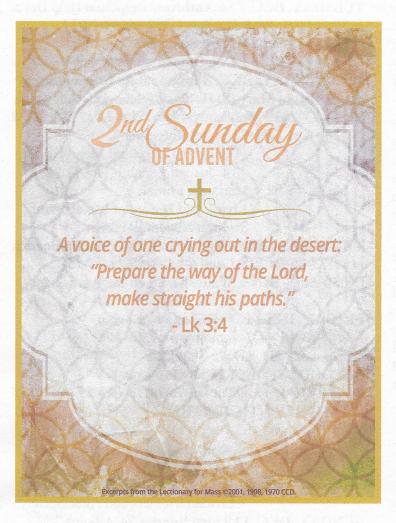
## ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 5, 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. - S.IN

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FRI 8:30 a.m. - SJ

Live stream at 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, 639-1071, or visit racinecemeteries.org

#### **LEGACY GIFT**

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

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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#### COMBINED PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dennis Maller, Chair

#### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

St. John Nepomuk Church; 1903 Green Street; Racine, WI Office/Mailing 700 English Street; Racine, WI 53402-4799 Office hours Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon;

Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Friday, closed

#### St. Joseph Church; 1533 Erie Street; Racine, WI

Office/Mailing 1532 N. Wisconsin Street; Racine, WI 53402-4805 Office hours Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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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### Dear Parishioners,

Each year, the second and the third Sundays in Advent center on John the Baptist, reminding us that if we want to prepare properly for the coming of Jesus we need to listen to the Baptizer's message. Following the style of ancient historians, Luke dates the appearance of John according to the ruling powers. He begins by setting the emergence of John against the secular context of the Roman Empire.

Luke turns to the Jewish religious context and reports John's emergence as a Herald of the Messiah during the religious leadership of Annas and Caiaphas. Although Caiaphas was the reigning high priest, it was Annas, his father-in-law and retired high priest, who was the religious power behind the throne of Galilee's Tetrarch Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great.

We are familiar with these words, "the voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths...'" For us, this command means that we are to prepare a royal road in our hearts for our Savior, a way that will take us from the wilderness of sin and alienation to God. A physical smooth road means nothing to God, but a repentant heart means a great deal. Hence, the truly important goal for us is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.

Let us repent and seek forgiveness from God and for our fellow human beings.

Happy Advent journey,

### Fr. Steve

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary on December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 8:30 a.m. SJ and 6 p.m. SJN.

of Advent

Eucharistic Adoration is Wednesday, December 8, following the 8:30 a.m. School Mass and closing with 2:15 p.m. Benediction. Please sign up for a time to visit on the sheet on the back bulletin board at St. Joseph's.

Please join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament while reflecting on the Gospel accounts of Christmas. Each evening at St. Joseph Church closes with benediction: Thursday, December 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for Matthew Chapters 1 and 2 and Thursday, December 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for Luke Chapters 1 and 2. Please come and take a break from the busyness of December to peacefully reflect on the true reason for the season.



MONDAY, DEC. 6 St. Nicholas

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Lk 5:17-26

**TUESDAY, DEC. 7 St. Ambrose/ Perpetual Help Devo.** *Is* 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13/Mt 18:12-14

\* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Jerry Simanek

+ Don Scholz

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary (S) Holyday/Eucharistic Adoration Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-3abcd, 4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

\*^ 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Doug Splittgerber

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

\* 6 p.m. - SJN + Marianna Ebinal

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

THURSDAY, DEC. 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + Walter Steidl on the Anniversary of his Death

FRIDAY, DEC. 10 Our Lady of Loreto

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Dave Shalbrack

SATURDAY, DEC. 11 St. Damasus I

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

\* 4 p.m. - SJ + Richard F. Blaha

+ Carl Laehr

\* **4 p.m. - SJN -** Living and Deceased Members of Christian Mothers and Altar Society

SUNDAY, DEC. 12 Third Sunday of Advent

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ

livestream at Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine

+ Dennis Bublavy

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

\* 9:45 a.m. - SJN + Alex and Mae Muleski

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

\* FACE MASK MANDATE IF OLDER THAN 4 YRS.

