

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 16, 2018



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PROPHET

John answered them all,
saying, "I am baptizing
you with water, but
one mightier than I
is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, SAC, Pastor
Deacon Douglas Gundlach - SJ
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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - SJN
Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. - SJ
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 4 p.m. - SJN
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 5:15 p.m. - SJ
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - SJ
9:45 a.m. - SJN
10:30 a.m. - SJ

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment or Saturday, 3-3:45 p.m. - SJN

TRUSTEES

Jim Tresemer - SJN John Gates - SJ
Suzanne Yde - SJN Pete Koleske - SJ

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Brian O'Connell, Chair

CONTACT INFORMATION

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School Office: 1525 Erie Street; Racine, WI 53402-4830

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Registration and calendar: st-joes.org or 262-633-9005

Registration questions: 262-633-9005

Faith Formation class absences: 262-633-9005

LEGACY GIFT


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

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Please call their office, 639-1071, or visit racinecemeteries.org



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**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
8 a.m. **NO** Mass or Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 Mother of**Perpetual Help Devotions**

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Marcella Knotek
+ Cathy Lofy

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/
Lk 1:5-25*

* 8 a.m. - **SJ** + Laura and Albert Wilinski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

*Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/
Lk 1:26-38*

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Edward and Phyllis Somers
+ Barb Cramer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

*Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/
Lk 1:39-45*

8 a.m. - **SJ** + John Swan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

8 a.m. - **SJ** **NO** Mass or Communion Service

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

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

4 p.m. - **SJN** - Living and Deceased Members of the
Sisak Family

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Mary Inez Christensen
- Living and Deceased Members of St.
Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - Living and Deceased Members of the
Nyiri, Sherman and Friedel Family

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Wencil "Jim" Simanek
- Living and Deceased Members of St.
John Nepomuk Parish

10:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittgerber

Key: **SJ** - St. Joseph Parish **SJN** - St. John Nepomuk Parish

* Mass with St. Joseph School students

Rejoice in the Lord always!

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY CANDLE:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **KARL HERDT.**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **BEATRICE ROSAS.**

Dear Parishioners,

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice...." On this *Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday*, 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, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggests.

Let us examine our relationships with others. Let us mend ruptures and frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly and treat employees justly. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order. Be prepared to abandon our selfish thirst for consumption and, instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming.

A joyous season of Advent,

Fr. Steve

**ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

Tuesday, December 18, 1 p.m. - St. Lucy Church
Thursday, December 20, 6:30 p.m. - St. Patrick Church

Because of early publishing deadlines due to Christmas and New Year's, the financials for December 8, 9, 15 and 16 will appear in the Sunday, December 23, bulletin.

To be included in your 2018 parish financial support statement, your church support gifts must be received in the collection at Mass by Sunday, December 30, or postmarked by Monday, December 31. St. John's Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 28. St. John's and St. Joseph's Parish Offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1.

Archbishop ListECKI prays for peace and the family on his daily 8 p.m. rosary program on Relevant Radio, 100.1-FM. Visit relevantradiomilwaukee.com

Daily and Sunday Mass intentions are available for the 2019 calendar. A Mass stipend is \$10. Please visit or call your Parish Office: SJ at 633-8284 or SJN at 634-5647.



A Christmas Cookie Walk by the Class of 2019 will be held at both church sites. Shop on Saturday, **December 15**, 3-5:30 p.m. (St. John Parish Center) and 4:30-6:45 p.m. (St. Joseph School cafeteria) and Sunday, **December 16**, 8 a.m.-noon (St. Joseph School cafeteria) and 9:30-11:30 a.m. (St. John Parish Center.) The cost is \$8 per pound. Please come and support this eighth grade fundraiser for their class trip and graduation expenses, while enjoying yummy cookies.

Please send a digital picture of your manger scene to St. Joseph Parish Office, info@st-joes.org, within the next three weeks to share your love for how Christ came to us at Christmastime. You are welcome to share any short story or special sentiment that go with it. These manger scene pictures and verbiage will be posted to St. Joseph Parish website and Facebook, so the greater church community can enjoy and be blessed by our preparation and praise of Christ in this special time of year.

You are invited to St. Joseph School's Christmas concert Tuesday, **December 18**, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. The concert will include many of our middle school students playing "Silent Night" on the guitars donated by our parish community. Thank you again for your donations. *Nick Scaffidi*, St. Joseph School Music Teacher

Sing Noel! A Carol Service is Thursday, **December 20**, with carols and readings featuring the combined choirs of St. Louis and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Churches and the St. Paul Hand Bell Ensemble under the direction of Music Director Ronnie Quella. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church, followed by a Christmas cookie reception in the Fr. Cox Hall. All are welcome to share in the joy of the season!

