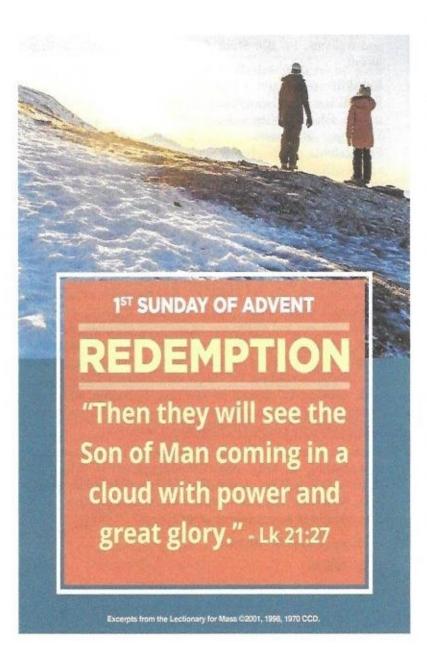
# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 2, 2018



#### 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



Join us on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine to access archived bulletins and more.

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, SAC, Pastor
Deacon Douglas Gundlach - SJ
Leslie Gain, Administrative Assistant - SJN
Susan Gehrig, Interim Director of Faith Formation - SJ and SJN
Benjamin Horvat, Director of Music and Liturgy - SJ and SJN
David Kirkpatrick, Accompanist/Organist - SJN
Heidi Hernandez, St. Joseph School Principal
Michael Reth, Business Manager - SJ
Deanne Koleske, Parish Secretary - SJ
Jeanmarie Diehn, St. Joseph School Secretary
Mary Lee Odders, Bulletin Editor - SJ and SJN
Russ Blaha and Latasha High, Maintenance - SJ
Thomas Quiroz and Latasha High, Maintenance - SJN

#### 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

St. John Nepomuk Church; 1903 Green Street; Racine, WI Parish Office phone: 262-634-5647 and fax: 262-634-1436

e-mail: stjohnnepomuk@wi.rr.com

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon;

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

Office/Mailing: 700 English Street; Racine, WI 53402-4799

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

Parish Office phone: 262-633-8284 and fax: 262-633-8285 e-mail: info@st-joes.org website: st-joes.org

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Office/Mailing: 1532 N. Wisconsin Street; Racine, WI 53402-4805

Faith Formation Office: 262-633-9005

School Office phone: 262-633-2403 and fax: 262-633-4423

website: st-joes-school.org Preschool: 262-633-0112

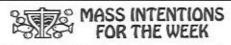
School Office: 1525 Erie Street; Racine, WI 53402-4830

#### 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



MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 St. Francis Xavier Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

8 a.m. NO Mass or Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 St. John Damascene / Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

8 a.m. - SJN + Caroline Schneider

+ Cathy Lofy

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

\* 8 a.m. - SJ + Jane Nyiri-Jones

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

8 a.m. - SJN + The Deceased Members of the Lorenzini and Orienti Families

+ Cathy Lofy

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose/Anointing of the Sick Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

8 a.m. - SJ - The Living and Deceased Members of

the Keefe and Lanser Families Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

6 p.m. - SJN + Ted Pier

 Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S), holy day of obligation

8 a.m. - S.J + Marilyn Ahnen

#### MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

4 p.m. - SJN + Elaine Zlevor

5:15 p.m. - SJ + Diana Triggiano Neibaur

 Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 Second Sunday of Advent

 8:30 a.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members of the Henken and Tyson Families

9:45 a.m. - SJN + Russell Wallace

 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



#### ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Saturday, December 15, 9 a.m. - St. Rita Church Tucsday, December 18, 1 p.m. - St. Lucy Church Thursday, December 20, 6:30 p.m. - St. Patrick Church Dear Parishioners,

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have strength." On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany his Second Coming and encourages us to be expectant and optimistic. Our theme for this season of Advent is "With All Your Heart, Amazing Advent." In this new liturgical year, we are reintroducing the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph. I would like to introduce and welcome Fr. Bill Stout, OFM, who has agreed to help us out.

#### Fr. William F. Stout, OFM

Fr. Bill is a Franciscan Friar affiliated with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province headquartered in Franklin, Wisconsin. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and comes from a family of seven children. He was Solemn-Professed as a Franciscan Friar in 1998 and subsequently ordained to the Priesthood in the year 2000 at the age of 42. Prior to his entry into religious life and ordained ministry, Fr. Bill worked in sales/product support within the electronics and automotive parts industries, as well as in insurance claims and settlements in the New York City metropolitan area.

