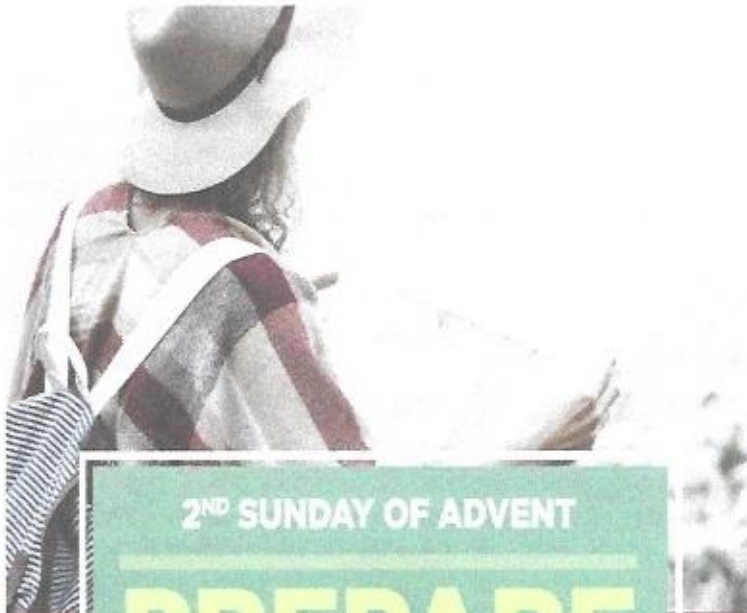


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 9, 2018



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARE

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Lk 3:4

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PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, SAC, Pastor
Deacon Douglas Gundlach - SJ
Leslie Gain, Administrative Assistant - SJN
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Benjamin Horvat, Director of Music and Liturgy - SJ and SJN
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Heidi Hernandez, St. Joseph School Principal
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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

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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



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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

*Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/
Lk 5:17-26*

8 a.m. NO Mass or Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus I / Mother of

*Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and Perpetual Help Devotions
10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14*

8 a.m. - S.JN + Jerome Simanek
+ Michael Bagdasarian

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (F) / Eucharistic Adoration

*Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde,
19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*

* 8 a.m. - SJ + Wayne and Carol Obernberger
+ Carol H. Weston

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

8 a.m. - S.JN + William Zahalka
+ Ted Pier

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John the Cross

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

8 a.m. - SJ + Arlene Strom

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

4 p.m. - S.JN + Mary Kozenski
5:15 p.m. - SJ + Dave Shalbrack
- Living and Deceased Members of St.
Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. - SJ + Natalie Kay Simonsen

9:45 a.m. - S.JN + Kevin Mauer
- Living and Deceased Members of St.
John Nepomuk Parish

10:30 a.m. - SJ + Doug Splittgerber Children's Mass

Key: SJ - St. Joseph Parish S.JN - St. John Nepomuk Parish

* Mass with St. Joseph School students

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY CANDLE:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith,

REGINALD AND ROSE QUADRACCI.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith,

THE FRIEDEL FAMILY: LIVING AND DECEASED.

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. The Evangelists realized the importance of John's message. Hence, all four of them wrote about John's preaching, while only two of them described the nativity of Christ.

Fulfilling the prophetic words of Isaiah, John the Baptist's preaching assisted in ensuring that in the lives of everyone who was baptized, "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth" (Lk 3:5). Isaiah was referring to mountains of pride and arrogance and valleys of discouragement and despair. As with the Prophet Baruch, John presents an image of the mountains and valleys being made flat and smooth as a sign of Israel's repentance and moral transformation.

As we continue our Advent journey, let us get ready by repenting of our sins, renewing our lives, and expressing our repentance by receiving the baptism of repentance.

A joyous season of Advent,

Fr. Steve



St. John Nepomuk Parish

December 1/2 collections:	\$ 2,764.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,735.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 62,964.55
Year-to-date given:	\$ 62,592.95
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -368.60

St. Joseph Parish

Week's collection income:	\$ 3,598.00
December 1/2 collections:	\$ 3,353.00
Energy Costs:	\$ 25.00
Church Renovation:	\$ 20.00
School:	\$ 200.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -5,502.00
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 209,300.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 131,146.57
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -78,153.43
Christmas Baskets:	\$ 105.00

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

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

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

We welcomed Colleen Helgeson and Erin Ingersoll at the Rite of Acceptance at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on December 2. They are now catechumens and are preparing for baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them, their sponsors, and their RCIA catechists.

Congratulations, Eleanor Raeschen, celebrating 100 years on Saturday, **December 15**. Many blessings on you!

St. John's Lutheran Church's annual Christmas Concert is Sunday, **December 9**, at 7 p.m. with Senior, Children's and Handball Choirs directed by Arthur Preuss Sr. Pre-concert music beginning at 6:45 p.m. features guest organist Frederik M. Bach. Rev. Jack Gilbert is officiant and narrator. Free-will offering for St. John's music program.

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 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.

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.



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.

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

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at St. Joseph's Breakfast with Santa and craft and vendor fair. This event wouldn't have been successful without all of your support. A special shout out to the volunteers who helped decorate and who worked hard to make the event run smoothly. Last but not least, thank you to Santa for taking the time out of his day to spend time with all of St. Joseph's families, friends, and guests. I hope everyone had a wonderful time and a very merry and happy holiday season. *Lora Miller for the Home & School Association*

The **bulletin article deadline** is noon Wednesday, Dec. 12, for the Dec. 23 bulletin and 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.



