

Fr. Stan Mader

If all goes according to plan, a full-color electronic sign will have been installed on the standard near the food shelf this past week. This is a gift to the parish from the Knights of Columbus Council 2506 in honor of their first one hundred years. It will be blessed in a brief ceremony at 5:30 pm on Tuesday (*just before the KC's Christmas Dinner, and the School Christmas pageant in the gymnasium*). City ordinances restrict us to six, ten-minute notices per hour. As I write this final policies are still being decided, but we expect it to be used to display those notices that are for the whole community rather than individuals or small groups of people. The Food Shelf will get some of the time slots, and there will frequently be a notice of Mass times and other events the whole community of Waconia is welcome to attend. The Knights will have Fish Fry notices when that time comes, and the school will have some notices as well. If the ordinances ever change to allow more frequent rotation of messages, we might be able to broaden our message stream. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 2506 for this generous gift!

Another gift we have received is a garage that had been in a place where construction will soon begin. The owner offered it to us and after discussion internally, with the donor, and with the city, we have it sitting on the property we own near 129 Main Street. We cannot use it until there is a solid foundation for it. That work is scheduled for the Spring. This will provide storage space for some things that are used only 1-2 times a year. It is possible some of it could be leased to whoever becomes a tenant at 129 Main.

The Parish Council will meet along with the Finance Council on Monday night. We try to do this at least once a year to share information about the Parish Council priorities, as it affects the budget. We also discuss trends in expenses and income, and what our priorities are in some capital projects, new initiatives on either council, and whatever else time allows.

Every year or two the Parish Council selects some themes to focus on in the coming year. For several years some of these have coincided with those expressed by Archbishop Hebda as a result of the listening process and Synod voting over Pentecost weekend in 2023. Here are our themes for the coming year:

- 1) **Parents as primary educators.** This is in line with the synod focus beginning in July 2025. But it has also been

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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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on our radar as well. We want to help families be strong in their faith, and we need to help educate parents for that role.

- 2) **Enhance the weekend experience:** Teaching about the Mass and Eucharist. This is the theme of the current year of the Synod's focus. We will do this with bulletin articles, teaching about the Mass at Mass, and in small groups – some of that has already been done. We want to continue to build choirs and other aspects of the ministries to be a welcoming, helpful, prayerful parish with liturgies that attract and retain people at our parish.
- 3) **Community: Outreach beyond the Church.** We did some outreach things very well, such as the Winter Wear Drive and Turkey and Fixings, both in the last few weeks. Those are times we are proud of our parish for serving the needs of those around us. There are other ways to do this in ways that strive to connect with people. There are many ways this can be done: via charity, adapting buildings, offering services.
- 4) **Post-Capital Campaign execution.** We are in the beginning stages of a capital campaign for the Archdiocese which will also help us. We are among the pilot parishes for this campaign, so details have not been widely advertised by the Archdiocese. We will complete solicitation for this campaign in June, and we want to have an orderly, well-reasoned use of the funds we receive that help our buildings and our programs so we are good stewards of the trust people place in us.

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NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Sloane Grace Sufka;
Child of Zachary & Casie Sufka

Stephen John Willner
Child of Veronica Willner

Deshon Vontrell Jackson Jr.;
Child of Veronica Willner & Deshon Jackson

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Lori Storms.
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

INFANCY NARRATIVE - Monday

Join us on Mondays, December 16 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Explore the history, theology, and key moments of the first Christmas through Scripture, including the nativity stories and Old Testament parallels.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

We invite you to participate in a Taizé prayer service at the Church this Advent. Join us on Wednesday, Dec 18, and Friday, Dec 20 at 6:00 pm.

MORNING PRAYER

On weekdays during Advent, Monday through Friday, we invite you to pray

the Morning Prayer of the Church at 7:00 am in the Charity Chapel (*lower level of the church*). Resources will be provided for all who attend.

