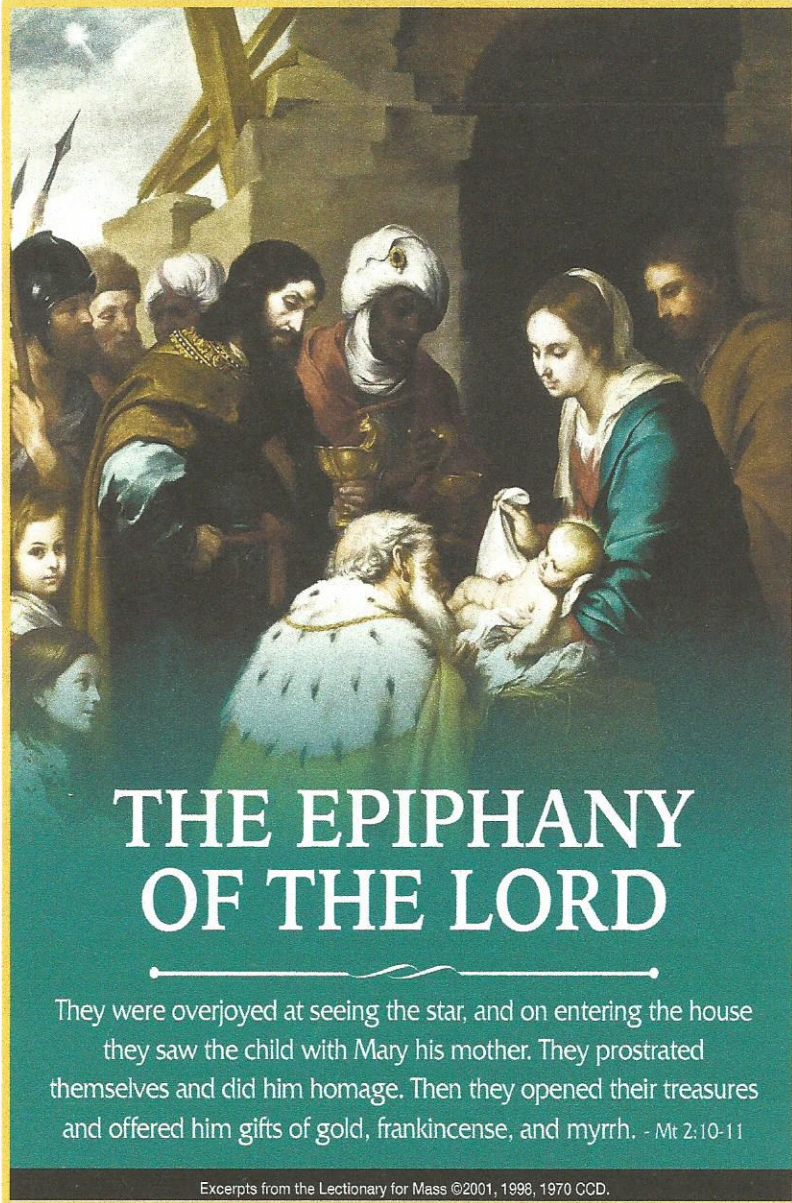


# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · JANUARY 7, 2018



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, SAC, Pastor  
Leslie Gain, Administrative Assistant - SJN  
Dan O'Connell, Director of Faith Formation - SH, SJN and SJ  
Benjamin Horvat, Director of Music and Liturgy - SJN and SJ  
David Kirkpatrick, Accompanist/Organist - SJN  
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Deanne Koleske, Parish Secretary - SJ  
Jeanmarie Diehn, St. Joseph School Secretary  
Mary Lee Odders, Bulletin Editor - SJ  
Russ Blaha, Maintenance - SJ  
Thomas Quiroz, Maintenance - SJN

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - SJN  
Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. - SJ  
Saturday Communion Service, 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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### TRUSTEES

Dan Peterson - SJN      John Gates - SJ  
Suzanne Yde - SJN      Pete Koleske - SJ

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Brian O'Connell, Chair

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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website: [st-joes-school.org](http://st-joes-school.org)  
Preschool: 262-633-0112

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Registration and calendar: [triparish.psrenroll.com](http://triparish.psrenroll.com)  
Dan O'Connell: 630-965-9142 or [oconnelld@archmil.org](mailto:oconnelld@archmil.org)  
To report a Religious Education class absence, please call  
Dan O'Connell at 630-965-9142.

