



SHARING SIMPLY AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

- Soup (simple meal)
- Stations of the Cross (simple language)
- St. John's Bible & "Illuminating" craft

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“On Friday March 2nd we got together to first break bread with other parishioners from the community of St. Joseph the Worker. We had a lent friendly light supper of soup (meat free of course) salad, buns, and snacks.

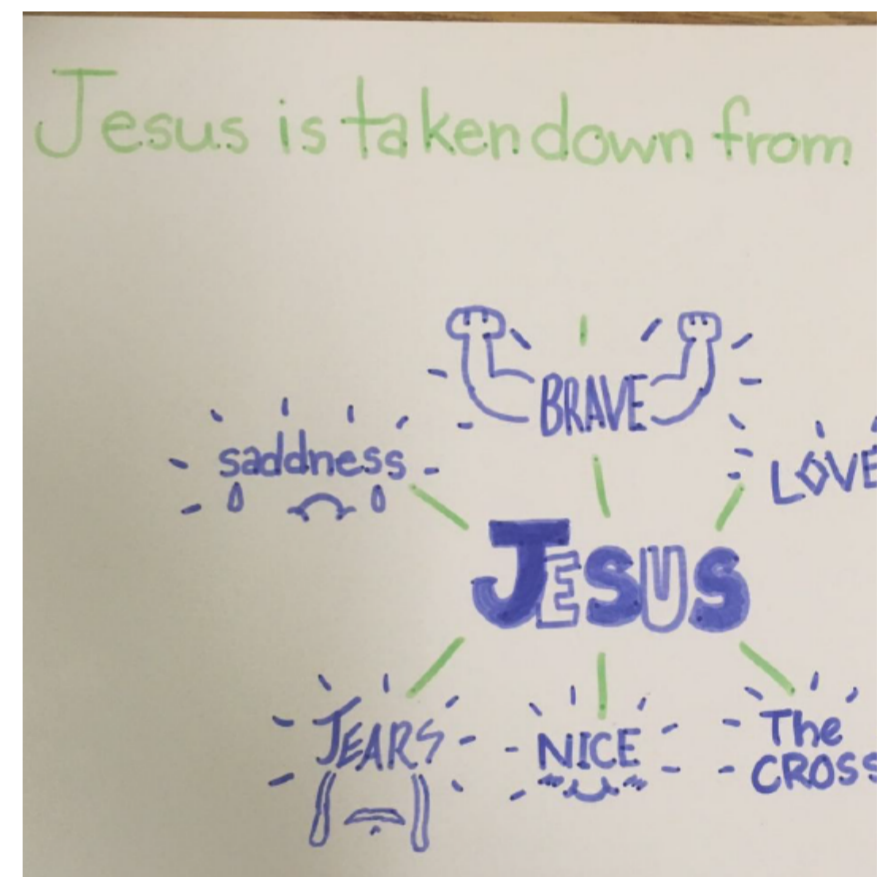
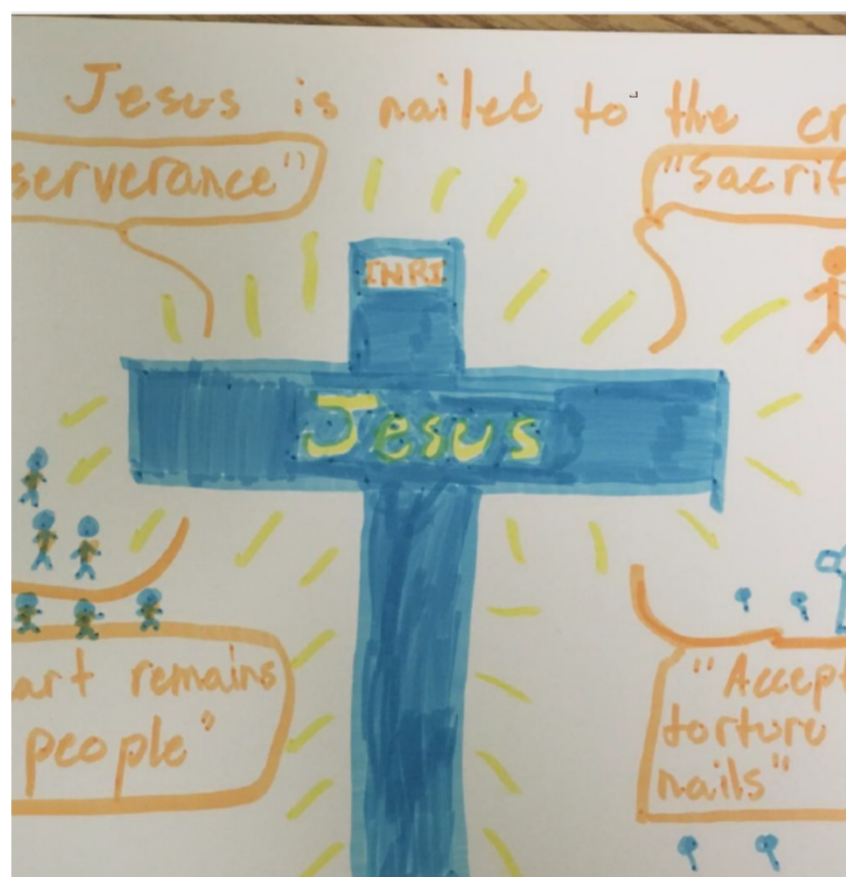
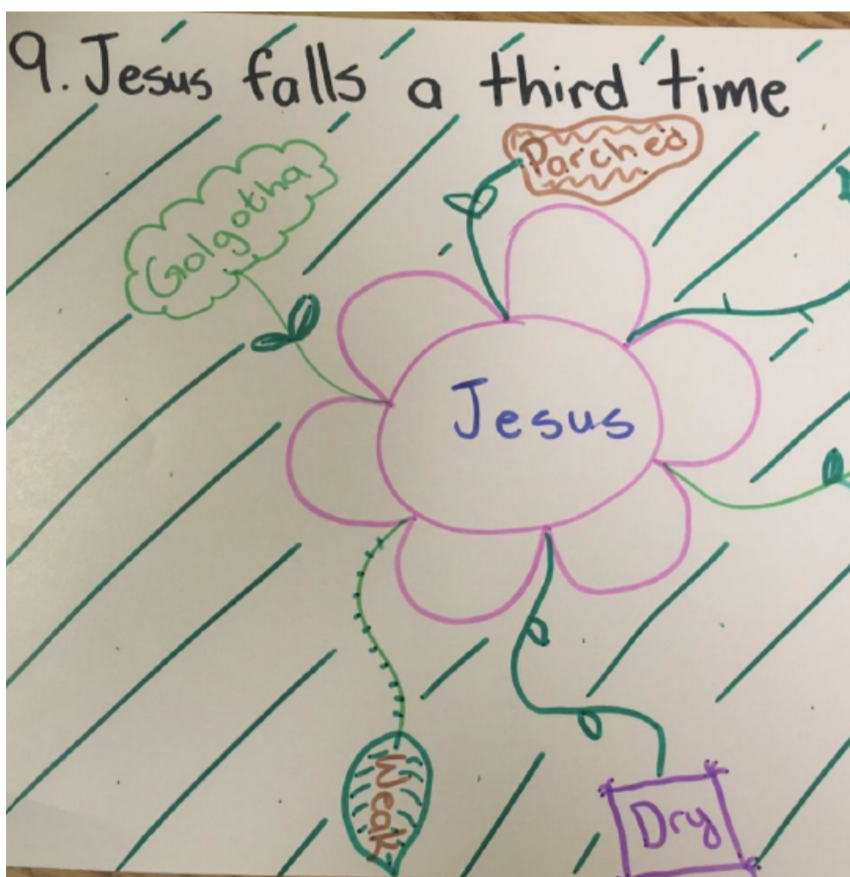
After our meal we prayed together stations of the cross in “simple language” The children took turns reading the stations and leading prayer. There were small tokens to gather at each station to help remind them of the events of each station.