KC CORNER

The Catholic Man



The Catholic Man continues our monthly series in 2025 with "That Man is You!" TMIY is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families, and the greater society. Join us for fellowship and faith at 7:00 pm on January 1, 2025, in the Parish Center (*lower level of the church*). We will meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the same time and place throughout the whole year. Please join us - all men are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	DEC 16	6:30 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Fred & Anna Bauer Family
TUE	DEC 17	8:15 am	John Robling †
WED	DEC 18	8:15 am	<i>Collective:</i> Living & Deceased Members of the James & Francis Kirsch and Lawrence & Evelyn Schuler Families Leo Gelhar † Living & Deceased Members of the Merlyn & Margaret Eiden Family
THU	DEC 19		<i>No Mass</i>
FRI	DEC 20	8:15 am	Wives & Widows of the Knights of Columbus Council #2506
SAT	DEC 21	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN	DEC 22	8:30 am	<i>Collective:</i> Georgiana Johnson † Don Rolf †, Donna Mae Rolf †, and Debra Vanderlinde † Living & Deceased Members of the Ben & Loretta Johnson Family
		10:30 am	<i>Collective:</i> Aaron Davis † Margaret Wald †
		7:30 pm	Dr. Cecil & Mary Provence †

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

Know

Love

Serve

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.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
5:00 pm-9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
5:30 pm: Confession
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
6:30 pm: Mass
7:00 pm: Infancy Narrative: *Second Talk* (*Parish Center*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
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*)
1:30 pm: St. Joseph School Christmas Pageant (*Gym*)
6:00 pm: St. Joseph School Christmas Pageant (*Gym*)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass *with the School*
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Taizé Prayer (*Church*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*Church*)
6:00 pm: Confirmation (*Church*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
5:30 pm: PreK Christmas Program (*Church*)
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am-10:00 am: Adoration *with Benediction* (*Church*)
9:00 am-10:00 am: Confession
6:00 pm: Taizé Prayer (*Church*)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am-10:00 am: Confession
3:00 pm -5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
4:00 pm-6:00 pm: Advent Reconciliation Service (*Church*)
6:30 pm: Youth Group (*Parish Center*)
7:30 pm: Mass (*Chapel*)

NOTE of GRATITUDE

From Sandy & Bonnie!

Sandy and Bonnie wish to express their gratitude:

“Thank you, everyone, for the many well wishes and kind words on our retirements! We were truly touched by your kindness, cards, gifts, and gatherings. It has been our joy over the years to serve you and those who call on our office and our staff. We will take with us many great memories and tender moments shared with those we have had the privilege to walk with along the way, sharing our faith. Know that we will keep you and St. Joseph Parish in our prayers!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Drop donation envelope in the Drop Box, Offertory Basket, or at the Parish Office.



Christmas FLOWER DONATIONS

YOUR NAME: _____

AMOUNT \$: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF: _____

Mail to the parish office,
or place in a collection basket or drop box.

GIVING

Christmas & Year-End Giving

As you consider your year-end charitable contributions, we hope that St. Joseph will be at the top of your list. Your contributions directly support the various ministries and liturgical life at our parish. A reminder that all 2024 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, received in the collection on December 29, or received at the parish office before December 30. Any donations post-marked or received on January 1, 2025, or thereafter will be considered 2025 donations. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community!*

Questions? Contact:
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ADDITIONAL Confession TIMES DURING ADVENT

Dec 14 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Dec 20 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Dec 21 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am
& 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

RECONCILIATION SERVICE
December 22 at 4:00 pm

Dec 23 - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Christmas MASS TIMES

All are invited to join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord by attending Mass on Christmas!

DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25
3:00 pm	8:30 am Live-Streamed
5:30 pm	
10:00 pm Candlelight	10:30 am

John preached
the Good News of Jesus
to the people.

Transfer the letters.

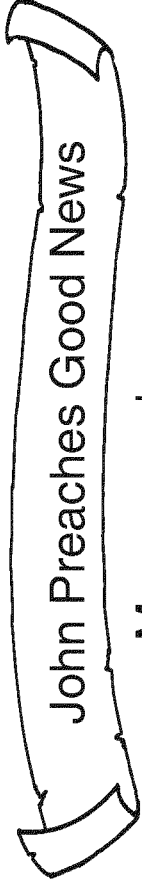
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Ages 3+

December 15, 2024 • Luke 3:7-18

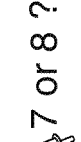


John Preaches Good News

Many people came
to hear John's message.



