

WWW.STJOSEPHWACONIA.ORG • 41 EAST FIRST STREET WACONIA, MINNESOTA 55387 • 952-442-2384 • FR. STAN MADER, PASTOR



I am writing this before election day. Whoever won at whatever level, we need to pray for our country, for healing, for parties to work together, for passages of laws that lead to better treatment of people, peaceful neighborhoods, respect of religious faith, and a community caring for life. I am worried about the healing of America. Please pray for your country.

This Thursday will be a Kindergarten Open House in our school. Encourage people with children starting kindergarten next year to attend. Come on Thursday, November 14 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Monday is Veterans Day. Among the many activities honoring our Veterans will be our annual school program for veterans. This will be in the gymnasium from 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm. There are about 17.9 million Veterans as of 2024, representing about 6% of the country's adult population. Of those, 14.2 million served in wartime, and 3.7 million served in peacetime. About 420,000 living Veterans have served in more than one war period. Three thousand served in WWII, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Era. Of these 17.9 million veterans, nearly 9 million have served in the Gulf War era and almost 5.2 in the Vietnam Era. About 444,000 are from the Korean Conflict, and only about 66,000 WWII Veterans are still alive. There are about 295,000 Veterans living in Minnesota. As one might expect, the three largest contingents are in California, Texas, and Florida, combining for over 4.5 million.

I am happy to see the restoration of honor given to Veterans. There was a window of time in the 1960s and 1970s where that was not accorded very well. Those who serve in the military, and the families that are left behind, increasingly so these days, need our support. While communication is often better than in the past, there is still significant separation. While the military was not pronounced in my immediate family, my father and all his brothers served during wartime, although my father did not see action. Neither I nor my siblings were in the service, but I have a nephew who is a Green Beret. I don't know everything about his service detail, but it seems now most of his work is in training soldiers at home or abroad. He has a 10 ½ month old son and hopes to be home for a final few weeks of paternal time to see him take his first step. It is a hint of the many things Veterans missed, and some lost limbs, mobility, mental/physical health, or their lives. Support Veterans as you are able, even if just by thanking them for their service, which I offer now to those reading this.

OCIA continues to meet some Tuesday nights. This month the only two classes are on November 12, in the parish center, and November 19 in the church, both 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. In December we will meet on December 3, 10, and 17. We begin again in the new year on January 6. Anyone can

Continued on page 2...

PRAY with POPE FRANCIS Papal Prayer Intention for November



For ANYONE who has LOST a CHILD

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

> FEATURED EVENTS Look for flyers in the Narthex or go online at <u>stjosephwaconia.org</u>!



THANKSGIVING MASS November 28 *at* 9:00 am No Adoration | Parish Office Closed



SPIRIT OF WINTER: ST. JOE'S NIGHT December 2 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm NOTE: Ticket Required. Purchase online.

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! Contact Cheryl Salz 952.442.3712 csalz@stjosephwaconia.org

PARISH OFFICE www.stjosephwaconia.org (Located in the Education Center) Mon – Fri, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sheila Wald, Parish Office Coordinator 952.442-2384 churchoffice@stjosephwaconia.org

> Fr. Stan Mader, Pastor 952-442-3700 frstan@stjosephwaconia.org

Deacon Greg Miller 952-442-3701 gmiller@stjosephwaconia.org

Chris Parker, Administrator & Cemetery 952-442-3702 cparker@stjosephwaconia.org

> FAITH FORMATION Julie Loscheider • 952-442-3703 jloscheider@stjosephwaconia.org Kirstin Bularzik • 952-442-3705 kbularzik@stjosephwaconia.org

Peg Schmaltz, Pastoral Care 952-442-3706 pschmaltz@stjosephwaconia.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES www.stjosephwaconia.org.

PRAYER CHAIN 952-442-3718 prayerchain@stjosephwaconia.org

Sarah Richards, Communications & Safe Environment Coordinator (VIRTUS) 952.442.3715 srichards@stjosephwaconia.org

> SCHOOL OFFICE 952.442.4500 schooloffice@stjosephwaconia.org school.stjosephwaconia.org

Amy Gallus, Principal agallus@stjosephwaconia.org

Deacon Bruce Richards, Head of School brichards@stjosephwaconia.org

> KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Chuck Walerius • 952-270-4706

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

attend any class. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or for some reason never were confirmed in the Catholic Church, please join as soon as possible. Thank you.

Every year the Knights of Columbus have the "Delta Drive," a sort of recruiting drive. There will be a speaker on behalf of the Knights toward the end of all Masses next weekend. Our local council is very active and has won Star Council status each of the last two years, which might be a unique accomplishment in Minnesota.

Our parish council is in the process of finalizing our central themes for the coming 1-2 years. These themes help shape our budget to reflect funding for those areas, and the efforts of our staff to be attentive to responding to those priorities.

Tr. Stan Mader

NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Mary Giesen. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM - Monday 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.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

At 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 26, the annual community Thanksgiving Celebration will be held here at St. Joseph. A collection will be taken with the proceeds benefitting the Waconia Food Shelf.

ADVENT CANDLES

Advent Candles will be available in the Narthex for purchase next week, November 16-17 & 23-24, from the youth participating in the Steubenville Retreat next summer. The candles will cost \$10.00 per set and include a companion prayer pamphlet. Bring cash or check to purchase candles. Please help support our students.

TURKEY & FIXINGS

The last day to drop off donations for the Turkey & Fixings event to help those in need this Thanksgiving is Monday, November 13. The last day to sign up to receive a Thanksgiving meal is also on November 13. Interested in volunteering at this event? Go online to learn more at stjosephwaconia.org/!



NO HOLY HOUR or ADORATION

There will be no Holy Hour or Adoration on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28. Regular adoration hours will resume on Monday, November December 2.

