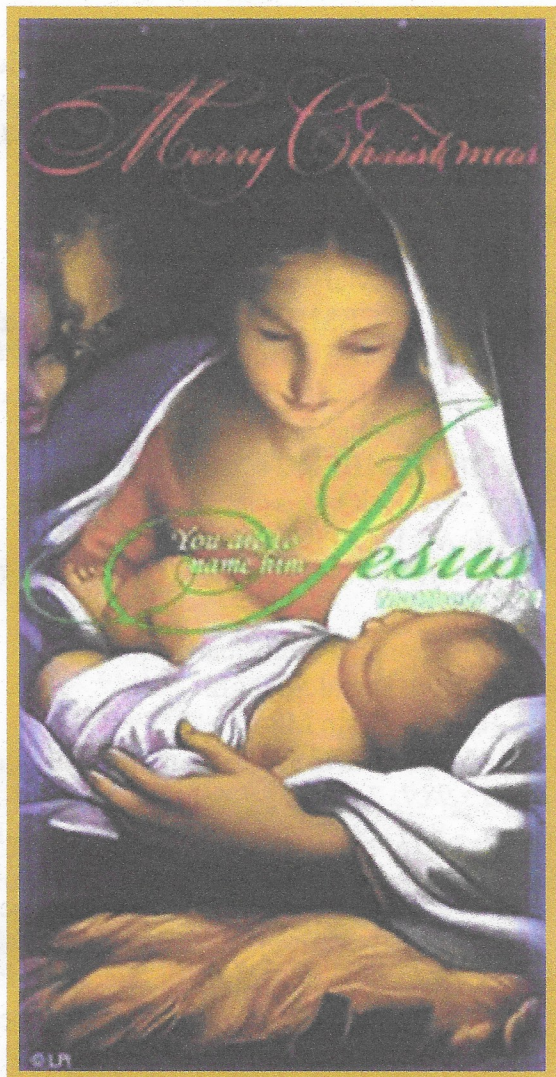


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HOLY MASS - NEW WEEKEND TIMES AND SITES

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

LEGACY GIFT

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

*Dear Parishioners,***"THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS
DWELLING AMONG US" (JOHN 1:14)**

Christmas is a feast of love! God in human-flesh is a blinding love-light made radiant by divine Self-giving. God loves us so intensely that we cannot help but respond. Long ago, St. Augustine said, "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek God is the greatest adventure; to find God is the greatest human achievement." How well St. Augustine describes the love mystery of incarnation.

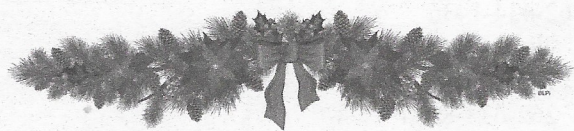
Our response to God's love is to seek and find God, to encounter and embrace God's presence, to become God's love-light in our own time and place. God's love knows no bounds; neither can ours. On this Christmas Day and Christmas season, let us become aware of the mystery of incarnation as a love encounter between God and human beings. Let us become God's love-light in our own time and place.

Along with my staff, I wish you the peace and joy of Christ at Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE,

Fr. Steve

*For unto us
a child is born*

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:**

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **SUE SISAK.**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith,
THE SUS AND SHIMKUS FAMILIES.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ + NO Mass**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius /

Sg 2:8-14 or Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN + Lloyd and Fran Meier**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ + Mary Inez Christensen**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ + NO Mass**

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:18-25

* 3:30 p.m. - **SJ and SJN musical prelude**

* **4 p.m. - SJ + Donald Scholz**

* **4 p.m. - SJN + Kevin Mauer**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 Nativity of the Lord (S)

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

* **8:30 a.m. - SJ Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine + Gil Miller**

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

* **9:45 a.m. - SJN + Jesse Bowman**

- Living and Deceased Members of the Matt J. Sisak Family

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

* **4 p.m. - SJ + NO Mass**

* **4 p.m. - SJN + NO Mass**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 The Holy Family (S)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

