

Fr. Stan Mader

This bulletin is for two weekends, so please keep it on hand. There will not be a different bulletin next weekend.

Welcome back to Ordinary Time everyone! Advent, Lent, and Easter seasons have their own distinctive character, but there are 33 or 34 weeks each year where no specific mystery is celebrated. This is Ordinary time - not a mundane time, but ordinary, as in ordinal numbers, such as first, second, third, etc. During this time the mystery of Christ itself is celebrated in its fullness. This year we will read from the gospel according to Luke on these weekends (*almost always*) and view the life of Jesus, his teachings and his works through the lens of that gospel. There are two parts of Ordinary time, this period before Ash Wednesday (*March 5 this year*), and then a longer period from Pentecost until the first Sunday of Advent.

Cheryl Salz will be retiring at the end of the month. Her final day of actual work is January 23. There will be a reception for her after Mass on Tuesday, January 21. Please wish her well. She has been here 10 years and attended the Amazing Parishes seminar near the beginning of that time.

She has been director of parish life, and in that role has encouraged many people into a deeper involvement with the parish and in their personal faith life. She was instrumental in selecting the Christ Renews His Church (aka Welcome) retreat program for our parish, was liaison to LOVE, Inc as that got started in western Carver County, largely through our parish's engagement, has assisted the Knights of Columbus Council 2506 to meet their lofty level, advocated for a parish mission, and many other activities with Boomers and Beyond, Women of Joy, Cana, and other groups. Thank you, Cheryl!

Our Synod Evangelization Team met last week to look at small group offerings for the spring. We will be offering a series on the history and ways of praying with the Stations of the Cross during Lent with some special experiences of that devotion. Some other topics will be offered as well, on the Mass and on prayer, as well as the "Legacy Groups" such as the Tuesday morning scripture study. We are limited only by the number of leaders we have. Those of you who were trained in the fall of 2023, please offer to help with a group. We can refresh your training with a 90-minute session. If you have not been trained, we now

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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

New to the Parish? WELCOME!

We would love to hear from you!
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(Fr. Stan's message continued...)

have a 3-4 hour version of the training available, and you can choose any topic that I will approve. Small groups, especially the Parish Evangelization Cell System format (PECS) is to become part and parcel of every parish in the Archdiocese. We are now entering our third season of it. Please become part of this way of adding to your life.

It is a badly kept secret that we are a pilot parish in the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign. You will all hear a little about it at Mass this weekend, January 18-19. We have had a few meetings about it, including one at St. Hubert in Chanhassen with the Archbishop on January 14. At this point, we are meeting with 20-40 households. I hope to increase that number to about 100 by the time we get to the general launch sometime in March. Eventually, every family in the parish will be contacted, and you will learn a lot more about what it will mean to the Archdiocese and to our parish. We are being asked to raise \$1,545,000 dollars, \$927,000 of which will remain in our parish. The other 40% will go to the Archdiocese to help with education (*schools and faith formation*), care for priests, assistance to the Basilica and the Cathedral in their own campaigns (*each of over \$40 million*), support for places in need, and assistance in passing on the faith to the next generation. In the parish, it will be used for education and evangelization, and a host of capital projects. Much more details to come at the various meetings. You will all be invited to help, in various phases, as we move forward in the next five months.



Baseball Camp Report: I was drafted onto a team coached by Al Newman and Juan Berenger. Our team name was The Villains. It was a fun week, but somewhat frustrating. We barely made the playoffs, finishing 8th of 10 teams with a 2-6 record. In three games, we kicked away victories in the final inning with errors. After two good at-bats to start the week, I went into the dumpster. I had only one clean hit, one walk, and was on base two other times in 26 plate appearances. I think my batting average was .040, and I struck out 6 times. I had lots of pop-ups, foul backs, and committed errors in the field. I will have to practice before I go again. The weather was cool for Florida, but several days were comfortable in shorts. I met some new people and enjoyed time with others I have known for a longer time.

