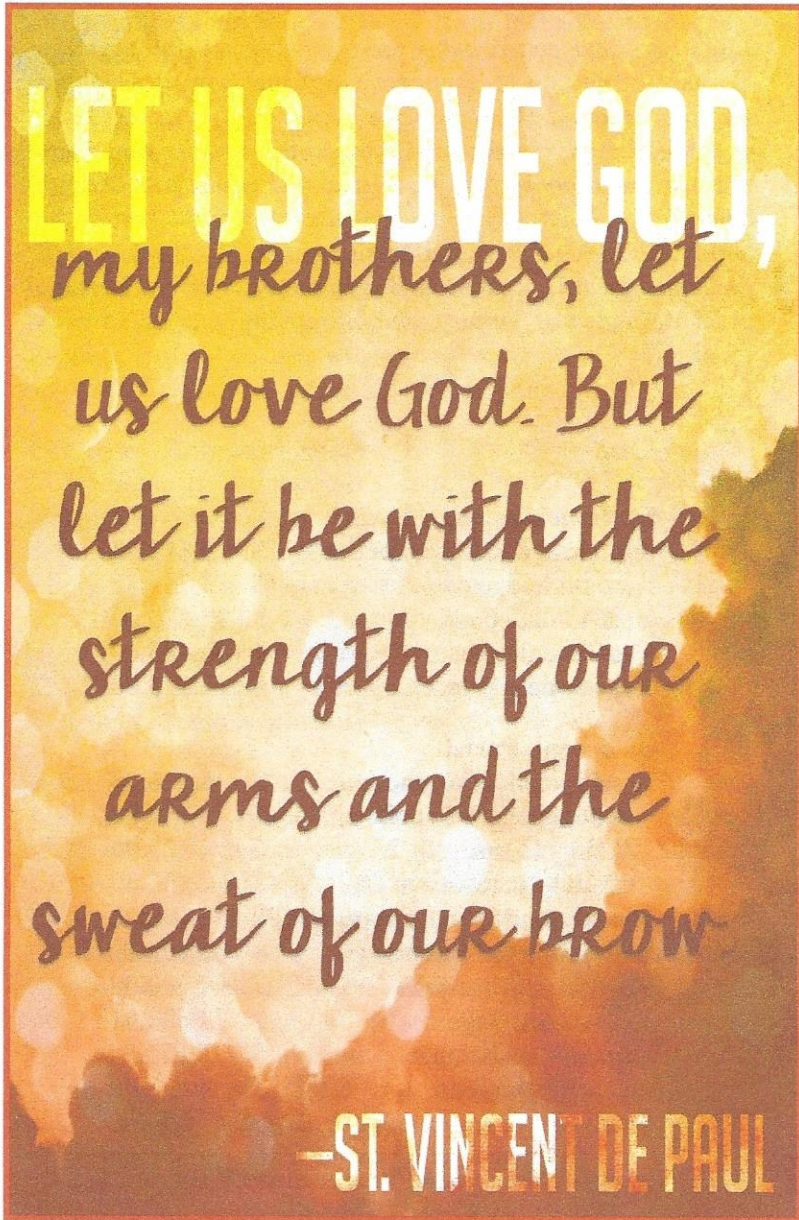


# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · SEPTEMBER 23, 2018



## 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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@st-joes.org) website: [st-joes.org](http://st-joes.org)

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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](http://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](http://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.



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


**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18

8 a.m. NO Mass or Communion Service

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 Perpetual Help Devotions**

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

8 a.m. - **SJN** - Ed and Dorothy Tarczon and Family  
+ Lorraine Gehrig

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian**

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

\* 8 a.m. - **SJ** - The Living and Deceased Members of  
the Bosch and Lavin Families

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 St. Vincent de Paul**

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Mary Kozenski  
+ Ted Pier

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 St. Wenceslaus / St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

8 a.m. - **SJ** - The Living and Deceased Members of  
the Sus and Shimkus Families

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (F)**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

