



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
8 a.m. NO Mass or Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God (S) / holy day of obligation / World Day of Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
9 a.m. - S.J.N. - The living and deceased members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish
- The living and deceased members of
the Wentzell Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
8 a.m. - SJ + Soon Dek Antonia Shin
+ Mary Kozenski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 The Most Holy Name of

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34 **Jesus**
8 a.m. - S.J.N. + Edward and Phyllis Somers
+ Joe Schust

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton / Anointing of the Sick

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
8 a.m. - SJ + Wallace and Jacqueline Small

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51
8 a.m. - SJ - NO Mass or Communion Service

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a,
5-6/Mt 2:1-12
4 p.m. - S.J.N. + Cecilia Rosenbaum
- The living and deceased members of St.
John Nepomuk Parish

5:15 p.m. - SJ + Pat Dickert
- The living and deceased members of St.
Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. - SJ + Cathryn Wood
9:45 a.m. - S.J.N. + Ann M. Letsch
10:30 a.m. - SJ + Doug Splittgerber

Key: SJ - St. Joseph Parish

S.J.N. - St. John Nepomuk Parish



ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY CANDLE:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith,
CARL, JERI, AND JOEL QUADRACCI.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's feast of the **Holy Family** focuses on Jesus being born into a human family. By humbling himself to be cared for and nurtured within a human family, **Jesus consecrated family life** and made it holy. Family life is the heart of faith life to many of us, including Jesus himself. It is within the family where we experience unconditional love. This experience becomes one image or model upon which we imagine God's love. Let us dedicate and consecrate our families to God just like the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Tuesday, January 1, is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** and a holy day of obligation. Mass is at St. John Nepomuk Parish at 9 a.m.

On this feast of the Holy Family, I would like to thank the St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk parish family for all your support and encouragement. Thank you everyone for making this Advent and Christmas season a special one. Volunteers, sacristans, musicians, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, parish staff, and members of the prayer and worship team all worked hard, and truly I appreciate your love for God's house. May your hearts and homes be filled with God's love at Christmas and in this upcoming year.

Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed New Year 2019,

Fr. Steve



To be included in your 2018 parish financial support statement, church support gifts must be received by the Sunday, Dec. 30, collection or postmarked by the next day.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

December 15/16 collections:	\$ 1,476.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,735.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 68,436.25
Year-to-date given:	\$ 66,865.02
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -1,571.23

St. Joseph Parish

Week's collection income:	\$ 8,830.00
December 15/16 collections:	\$ 8,230.00
Energy Costs:	\$ 335.00
Church Renovation:	\$ 115.00
End-of-the-year donations:	\$ 150.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -270.00
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 227,500.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 147,903.07
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -79,596.93
Christmas Baskets:	\$ 395.00

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year,
I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings.
You created the world, with all its eternal patterns.
Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw.
Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat.
Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in Autumn's breezes.
And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again.
As another year ends and begins in our lives,
help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles.
When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy,
help me take delight in the life I've received from you.
Remind me that I will one day pass from this world
and enter a new life like those who've gone before me.
Amen.



The Christmas Cookie Walk was very successful thanks to your donations and purchases. The eighth graders thank you.



James: Pearls for Wise Living, a ten-week Catholic Bible study, presents practical ways to live your faith. Fridays beginning **January 11**, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. Please bring a Bible and Catechism, if possible. Free; open to all. DVD series by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer, part of *The Great Adventure* Catholic Bible Study Program.

A Senior Group at Sacred Heart Church meets in Haban Hall on first and third Tuesdays, noon-3 p.m. **Next Jan. 15.**

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 January 21.**

Is your marriage struggling? There is help and hope for your marriage in the **Retrouvaille Program**. For more information on programs in your area, please visit HelpOurMarriage.com or call confidentially, 1-800-470-2230. Retrouvaille is a Christian program, Catholic in origin, and couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. Learn to improve communication, build a stronger marriage, and re-discover the love you had for each other.



St. Joseph Parish Center has a DVD library for your use with about 12 different sets of DVD titles. There are nine Bible studies, one emphasizing the Holy Spirit, and one providing great teachings on the Catholic Church. Check one out!

If Racine Unified Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no morning Mass or after-school activities, like Religious Ed. or Boy Scout Troop meetings.

The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, January 7, for the January 13 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.

St. John's and St. Joseph's Parish Offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1. Please plan ahead to avoid the office closure times.

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.

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.



Mittenless kids need our help again during the cold weather. **The Mitten Basket** is in the back of St. Joseph's. Let's keep it full!

Prayer Shawls are given to someone in need of comfort and blessing due to illness or trying times. Fr. Steve blesses each shawl for the intention of the recipient. If someone you know needs a shawl, please call St. Joseph's Parish Office, 633-8284. Prayer Shawls are not sold but given with our love and prayers, as we continue to pray for the recipients.