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NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

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

FAREWELL CHERYL

Join us after Mass, at about 9:00 am, on Tuesday, January 21 in the Parish Center to say farewell to Cheryl, and to celebrate and thank her for the past ten years she has given to at St. Joseph.

DON'T MISS THE BUS!

Plan to attend the annual MCCL March for Life at the State Capitol in St. Paul on January 22. While there will be no bus leaving St. Joseph, you can get a ride from St. Boniface. Their bus is sponsored by the St. Boniface Knights of Columbus and will be leaving by 8:30 am. *Freewill donations are accepted.*

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!

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.

HELP NEEDED

The parish is seeking volunteers to assist with funerals by learning how to open and close the columbarium. The process takes approximately one hour of your time. If you're interested in helping, please contact Chris Parker at the Parish Office (952-442-3702) or speak with Fr. Stan after Mass. Thank you for considering this meaningful way to serve our parish community!

ST. JOSEPH CSTEM SCHOOL

A Focus on Catholic Virtues

At St. Joseph Catholic STEM School, faith is the foundation of everything we do. Our students are formed in the Cardinal and Theological virtues, as well as the virtues of obedience, diligence, charity, wisdom, kindness, and excellence, preparing them to live as disciples of Christ.

These virtues are more than lessons—they're habits that guide our students in their families, communities, and futures. Whether persevering through a STEM challenge, practicing kindness with a classmate, or serving others in need, our students grow in grace and character every day.

Lord, guide our students to grow in obedience, diligence, charity, wisdom, kindness, and excellence, that they may reflect Your light in all they do. Amen.

Discover how St. Joseph Catholic STEM School combines faith, virtues, and academics to form leaders for tomorrow.

Join us for our Preschool and School Open House on Thursday, January 30, from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Tim Jantzen at [952-442-4500](tel:952-442-4500) or tjantzen@stjosephwaconia.org to learn more.

SJS ALUMNI STORY

Wally Wisniewski

This March, I have an incredible opportunity to go on a mission trip to Lithuania with an organization called FOCUS (*Fellowship of Catholic University Students*). FOCUS places missionaries on college campuses across the United States, and through this organization, I've grown significantly in my faith journey. In the past, I have participated in a mission trip to Peru and a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia, both of which were transformative experiences.

This spring break, I will be traveling to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, with a group of about 15 other students. We will partner with a local church to engage in service work while also sharing and evangelizing our faith. Although Lithuania is predominantly Catholic, many people there are culturally Catholic and do not actively practice their faith. Much like FOCUS's mission to revitalize faith on college campuses in the U.S., we aim to inspire students in Lithuania to deepen their relationship with God.

During the trip, we will celebrate daily Mass, spend time in a holy hour, and dedicate ourselves to meaningful prayer and reflection, all while spreading Christ's love to those we meet. This mission trip promises to be an incredible opportunity for spiritual growth and for sharing the joy of the Gospel with others. *Thank you for your consideration to help us!*



Please scan the QR Code to donate online.

SCHOOL NEWS!

ENROLL NOW!!

Join us today! Enrollments are open for our Preschool and K-8 grades for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. We collaborate closely with families to ensure affordable tuition, with financial aid options available. Contact Tim Jantzen at tjantzen@stjosephwaconia.org or 952-442-4500 to arrange a tour or shadow day. For more information and online registration, visit school.stjosephwaconia.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Come celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us! No RSVP is needed for the Open House or Generation Day; just come. A ticket is required to attend the Gala.

- **School Open House | January 30**
Thursday at 6:00 pm
- **Generation Day | Friday, January 31**
Mass with the school at 8:15 am, followed by activities at the school.
- **Saints Gala | Saturday, February 1**
Starts after Mass (approx. 6:15 pm)

Questions? Call [952-442-4500](tel:952-442-4500) or learn more online from our school website at [school.stjosephwaconia.org/!](http://school.stjosephwaconia.org/)

BOOK FAIR

Come check out the Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week! It will be open:

- January 28 | 7:00 am
- January 29 | 7:00 am
- February 31 | 10:30 am

Can't make it in person? No worries! You can shop the book sale online by scanning the QR code.