Since his ordination in 2000, Fr. Bill has been assigned to work as a high school campus minister, a parish priest, a senior resident and healthcare community chaplain, and as a prison chaplain. He enjoys occasional music ministry and other hobbies involving "tinkering with and fixing things" and also extensive reading. Fr. Bill is very interested in working with families in regards to the faith-formation and faith experience of both parents and their children. He is also the provincial archivist for his Franciscan province.

Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. A Mass of Anticipation will be celebrated on Friday at 6 p.m. at St. John Nepomuk Church. On the Saturday holy day, an 8 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph.

A joyous season of Advent,

Fr. Steve

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY CANDLE: As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, SUE SISAK.

The BREAD AND WINE were donated this week IN MEMORY OF JANE NYIRI-JONES.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:
As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, RICARDO BARRIENTEZ JR.
AND MARIA VASOUEZ.

Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, December 2, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph School cafeteria. Take your picture with Santa after enjoying a breakfast of French toast sticks, sausage links, scrambled eggs and fruit, with milk, orange juice or coffee. Children can purchase crafts to make while parents shop the vendors at the event. St. Joseph School sixth graders will also have a bake sale. Cost: adults, \$10; children 3-12 yrs., \$7; children 2 yrs. and less, free. Contact Lora Miller, loranismiller@yahoo.com or 414-313-4289.

We invite you to send us 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 also share any short story or special sentiment you would like to include along with the picture. We will then post these manger scene pictures and verbiage to Facebook, so the greater church community and others on social media can enjoy and be blessed by our preparation and praise of Christ in this special time of year. Thank you.



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**, 8-10:30 a.m. (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.

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

St. John Nepomuk Parish

November 17/18 collections:	S	3,201.00
November 24/25 collections:	S	1,713.95
Amount budgeted per week:	\$	2,735.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$	60,228.70
Year-to-date given:	\$	59,828.95
Year-to-date balance:	\$	
St. Joseph Parish		
Two wks. collection income:	S	10,421.13
November 17/18 collections:	\$	5,092.00
November 24/25 collections:	\$	4,494.13
Energy Costs:	\$	500.00
Church Renovation:	\$	335.00
Two wks. budget requirem't:	\$	18,200.00
Difference for two weeks:	\$	-7,778.87
Year-to-date budget:	\$	200,200.00
Year-to-date given:	\$	127,548.57
Year-to-date balance:	\$	-72,651.43
Thanksgiving Baskets:	\$	395.00
Christmas Baskets:	\$	915.00
Evangelization Committee:	\$	100.00
Needy Family Fund:	\$	

The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, December 3, for the December 9 bulletin and Thursday, December 6, for the December 16 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.

Join Archbishop Listecki in praying for peace and the family on his 8 p.m. daily rosary program on 100.1-FM.

Creative Hands, a ministry for all handiwork (crafts, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint), meets at St. Joseph Parish Center on first and third Mondays, 1-3 p.m. Next on December 3.

A Senior Group at Sacred Heart Church meets in Haban Hall on first and third Tuesdays, noon-3 p.m. Next Dec. 4.

You are invited to three Advent mini-retreats, "Older People in the Christmas Stories," presented by Fr. Ron Gramza. What do the experiences of the roles of Zachariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and the Magi, and Simeon and Anna, help us prepare for Christmas? Thursdays, December 6, 13, and 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: Eric Street Piggly Wiggly, 639-2142 and shopthepig.com.



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 8 and 9

#### ACOLYTES

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Anna Ekes (Cross), Volunteer 5:15 p.m. Gus Weiss (Cross), Nikos Brito

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Tony Alvarado (Cross), Luca Alvarado 10:30 a.m. Aliah Ramirez (Cross), Emily Ramirez

#### LECTORS

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Brian O'Connell

5:15 p.m. Catherine Gundlach

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kristin Gibson 10:30 a.m. Pat Carbonneau

#### CANTORS

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Benjamin Horvat

5:15 p.m. Joe Czosnek

Sunday 8:30 a.m. The Miles Group

10:30 a.m. to be determined

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CIBORIUM

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Genie Bosch

5:15 p.m. Deacon Doug

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Deacon Doug

10:30 a.m. Pat Carbonneau

# EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mary Lee Odders and Wally Goebel

5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur, Mary Lee Odders

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Peter Koleske and Kathy Swiatek

10:30 a.m. Rosa Flegel and Volunteer

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

#### Everyday Stewardship

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen....