^ Mass with St. Joseph School students

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP: As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, remember in faith, **PETER AND MARGARET GEORGE.** 

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP: As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, remember in faith, **FRANCISCA GONZALEZ-TORRES.** 

#### † STEWARDSHIP ⊠

Whatever you have – has been given. Whatever you give – will be returned.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

November 20/21 collections	:\$	1,986.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$	2,211.54
Year-to-date given:	\$	44,764.77
Year-to-date budget:	\$	46,442.34
Year-to-date balance:	\$	-1,677.57
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$	5,543.00

St. John Nepomuk Parish gratefully acknowledges generous Memorial Gifts for Maureen Eisenman. Thank you.

St. Joseph Parish

Total collection income:	\$	4,395.00	
November 20/21 collections:	\$	4,220.00	
ACH contributions:	\$	0.00	
Church renovation:	\$	85.00	
Energy costs:	\$	90.00	
Weekly budget requirement	:\$	9,100.00	
Difference for the week:	\$	-4,705.00	
Year-to-date given:	\$	117,838.63	
Year-to-date budget:	\$	191,100.00	
Year-to-date balance:	\$	-73,261.37	
Thanksgiving baskets:	\$	335.00	
Christmas baskets:	\$	485.00	

#### ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

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

**Decorate St. Joseph's sanctuary for Christmas with memorial poinsettias and altar candles.** Return a \$15 donation and completed form by mail, collection, or the box on the ushers' table. **Due: December 5.** 

The SJN Human Concerns Committee's clothing drive for Head Start Program children needs hats, mittens, gloves, and socks. Please select an ornament from the tree in front of church and return your unwrapped gift by December 12. Thank you in advance for your generosity to keep children warm.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity in making dreams come true for children in our Christmas Food Basket Program! Please wrap your purchased gifts, securely attaching the ornament tag to each gift. Return your gifts to the Christmas Wish Tree at St. John's or St. Joseph's. Due Sunday, December 12. May God bless you abundantly.

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. 6, for the Dec. 12 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.

The 2022 Mass Intention Calendar is open. We NEED your Mass intentions! Call St. Joseph or St. John Nepomuk parish offices. A Mass stipend is \$10.

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

Please join us for the rosary before each Mass.

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

Sunday, Nov. 21, \$50	Wednesday, Nov. 24, \$25
Brandon/Melissa Riesner	Jack Rosenbaum #473
#451	Thursday, Nov. 25, \$100
Monday, Nov. 22, \$25	Dennis Maller #356
Justin Coe #431	Friday, Nov. 26, \$25
<u>Tuesday</u> , Nov. 23, \$25	Mark Schmidt #18
Jenny/Bryan Crawford	Saturday, Nov. 27, \$25
#1138	Paul LaBissoniere #444

Scrip gift cards on sale after 4 p.m. Saturday SJN Mass.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Religious Ed., gr. 9-11: SJ Parish Ctr. **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7** 

6:30 p.m. - RCIA Inquiry class: SJ Parish Center **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8** 

8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration: SJ Church 9-11:30 a.m. - CMAS Ladies: SJN Parish Center 6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed., gr. 1-5: SJN Parish Center 6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed., gr. 6-10: SJN Parish Center 6-7:30 p.m. - Confirmation, gr. 11: SJN Parish Center THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

6 p.m. - SJ Finance Council meeting: SJ Parish Center 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Advent Holy Hour of Adoration: SJ Ch. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

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# Advent Eucharistic Adoration

Reflect on the complete Gospel Accounts of Christmas and close with Benediction

Matthew / Chapters 1 & 2 on Thursday, December 9

Luke / Chapters 1 & 2 on Thursday, December 16 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for reflection on "the reason for the season"



St. Joseph Church