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

**MASS OF ANTICIPATION**

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Jesse Bowman  
- Living and Deceased Members of St.  
John Nepomuk Parish

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittgerber  
- Living and Deceased Members of St.  
Joseph Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Matthew "Mitty" Stephens on the  
Second Anniversary of his Death

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Col. Gary Tresemer

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,  
**HENRY AND BLANCHE ADAMOWICZ.**

Dear Parishioners,

After the messianic confession of Peter, Mark presents Jesus as giving three predictions about his suffering and death in chapters 8, 9 and 10. The response by Jesus' disciples is disappointing because they were dreaming of a political messiah who would usher in an earthly kingdom. At this time, Peter rebukes Jesus for his words. Later, there was an argument among the disciples as to who among them was the greatest.

Jesus says that people who serve humbly are the greatest. He uses a play on an Aramaic word that can mean either *servant* or *child*. Presenting a child before them, Jesus explains that one who wishes to be the first among them must be a *servant* to all. True greatness consists in serving one's fellow men and is never self-centered. It lies in the ability to see and respond to the needs of others, and it presupposes compassion and sympathy. Let us become great through our humble and life-giving service to each other.

Peace and joy,

*Fr. Steve*

**St. John Nepomuk Parish**

<b>September 15/16 collections:</b>	<b>\$ 1,814.00</b>
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,735.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 32,870.20
Year-to-date given:	\$ 34,445.60
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 1,575.40

**St. Joseph Parish**

<b>Weekly collection income:</b>	<b>\$ 6,078.00</b>
September 15/16 collections:	\$ 5,848.00
Energy Costs:	\$ 125.00
Church Renovation:	\$ 105.00
<b>Weekly budget requirement:</b>	<b>\$ 9,100.00</b>
<b>Difference for the week:</b>	<b>\$ -3,022.00</b>
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 109,200.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 73,624.01
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -35,575.99
Festival donations:	\$ 450.00
Evangelization Committee:	\$ 100.00

**Help victims of Hurricane Florence with a donation to Catholic Charities USA.** The agencies of Catholic Charities directly impact areas by initially taking on the role as short-term disaster responders, providing victims with food, financial aid, clothing, shelter, gas and retail store cards, and household goods. Catholic Charities has opened shelters, established temporary housing in diocesan and state facilities, provided crisis counseling, organized parish "Adopt-a-Family" programs, held furniture drives, and raised money to offer assistance. Donations can be made online at [catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org) or by texting CCUSADISASTER to 71777.

**FAITH FORMATION** Religious Education classes on Sunday and Wednesday have started. Registration for the 2018-'19 school year are still being accepted. Register online at st-joes.org or by calling Susan Gehrig at 633-9005. The registration fee is \$70 per student with a maximum of \$200 per family. First Communion candidates (grade 2) and Confirmation candidates (grade 11) pay an additional \$20 materials fee. Fee waivers are available. Religious Education class sign-up forms are on the ushers' tables at the back of church.



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If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, please come to the one-hour RCIA introductory meeting describing the process for receiving the sacraments of baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation at Easter. Deacon Doug will host this meeting at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Center on Tuesday, **October 2**. This series of Inquiry classes will also serve as a good review of our Catholic faith for interested parishioners.

The Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi, Archbishop of Milwaukee is the guest of honor at the 25th Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, **October 16**, at Roma Lodge. Concelebrated Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner and program. Tickets are \$30 or a table of ten for \$250 by **October 12**. Tickets are available at the St. Joseph Parish Office or Harold Von De Bur, 630-215-5362. Donations to support the attendance of a priest, deacon or religious are most welcome.

Join the Rosary Rally 2018 as we pray in unity for our nation and the Holy Catholic Church in honor of our Mother on the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun on Saturday, **October 13**, at the Wieczorek Pavilion in Pritchard Park. The Rally is from noon to 1 p.m., fellowship will be held before the rally from 11 a.m. to noon with a light snack and bottled water available. Picnic tables are on site, but it is suggested to bring a cushion or chair. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Veronica Heiser at 262-412-5657 or v.heiser@outlook.com. Additional musical talent is always welcome. Please call if you'd like to join. Hope to see you there!