Following, those gathered then had a little session and had opportunity to view the St. John’s Illuminated Bible which was such an experience to see the amount of love, passion and time that went into creating such a piece of art.

We then finished out the evening with an “illuminated” scripture craft for both the parents and the kids to take home to remember the evening.

We look forward to the next event at St. Joseph the Worker parish!"

– Nanette Goldsworthy

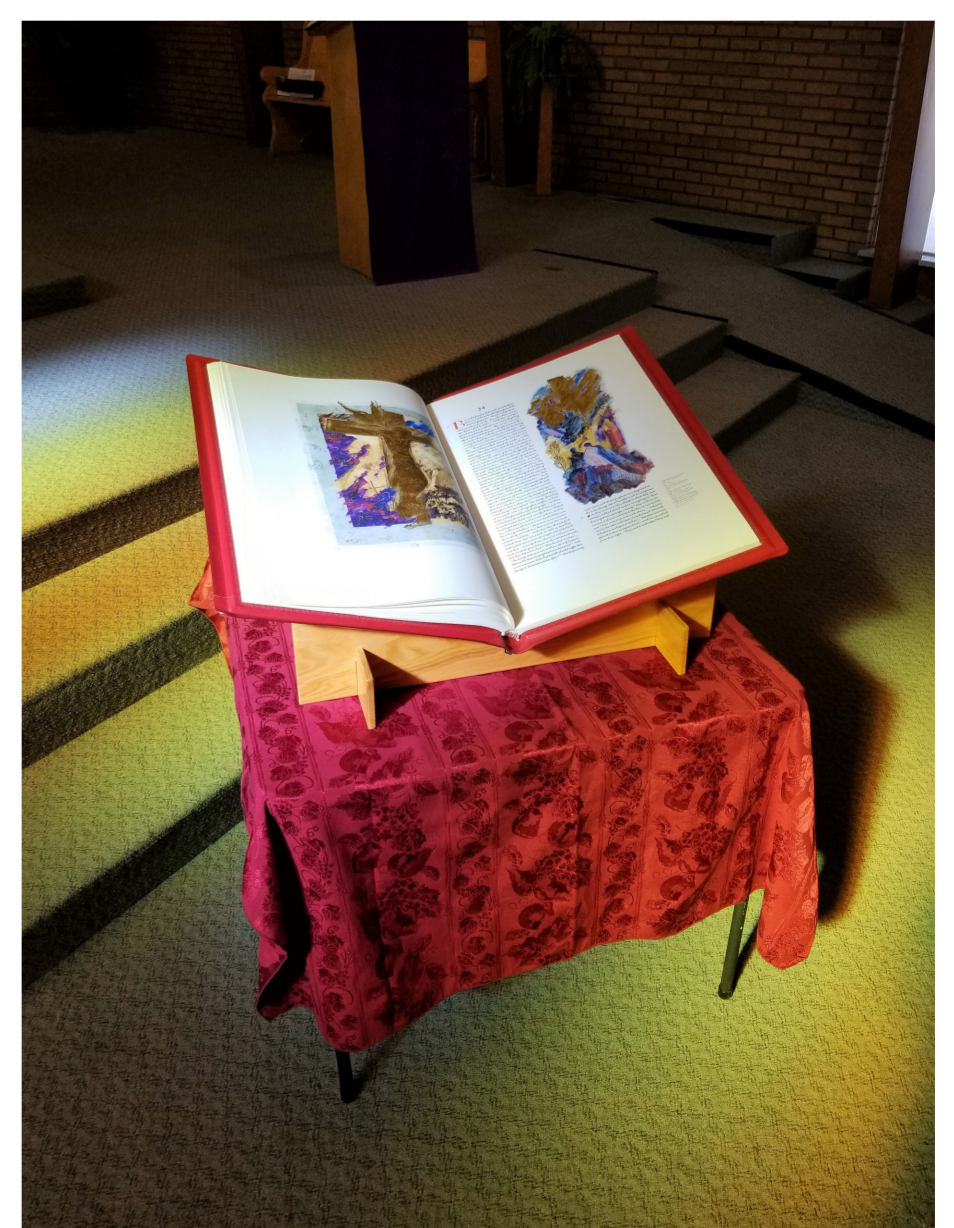


Some samples of the beautiful “word art” created by catechism youth and projected as we prayed.

“How blessed we are that our (arch)diocese is taking care of our parish. It has entrusted us with such a priceless work of beauty, inspired by God. Our Church community is one steeped in history. We are honoured to be a part of it.”