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

### LEGACY GIFT

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



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8 The Baptism of Jesus (F)**  
*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/  
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11*

8 a.m. **NO Mass**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 Perpetual Help Devotions**  
*1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28  
 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/  
 Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28*

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Wencil Simanek  
 + Cathryn Wood

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 Eucharistic Adoration**  
*1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and  
 9a]/Mk 1:29-39*

\* 8 a.m. - **SJ** - The living and deceased members of the  
 Seeger and Butgereit Families

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**  
*1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45*

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Terry Biarnesen  
 + Jill and Bill Wade

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**  
*1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12*  
 8 a.m. - **SJ** - The living and deceased members of the  
 Schabes and Province Families

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 St. Hilary**  
*1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17*  
 8 a.m. - **SJ** **NO Communion Service**

**MASS OF ANTICIPATION**  
*1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor  
 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42*

4 p.m. - **SJN** - Our Parishioners: Living and Deceased  
 5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Victor Duczman Jr. and Sr.  
 - Our Parishioners: Living and Deceased

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Father John Spanjers  
 9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Terry Biarnesen

Key: **SJ** - St. Joseph Parish  
**SJN** - St. John Nepomuk Parish  
 \* Mass with St. Joseph School students



**WISE MEN  
STILL SEEK  
HIM**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:**  
 As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please  
 remember in faith, **IONE WEMMERT.**

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

Dear Parishioners,

The Greek word **Epiphany** means *appearance or manifestation*. The angels first revealed Jesus to the shepherds. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana he revealed his divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

Today's gospel reminds us that if God permitted the Magi to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of the Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate him; the second group, the scribes and the Pharisees, ignored him; and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him.

Like the Magi, **let us offer Jesus our gifts** on this Solemnity of the Epiphany: our gift of friendship with God in the form of wholehearted love and devotion; our gift of friendship with others by leading them to Jesus by our exemplary lives of Christian charity in action; and our gift of reconciliation with God by daily asking his pardon and forgiveness for our sins.

Peace and joy,

*Fr. Steve*

### St. John Nepomuk Parish

<b>Dec. 23/24/25 collections:</b>	\$ 7,780.25
<b>Dec. 30 and 31 collections:</b>	\$ 4,830.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 3,038.46
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 82,038.42
Year-to-date given:	\$ 83,673.14
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 1,634.72

### St. Joseph Parish

<b>Two wks. collection income:</b>	\$ 46,662.50
Dec. 23/24/25 collections:	\$ 19,799.00
Dec. 30 and 31 collections:	\$ 24,041.50
School:	\$ 200.00
Energy Costs:	\$ 291.00
Church Renovation:	\$ 671.00
End-of-year contributions:	\$ 1,660.00
<b>Two wks. budget requirement:</b>	\$ 18,200.00
<b>Difference two weeks:</b>	\$ 28,462.50
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 245,700.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 207,976.52
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -37,723.48
Christmas Baskets:	\$ 541.00

**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.

THANK YOU  
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The St. John Nepomuk Human Concerns Committee would like to thank both St. John's and St. Joseph's for their support of the Head Start Winter Wear program. Thank you as well to the Knights of Columbus for the gifts of jackets for every child in the Head Start Program. There are 94 children who are warm this winter because of you.

**Siena Catholic Schools of Racine needs your input** as we establish marketing efforts for this new school system. The results of a short online survey will be used in our efforts to raise awareness of the organization and improve its communications across the Racine Catholic community. Your survey responses have a direct impact on the growth of Siena Catholic Schools of Racine. **English and Spanish survey link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMHL3YD>



**Join Mothers' Prayers**, a group of women dedicated to praying for their families with time for sharing and fellowship. Meeting on second Tuesdays at SJ Parish Center, 1-2:30 p.m. **Next Jan. 9.**

**Join the Alive in the Holy Spirit Prayer Group** meeting next on Wednesday, **January 10**, 3:30-5 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. A follow-up to this past summer's "Life in the Spirit" seminar, it includes a 14-session DVD course, "The Wild Goose—Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit." Wild Goose is the Celtic term for the Holy Spirit. Music, praise and worship, group discussion and optional sharing. All are welcome. To be held monthly to start. Please call Kathy Sardino at 633-6231 with questions.