C-STEM FAIR

Judges Needed!

Are you able to volunteer your time on Thursday, January 30 from 8:15 am to 11:45 am to help judge our school's middle school C-STEM fair projects? Judges will listen to students present their project, ask them questions, and evaluate their explanation and display board by giving scores in various categories. No science or engineering background is necessary. Instead, we appreciate just your willingness to share feedback and words of wisdom with our eager students!

Please email jmatlon@stjosephwaconia.org to sign up, and more details will then be sent to you. *Thank you in advance!*

FREE



FEBRUARY 8

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

IN THE PARISH CENTER

(Lower Level of the Church)

Valentine CARD MAKING

YOU'RE INVITED!

*FOR ALL AGES

**with Parent Supervision*

Spread Love this Valentine's Day!

Join the Women of Joy for a fun and heartfelt card-making event creating Valentine's Cards for your loved ones, the homebound, and the senior community.

This FREE event is open to everyone!

*All ages are welcome to participate
(children must be accompanied by a parent).*

Bring your creativity, and we'll provide the supplies.
Let's share the love this Valentine's Day!

FREE!
All Are Welcome!

FAMILY *Valentine* DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
AT 6:00-7:30 PM

IN THE EDUCATION CENTER
(Commons & Gym)

FAMILY VALENTINE DANCE
We're excited to invite you and your family to the Family Valentine Dance happening on February 7 in the School Commons & Gym. It's open to all families with kids ages 0 to grade 4. We hope you can make it, so please RSVP if you'll be attending with your family. *See you there!*

WE ARE
Hiring

Parish Administrative Assistant
Seeking qualified candidates for our Parish Administrative Assistant position. Consider joining our team! We are looking for applicants who are friendly, detail-oriented, computer proficient, and have a heart for the Faith.

Interested?! Please contact:
Chris Parker: 952-442-3702
cparker@stjosephwaconia.org
Fr. Stan: 952-442-3700
frstan@stjosephwaconia.org

SAINTS GALA

Tickets are on sale now! | February 1, 2025

The last day to purchase your tickets is January 21.
Scan the QR Code to get your tickets today!

Can't attend this amazing event in person?
You can still bid on many auction items online!
Scan the QR Code to start browsing this year's offerings.

Silent Auction goes live Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00 pm!

*Don't miss out on this special night to celebrate
and support our school community.*



SAINTS
gala

THE STARS ARE
OUT AT THE GALA
FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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.



OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

For December 2024

WEEKEND OFFERTORY:

December 2024, 485 Donors, 1033 Contributions \$158,923

December 2023, 487 Donors, 1043 Contributions \$146,884

Contributions to Special Funds

Capital Repairs & Maintenance \$1,693
2nd Collection \$5,775

Year to Date (July 2024 - December 2024)

Total Offertory Contributions \$527,342

Last year, same period \$508,108

MASS INTENTIONS

January 20 - 26

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| MON | JAN 20 | 6:30 pm | Georgiana Johnson † |
| TUE | JAN 21 | 8:15 am | Aaron Davis † |
| WED | JAN 22 | 8:15 am | Collective: Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #2506 Ken Mays † |
| THU | JAN 23 | | No Mass |
| FRI | JAN 24 | 8:15 am | Debra Vanderlinde † |
| SAT | JAN 25 | 5:15 pm | Collective: William & Jeannene Otto † Mary Klein † |
| SUN | JAN 26 | 8:30 am | St. Joseph Parishioners |
| | | 10:30 am | Justin Nowak † & Gene Henderson † |
| | | 7:30 pm | Fr. Rembert Bularzik, OSBT |

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

PRAY

Please pray for the following: Mia G, 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, 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.

PRAY FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION RECIPIENTS

Please pray for our second graders preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, January 18. Please continue to pray for them as they also prepare to receive their first Holy Communion on April 26 & 27.

