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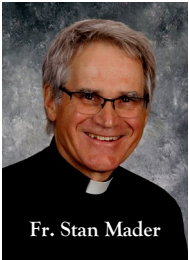
*Our Lord, Jesus Christ
King of the Universe*



November 24, 2024

Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

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Fr. Stan Mader

We have almost made it to the end of the church year. The Year of Grace 2025 begins with the first day of Advent, with the Saturday evening Mass on November 30. This Sunday is the feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Today's readings are about Christ as King, but not a king as the world sees them. It is not about grasping after power or displaying wealth and status, but about being the king who is about to die on the cross, who sees the Cross as a throne and gives his life for his people. The readings on the coming weekdays are from the Book of Revelation and the final week of Jesus' life from Luke, with many end-time stories.

Advent is a time to prepare for two things: the celebration of the birth of Jesus when he came the first time and the preparation for his second coming. As Deacon Greg said in his homily last weekend, it is good to take some time to be quiet during these three and one-half weeks we have. I encourage you to try some of the quiet times we have planned: a candlelit Taize prayer service on December 2, 10, 18, or 20. Or morning prayer in our downstairs chapel each weekday during Advent, joining people around the world in reciting lauds, or morning prayer at 7:00 am. This part of the Liturgy of the Hours takes about 15 minutes. Then stay for quiet prayer or be on your way. Eucharistic Adoration has hours on Monday (5:00 pm-9:00 pm), Tuesday (9:00 am-9:00 pm), Wednesday (5:00 pm-10:00 pm) and Thursday (4:30 pm-9:00 pm). Daily Mass is another option. If you are more interested in learning something and mixing it into your prayer, come to the 3-part Advent program where I will be presenting the history, theology, and some of the sights and sounds of the first Christmas through the Scriptures - the nativity account according to Luke, with the annunciation, visitation, census, angels and shepherds, and the one in Matthew with the star, the magi, the flight to Egypt. We will also look at some of the other nativity stories from the Old Testament as time allows: Isaac, Samson, Samuel, and others. Finally, after Mass this weekend, we will be handing out a book with daily reflections for the entire month of December.

Please come to at least one of the Thanksgiving celebrations: Either at 9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day as we celebrate the Eucharist (*a Greek word meaning thanks*) and/or Tuesday night at 7:00 pm as we host the Ecumenical

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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

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

Prayer service. There will be some refreshments and treats afterward. Enjoy the day with family and friends and give thanks to God!

Plans are moving ahead for me to move to 4 South Pine. We are getting some new furniture for it, as there is none left there. Some from the current rectory will be moved there as well. There is some patching and painting to be done. It is possible some of the cracks were due to the street construction work this past summer/fall, and we are looking into whether we can get some compensation for that. The goal is to have the first floor ready around December 1. There is no rush for me to actually start living there, so it might be a few more weeks before that truly happens.

Like last year, we are a little behind in collections during the first four months of the year, but we are ahead of last year. Yet, if you wish to give a little more, or haven't increased your giving for a few years, we would appreciate you responding generously.

December 1 will be the 15th anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Archbishop Bernard Hebda. He had been working in Rome for 13 years interpreting canon law and was named Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan, a very rural diocese in central Michigan, nothing like Rome or his home city of Pittsburgh. In 2013, he was named coadjutor of Newark, New Jersey, and then, when Archbishop Neinstedt resigned here, he was made administrator of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in addition to his other duties in Newark. On Holy Thursday of 2016, he was named to be our Archbishop. We are lucky to have him. Prior to priesthood, he graduated from Harvard (*in three years!*) and then went to Columbia for Law School. He practiced for a year, and then after a year of philosophy, went to seminary at North American College in Rome. He was ordained a deacon in Rome and a priest in 1989, in Pittsburgh.



NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Pam Schulz. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.*

ADVENT GIFT | TAKE ONE!

We invite you to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ during the Advent and Christmas seasons with a gift from us to you! Please help yourself to the Magnificat Advent Companion. Look for this book next to the Sunday bulletins in the Narthex and by the side door by the ramp.

HELP DECORATE the CHURCH!

Help us decorate the church for Advent on Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am. It's a great service opportunity for Confirmation students to earn hours. Please share this invitation with others. Thank you for helping make our church a welcoming space for the season!

USHER & GREETER TRAINING

Are you interested in serving as an usher or a greeter? Come learn more about these ministries and receive training on Sunday, December 1 after the 8:30 am Mass (*appx. 9:40 am*).

