

ST JOSEPH

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

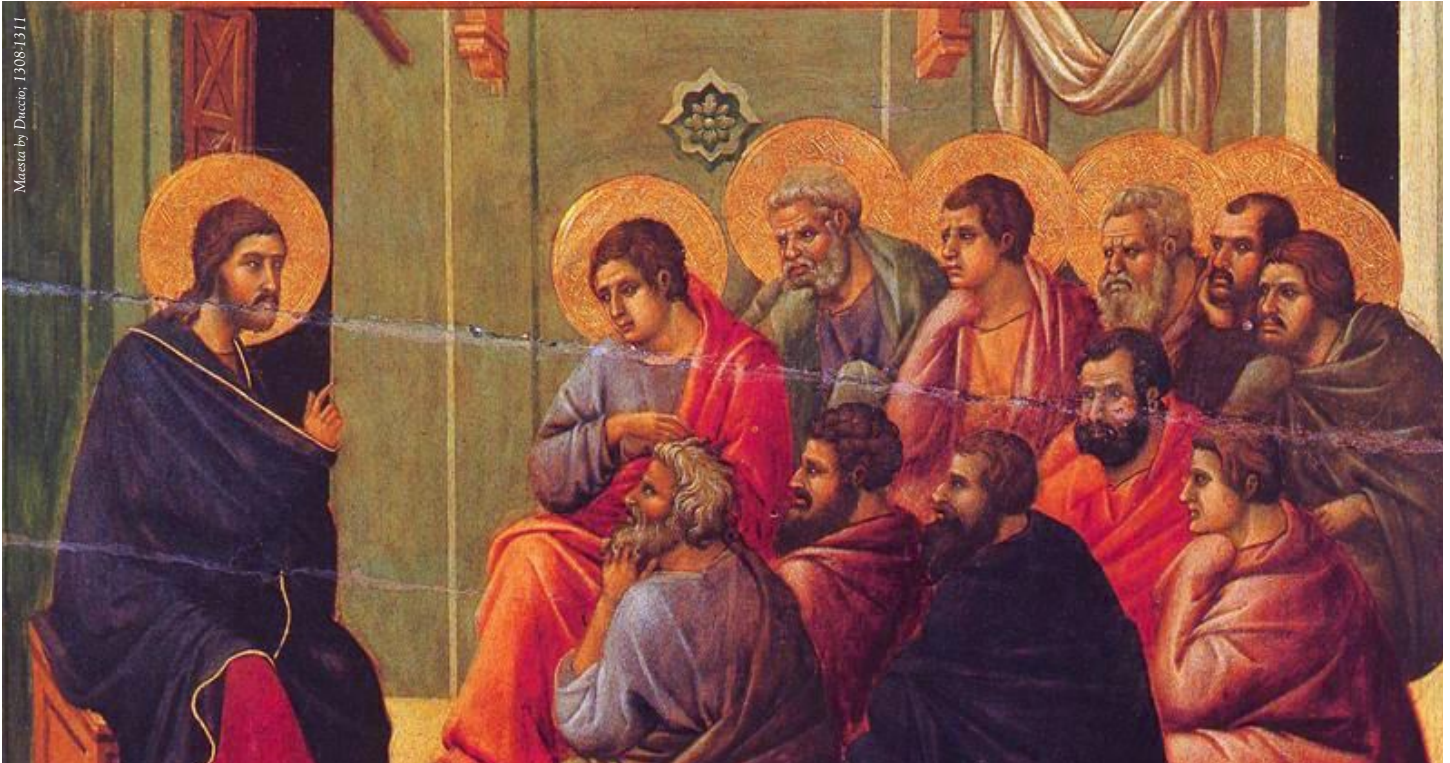
*Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

November 3, 2024

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Fr. Stan Mader

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. You can vote early, and perhaps you already have. Otherwise, go to the polls in your precinct. Many local school elections, council, and mayoral elections, as well as state house and U.S. Congress elections in addition to judges, U.S. Senate, and, of course, the Presidency. Our church will be open as usual, roughly from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, every day. Stop in to pray on Election Day for the country and the candidates, and the following days to pray for healing regardless of who is elected. The chapel downstairs is open to pray in as well. On Tuesdays, we have Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

