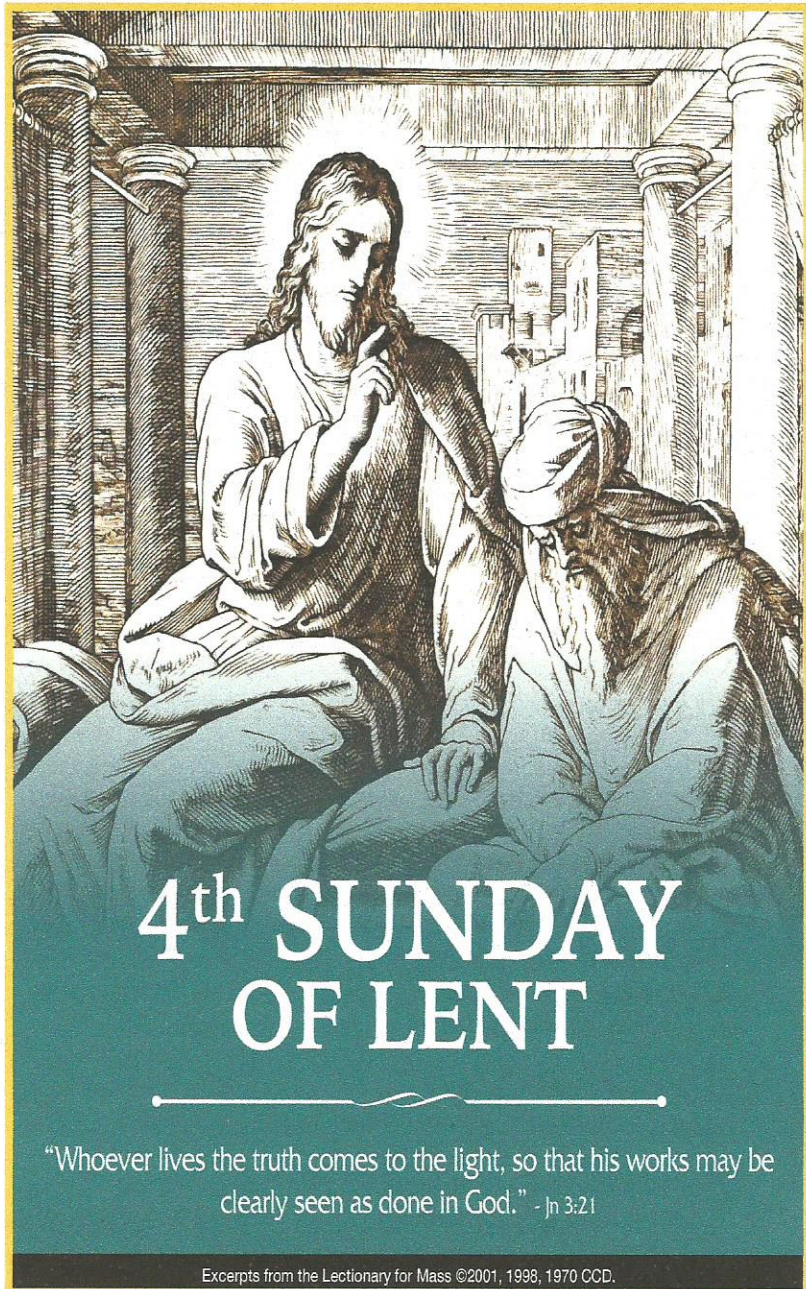


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN • MARCH 11, 2018



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, SAC, Pastor
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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 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

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 business hours: Monday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon; 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 business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Office/Mailing: 1532 N. Wisconsin Street; Racine, WI 53402-4805
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: triparish.psrenroll.com
Dan O'Connell: 630-965-9142 or oconnelld@archmil.org
To report a Religious Education class absence, please call
Dan O'Connell at 630-965-9142.