THANKSGIVING MASS

All are invited to join us in giving thanks to God at the celebration of Mass at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 28.

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, December 2.

SEASONAL MISSALETTES

Seasonal Missalettes are available by the side, ramp door, and in the Narthex. *Please take one!*

BULLETIN DEADLINES

As we approach the holiday season with Thanksgiving, Immaculate Conception (*Holy Day of Obligation*), and Christmas, the bulletin submission deadlines will be adjusted as follows:

BULLETIN DATE	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
December 1	November 21
December 8	November 26
December 15	December 6
December 22	December 13
December 24 & 25	December 16

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	NOV 25	6:30 pm	Patty & Merrill Kirsch †
TUE	NOV 26	8:15 am	Jan Revering †
WED	NOV 27	8:15 am	Collective: Dale Schmaltz † Gerry Bailey † Ken Mays
THU	NOV 28	9:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Andy Adam †
FRI	NOV 29	8:15 am	Alphonse Donnay †
SAT	NOV 30	5:15 pm	Collective: Lyle Gustafson † Living & Deceased Members of the Cyril Fernandez Family
SUN	DEC 1	8:30 am	St. Joseph Parishioners
		10:30 am	Ken Mays

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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 28-29
DEC 2	Infancy Narrative: First Session 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Parish Center
DEC 3	Spirit of Winter: St. Joseph Night 4:00 pm-8:00 pm at Sovereign Estate Winery *NOTE: Ticket(s) Required. Purchase online.
DEC 6	Winter Outerwear Event 8:00 am - 7:00 pm in the Parish Center
DEC 8	Women of Joy: Cookie Decorating RSVP by December 4 1:00 pm-4:00 pm in the Gym/Commons
DEC 8	Youth Group at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Evening Mass at 7:30 pm in the Chapel
DEC 9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30 pm (Obligation has been dispensed by Archbishop Hebda for this year.)

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Holy Family Cnfr Rm)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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)
7:00 pm: Ecumenical Service (Church)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
8:15 am: Mass
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 Thanksgiving

No Adoration | Parish Office Closed
9:00 am: Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am: Decorate the Church for Advent
4:00pm -5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:30 am: Mass
9:30 am: Greeter & Usher Training (Church)
10:30 am: Mass
12:00 pm: Baptism

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, 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.

JOYFULLY PREPARING for ADVENT

Advent cards for every household in the Parish!

A heartfelt thank you to our 10th Grade Confirmation students for their joyful and enthusiastic work on our Advent cards! Together, they labeled envelopes, folded letters into cards, and stuffed and sealed over 1,250 cards—one for every household in our parish. These beautiful cards include a message from Fr. Stan, Advent and Christmas Mass times, additional Advent confession times, and ways to get involved this season.

Your efforts have truly helped spread the joy of Advent to our parish family—thank you!



NOTE of GRATITUDE

Rake-for-a-Reason

Thank to you, our donors, and our students, we have reached our school-wide goal for Rake-for-a-Reason of \$35,500 for the advancement of our school! This would not have been possible without you and we are so incredibly grateful for your time, talent and treasure.



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OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

For October 2024

WEEKEND OFFERTORY

October 2024, 377 Donors, 660 Contributions \$ 70,305

October 2023, 403 Donors, 804 Contributions \$ 70,584

Contributions to Special Funds

Capital Repairs & Maintenance \$ 1,414

2nd Collection - Emergency Hurricane Relief \$ 5,245

Year to Date (July 2024 - October 2024)

Total Offertory Contributions \$ 292,496

Last year, same period \$ 290,666



ELECTRONIC GIVING

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.

\$8
PER DOZEN



Decorating SUGAR COOKIES

DECEMBER 8

1:00-4:00 PM

AT THE SCHOOL
(Commons)



**RSVP BY
DEC 4!**

**RSVP TO RESERVE THE NUMBER OF COOKIES
BY THE DOZEN YOU WOULD LIKE TO DECORATE!**

YOU'RE INVITED!

*FIRST GRADE & OLDER!

**with Parent Supervision*

Join the Women of Joy
for an afternoon of fun,
fellowship, and
encouragement!

Bring container(s) to
bring your decorated
cookies home.