We are entering the final weeks of the Church year. The final Sunday of the year, Christ the King of the Universe, is in three weeks. Advent begins December 1. A card and letter from me will be reaching mailboxes just before Thanksgiving about various Advent activities, extended confession times, other events, and Christmas Mass times. While it seems a little premature to write about Advent, it is much less so than to have seen stores decked out for Christmas for weeks.

We will be offering a special experience during Advent. This will be a mini-course on the infancy narratives (*Christmas stories*) found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. There will be three classes, December 2, 9, and 16. We will meet in the parish center after the 6:30 pm Mass. No need to sign up. There will be some refreshments of an Advent theme, and the core of the time will be me presenting about the infancy narratives in Luke and Matthew, and about the Old Testament birth stories. There will be some music and prayer time as well. Think of it as a respite from the rest of the world.

We are also planning to facilitate Taizé prayer sessions during Advent. You know and like some of the Taizé music, such as Jesus, Remember Me, and Vene Sancte Spiritus. The music is usually very short phrases, repeated in calm, meditative ways, and very easy to learn. The prayer experience includes a lot of candlelight. This will be part of the first Advent mini-course class on December 2. It will also be offered on December 18, and again on Friday, December 20.

Thanksgiving is coming! As of this writing, we will be

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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 & 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

New to the Parish? WELCOME!

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Chuck Walerius • 952-270-4706

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

hosting the ecumenical service this year, on Tuesday, November 26 with a 7:00 pm service. We will have Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am.

During November we remember those who have died. I have written about this in the past. We are the Church on a journey here, and we are united to the Church triumphant in Heaven, and those on the way after they have died. The community of the faithfully departed are gathered in our cemetery. In the Narthex, we have a book where you can enter the names of your family members and friends who have died. If you have entered those names there in past years, you don't need to do that again, but please add the names of those from this most recent year. We will include them in our prayer intentions all month long. You can also fill out the cards in the pews which will be taken to our school where the children will pray for them during the day.

Congratulations to Bishop Kevin Kenney who was ordained on Monday, October 28, 2024, the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude. And thank you to Bishop James Golka who celebrated Eucharist with us this past Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. He is the bishop of Colorado Springs and grew up in western Nebraska. His brother, Gary, is a parishioner, and also one of our Parish Council members.

With Elizabeth Hoffmann taking on a role in our music program, she resigned from the Parish Council. Kim Larson has been named to complete the final 1 ½ years of her term.

Finally, remember to turn your clocks back this Saturday night for daylight savings (November 2)!



NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Rita Razidlo and Norman Kremer. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lucas Schultz and Taylor Jaekels who were married on September 28!

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Wells Thomas Eltgroth;

Child of Thomas & Sydney

Malina Jo Roemer;

Child of Mitchell & Mckenzie

SAINTS WAX MUSEUM - Wednesday

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!

OFFERTORY COUNTERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a simple and rewarding way to serve? We are seeking volunteers to assist with counting the weekend offertory collections. This

commitment is only once or twice a month on Monday mornings, and you will always work alongside another volunteer. It's a great way to contribute to the parish while working with a team! If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

All veterans are invited to join St. Joseph School on Monday, November 11 at 2:00 pm in the School Gym for a Veteran's Day Program to honor you! All parishioners and families are welcome to attend this special program featuring the middle school band and our elementary choir.