Join Mothers' Prayers, a group of women dedicated to praying for their families with time for sharing and fellowship. On second Tuesdays at SJ Parish Center, 6-7:30 p.m. **Next on Dec. 11.**



Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Parish **Wednesday, December 12**, following 8 a.m. Mass until the Benediction closing at 2:30 p.m.

You are invited to three Advent mini-retreats, "Older People in the Christmas Stories," presented by Fr. Ron Gramza. What do the experiences of Zachariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and the Magi, and Simeon and Anna, say to help us prepare for Christmas? **Thursdays, December 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 (SJM), 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: Silvia's Salon, 262-989-5593, in-home services available.



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 15 and 16

ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Ethan Petersen (Cross), Ryann Petersen
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Emily Ramirez (Cross), Aliah Ramirez
 and Alyssa Buchaklian
 10:30 a.m. Alma Herrmann (Cross), Anna Ekes

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mary Lee Odders
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Catherine Gundlach
 10:30 a.m. John Sardino

CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Kay Shalbrack
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Children's Choir
 10:30 a.m. to be determined

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Deacon Doug
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Deacon Doug
 10:30 a.m. John Sardino

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Diana Weiss and Mona Swan
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Betsy Tarczon and Dave Tarczon
 10:30 a.m. Pat Carbonneau and Sandy Lindstrom

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

Everyday Stewardship

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed....

You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: St. John
 3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball/Cheer practice: Gym
 4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church
 6 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop meeting: MSMH
 6-7:30 p.m. - Mothers' Prayers Group: Parish Center
 6:30-8 p.m. - RCIA class: Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

After 8 a.m. Mass - Eucharistic Adoration: Church
 2:30 p.m. - Benediction closing Eucharistic Adoration: Church
 4:30-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
 4 p.m. - Christmas cookie baking, gr. 11: MSMH/kitchen
 6 p.m. - Home and School committee meeting: Art Room
 6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: St. John Parish Center
 6-7:15 p.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-10: Parish Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Group: St. John
 3-9 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
 6 p.m. - Finance Council meeting: Parish Center
 7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible-sharing Grp.: Parish Center
 9 a.m. - Advent Communal Penance Service: St. Rita
 4:30-6:45 p.m. - Cookie Walk, gr. 8 fundraiser: MSMH
 4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry non-perishables collection

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

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, December 14—Maryann Bayer, Rosa Flegel, Michelle Muzia, and Mona Swan

COLLECTION TELLERS: December 15/16—Bill and Sue McGrath

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

the Johnny and Jenny Vargas family; the Sophia Vargas family
IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, **Norman Seeger**, who received his Christian burial through our church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord.

Order poinsettias in memory of loved ones by Sunday, December 9. Order forms/return box are on the ushers' table.

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 15 and 16

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Danny Gross
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Emily Kaisler

LECTORS


Saturday 4:00 p.m. Barb Zielinski
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Norbert DeKeuster


EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mary Jean Blaha also Sacristan
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Harry Ertel


EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Lauri Buchaklian and Barb Zielinski
Sunday 9:45 a.m. James Madala and Kathy Cook also Sacristan

 Please remember in your prayers, Joan Hagen and Joan Patton, who recently entered eternal life. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

 We gratefully acknowledge this Memorial Gift: \$100 Memorial Fund in memory of Marcy Knotek.

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that this week we have received Green envelopes totaling \$420. To-date total is \$10,956.35. Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.

 Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Reginald and Rose Quadracci

There are 2019 openings available. Please call the Parish Office at 634-5947.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2018 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 25 -	Elizabeth Taylor	#603	\$50
Monday, Nov. 26 -	Judy Adamowicz	#861	\$25
Tuesday, Nov. 27 -	LaVerne LaFleur	#348	\$25
Wednesday, Nov. 28 -	Sandy Nielsen	#789	\$25
Thursday, Nov. 29 -	Tony and Tanya Baumgardt	#126	\$25
Friday, Nov. 30 -	Mary Gracyalny	#431	\$25
Saturday, Dec. 1 -	Kate Buchholz	#156	\$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

5:30 p.m. - Finance Council meeting: Rectory

6:30-8 p.m. - BSA Troop #105 meeting: Parish Center

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

(St. John's vs. St. Joe's; Knights vs. Christ Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

After 8 a.m. Mass - Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph

2:30 p.m. - Benediction closing Adoration: St. Joseph

Noon - Parish Office closes

4 p.m. - Christmas cookie baking, gr. 11: St. Joseph Sch MSMH

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

6-7:15 p.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-10: St. Joseph Par. Ctr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Parish Office closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

After 4 p.m. Mass - Cookie Walk: Parish Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Cookie Walk: Parish Center

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

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

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.



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.

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 at 260-8027.

The St. Joseph School Class of 2019 is holding a Cookie Walk in the St. John Parish Center after all Masses December 15-16. Cost: \$8 per pound. This is a gr. 8 fundraiser for class trip and graduation expenses. Thank you for your support on:
Saturday, December 15—3-5:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16—9:30-11:30 a.m.