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COOKIE DECORATING REGISTRATION

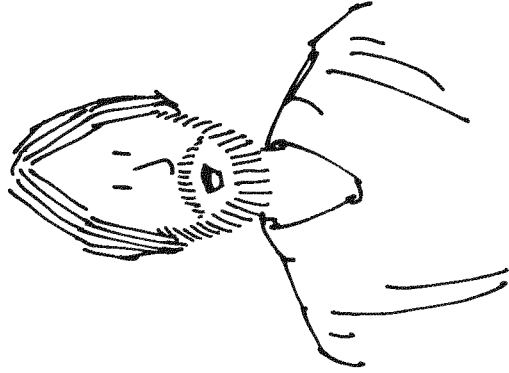
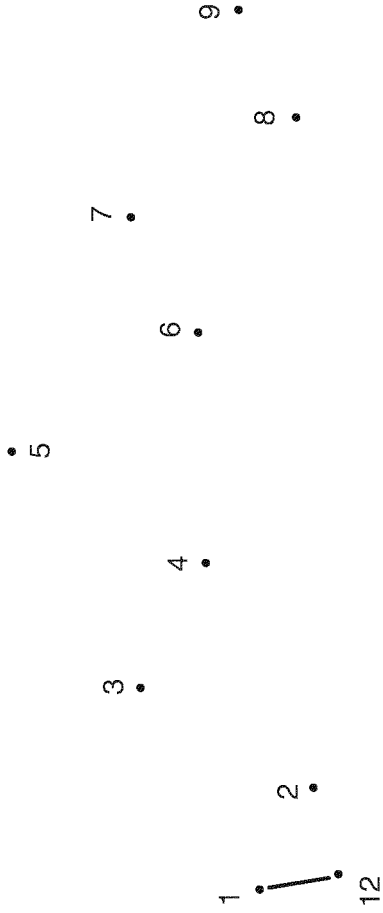
*Register online, or fill out the form below to leave
in a drop box, collection basket or the Parish Office (attn: Cheryl Salz).*
*Checks payable to St. Joseph Church or cash ; drop off at Parish Office or in the drop boxes

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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“My kingdom is not of this world. ...
My kingdom is from another place.”

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



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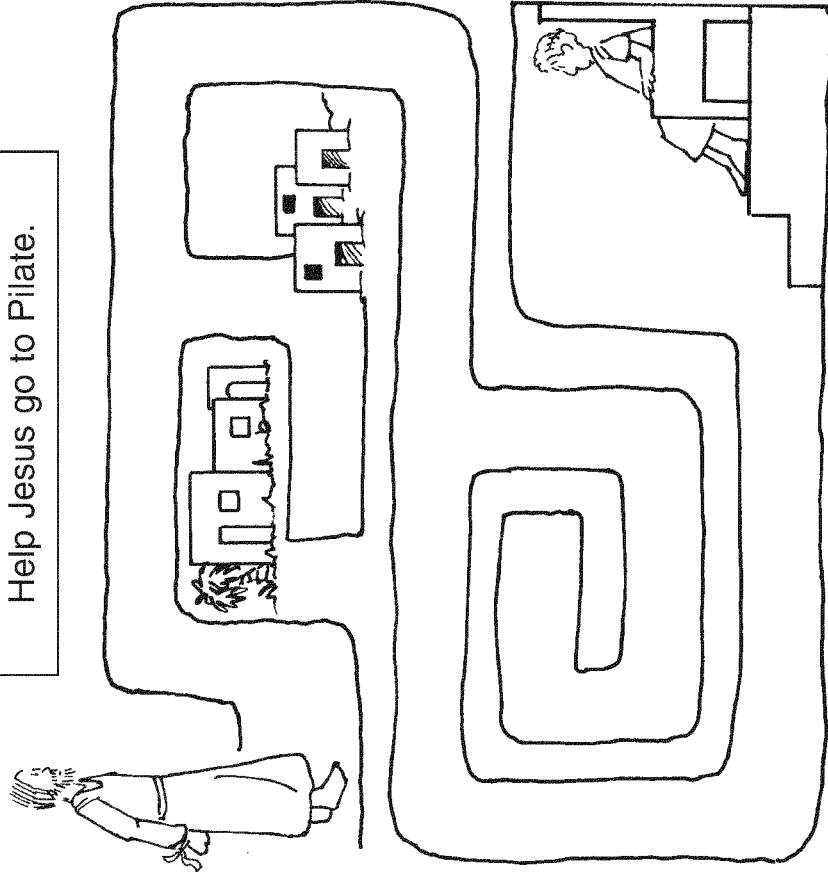
Ages 3+

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Jesus Questioned by Pilate

Jesus had been arrested.
Pilate called Jesus to him.