LEGACY GIFT

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

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


MONDAY, MARCH 12

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54 or Mi 7:7-9/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 9:1-41

8 a.m. **NO Mass**

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 Perpetual Help Devotions

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16 or Mi 7:7-9/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 9:1-41

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Terry Biarnesen
+ Michael Bagdasarian

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity /

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, Eucharistic Adoration 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30 or Mi 7:7-9/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 9:1-41

* 8 a.m. - **SJ** + Gil Miller

THURSDAY, MARCH 15 St. John of God

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47 or Mi 7:7-9/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 9:1-41

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Bonnie Carls Schwan
+ Barb Cramer

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 Stations of the Cross / Day of

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Abstinence [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 or Mi 7:7-9/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 9:1-41

8 a.m. - **SJ** + Ed Kaskubar

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 St. Patrick

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53 or Mi 7:7-9/Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 9:1-41

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Jesse Bowman

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Elizabeth Heidorn
+ John Swan

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - The Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** - The Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

Key: **SJ** - St. Joseph Parish **SJN** - 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, **ALEX AND MAE MULESKI.**

The BREAD AND WINE were donated this week
IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL BAGDASARIAN.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith,
RICHARD AND ELAINE PARENT.

Dear Parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ.

Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God expressed His love, mercy and compassion for us by giving His only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because he is the Son of God. He further explains to Nicodemus God's plan of salvation by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9). Just as God saved the victims of serpent bites through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus because the love of God for mankind is that great.

Let us reciprocate God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.

Happy Lenten journey,

Fr. Steve

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m. at St. Rita Church

Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m. at St. Lucy Church

St. John Nepomuk Parish

March 3 and 4 collections:	\$ 3,724.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 3,038.46
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 109,384.56
Year-to-date given:	\$ 107,629.01
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -1,755.55

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income:	\$ 7,800.84
March 3 and 4 collections:	\$ 7,100.84
Church Renovation:	\$ 380.00
Energy Costs:	\$ 320.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -1,299.16
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 327,600.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 260,503.04
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -67,096.96
Easter food baskets:	\$ 575.00

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.

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character of Lent. For this reason, Catholics, who have celebrated their 14th birthday, are bound to **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent**; the age of fasting is from the completion of the 18th year to the beginning of the 60th year. Hence, in addition to abstaining from meat, one should **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, eating only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. *United States Council of Catholic Bishops*

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.



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, 1-2:30 p.m. **Next March 13.**

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Parish **Wednesday, March 14**, following 8 a.m. Mass until the Benediction closing at 2:30 p.m.



Join the bus trip to see Dynamic Catholic and Matthew Kelly's largest Wisconsin event yet! Matthew Kelly, a New York Times bestselling author and internationally acclaimed speaker, will inspire you to live every day with passion and purpose. Presented on Saturday, **June 23**, at 7 p.m. at Milwaukee's Miller High Life Theatre. St. Paul the Apostle Parish has a limited number of spots available for their bus trip to see Matthew Kelly. Tickets at the St. Paul Parish Office for \$40, includes ticket and bus. For event details, please visit DynamicCatholic.com/Milwaukee or call 859-980-7900. Matthew Kelly's events sell out fast!

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's most needed items include ravioli, white rice, tuna fish, small bags instant potatoes, pasta sides, large peanut butter, boxed crackers and toilet paper. Thank you! **Substitute volunteers are needed.** 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. Please send checks for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to St. Vincent de Paul Society (please write Food Pantry on the check's memo line); P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404. Thank you for your generous, long-standing support.

The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, March 12, for the March 18 bulletin. Send written items to the Parish Office or info@st-joes.org. **Bulletins and inserts are archived at 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.

St. Joseph's and St. John's collection envelopes are returned to the respective parish for accounting purposes.

