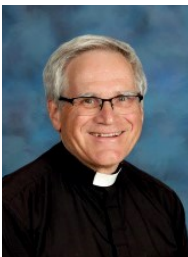




"Jesus in the Temple" by Heinrich Hofmann; 1884



Happy New Year! We are now a quarter of the way through this century, and halfway through this decade. I know that is obvious, but it still shocks me. We used to talk about going back to the '50s, but now it is just 25 years to the 50s.

A quick review of event from 2024 at 2024 at the parish includes the following:

- Small groups of the PECS version were launched at the beginning of Lent with a series on prayer. A second wave began in September with a variety of topics.
- St. Joseph hosted the Pro-Life luncheon in January.
- We held both a men's and women's Welcome retreat.
- KCs hosted a blood drive in February
- We finished the fiscal year with a surplus of about \$188,000.
- About 4,000 people were fed at the six Knights of Columbus fish fries during Lent.
- We graduated a full class of 24 students from our school.
- The school went through a process evaluating their

administration resulting in a number of changes in operations and personnel. After some growing pains, it is starting to show positive effects.

- We had 25 funerals, 12 weddings, and 39 baptisms, over 1,000 confessions, and more than 450 Masses.
- A number of parishioners were among the 7,000 people who participated in the Source and Summit Eucharistic procession in St. Paul.
- Dick Bremer spoke at the KC's Family, Faith, and Baseball Event in May.
- Thirteen people in the OCIA group received a variety of initiation sacraments.
- Three Teams of Our Lady groups were formed late in 2023 and completed their first year.
- At least four people from our parish attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July.
- Longtime employees Sandy Rosetter and Bonnie Delaney retired; Sheila Wald and Rachel Provence were hired in their stead.
- The Knights of Columbus Council #2506 won the Star Council award for the second year in a row.

*Fr. Stan's article continued on page 2...*

**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...)

- Sean Barker took employment at another parish. Elizabeth Hoffman is now directing our music program.
- The Little Ringers bell choir began, with participants as young as 3 years old.
- We purchased the Peterson House at 4 South Pine. It will soon become the rectory.
- St. Joseph was selected as a pilot parish for the Archdiocesan capital campaign, Lord Renew Your Church. The parish will retrain 60% of whatever it raises.
- One hundred families received a turkey and "fixings" to prepare their Thanksgiving meal.
- A garage was donated to the parish and placed near the 129 Main property we own. In the spring a foundation will be built for it, and then we will be able to use or lease it.
- Almost 600 coats were given away at the Winterwear drive.
- Over 100 Christmas gifts were provided to children of incarcerated parents..
- An electronic sign was installed near the Food Shelf, donated by the KCs as a legacy gift marking 100 years as a council. It will be used by the parish, school, and food shelf.
- Wednesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Masses at 9:00 am and 5:15 pm on Wednesday. *No vigil Mass the night before.*

Blessings on your new year. Spend some time reflecting on your past year, and decide on a spiritual resolution for the New Year.

*Fr. Stan Mader*

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## NEWS & EVENTS

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January 1 at 9:00 am & 5:15 pm. *This day is a Holy Day of Obligation!*

### SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Bonita "Bonnie" Fritz. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.*

### MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lucas Schultz & Taylor Jaeckels who were married on September 28!

### FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

Let us not forget those of our community in need. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf, or placed in the St. Joseph Hospitality bin by the main doors of the church. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Waconia United Food Shelf, PO Box 577, Waconia MN 55387. Donations can also be made online at [waconiafoodshelf.org](http://waconiafoodshelf.org). *Thank you!*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1. Normal office hours will resume on January 2.

### MARY, MOTHER of GOD

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated on Monday,

### NEW YEAR ADORATION HOURS

Adoration will not be available on December 31 - January 1. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, January 2 at 5:00 pm.