ANGEL TREE

This year, we are inviting you to participate in a program called Angel Tree, a Twin Cities Prison Ministry. This program offers a powerful way to connect incarcerated parents with their children, sharing love and hope through the delivery of Christmas gifts on their behalf. Soon there will be a tree with angel ornaments in the Narthex. Simply choose an ornament, purchase and wrap the requested gift, attach the ornament, and return it under the tree by Saturday, November 30. **Questions?** Contact Julie Loscheider in the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	NOV	4	6:30 pm	John Robling †
TUE	NOV	5	8:15 am	Annette Revering †
WED	NOV	6	8:15 am	<i>Collective:</i> Steve Ebert † Andrew Adam † Jim Worm (<i>Silent Saint</i>)
THU	NOV	7		<i>No Mass</i>
FRI	NOV	8	8:15 am	Thomas & Dolores Kalb †
SAT	NOV	9	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN	NOV	10	8:30 am	<i>Collective:</i> Living & Deceased Members of the John & Regina Pieper Family Kelly Catlin † Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 2506
			10:30 am	<i>Collective:</i> William & Jeannene Otto † Living & Deceased Members of the Lloyd Laumann Family
			7:30 pm	Al Cannon †

* 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, Marilyn 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

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

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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*)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
9:00 am: Saints Wax Museum (*Parish Center*)
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)
7:00 pm: The Catholic Man (*Parish Center*)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development
9:00 am: Saturday Rosary (*Church*)
9:30 am: Presentation on End of Life Planning (*Parish Center*)
4:00pm -5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development
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*)

Know

Love

Serve



WINTER OUTER WEAR DRIVE

Donations collected from Nov 1-22 | Event is on December 6 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

As the colder months approach, St. Joseph Catholic Church is calling on the generosity of our community to help provide winter clothing for those in need. We are once again collecting gently used winter wear in sizes ranging from toddler to adult XL, including coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants, and boots. Your donations will ensure that individuals and families without adequate winter clothing can stay warm and safe this season.

You can drop off your donations at various collection boxes located around town, or bring them to St. Joseph Catholic Church and place them in the St. Joseph Hospitality Bins by the main doors.

Donations will be accepted from November 1 to November 22.

On December 6, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, we will host the Winter Outer Wear Event in the Parish Center. This event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to come and pick up winter clothing, no registration is required. Whether you are in need yourself or know someone who could benefit, please join us.

For more information, contact Julie Loscheider at 952-442-3703 or jloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org.

TURKEY & FIXINGS

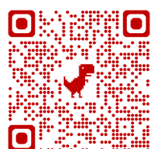
Help & Donations are Needed!



Help us provide everything needed to make a Thanksgiving Dinner for those who are in need this Thanksgiving. You can offer to help by giving of your time by signing up to volunteer at the event, and by providing donations for the Thanksgiving Dinners to be given away to those who sign up through Love, INC.

Donations will be received from October 14 - November 13. Please place food donations in the St. Joseph Outreach Bin under the sign for "Turkey & Fixings", or at Door 1 or Door 4 at St. Joseph Catholic STEM School. Here is a list of items that are requested:

- Box of Poultry Stuffing
- Box of Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy Packets
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Jellied Cranberries
- Boxed Dessert



SCAN ME

TO DONATE FOOD, MONEY OR VOLUNTEER
SCAN the QR CODE!

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SILENT SAINT

Jim Worm



The recipient of St. Joseph's November 6 Day of Prayer is:

JIM WORM
who has volunteered
and served for the past
75 years at St. Joseph!

Thank you Jim
for your kindness,
generosity & support!

*We are blessed
to call you friend!*

UPPER ROOM

St. Joseph Small Groups!

As we continue through the Fall season, our small groups remain active and welcoming. With Advent approaching, keep an eye on this section for upcoming opportunities to get involved in December.