Oplatek, the Christmas wafer, is available at St. Joseph's on the ushers' tables at the back of 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.

St. John Nepomuk's 2019 Calendar Raffle calendars are available in St. Joseph and St. John Parish Offices. Cost: \$25 cost, with 365 chances of winning, as winners' names are re-entered. Sold only until December 28, 2018! Prizes:

Monday-Saturday—\$25	Fourth of July—\$100
Sunday—\$50	Thanksgiving—\$100
New Year's Day—\$100	Christmas—\$500

The bulletin article deadline is noon Wednesday, Dec. 19, for the Dec. 30 bulletin. Send written items to the Parish Office or info@st-joes.org. **Bulletins/inserts archived at st-joes.org**; on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine.

For the Sacrament of the Sick/Communion for the Sick, please call your Parish Office, when a parishioner is unable to attend church due to age, prolonged illness or any 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 a parishioner admission.

A Senior Group at Sacred Heart Church meets in Haban Hall on first and third Tuesdays, noon-3 p.m. **Next Dec. 18.**

The Creative Hands group will not be meeting for the remainder of December. Their next meeting is **Jan. 21.**



Mittenless kids need our help again during the cold weather. **The Mitten Basket** is in the back of St. Joseph Church on the ushers' table.

You are invited to the final Advent mini-retreat, "Older People in the Christmas Stories," presented by Fr. Ron Gramza. What do the experiences of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and the Magi, and Simeon and Anna, say to help us prepare for Christmas? Thursday, **December 20**, from 9-10:30 a.m. in the new meeting room at St. Lucy Parish, using the south church entrance. Attend one or all! Fr. Ron Gramza, a retired priest regularly celebrates the Thursday morning 8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Lucy's.



The Food Pantry's most needed items include canned meat (ham, chicken, beef stew, chili, Spam, or corned beef hash), regular-size cereal (Cheerios, Corn Flakes, etc. but no children's types), regular-size peanut butter, Chunky Soup (Healthy Choice, Progresso, etc.), rice, pasta sides, instant potatoes, canned pasta (ravioli, etc.), and boxed mac and cheese. **Both plastic and paper bags are needed. Substitute volunteers are needed as well.** You will be trained and can accept or decline when a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday sub is needed. Please call Linda Meredith (SJ), 456-6035, or John Brashaw (SJN), 639-7919, to volunteer. Donation checks can be made out to SVdP—Food Pantry and placed in the church collection or to P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: Dewey's, 262-898-2077, Sunday breakfast 9:30 a.m.-noon.



Please remember in your prayers our men and women in the uniformed services, especially those serving in the Middle East. We beg your protection and guidance for them, O Lord.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH, RACINE, WISCONSIN, believe the Church is the Living Body of Christ, in which we all share responsibility. As the unit of God's Family which fulfills this universal mission of the Church within our community, this parish unites in a spirit of stewardship to offer our time, talents and treasure to foster Catholic Education, and to care for the spiritual, intellectual, moral, and temporal needs of parish members.

Liturgical Roles for December 22 and 23

ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Nikos Brito (Cross), Andy Huarota
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Philip Weiglein (Cross), Tristan Ropiak,
 and Clara Miller
 10:30 a.m. Emily Ramirez (Cross), Aliah Ramirez

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Linda O'Connell
 10:30 a.m. Brian O'Connell

CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mona Fortier
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Joe Czosnek
 10:30 a.m. to be determined

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. John Nielsen
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Pat Carbonneau
 10:30 a.m. Catherine Gundlach

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Linda Von De Bur and Nat Cycenas
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Pete Koleske and Genie Bosch
 10:30 a.m. Pat Carbonneau and Rosa Flegel

Please direct private prayer requests to the St. Joseph Prayer Chain Team by calling Lorraine Caspers, 639-1070.