### WELCOME RETREAT

Are you looking for a stronger faith and connection with God and others? Are you looking for a sense of belonging and community in your parish life? Welcome, a retreat weekend, is for you! Join us on our upcoming weekends. You won't regret it! The Men's weekend is February 22-23 and the Women's weekend is March 1-2. Scan the QR Code to learn more and register to attend. *(This free retreat is open to anyone 18 years or older.)*



### HELP for STRUGGLING COUPLES

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for troubled marriages. Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages have been saved worldwide. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. Go to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for next retreat dates and more information.

## MASS INTENTIONS

|     |        |          |  |
|-----|--------|----------|--|
| MON | DEC 30 | 6:30 pm  | William & Jeannene Otto †  |
| TUE | DEC 31 | 8:15 am  | Ron Dressel †  |
| WED | JAN 1  | 9:00 am  | Mary Palmersheim †   |
|     |        | 5:15 pm  | St. Joseph Parishioners  |
| THU | JAN 2  |          | No Mass  |
| FRI | JAN 3  | 8:15 am  | Living & Deceased Members of the Earl & Ruby Menzel Family                   |
| SAT | JAN 4  | 5:15 pm  | Collective:<br>Dwayne Rademacher †<br>Harold Prack †<br>Fr. Stephen Adrian † |
| SUN | JAN 5  | 8:30 am  | St. Joseph Parishioners  |
|     |        | 10:30 am | Gary Schlechter †  |

\* 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 30

5:00 pm-9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)  
5:30 pm-6:15 pm: Confession  
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)  
6:30 pm: Mass

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

No Adoration  
7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)  
8:15 am: Mass  
9:00 am: Scripture Study (Parish Center)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 *Mary, Mother of God*

*Holy Day of Obligation | No Adoration | Parish Office Closed*  
9:00 am: Mass  
5:15 pm: Mass

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)  
8:15 am: Mass  
10:00 am: Visitation (Mary Klein)  
11:00 am: Funeral (Mary Klein)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Food Shelf Collection  
4:00 pm-5:00 pm: Confession  
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)  
5:15 pm: Mass

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

JAN 11 Rosary & Speaker - 9:00 am in the Church  
*All are invited to this Free Event!*

JAN 11-12 Confirmation Retreat  
*Please pray for our youth on retreat!*

JAN 18 First Reconciliation  
*Please pray for all our Second Graders preparing to receive this Sacrament for the first time!*

JAN 19 KC Respect Life Breakfast  
8:00 am-12:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran

JAN 26 KC Free Throw Contest  
4:00 pm-6:00 pm in the School Gym

FEB 1 Saints Gala

FEB 7 Family Valentine Dance  
6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the School Gym

FEB 22-23 WELCOME Retreat  
*Men's Weekend*

MAR 1-2 WELCOME Retreat  
*Women's Weekend*

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Community!

Kristine Catlin

Sandy Kretsch

Pam Macdonald

Cesar Meza Merino

Robert & Ashley  
McHugh

Patrick & Asha  
Imdieke Family

Andrew Donnel



Kristine Catlin



Imdieke Family



Sandy Kretsch



Andrew Donnel

## NOTE of GRATITUDE

A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Generosity

Dear Parish Family,

As we reflect on the many blessings this season brings, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering generosity, kindness, and compassion. Your love for Christ and one another shines brightly through the ways you've made a profound difference in the lives of others.

Thanks to your incredible support, we were able to serve over 100 families with a Thanksgiving dinner, ensuring that many who might have gone without were able to enjoy a nourishing meal with loved ones. Your donations also provided over 600 items of winter wear, helping to clothe those in need and keep them warm through the cold months ahead.

In addition, we shared the joy of Christmas with over 50 children, providing gifts for those whose parents are incarcerated, allowing them to feel the love and connection of family despite the distance. And, in a special gesture of love and care, 15 vehicles made their way to local senior living homes, bringing Christmas cheer to our elderly friends—many of whom may be homebound or without family nearby.

These acts of love, service, and care reflect the very heart of our faith. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus, showing His love in tangible ways that will be felt for a long time. We are deeply grateful for each one of you who contributed time, resources, and prayers. May God continue to bless you and your families as you have so generously blessed others.