To learn more about what's planned for Advent, check out **Fr. Stan's article**, where he offers a preview of what will be available and how you can participate.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church teaches the fundamental importance of paying workers a living wage that allows them to meet their basic needs. Cooperative businesses are co-owned by the employees, which gives workers greater say in how the business is run, including the wages and salaries that workers earn. Those principles animate the work of the organizations creating opportunities and fighting poverty with support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

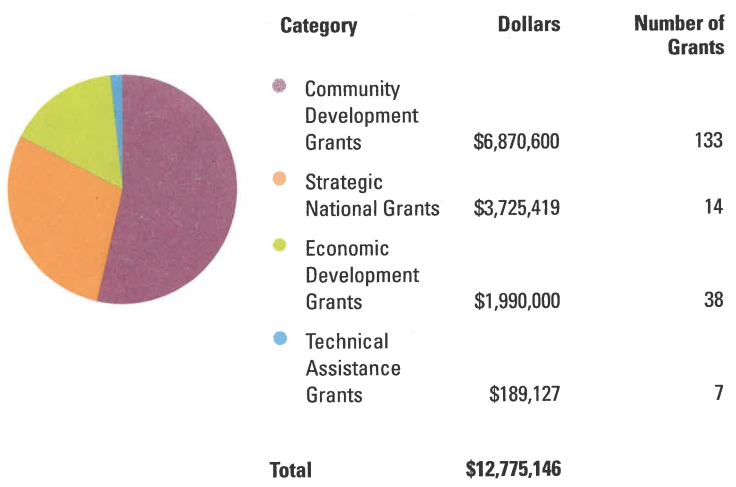
Seed Commons is a New York City-based national network of community loan funds that make cooperative businesses easier to start and less expensive than obtaining bank loans. Based on a “nonextractive” model, Seed Commons does not require borrowers to make payments on interest or principal until they can cover operating expenses, including market-rate salaries. With support from CCHD, Seed Commons helps workers become

cooperative owners who earn living wages at companies like a Chicago-based window manufacturer, which pays \$2/hour more than it did before it became a cooperative. The employee-owners now earn not only higher wages but profit-sharing checks as well.

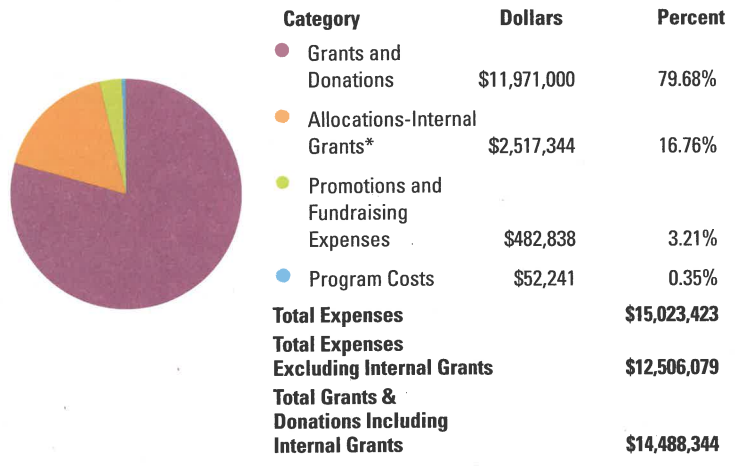
Your support of CCHD helps workers become worker-owners who earn living wages and establish economic roots in communities that badly need greater employment and earning opportunities. When you give to the CCHD collection, you help not only national networks like Seed Commons but also organizations working to end poverty within your diocese, where 25% of your contribution stays to create opportunities in your own neighborhood.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

2022-2023 GRANTS



2022 EXPENSES



*Internal grants include a distribution from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection for CCHD operations expenses and for USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development’s Education and Outreach program that includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.

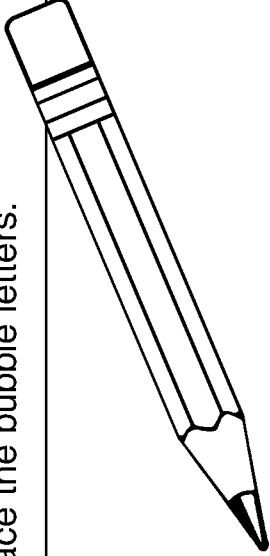
LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.



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The man agreed with Jesus.
Jesus said, "You are not far from the ..."

Trace the bubble letters.



Kingdom
of
God."

