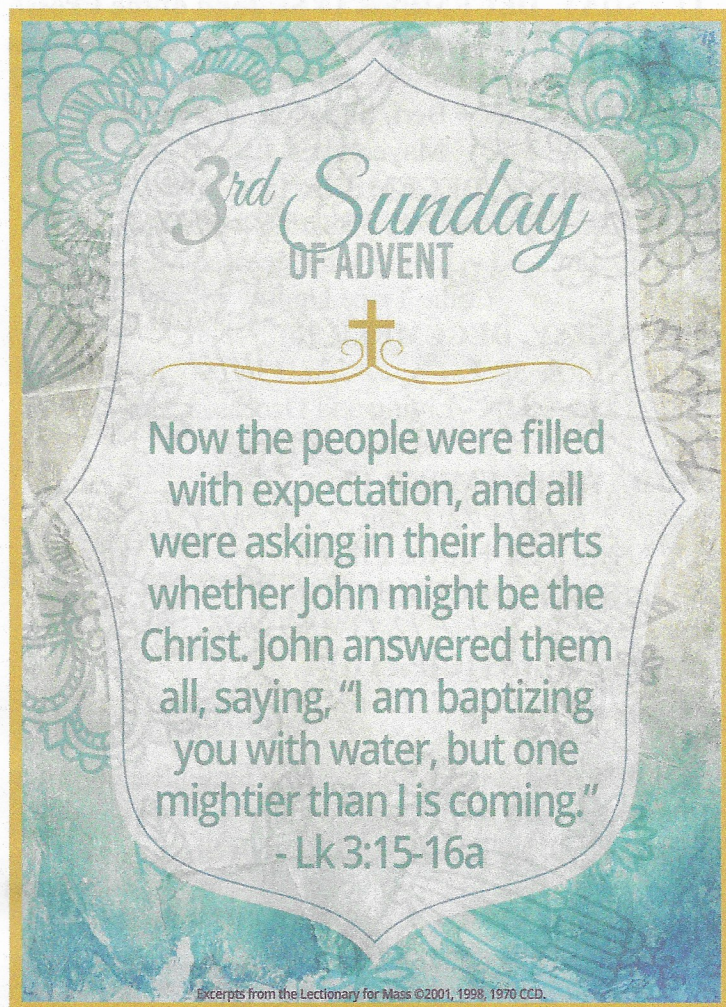


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RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 12, 2021



HOLY MASS - NEW WEEKEND TIMES AND SITES

SAT 4:00 p.m. - SJ

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SUN 8:30 a.m. live stream - SJ

SUN 9:45 a.m. - SJN

TUE 8:30 a.m. - SJN

WED 8:30 a.m. - SJ

THU 8:30 a.m. - SJN

FRI 8:30 a.m. - SJ

Live stream at [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SAT 3-3:30 p.m. - SJN Face masks preferred.

Anytime by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Call their office, 262-639-1071, or visit [racinecemeteries.org](https://www.racinecemeteries.org)

LEGACY GIFT

Please remember St. Joseph Church or St. John Nepomuk Church in your estate planning. Thank you.

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St. Joseph School; 1525 Erie Street; Racine, WI 53402-4830

Office hours 7:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m. when school is in session

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Office and absences 262-633-9005

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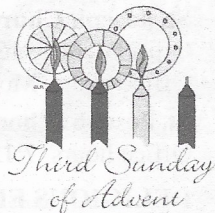
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Dear Parishioners,

Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday as today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always.") Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior. We rejoice because we are hoping to celebrate the day of Christ's birth. We recognize his daily presence in our midst, and we wait for his return in glory.

In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation.

For us, transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggests. We must mend ruptures and frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly and treat employees justly, abandoning our selfish thirst for consumption and be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming.



Happy Advent journey,

Fr. Steve

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday, December 16, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saint Lucy Church



Join a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament while reflecting on Luke's Gospel accounts of Christmas. The evening at St. Joseph Church closes with benediction on Thursday, **December 16**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Rest from the busyness to peacefully reflect on the true reason for the season.