"Understanding the Prophets," a Lenten speaker series at St. Sebastian Church, Sturtevant, continues Wednesdays, March 14-21, 6:30-8 p.m. Attend any or all sessions:

March 14—Dr. Elizabeth Nagel presents *Ezek 37:1-14: From Death to Life; and 47:1-12: Living Water or Sign-Acts in Jeremiah and Ezekiel;*

March 21—Dr. Denis Silva presents *The Prophet Amos*
Dr. Elizabeth Nagel holds a Doctorate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, teaching Sacred Scripture at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at Overbrook (Archdiocese of Philadelphia) and Mundelein Seminary (Archdiocese of Chicago.) Dr. Dennis Sylva taught Biblical Studies at St. Francis Seminary for 22 years.

On Palm Sunday, close your kitchen and eat with us!
St. John's Boy Scout Troop 105's Pancake Breakfast is March 25, 8 a.m.-noon in Macek Hall.
St. Joseph's Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is March 25, serving homemade spaghetti, sauce, and meatballs, 2-6 p.m. in MSMH. **St. Joseph Spring Raffle 2018 drawing is at 5 p.m.** Prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100, 4th-7th - \$50. Tickets at both parish offices: \$2 ea./3 for \$5. Return ticket stubs by **Sunday, March 25.**



St. Joseph's Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is March 25, serving homemade spaghetti, sauce, and meatballs from 2-6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Dinner also includes salad, bread and garlic butter, milk, coffee and dessert. Cash bar for soda, wine, and beer. Tickets are available in both parish offices: adults, \$8; seniors, \$7; children 12 yrs. or less, \$5. Take-outs, \$1 extra. Early-bird discount tickets are \$1 off. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish. Please bring your **donated desserts to the cafeteria on Sunday, March 25, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Sponsored by the families of St. Joseph Parish. **Mangia!**

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **Goebel & Sons Electric, Inc.** Contact Scott at 262-498-5775 or scott@goebelandsonselectric.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 March 17 and 18

ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Noah Liapis
Grace Liapis (Cross)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Tristan Ropiak and Katelyn Gordon
Doug Gundlach (Cross)

CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Benjamin Horvat
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Michael Lofy

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mary Lee Odders
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Joe Grauwels

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mona Swan and John Nielsen
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Catherine Gundlach, Sandy Lindstrom

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur and Diana Weiss
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Linda Vanderhoef and Genie Bosch

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

St. Joseph's Food Basket Program thanks everyone who took an Easter Egg off the tree and is in the process of putting together a basket. When purchasing candy and items, please be mindful of the age and gender of the child. Wrap the finished basket with a cellophane bag making sure that the tag with the family #, age and gender is visible. Please drop off your basket at the table in the back of church March 10/11, 17/18, or 24/25. Easter will be delightful for 73 children!

St. Patrick's Day All-School Family Dance is Friday, March 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., for K4-grade 8 students and their families. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Cost: \$5 per student; parent/guardian free. DJ playing a wide variety of music for all; dance contest with prizes! Concessions available. This is a Class of 2018 school trip fundraiser.

Decorate St. Joseph's altar with Easter lilies in memory of a loved one. Donation: \$15. Return your memorial names and donation by Sunday, March 18. Checks payable to St. Joseph Parish. Order forms at the back of St. Joseph's and St. John's.

FAITH FORMATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

— Upcoming Events —

Friday, April 27 - 7 p.m. Confirmation Mass at St. John Nepomuk
Sunday, May 6 - 8:30 a.m. First Communion Mass at St. Joseph
Contact Dan O'Connell: 630-965-9142 or oconnelld@archmil.org.

This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church
11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: Sacred Hrt.
5-7 p.m. - Cheer practice: Gym
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

MONDAY, MARCH 12

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

9:15 a.m. - Reconciliation for the school students: Church
1-2:30 p.m. - Mothers' Prayers Group: Parish Center
3-4:30 p.m. - Cheer practice: Gym
4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop meeting: MSMH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

After 8 a.m. Mass - Eucharistic Adoration begins: Church
2:30 p.m. - Benediction closing Adoration: Church
6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed., Special Needs class: St. Joseph
6-7:30 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: St. John
6:15-7:45 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: St. Joseph