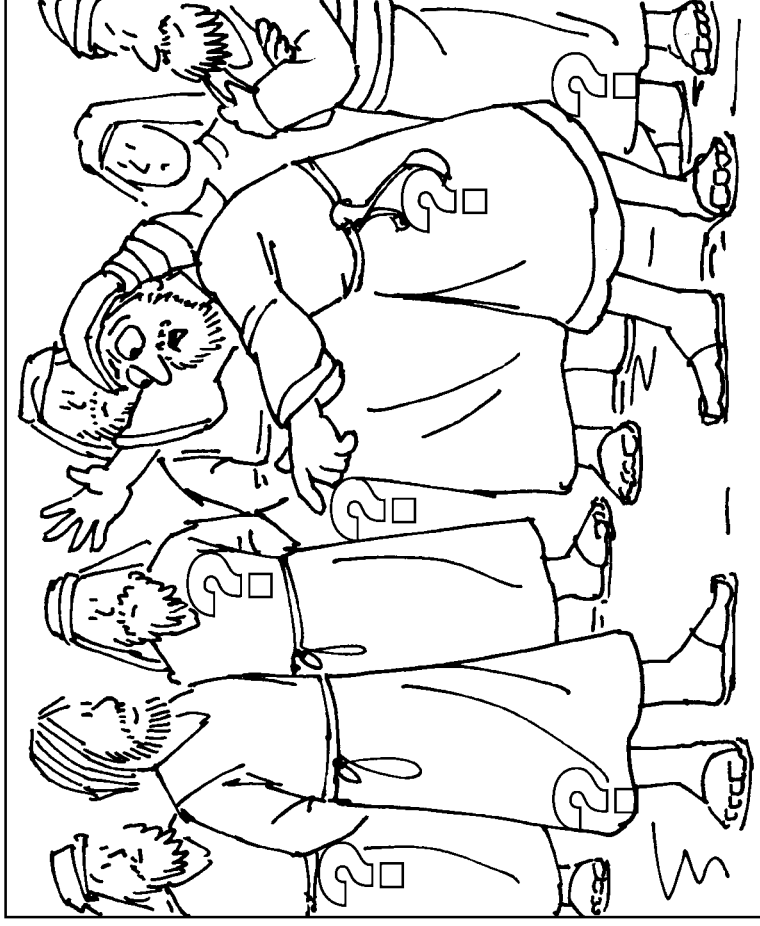
Ages 3+

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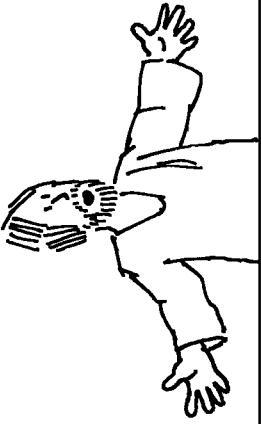
Two Great Commandments

A man asked Jesus,
"Which commandment is most important?"

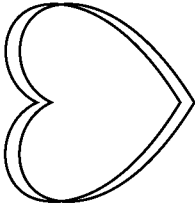
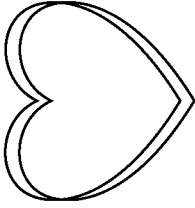
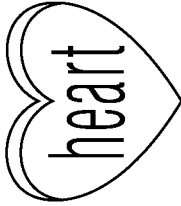
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Jesus answered,
“Love the Lord your God with all your ...”



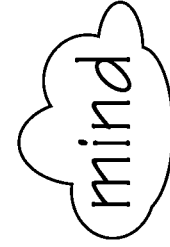
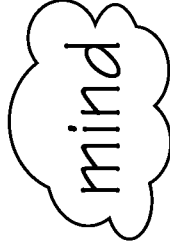
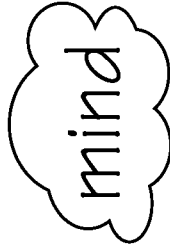
Circle the 1 that is different.



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SOUL



strength

STRENGTH

strength

The second commandment is,
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Match the puzzle pieces.