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| Eli B | Anthony K | James S |
| Verne B | Lettie L | Hannah S |
| Natalie B | Carson L | Caden S |
| Kendall B | Clara L | Wyatt S |
| Brady B | Nova M | Martin U |
| Christopher B | Lacey M | Noah V |
| Aurielle B | Marissa M | Margo W |
| Freya C | Louis O | Maya Z |
| Vince D | Isaac P | |
| Max J | Grace P | |
| Charlotte K | Emmett R | |

THIS WEEK

January 20 - 26

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

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
7:15 pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Holy Fam Conf Rm)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass
9:00 am: Farewell for Cheryl Salz (Parish Center)
9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
7:00 pm: KC General Meeting (Parish Center)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm: 2nd Grade SAC (Media Center)
6:00 pm: EDGE (School)
7:00 pm: Confirmation (School)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

No Mass | Fr. Stan's Day Off
8:45 am: Pray.Vent.Laugh.
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (Chapel)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Adoration (Chapel)
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm: All School Open House (School)
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Loft)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat
7:00 am-9:00 pm: Classic Basketball Tournament (Gym)
4:00 pm-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
5:15 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
4:00-6:00 pm: KC Free Throw Contest (Gym)
6:00 pm: Youth Group (Parish Center)
7:30 pm: Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

January 27 - February 2

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| MON | JAN 27 | 6:30 pm | Marlon Dethaussey † |
| TUE | JAN 28 | 8:15 am | Fr. Tom Fitzgerald † |
| WED | JAN 29 | 8:15 am | Gail Mortenson † |
| THU | JAN 30 | | No Mass |
| FRI | JAN 31 | 8:15 am | Jane Burford † |
| SAT | FEB 1 | 5:15 pm | Lori Storms † |
| SUN | FEB 2 | 8:30 am | St. Joseph Parishioners |
| | | 10:30 am | Collective: Michael Heeney † Cheryl Cherry Judy Bailey † |

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LOOKING AHEAD

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| FEB 7 | Family Valentine Dance 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the School Gym |
| FEB 8 | Valentine Card Making Event Parish Center Free event for the whole family! 10:00 am-1:00 pm |
| FEB 11 | Jersey Mikes Fundraiser 4:00-8:00 pm Use Promo Code SJCC50 at Waconia store, and support students going on the Steubenville Retreat! |
| FEB 15 - MAY 5 | Blessed Palms Bring in your blessed palms and place in the baskets in the Narthex & by the side door. |
| FEB 17 | KC Blood Drive 11:00 am to 5:30 pm in the Parish Center |
| FEB 22-23 | Welcome Retreat: Men's Weekend |
| MAR 1-2 | Welcome Retreat: Women's Weekend |
| MAR 5 | Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm |
| MAR 7 | Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm |
| MAR 7 | KC Fish Fry 4:00 pm-7:00 pm in the School Commons & Gym |
| MAR 8 | Second Saturday Rosary & Fellowship 9:00 am in the church & Parish Center |
| MAR 21 | St. Joseph Festival KC Fish Fry, Cash Raffle, Bingo & Kid's Carnival! |
| MAR 23-26 | Parish Mission: "Surge of the Heart" |

NEXT

January 27 - February 2

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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
7:15 pm: Finance Council Meeting (Holy Fam Conf Rm)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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 (Parish Center)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

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 (Loft)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:15 am: Mass with the School (Generation Day)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Food Shelf Collection
2:30 pm: Wedding (Church)
4:00 pm-5:00 pm: Confession
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (Church)
5:15 pm: Mass
6:15-10:00 pm: Saints Gala

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Food Shelf Collection
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (Church)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
12:00 pm: Baptisms

Know

Love

Serve

Welcome. CRHP 2.0

There is **More to Life**

OVERNIGHT RETREAT FOR ADULTS AGES 18+

Welcome is an overnight retreat with witness talks from fellow Catholics who have previously attended the retreat. Sunday Mass will be part of the weekend, and plenty of food will be provided throughout the weekend.

MEN'S RETREAT: **FEBRUARY 22-23**

Saturday at 8:00 am - Sunday at 4:00 pm

Questions? Reach out to Matt Turek at
matthewturek59@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: **MARCH 1-2**

Saturday at 8:00 am - Sunday at 4:00 pm

Questions? Reach out to Janice Matlon at
jmatlon@stjosephwaconia.org.



