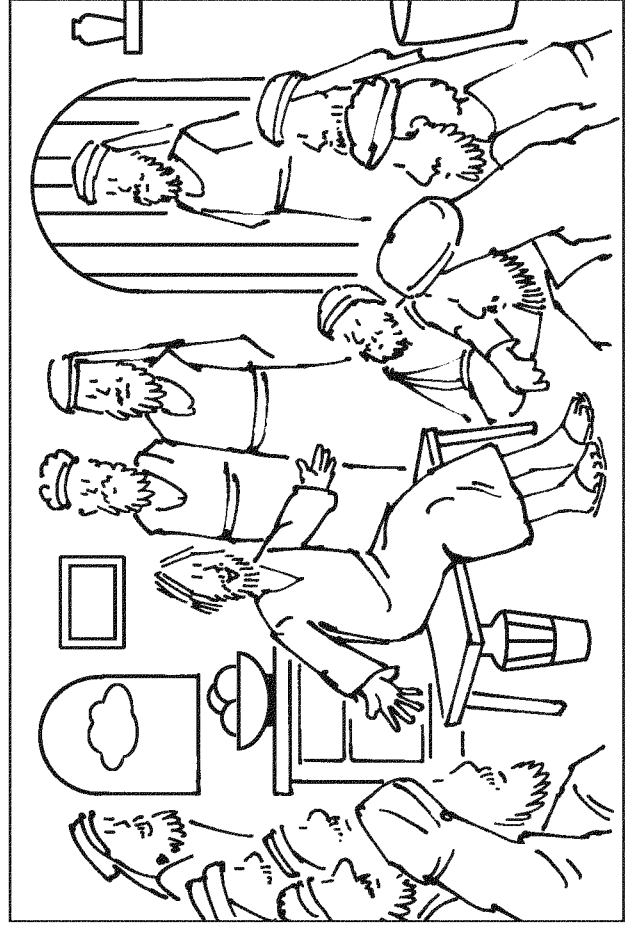
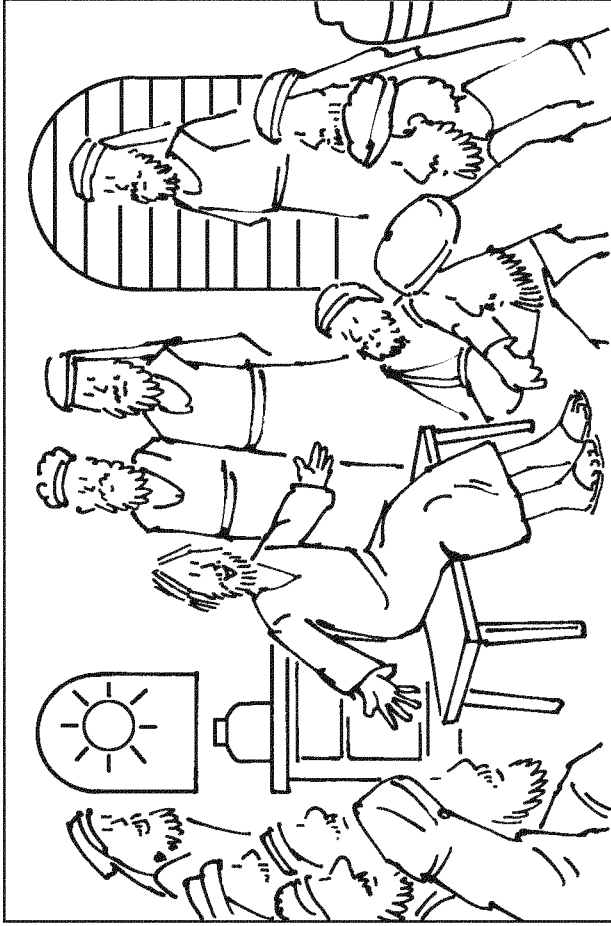
Some Pharisees asked Jesus a trick question about marriage. So He taught them from the Scriptures.

Circle 5 's' and 6 ?'s



Jesus taught His disciples some more later, when they were alone.

Circle 7 differences in the bottom picture.



People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples said no.

Help the children get to Jesus.

Follow the numbers 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9.