Christmas/New Year's Masses

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. SJ; 4 p.m. SJN
Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m. SJ; 9:45 a.m. SJN (NO 4 p.m.)
Sunday, Dec. 26: 8:30 a.m. SJ; 9:45 a.m. SJN
New Year's Day: 9 a.m. SJ; 4 p.m. SJ and 4 p.m. SJN
Sunday, Jan. 2: 8:30 a.m. SJ; 9:45 a.m. SJN

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross/
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-32

* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + Bert, Margaret, and Michael Mayerl

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Lk 7:18b-23

*^ 8:30 a.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members of the Tyree Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Lk 7:24-30

* 8:30 a.m. - SJN - Living and Deceased Members of the Skinner Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Joyce Erhardt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

*Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45*

* 4 p.m. - SJ + Phyllis, Roger, Gerald Rademacher

* 4 p.m. - SJN + Edward Floyd

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 Fourth Sunday of

Advent

* 8:30 a.m. - SJ

livestream at Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine
+ Elizabeth Dickert

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

* 9:45 a.m. - SJN + Francisca Gonzalez-Torres

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

* **FACE MASK MANDATE IF OLDER THAN 4 YRS.**

^ Mass with St. Joseph School students



Please join us for the rosary before each Mass.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith,

JACKLYN ROBASH AND JAMESON COUCH.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **LIVING AND DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE SISAK FAMILY.**

† **STEWARDSHIP** ✉
 Whatever you have – has been given.
 Whatever you give – will be returned.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

November 27/28 collections:	\$ 927.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,211.54
Year-to-date given:	\$ 45,691.77
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 48,653.88
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -3,362.11
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$ 5,543.00

St. Joseph Parish

Total collection income:	\$ 2,827.00
November 27/28 collections:	\$ 2,797.00
ACH contributions:	\$ 30.00
Church renovation:	\$ 0.00
Energy costs:	\$ 0.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -6,273.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 120,655.63
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 200,200.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -79,534.37
Thanksgiving baskets:	\$ 100.00
Christmas baskets:	\$ 100.00

Please consider a **Qualified Charitable Distribution** to **your parish** for those eligible, who have not met the required annual minimum withdrawal from an IRA.

The SJN Human Concerns Committee's clothing drive for Head Start Program children thanks you for your donations of hats, mittens, gloves, and socks to keep children warm. Return your unwrapped gift **by Dec. 12.**

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity making dreams come true for our Christmas Food Basket Program's 90 children! Return your wrapped gifts with tags to the Christmas Wish Tree **by Dec. 12.**

Lost and Found: ring. Call SJN Office, 262-634-5647.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs volunteers (less than 2 hours per month makes a difference) and monetary donations to buy milk, eggs, cheese, and butter. **Items needed:** tuna, saltine crackers, pasta sides, bagged/boxed potatoes, large peanut butter, condensed Campbell's Chicken noodle Soup. Questions: Jean Lackey Thieme, 262-930-5850 SJ or Dorothy Sack, 262-554-5419 SJN. **Mail donation checks with Food Pantry on the memo line** to St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine WI 53404-7004. **Donations stay in Racine.**

Read our weekly bulletin at parishesonline.com, st-joes.org, or [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine). **The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 13,** for the Dec. 26 bulletin. Send to: info@st-joes.org.

For the Sacrament of the Sick and Communion for the Sick when a parishioner is unable to attend church due to age, prolonged illness, or upcoming hospitalization, please call St. John Parish Office at 634-5647 or St. Joseph Parish Office at 633-8284. **If you wish to have Father visit your hospitalized loved one,** please call your Parish Office with your request. The hospital does not notify us of parishioner admissions.


We NEED your 2022 Mass intentions and Sanctuary Candles for your loved ones! A Mass stipend is \$10. Sanctuary candles are \$5 (SJ) and \$7 (SJN.) Please call St. Joseph or St. John Nepomuk parish offices.

Oplatek, the Christmas wafer, is available at St. Joseph Church for a free-will offering. Call 262-633-8284.

2022 Calendar Raffles (\$25) are sold until December 30 in both parish offices. 365 chances to win! Winners re-entered for prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, \$100; Christmas, \$500.

SJN CALENDAR 2021 RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Sunday</u> , Nov. 28, \$50 Pete Sisak #__	<u>Wednesday</u> , Dec. 1, \$25 Mary Gales #259
<u>Monday</u> , Nov. 29, \$25 Sr. Stephanie Seversin #__	<u>Thursday</u> , Dec. 2, \$25 Jerry Sisak #27
<u>Tuesday</u> , Nov. 30, \$25 Tristan/Katie Peterson #179	<u>Friday</u> , Dec. 3, \$25 Tami Schinkowitch #1189
	<u>Saturday</u> , Dec. 4, \$25 Paul Willing #745

 **Scrip gift cards** on sale after SJN weekend Masses.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Religious Ed., gr. 9-11: SJ Parish Ctr.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 p.m. - RCIA Inquiry class: SJ Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

9-11:30 a.m. - CMAS Ladies: SJN Parish Center

4-7:30 p.m. - Cookie Bake, Religious Education classes, gr. 6-11: SJN Parish Center

NO Religious Education classes, gr. 1-5

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

9 a.m.-8 p.m. - Advent Day of Reconciliation: St. Lucy Church

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Advent Holy Hour of Adoration: SJ Ch.

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