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

6 p.m. - RCIA class: Parish Center conference room
6:30-8 p.m. - Cub Scout mtg. and Pinewood Derby: MSMH
7 p.m. - Lenten Communal Penance Service: St. Rita
7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

12:30-12:50 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with students: Church
3-5 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting, gr. 8: MSMH
6:30-8:30 p.m. - St. Patrick's Day All-School Family Dance,
K4-gr. 8 and their families, gr. 8 fundraiser: Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible-sharing Grp.: Parish Center
4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church
At 5:15 Mass - St. VdP Food Pantry non-perishables collection

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church
At 8:30 Mass - St. VdP Food Pantry non-perishables collection
11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-12: Sacred Hrt.
5-7 p.m. - Cheer practice: Gym
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, March 16—Maryann Bayer, Ann Colwell, Mary Lee Odders, and Judy Scholz

COLLECTION TELLERS: Weekend of March 17/18—Bill and Sue McGrath

A Rummage and Estate Sale organizational meeting for anyone willing to help is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 20**, at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center's conference room. ALL are invited, as many hands are needed. Info: Parish Office, 633-8284.

Mark your calendars. The Rummage and Estate Sale has been moved to Saturday and Sunday, **June 23 and 24**. Start to save your clean, usable household items. Item drop-off soon.

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 March 17 and 18

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Maggie Fischer and Stanley Fischer
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Danny Gross

LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jim and Julie Arens also Sacristan
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Linda Witek also Sacristan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Peter Sisak
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Norbert DeKeuster

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Nancy Willing and Jim and Julie Arens also Sacristan
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Alicia Stiles and Maureen Biarnesen



We gratefully acknowledge this Memorial Gift:
 \$50 Memorial Fund in memory of Anne Oertel

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that this week we have received Green envelopes totaling \$361. To-date total is \$2,116.35. Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.



The St. John Nepomuk Human Concerns Committee will be delivering Easter flowers and Holy Communion to our parishioners in nursing homes and our homebound on Saturday, March 24, beginning about 9 a.m. Any questions? Please call the parish office at 634-5647.

St. Joseph's Spring Raffle tickets and flyers are located at both church entrances.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2018 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Feb. 25 - Kristi Krupp
 #748 \$50
 Monday, Feb. 26 - Jesse Sosa
 #562 \$25
 Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Jim Rooney, Jr.
 #58 \$25
 Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Arlene Odeja
 #744 \$25
 Thursday, Mar. 1 - Leah Buchaklian
 #24 \$25
 Friday, Mar. 2 - James Sisak
 #541 \$25
 Saturday, Mar. 3 - Carolyn Lorenzini
 #356 \$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, MARCH 12

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

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

5:15 p.m. - Finance Council meeting: Rectory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

After 8 a.m. Mass - Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph
 Noon - Parish Office closes

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

6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, Special Needs: 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, MARCH 15

8:30 a.m.-noon - Arts and Crafts: Parish Center

12:30-3 p.m. - Sacred Heart Quilting Ladies: Parish Center

7 p.m. - Lenten Communal Penance Service: St. Rita

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Parish Office closed

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

10 a.m. - Scouting For Food: Scout Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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

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

What an exciting finish to this year's Scholastic Challenge event as the championship match in both divisions ended in a tie and were decided with tie-breaker questions. The final results of our St. John Nepomuk Parish-sponsored 30th annual academic tournament are as follows:

Black Division 1st Place St. Matthew - Oak Creek

2nd Place All Saints - Kenosha

Red Division 1st Place St. Lucy - Racine

2nd Place John Paul II Academy - Racine

Thank you again to all the St. John Nepomuk parishioners who volunteered to make this year's Scholastic Challenge a huge success. Once again this event was a very nice reflection on our parish. I would like to extend a special thank you to **Chris Gross, Monica DaPra, Margaret Jeske, Jackie Morrow** and **Pat Steimle** for their help in organizing and running this year's event.
Paul Steimle - Chairperson

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. Look for the Scrip tables by the church entrances.