Merry Christmas from the St. Joseph Staff

## SAINTS GALA

Tickets are on sale now! | February 1, 2025



Mark your calendar for the Saints Gala on February 1 and enjoy an elegant evening while supporting our school!

Take advantage of the early bird discount—save \$25 per ticket when you purchase by December 31, 2024. Discounted tickets are \$50 each (regular price \$75).

Scan the QR Code to get your tickets today! Don't miss out on this special night to celebrate and support our school community.



## KC CORNER

### RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST

The KC's are serving breakfast at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 19 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm! Proceeds will go to support local Enkratea: House of Hope and other Pro-Life causes! The menu includes Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Fruit and a Beverage. The Respect Life Breakfast is an event co-sponsored by Waconia Knights of Columbus #2506 and Trinity Lutheran Church. Learn

### KC FREE THROW CONTEST

Calling all parish boys and girls ages 9-14 years to participate in the Knights of Columbus "Free Throw Contest" in the St. Joseph School Gym on Sunday, January 26 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **Questions?** Contact Trent Klein at [trentklein11@yahoo.com](mailto:trentklein11@yahoo.com) or [952-201-1107](tel:952-201-1107).



Jesus asked them,  
“Didn’t you know where I’d be?”

Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.

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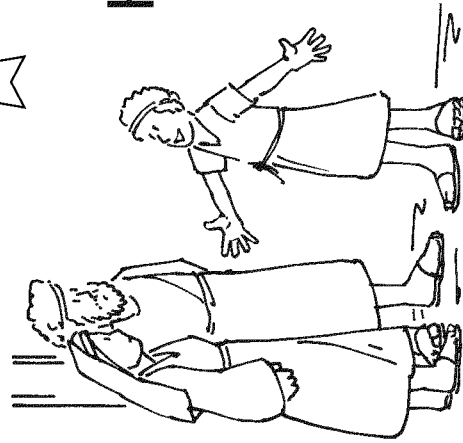
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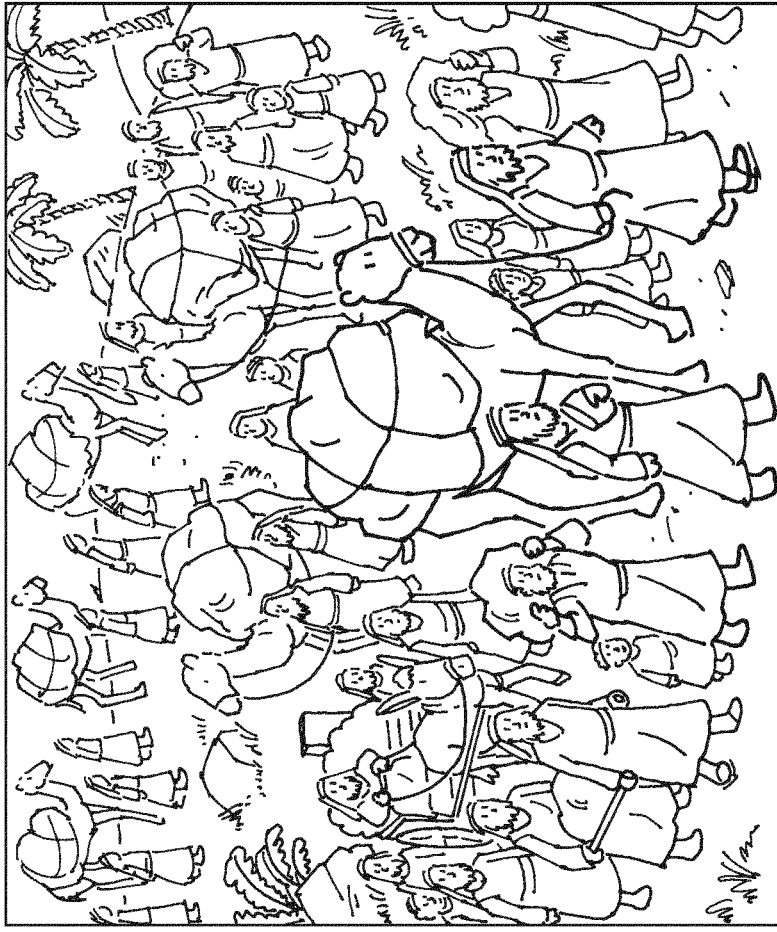
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# Jesus at the Temple