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, 3900 Erie Street, 262-639-2142.



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 January 5 and 6

ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Ryann Petersen (Cross), Ethan Petersen
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Anna Ekes (Cross), Katelyn Gordon
 10:30 a.m. Emily Ramirez (Cross), Aliah Ramirez

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Joe Grauwels
 10:30 a.m. Michael Lofy

CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. to be determined
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. to be determined
 10:30 a.m. to be determined

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mary Lee Odders
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch
 10:30 a.m. Sandy Lindstrom

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mona Swan and John Nielsen
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Pete Koleske and Wally Goebel
 10:30 a.m. John Sardino and Pat Carbonneau

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

Everyday Stewardship

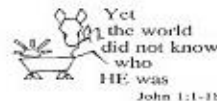
Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

School Christmas vacation
 Parish Office closed
 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
 7-9 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

School Christmas vacation
 Parish Office closed
NO Basketball or Cheer practice

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

NO classes Teacher In-Service Day
 4:30-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
 6-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice, gr. 6 girls: Gym
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout meeting: MSMH
NO Religious Education classes or Youth Faith Groups

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

School classes resume
 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: MSMH
 7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8 a.m. and 10 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

JANUARY ALTAR LINEN: Ruth Kern

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, January 4—Maryann Bayer, Jackie Hairapetian, Mary Lee Odders, and Judy Scholz

COLLECTION TELLERS: January 5/6—Debbie Blaustein and Pat Mielke

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, **Geraldine Mares**, who received her Christian burial through our church and ministry in the past week. Eternal rest, O Lord.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Gary Richardson



Because of your generosity at Christmas, we helped 36 families needing extra assistance.

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 January 1, 5 and 6

ALTAR SERVERS

New Year's Day

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	Marcelo Sosa
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Marcelo Sosa
Sunday 9:45 a.m.	Madeline Yde

LECTORS

New Year's Day

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	Barb and Ron Zielinski
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Barb Zielinski
Sunday 9:45 a.m.	Deb Schuebel also Sacristan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLATE


New Year's Day

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	Barb and Ron Zielinski
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Lauri Buchaklian
Sunday 9:45 a.m.	Harry Ertel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CUP

New Year's Day

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	Norbert DeKuester and Kathy Cook, also Sacristan
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Jackie Morrow and Mary Jean Blaha, also Sacristan
Sunday 9:45 a.m.	James Madala and Linda Witek

 We gratefully acknowledge this Memorial Gift: \$25 Memorial Fund in memory of Joan Patton

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that this week we have received Green envelopes totaling \$123. To-date total is \$11,079.35. Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2018 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Dec. 9 -	Sandy Pagonis #238 \$50
Monday, Dec. 10 -	Cathy Nebel #421 \$25
Tuesday, Dec. 11 -	Cel Heck #413 \$25
Wednesday, Dec. 12 -	Jamie DaPra #830 \$25
Thursday, Dec. 13 -	Gary Adamowicz #1022 \$25
Friday, Dec. 14 -	Kayla Maller #389 \$25
Saturday, Dec. 15 -	Barbara and Ed Metzger #463 \$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 New Year's Day

Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

Noon - Parish Office closes

NO Religious Education or Youth Faith Groups

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

Parish Office closed

1-3 p.m. - Evangelization Committee meeting: Parish Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

9:45-11 a.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: St. Joseph Parish Center

7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Carl, Jeri, and Joel Quadracci.

There are 2019 openings available for \$7. Please call the Parish Office at 634-5647.

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 now available at the Scrip tables and Parish Office. The deadline for our St. John Nepomuk Parish scholarship applications is **January 24, 2019**. If you have any questions, please call Paul Steimle at 639-9774.



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 out, please call Kathy Cook, 260-8027.

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.



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.

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Jesus,* our most loving Savior,* who deigned to come into the world from heaven,* not only to enlighten it by teaching* and by your example* and to save it by death,* but also to spend the greater part of life* in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph* in the obscurity of Nazareth,* thus sanctifying the home* which is the model of all Christian homes:* graciously receive this family* which consecrates itself to you this day.* Protect us and maintain in us, all through life,* your holy fear and love* and true harmony and charity among ourselves,* so that we may imitate your Holy Family,* be one in heart and soul on earth,* and obtain eternal happiness and glory* with you in heaven.

O Mary,* loving Mother of Jesus and Our Mother,* by your merciful intercession* deign to make this humble dedication acceptable to Jesus Christ* so that we may obtain His grace to be a truly Christian family.

St. Joseph,* guardian and supporter of Jesus and Mary,* help us with your powerful prayers* in all our corporal and spiritual needs,* and especially at the hour of our death,* so that we may one day be united in heaven with you* to praise and love Jesus and Mary forever and ever.* Amen.

(Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory 3 times.)

Amen.

(An indulgence of 500 days. A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this prayer is repeated with devotion every day for a month.)