REGISTER TODAY!

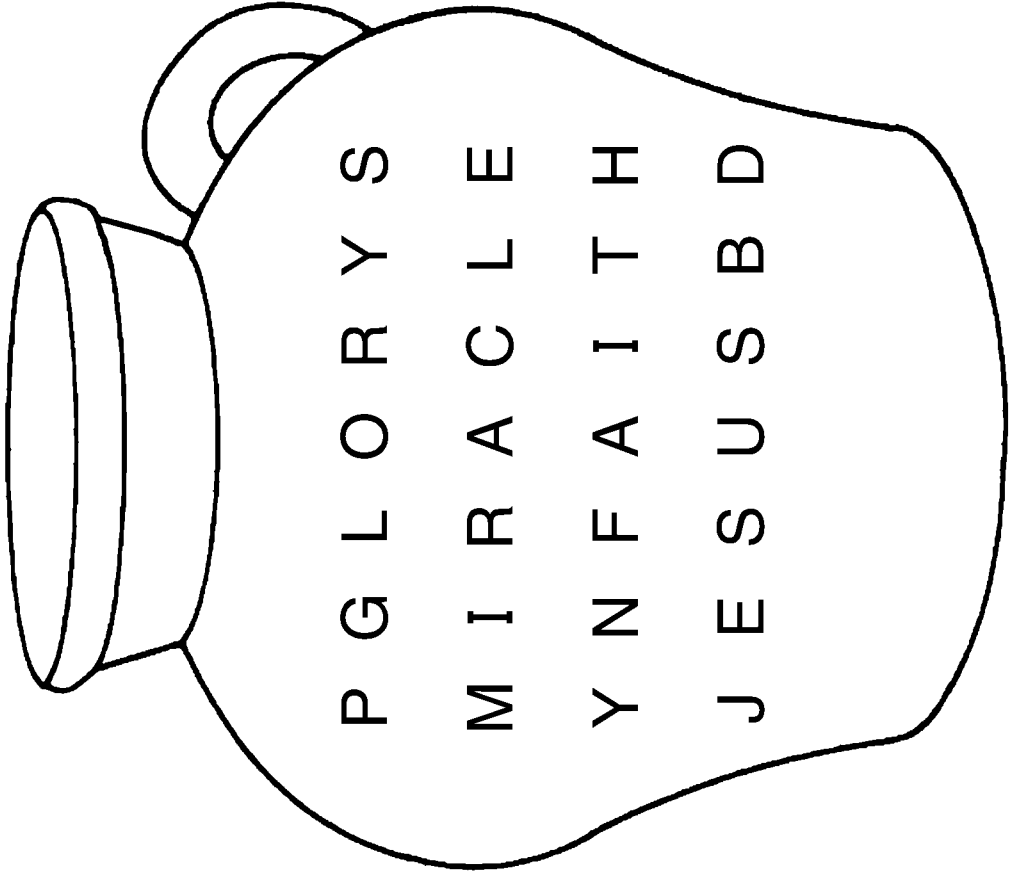
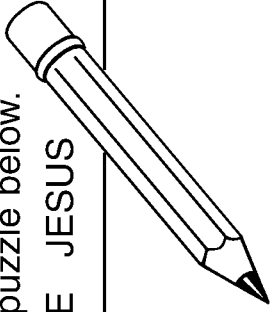
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This was Jesus' first miracle. His disciples saw His glory. They put their faith in Him.

Find the hidden words in the puzzle below.