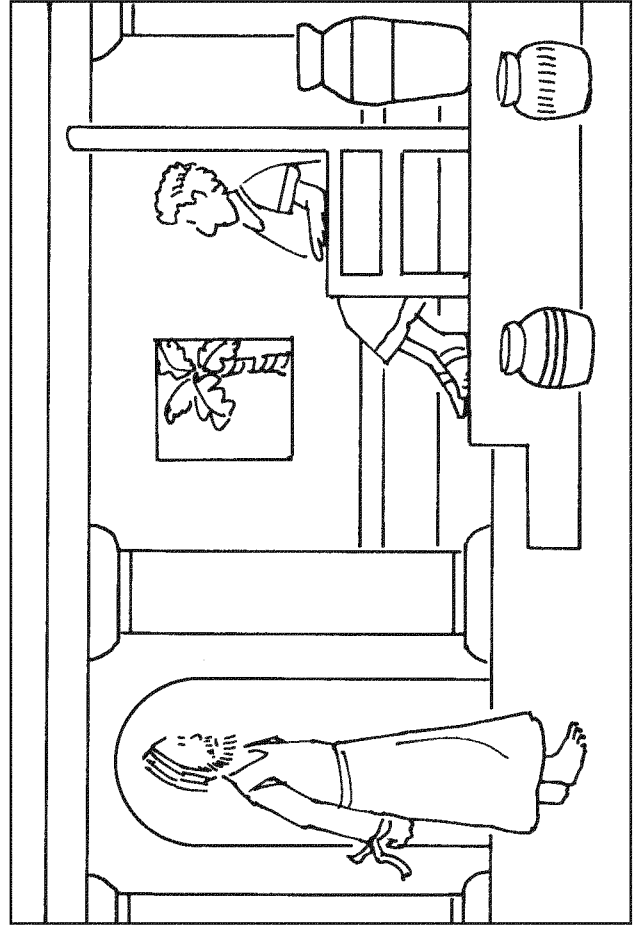
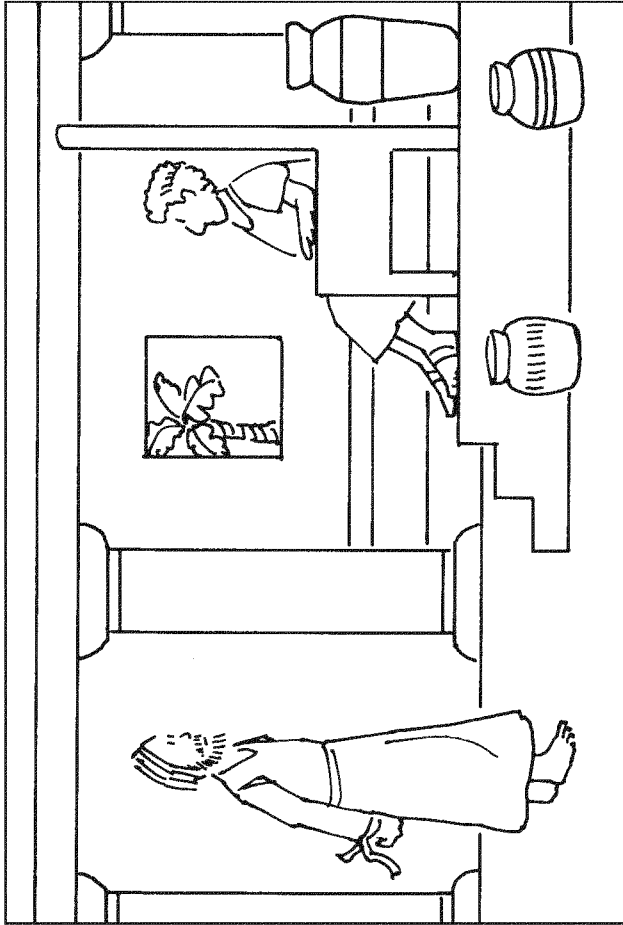
Help Jesus go to Pilate.



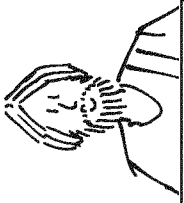
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Pilate questioned Jesus.

Circle 7 things that are different in the bottom picture.









What did Pilate ask Jesus?





Fill in the vowels.

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

“ R _ _ Y _ _
   

TH _ _ K _ _ NG
 

_ F TH _ _
 

J _ _ WS?”