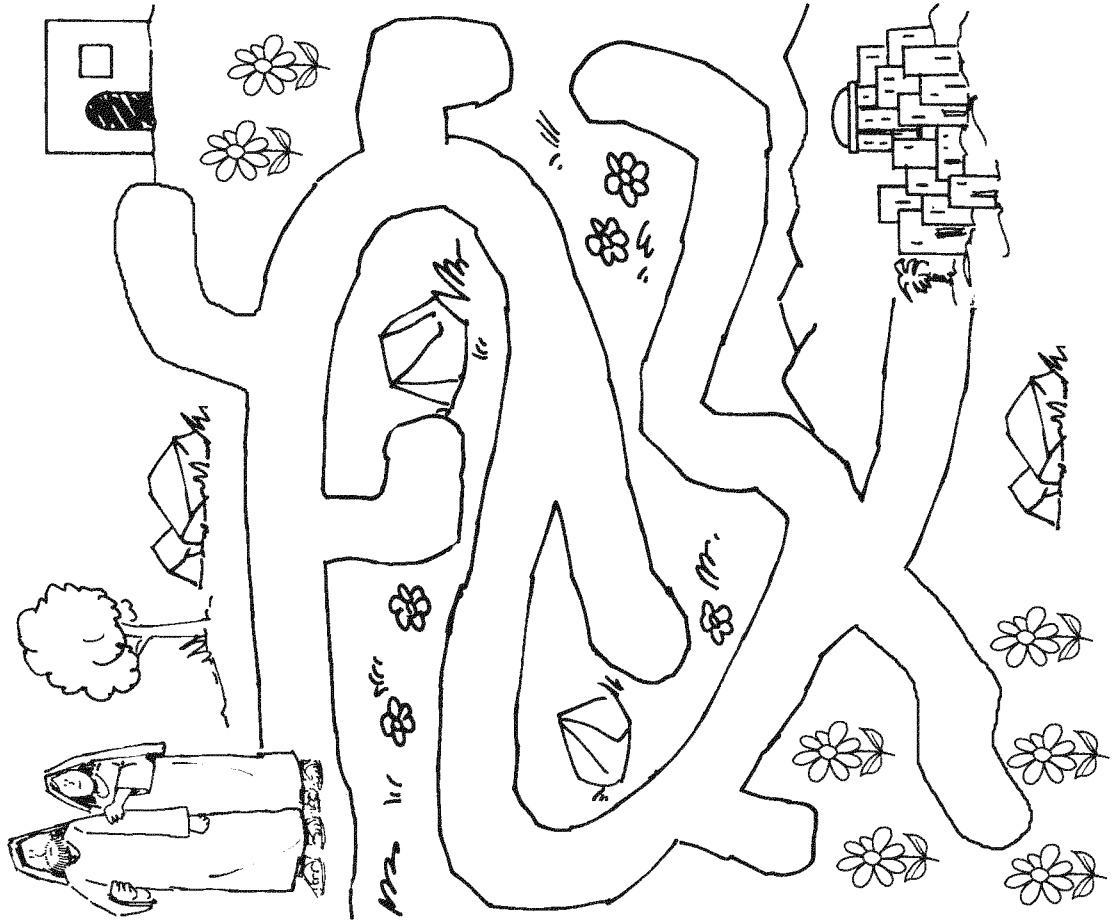
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Find Jesus in the caravan traveling to Jerusalem.



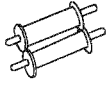
When they started home, no one could find Jesus, so Joseph and Mary went back to Jerusalem.

Help Joseph and Mary get back to Jerusalem.

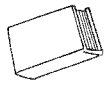


They found Jesus at the temple.

Find and count.



6 or 7?



7 or 8?