FAITH GLORY MIRACLE JESUS



Ages 3+

January 19, 2025 • John 2:1-11

The Miracle at Cana

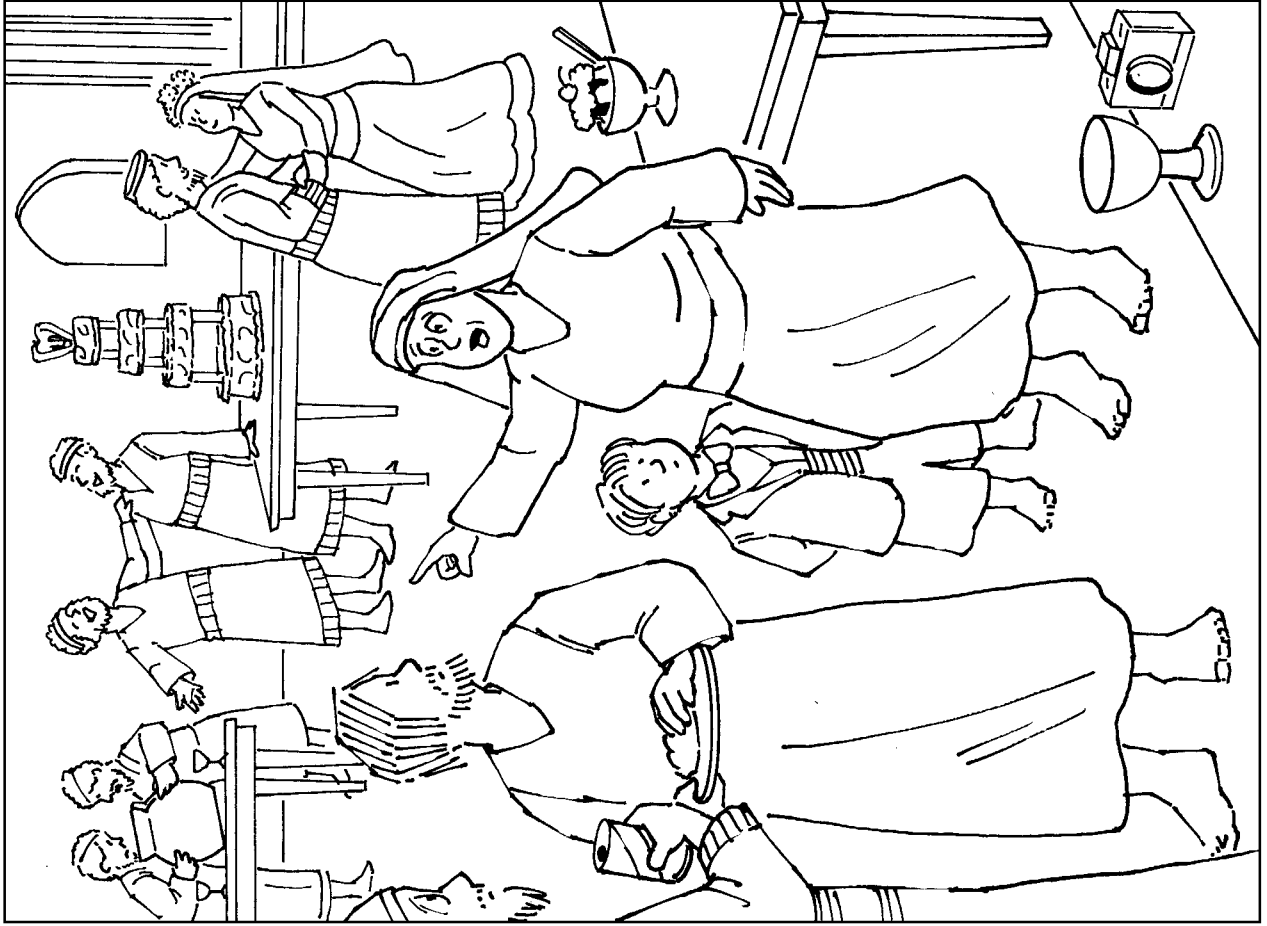
Jesus, His mother and His disciples were invited to a wedding at Cana in Galilee.

Find Jesus , Jesus' mother Mary  and these 2 disciples   at the party.