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations.... When the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well or you didn't.

Unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before....When Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent....What if you knew this was your last Advent ever?

I once read a book about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live.... Doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say....

Let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter. And who knows, we may find a new and improved way to live all year long.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - Breakfast with Santa: MSMH and Gym

9:45-11 a.m. - Youth Faith Groups: Parish Center

4:30-6 p.m. - Cheer practice: Gym

7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

1 p.m. - Creative Hands Group: Parish Center

4:30-6 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: St. John

3-4:30 and 6-7:30 p.m. - Basketball/Cheer practice: Gym

4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church

6 p.m. - Boy Scout PLC meeting: MSMH

6 p.m. - Home & School Committee meeting: Teachers' lounge

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

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:30-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

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: St. Joseph

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

3-9 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

6 p.m. - All Committee Meetings: St. Joseph School cafeteria

7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

3-4:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

6 p.m. - Mass for Immaculate Conception holy day: St. John

6-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 a.m. - Mass for Immaculate Conception holy day: Church

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

4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church

9:45-11 a.m. - Youth Faith Groups: Parish Center

1:30-3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. - Basketball/Cheer practice: Gym

7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, December 7—Mary Anderson, Gayle Letsch, Sue Liapis, and Carol Vena

#### COLLECTION TELLERS: December 8/9-

Mary Ann Bruzas and Jo Anne Zlevor

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, Joan Haegan, Marcy Knotek, and Shirley Romeo, who received their Christian burials through our church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord.

Thanks to you, we provided 36 bountiful Thanksgiving baskets.

Order poinsettias in memory of loved ones to decorate St. Joseph's sanctuary for Christmas by Sunday, December 9. Order forms and return box are on the ushers' table at the back of church.



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 7, 8, and 9

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Friday 6:00 p.m. Madeline Yde

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Anthony Sosa and Miguel Sosa

Marcelo Sosa 9:45 a.m.

Sunday

#### LECTORS

Friday 6:00 p.m. Margaret Jeske

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Deb Schuebel

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLATE

Friday 6:00 p.m. Lauri Buchaklian

Jim and Julie Arens

4:00 p.m. Saturday 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Jackie Morrow Alicia Stiles

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### CUP

Friday 6:00 p.m. Mary Jean Blaha and Nancy Willing

Pat Simanek Sacristan

4:00 p.m. Saturday

Jim and Julie and Judy Sisak also

Sacristan

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Maureen Biarnesen and Kathy Cook



Please remember in your prayers, Marcy Knotek, who recently entered eternal life. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that this week, we have received Green envelopes totaling \$55. To-date total is \$10,536.35 Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.

We are in great need of three groups of money counters. Each group must consist of three people per Archdiocese Internal Control procedures. If you are interested, please call Kathy Cook at 260-8027.

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2018 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 18 -

Tim Callahan

Monday, Nov. 19 -

#177 \$50 Janet Urban

#159 \$25

Tuesday, Nov. 20 -

Krista Pfeiffer

Wednesday, Nov. 21 - Tim Lehmann

#430 \$25

\$25 #727

Thursday, Nov. 22 -Elijah Davis

> #803 \$100 Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 23 -

Anthony Sosa #558 \$25

Saturday, Nov. 24 -

Bernard Kunka

#345 \$25

### This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

Noon - Parish Office closes

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: Church

Noon - Parish Office closes

7-9:30 p.m. - Dart Ball League: Macek Hall

(St. John's vs. Knights at St. John's)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: Parish Center

6-7:15 p.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: St. Joseph

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

6 p.m. - Common Committee Meeting Night: St. Joseph School cafeteria

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Parish Office closed

6 p.m. - Mass for Immaculate Conception holy day: Church

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 a.m. - Mass for Immaculate Conception holy day: St. Joseph

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:45-11 a.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: St. Joseph 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria



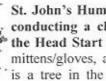
Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Sue Sisak.

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



Your 2019 Calendar Raffle packets are at the side door of church. Please pick up yours. 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.



St. John's Human Concerns Committee is again conducting a clothing drive for the students in the Head Start Program. We are asking for hats, mittens/gloves, and socks for the children. There is a tree in the church sanctuary with ornaments

indicating what is needed. Please take an ornament and return your unwrapped gift by December 9. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

At our Thanksgiving Day Mass, \$221 was collected along with many bags of food for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.