Count the hidden objects. 7 or 8?



5 or 6?

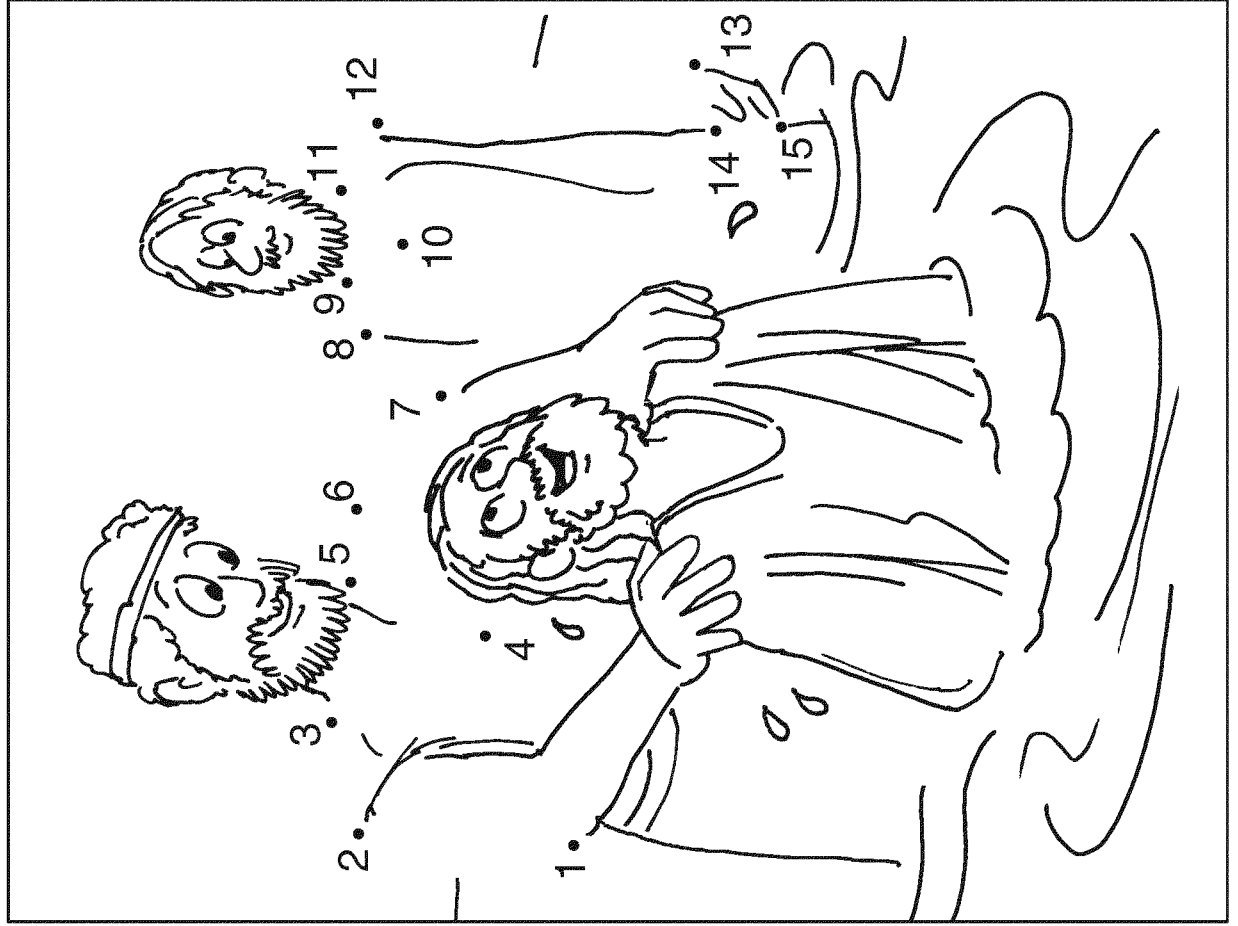


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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

John told the people to prepare themselves for the Lord.

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



John said, "One will come after me."

Shade in the shapes with ♣ to learn who was coming.