Everyday Stewardship

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out.... In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church
 St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry non-perishables collection
 8 a.m.-noon - Cookie Walk, gr. 8 fundraiser: MSMH
 9:45-11 a.m. - Youth Faith Groups: Parish Center
 1:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. - Basketball/Cheer practice: Gym
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:30-6:30 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
 6 p.m. - Boy Scout Committee meeting: MSMH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: St. John
 1 p.m. - Advent Communal Penance Service: St. Lucy
 4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church

6:30 p.m. - School Christmas Concert: Gym

6:30-8 p.m. - RCIA class: Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:30-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
 6 p.m. - Combined Pastoral Council meeting: MSMH
 6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: St. John Parish Center
 6-7:15 p.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: Parish Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Group: St. John
 3-9 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
 6:30 p.m. - Advent Communal Penance Service: St. Patrick
 7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible-sharing Grp.: Parish Center
 4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church
NO Youth Faith Groups
 11:30 a.m. - Decorating church for Christmas: Church
 1:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. - Basketball/Cheer practice: Gym
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, December 21—Rosa Flegel, Lorraine Caspers, Linda Grauwels, and Barbara Schust

COLLECTION TELLERS: December 22/23—
 Bob and Kathy Sadlon

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

the Federico and Claudia Barba-Garcia family, the Omar and Elizabeth de Leon-Rodriguez family, the Ross and Jaimi Harrington family, and the Adan and Cynthia Tapia family

WE, THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH OF RACINE, WISCONSIN, believers in God and living members of the Body of Christ, through prayer and worship, will strive: to make good use of our gifts of time, talent and treasure and to pray for growth of our parish family and all people of God: to be open to the direction of the Holy Spirit by reaching out to all members of the community in a friendly and welcoming manner; to challenge all parishioners to become involved in the life of the parish, thus making St. John's a vibrant Christian community.

Liturgical Roles for December 22 and 23

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Marcelo Sosa
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Grace Gross

LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Margaret Jeske
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Ed Sosa

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Judy Sisak
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Linda Witek also Sacristan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Peter Sisak and Linda Witek
Pat Simanek Sacristan
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Maureen Biarnesen and Barb and Ron Zielinski



This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

8 a.m. - Bulletin article deadline: Parish Office
Noon - Parish Office closes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: Church
Noon - Parish Office closes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Noon - Parish Office closes
6 p.m. - Joint Pastoral Council meeting: St. Joseph MSMH
6-7 p.m. - Religious Education classes, gr. 1-6: Parish Center
6-7:15 p.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: St. Joseph

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Group: Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Parish Office closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

NO Youth Faith Groups
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Karl Herdt.

There are 2019 openings available. Please call the Parish Office at 634-5647.

Our Building and Grounds project update for the week of December 9 will be included in the December 23 bulletin due to early bulletin publication deadlines because of the holidays.

Your 2019 Calendar Raffle packets are at the side door of church. They make great gifts for Christmas, birthdays, or any occasion, and only cost \$25. You have 365 chances to win, as winning tickets are re-entered.

Moving? Please remember to call the parish office with your address, phone number, email address changes. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2018 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Dec. 2 -	Mrs. Gail Bowe #795 \$50
Monday, Dec. 3 -	Bonnie Nagy #288 \$25
Tuesday, Dec. 4 -	Kathleen McCormick #508 \$25
Wednesday, Dec. 5 -	Delores Jaklich #294 \$25
Thursday, Dec. 6 -	Tom and Anna DeKeuster #208 \$25
Friday, Dec. 7 -	Debby Richardson #699 \$25
Saturday, Dec. 8 -	Tara Shaul #587 \$25

Calendar Raffle 2018 winners for December 9-15 will be published in the December 30 bulletin.



We are greatly in need of three groups of money counters. Each group must consist of three people per Archdiocese Internal Control procedures.

If you can help us, please call Kathy Cook, 260-8027.

St. Catherine's High School Scholarships will be awarded by the St. John Nepomuk Alumni, Family and Friends Committee to qualifying parish students for the 2019-'20 school year. Applications are available at the Scrip tables and Parish Office. The deadline for our St. John Nepomuk Parish scholarship application is Thursday, **January 17, 2019**. If you have any questions, please call Paul Steimle at 639-9774.

Please patronize our Scrip Program. The profit from Scrip purchases helps the parish with expenses. Certificates make great gift ideas and can be used for movies, restaurants, gas, groceries, and prescription drugs.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Do you have a special birthday or wedding anniversary celebration coming up? Would you like a congratulatory notice placed in the bulletin? Please submit the information in writing to the parish office by the Monday, 8 a.m. bulletin article deadline. The parish would like to celebrate with you.



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- Learn how just a few small words can change your entire life - for better or for worse.
- Find reasons to trust in God's providence more than in wealth, position, or personal talent.
- Learn to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace.

Please bring a Bible and Catechism if possible. Bible Study is Free and Open to Everyone.