**Eucharistic Adoration** will be held at St. Joseph Parish **Wednesday, January 10**, following 8 a.m. Mass until closing with 2:30 p.m. benediction.

**Prayer Shawls are given to someone in need of comfort and blessing** due to illness or trying times. Fr. Steve blesses each shawl individually for the intention of the recipient. If you or someone you know needs one, please call St. Joseph's Parish Office, 633-8284. Prayer Shawls are not sold but given with our love and prayers. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to pray for those receiving prayer shawls.



**The Food Pantry receives no canned meat from the Food Bank**, so canned Beef Stew, chicken, ham, Spam, Corned Beef Hash, Chili with or without beans are needed. Also needed are rice, saltine crackers, canned fish (no tuna), fruit cocktail, and peanut butter 16 oz. or larger. Substitute volunteers are needed. You will be trained and can accept/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. Please **send checks for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** to St. Vincent de Paul Society; O.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404. Thank you for your generous, long-standing support.

The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, January 8, for the January 14 bulletin. Send written items to the Parish Office or [info@st-joes.org](mailto:info@st-joes.org). **Bulletins and inserts are archived at [st-joes.org](http://st-joes.org)**, on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine.

**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, Relevant Radio, 100.1-FM. Visit [relevantradiomilwaukee.com](http://relevantradiomilwaukee.com)

**Daily and Sunday Mass intentions are available for the 2018 calendar.** A Mass stipend is \$10. Please visit or call your Parish Office, SJ at 633-8284 or SJN at 634-5647.

**Creative Hands**, a ministry for all handiwork—crafts, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint—meets on first and third Mondays, 1-3 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Center. You are welcome! **The next meeting is scheduled for January 15.**



**Mittenless kids need our help again.** The **Mitten Basket** will be in the back of St. Joseph Church. Thanks for your help in our cold weather.

**Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriage**, helping couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information or to register for a weekend retreat **January 12-14**, at the Siena Center in Racine, please call 414-502-7685 or [lakeshore@retrouvaille.org](mailto:lakeshore@retrouvaille.org). Visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

**Join the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass** at Blessed Savior Church, 8545 West Villard Avenue, Milwaukee, on Monday, **January 22**, at 7 p.m. as we observe the **National Day of Penance and Prayer for Life**, praying for forgiveness for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, from conception to natural death. Bring a donation of diapers for newborns, infants, or toddlers, to be distributed throughout the community by the Christ Child Society. Preceded by the rosary at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

**Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business.** Advertiser of the Week: **Catholic Match Wisconsin**, visit [CatholicMatch.com/WI](http://CatholicMatch.com/WI).



**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 13 and 14

#### ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Noah Liapis  
Grace Liapis (Cross)  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Aliah Ramirez and Doug Gundlach  
Emily Ramirez (Cross)

#### CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. TBA  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. TBA

#### LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Linda O'Connell  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kristin Gibson

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Diana Weiss and Harold Von De Bur  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Catherine Gundlach, Sandy Lindstrom

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Nat Cyenas and Volunteer  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch and Pat Carbonneau

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### — Upcoming Events —

January 20-21, 2018 - Confirmation Retreat at Siena Center

February 24, 2018 - 10 a.m. Reconciliation service at St.

Joseph for all Communion Candidates

One adult needed to lead one of our Confirmation Youth Faith Groups. Dan O'Connell: 630-965-9142 or oconnelld@archmil.org.

### Prayer for Vocations

Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus' name  
Amen.

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### This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church  
11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: Sacred Hrt.  
3-7 p.m. - Cheer and basketball practice: Gym  
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

3-8:30 p.m. - Basketball practice

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

1-2:30 p.m. - Mothers' Prayers Group: Parish Center  
3-7:30 p.m. - Cheer and basketball practice: Gym  
4:30 p.m. - Rosary

6:30-8 p.m. - Bible study: St. John Parish Center

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout PLC meeting: MSMH

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction: Church  
3:30-5 p.m. - Alive in the Holy Spirit Prayer Group: St. John Parish Center

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

6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed., Special Needs class: St. Joseph

6-7:30 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: Parish Center

6:15-7:45 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: St. Joseph

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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

6 p.m. - Finance Council meeting: Parish Center

6 p.m. - First Reconciliation Orientation for First Communion parents: MSMH

NO Adult Choir rehearsal

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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

9 a.m.-noon - RPAL Basketball games: Gym

4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

After 5:15 p.m. Mass - Cheerleaders' Bake Sale: School lobby

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church

After 8:30 a.m. Mass - Cheerleaders' Bake Sale: School lobby

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: Sacred Hrt.