* **8:30 a.m. - SJ Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine**

- The Bosch and Lavin Families

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

* **9:45 a.m. - SJN + Dennis Baumgardt**

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

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

New Year's Masses

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

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

St. John Nepomuk Parish

December 4/5 collections:	\$ 2,922.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,211.54
Year-to-date given:	\$ 48,613.77
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 50,865.42
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -2,251.65
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$ 5,802.00

St. Joseph Parish

Total collection income:	\$ 3,345.00
December 4/5 collections:	\$ 2,555.00
ACH contributions:	\$ 765.00
Church renovation:	\$ 15.00
Energy costs:	\$ 10.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -5,755.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 124,010.63
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 209,300.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -85,289.37
Christmas baskets:	\$ 115.00
End-of-Year donations:	\$ 0.00

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

Oplatek, the Christmas wafer, is available at St. Joseph Church for a free-will offering. Begun millenniums ago in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania, the Christmas Eve ritual continues wherever the blessed Oplatek is shared.

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.

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. **The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 20**, for the Jan. 2 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.

Calendar 2022 Raffles (\$25) are on sale until January 2 for 365 chances to win! Buy yours until December 30 in both parish offices. Due to both parish offices being closed December 31, we will accept calendar sales **through the first weekend of January**. You may put the monies in the collection basket at both churches, or call Lauri Buchaklian at 639-1330 or Patti LaBlanc at 639-4350 with questions. **Please continue to sell the calendars, a major St. John's fundraiser.** Winners are 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> , Dec. 5, \$50 David Pucci #108	<u>Thursday</u> , Dec. 9, \$25 Marc/Andrea Meleen
<u>Monday</u> , Dec. 6, \$25 Ilana McCormick #491	#851
<u>Tuesday</u> , Dec. 7, \$25 John Russell #481	<u>Friday</u> , Dec. 10, \$25 Robert Barina #117
<u>Wednesday</u> , Dec. 8, \$25 Mary C. Buchaklian #82	<u>Saturday</u> , Dec. 11, \$25 Ron Lingvay #717



Scrip gift cards on sale after SJN weekend Masses.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

NO Religious Education classes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO Religious Education classes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Parish offices closed: SJ and SJN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO Religious Education classes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Parish offices re-open: SJ and SJN

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CHRISTMAS 2021

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

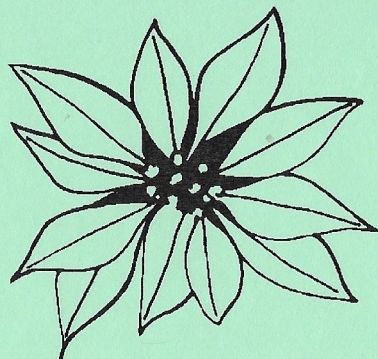
This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Jerome E. ListECKi

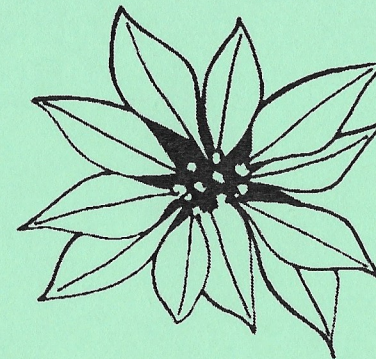
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Altar Flowers and Altar Candles

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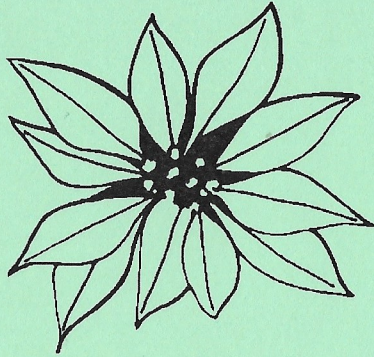


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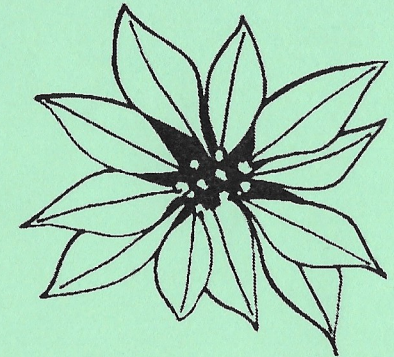
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