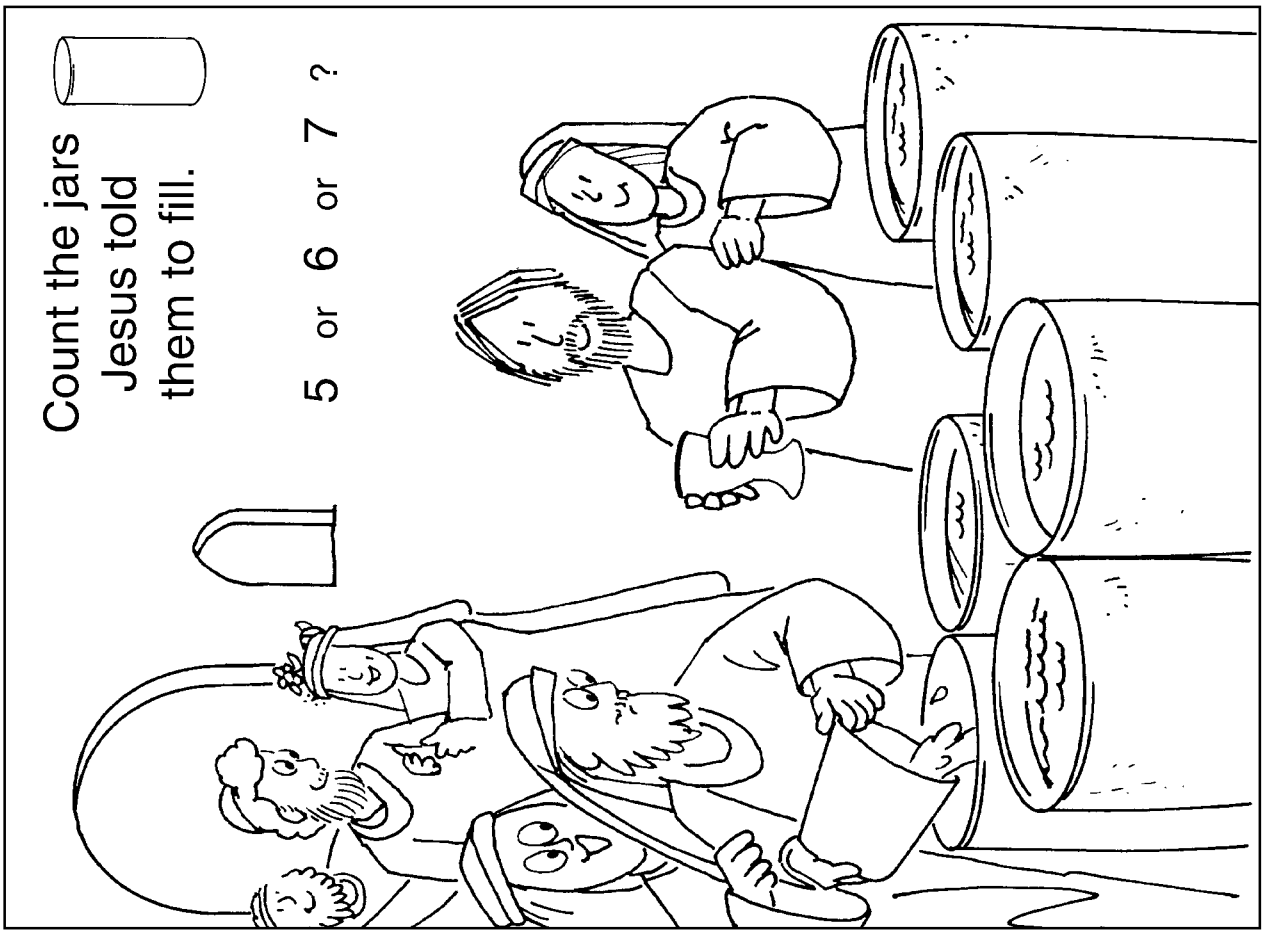
Jesus' mother noticed they had no more wine.

Circle 5 things wrong in the picture.



Jesus asked the servants to fill jars with water. The water turned into wine!

Circle the number of jars Jesus had them fill.



Count the jars Jesus told them to fill.

5 or 6 or 7 ?