3-7 p.m. - Cheer and basketball practice: Gym

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

**SANCTUARY LADIES:** Saturday, January 13—Maryann Bayer, Rosa Flegel, Michelle Muzia, and Mona Swan

**COLLECTION TELLERS:** Weekend of January 13/14—Mary Ann Bruzas and Pat Dickert

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Here is the update for the **2017 Catholic Stewardship Appeal**. To date, \$7.5 million has been raised, bringing us to 98% of our \$7.7 million goal. As of December 4, St. Joseph Parish has contributed 62.06% of its \$25,000 goal, with 104 donors participating. Thank you so much.

Yours in faith, Rob Bohlmann, CFRE and CSA Director

*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 13 and 14

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Lily Ertel  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Maggie Fischer and Stanley Fischer

#### LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Barb Zielinski  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Harry Ertel

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jackie Morrow  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sharon and Mike Stefka

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Lauri Buchaklian and  
 Judy Sisak also Sacristan  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sharon and Mike Stefka and  
 Chuck and Marcy Knotek

**Our Building and Grounds project update** will appear next week. Please use the monthly Green envelopes for parish repairs.

#### CALENDAR 2017 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Dec. 17 - Beth Davis  
 #850 \$50  
 Monday, Dec. 18 - Tracy and Chris Baumgardt  
 #148 \$25  
 Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Mary Jane Baumgardt  
 #713 \$25  
 Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Matt Rosebaum  
 #550 \$25  
 Thursday, Dec. 21 - Amy Schrage  
 #290 \$25  
 Friday, Dec. 22 - Jeanne Sura  
 #676 \$25  
 Saturday, Dec. 23 - Anne Willing  
 #636 \$25  
 Sunday, Dec. 24 - John Rowland  
 #511 \$50  
 Monday, Dec. 25 - Helen Simanek  
 #616 \$500 Christmas  
 Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Amy Tappan  
 #952 \$25  
 Wednesday, Dec. 27 - Carolyn Lorenzini  
 #423 \$25  
 Thursday, Dec. 28 - Diane Johnson  
 #205 \$25  
 Friday, Dec. 29 - Alyssa Buchaklian  
 #70 \$25  
 Saturday, Dec. 30 - Therese Clementi  
 #181 \$25  
 Sunday, Dec. 31 - Bill McIlvaine Jr.  
 #842 \$50

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

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: Church  
 Noon - Parish Office closes  
 6:30-8 p.m. - Bible Study: Parish Center  
 7-9:30 p.m. - Dart Ball League: Macek Hall  
 (St. John's vs. Epiphany at St. John's)

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph  
 Noon - Parish Office closes  
 6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed., Special Needs class: St. Joseph  
 6-7:30 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: Parish Center  
 6:15-7:45 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: St. Joseph

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

NO Sacred Heart Quilting Ladies

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Parish Office closed

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

After 4 p.m. Mass - Anointing of the Sick: Church

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Anointing of the Sick: Church  
 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: Sacred Heart  
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria

**Our Annual Christmas Gift Appeal for St. John Nepomuk Parish** will run December 2017-January 31, 2018. Thank you.

**The SJN Alumni, Family and Friends Committee** will be awarding **scholarships for St. Catherine's High School** to qualifying parish students for the 2018-'19 school year. Applications are at the Scrip tables and Parish Office and are due **Thursday, January 18**. Questions: Pat Steimle, 639-9774.

**Kohl's Scrip gift cards** can be used to make payments on your Kohl's credit card. Simply purchase the cards from the Scrip tables after Mass, take them to Kohl's with your credit card, and make a payment at any of the registers. We carry \$25 and \$100 Kohl's Scrip gift cards at both tables weekly.

**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.

**Please continue to pray for the intentions** on the monthly prayer calendar.

**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, 8:00 a.m. bulletin article deadline. The parish would like to celebrate with you.