– Carmelina and Dwight Kjartanson

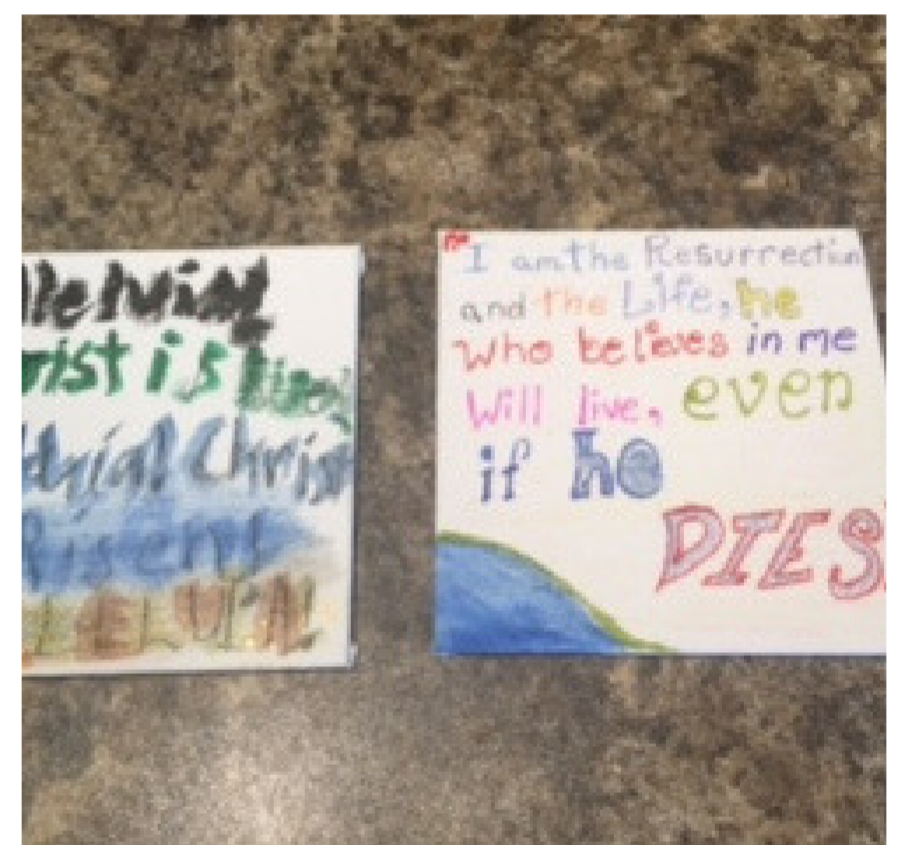
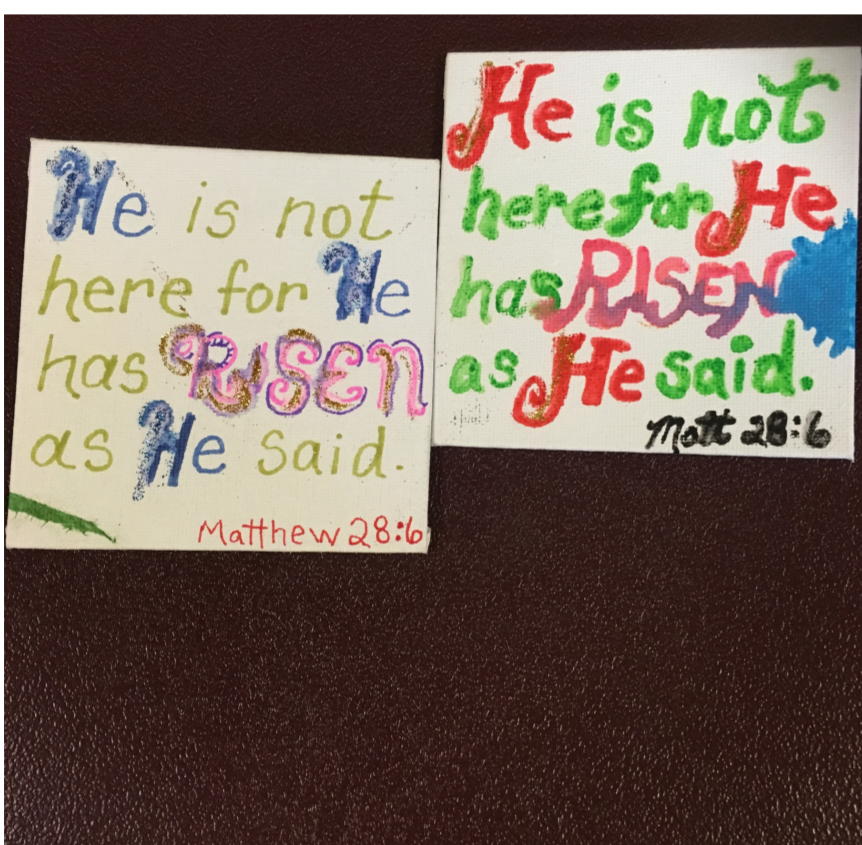
The St. John's Bible: Gospels & Acts Heritage Edition at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.



“The Family Friendly Stations of the Cross evening is that it is for everyone - even as an adult whose children are now long past the ages of needing simpler language to understand the Stations, it was a change for me and a time of not thinking as much about the language (as much as I love a rich language experience) but to just think and pray about the events that each station depict. It was also encouraging to see some of our younger members of the parish in active roles as they helped to set up the materials and participate fully in the stations.

The simple meal beforehand and that simple act of sharing a meal with people that we might not interact with in the parish on a regular basis can take us out of our comfort zone and open our eyes and hearts to fellowship with other parishioners. After the experience of seeing, touching, and learning about the St. John’s Bible, the craft of creating our own magnet in the style of an illuminated page was both fun and reflective. As we chose our scripture passage (interesting when something pops out and speaks to you!) and then worked and chatted with fellow crafters, it was another opportunity to have fellowship with people from the parish that we might have just said hi to in the past. I encourage parishioners to come out to more of these opportunities!”

– Monica Carter



"Illuminated" Scripture Craft magnets created by a children & adults.

A group of participants in the evening event.

“What an amazing experience to see the living (Illuminated) bible! We took part as a family and really got to examine and participate in the living gospel! We met other families also on the Lenten journey and got to share in making a beautiful keepsake magnet!! It was a soulful and purposeful experience which was a wonderful blessing to take part! Thanks for including us!”

- Jacquie Chris and Connor Weight