DROP OFF WINTER OUTERWEAR DONATIONS!

Donations for Youth Winter Outerwear Drive can be dropped off in the St. Joseph Hospitality bin by the main doors of the church from now through November 22. Please donate hats, scarves/neck warmers, mittens/gloves, coats, snow pants, and boots for those in

need. All in need of winter outerwear are invited to come December 6 from 8:00 am-7:00 pm. For more information, go to our parish website at <u>stjosephwaconia.org</u>.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

MON	NOV 11	6:30 pm	Mary & Wally Lahl †
TUE	NOV 12	8:15 am	Debra Vanderlinde †
WED	NOV 13	8:15 am	Collective:
			Georgiana Johnson †
			Ron Dressel †
			Eldon Peterson †
THU	NOV 14		No Mass
FRI	NOV 15	8:15 am	Mick Giesen †
SAT	NOV 16	5:15 pm	Collective:
			Mary & Donald Tellers †
			Marilyn E. Kelzer †
			Carol Stahlke †
SUN	NOV 17	8:30 am	Collective:
			*Jack Flood †
			Living & Deceased Members of the Francis & Theresa Poppler Family
		10:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners

* 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

NOV 23	Turkey & Fixings Event 8:00 am-12:00 pm in the School Commons & Gym	
NOV 26	Ecumenical Service 7:00 pm in the Church	
NOV 28 Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am in the Church No Adoration Parish Office Closed Nov 28-2		
DEC 2	Spirit of Winter: St. Joseph Night 4:00-8:00 pm at Sovereign Estate Winery *NOTE: Ticket(s) Required. Purchase online.	

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

2:00 pm: Veteran's Day Program (Gym)
5:00 pm-9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
5:30 pm: Confession
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm: Mass
7:15 pm: School Board Meeting (School Media Center)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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 Meeting (School Media Center)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
9:15 am: Parents Coffee & Conversations (Parish Center)
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (Church)
6:00 pm: EDGE (School)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (School)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off 8:45 am: Pray.Vent.Laugh. (Parish Center) 4:00 pm: Holy Hour (Chapel) 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Kindergarten Information Night (School) 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel) 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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





"Let the children come to Me."

Date: November 14, 2024

Timeline: 5:00 - 5:45 Dinner (Chef Asha's Famous Mac & Cheese)

- 5:45 6:15 Parent Presentation / Kids' STEM Project
- 6:15 7:00 Parent Tours, Time with Teachers,

Kids Games (Gym) & Dessert

Location: St. Joseph Catholic STEM School

You are invited to our Tiny Steps, Big Futures Event. Come and learn more about our exciting transition to our in-house preschool program & Kindergarten for the 2025-26 academic year.

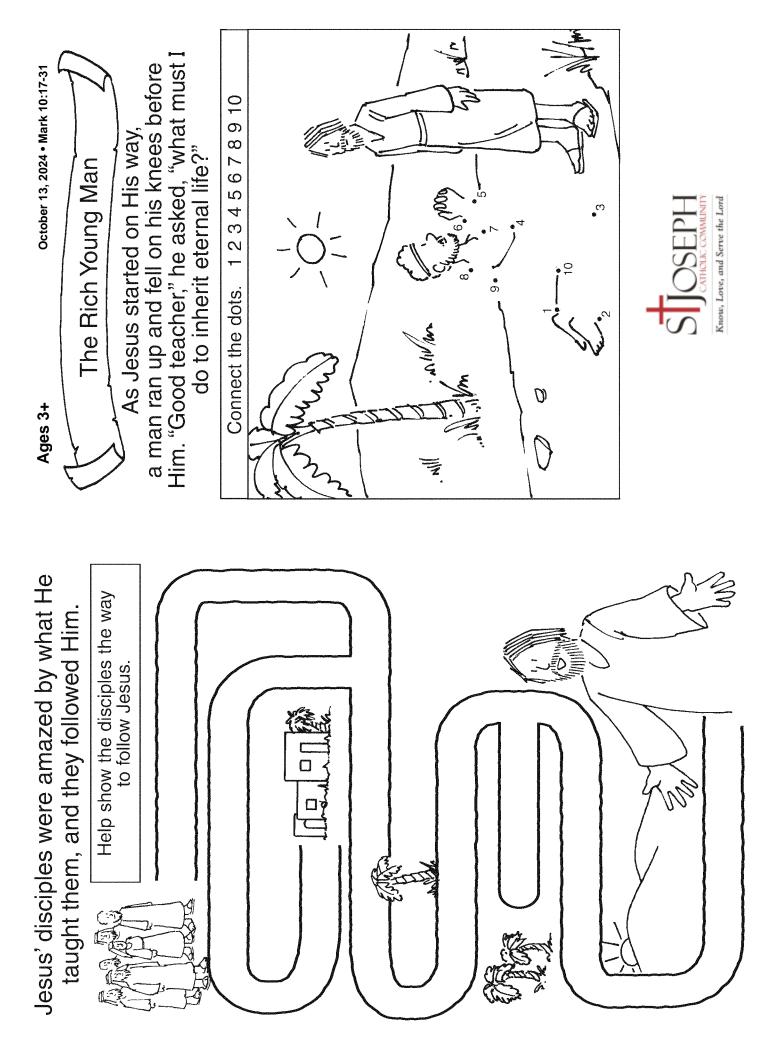
Come and meet our dedicated staff, explore our STEM-focused curriculum, and see how we nurture our youngest learners in a supportive and faith-filled environment.



For additional questions, contact Tim Jantzen, Director of Enrollment at tjantzen@stjosephwaconia.org We look forward to seeing you there!







© 2024 CRI • PO Box 9290, Canton, OH 44711 • www.ChildrensBulletins.com

