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ST. JOSEPH'S DAY!

St. Joseph's Day, celebrated on March 19th, honors Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary in Christian tradition, and is marked by the giving of lily flowers, which symbolize purity, virtue, and the role of St. Joseph as a figure of paternal care and protection.

Directions: Use your math skills to find the value of each icon and the '?' in the puzzle below.

$$\text{St. Joseph icon} + \text{St. Joseph icon} + \text{Lily flower} = 36$$

$$\text{St. Joseph icon} + \text{Cake} + \text{Cake} = 28$$

$$\text{Lily flower} = \text{St. Joseph icon}$$

$$\text{Cake} - \text{Man icon} = 3$$

$$\text{St. Joseph icon} + \text{Cake} + \text{Lily flower} + \text{Man icon} = ?$$

My Answer: ? = _____

Answer Key:

Stained Glass Window=12

Lily Flower=12

San Giuseppe Pastry=8

St. Joseph=5

?=37

Fun Fact: The Zeppole di San Giuseppe pastry is traditionally made and eaten in Italy to celebrate St. Joseph's Day on March 19th. This delightful pastry is a deep-fried dough ball or a baked cream puff, often filled with custard or sweet ricotta and topped with a cherry, symbolizing the blossoming of the lilies typically associated with St. Joseph. It's not just a treat; it's also a way to honor Joseph, the patron saint of pastry chefs, making it a meaningful and delicious part of the festivities.