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. Just go to the St. Joseph Parish Center to see the titles and check one out!

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: Honey B's II, 4713 Douglas Ave., 681-1960. AYCE Fish Fry \$7.99, call ahead and use pick-up window.

The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, September 24, for the September 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.

The St. Joseph Parish 2019 calendar for Mass Intentions is open. A Mass stipend is \$10. Please visit or call the Parish Office at 633-8284 with your requested dates.

Is your marriage struggling? There is help and hope for your marriage in the Retrouvaille Program. For more information on programs in your area, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, or visit HelpOurMarriage.com. Learn to improve communication, build a stronger marriage, and re-discover the love you had for each other.

Register now for the 2018 Women of Christ Conference Saturday, **November 3**, at Washington Co. Fair Park, West Bend. This year's theme is Take Courage...Be the Light. The conference begins with 8:15 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome ListECKi. Outstanding speakers include Scott Hahn, Sisters of Life, Crystalina Evert, Fr. Philip Schumaker. Confession and Adoration available all day. Lunch is included. Group (5 or more) and online discounts apply. Register at womenofchrist.net, 262-384-8414 or womenofchrist@gmail.com. You may also contact Yolanda Sosa to reserve your ticket(s) by **October 5**: 262-884-7555, 262-994-4882, yasosa26@yahoo.com. Tickets: Group (5 or more) \$35, singles \$40, students \$25 or \$40 after October 5 (financial assistance available) St. Lucy's has reserved a bus for a suggested donation of \$7 per rider. Seating is limited. Please call Yolanda for more information.



The Food Pantry's most needed items include boxed mac and cheese, canned meat, and boxed or bagged mashed potatoes. 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 donation 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.



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 September 29 and 30

#### ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Ethan Petersen  
 Ryann Petersen (Cross)  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Tony Alvarado and Luca Alvarado  
 Chandler Rorek (Cross)

#### LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch

#### CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mona Fortier  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Julie VanMatre

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

##### CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. John Nielsen and Mona Swan  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kathy Swiatek and Wally Goebel

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

##### CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Diana Weiss and Nat Cycenas  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Dave Tarczon and Betsy Tarczon

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

**St. Joseph's Human Concerns Group** invites all parishioners to join them in providing a salad of any type (lettuce, pasta, fruit, etc.) and a dessert to the St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Meal Program Thursday, September 27. Please drop off your food donation\* at St. Joseph Parish Center OR St. Patrick Church Hall Thursday, September 27, 1-4 p.m., using the door at the west end of the parking lot, near the loading dock, and knock on the door, if no one is outside to take your food. Questions to the Parish Office, 633-8284, or Kathy and John Sardino, 633-6231. Thank you for your continued support of this meal serving 100-200 men, women, and children.

\*Plastic food containers are located at the back of church.

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners:

I'm pleased to report that our **2018 Catholic Stewardship Appeal** is moving along well. To date, 85% of our \$7.7 million goal has been achieved. One can never say thank you enough.

As of September 10, St. Joseph Parish has contributed 70.61% of its \$23,000 goal, with 90 donors participating. Thank you and God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Rob Bohlmann, CFRE, Appeal Director



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

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church  
 9:45 a.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: Parish Center  
 4:30-7:30 p.m. - Volleyball practice: Gym  
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6-9 p.m. - Volleyball games: Gym  
 6 p.m. - Boy Scout Committee meeting: MSMH

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: St. John  
 4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church

5-6:30 p.m. - Volleyball practice: Gym

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

3-5 p.m. - Volleyball practice: Gym

6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: St. John

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

7:30-9 p.m. - Volleyball practice: Gym

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Grp.: St. John Chapel  
 1-4 p.m. - St. Patrick's Meal Program food drop-off: St. Patrick

5-6:30 p.m. - Volleyball practice: Gym

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

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NO School Teacher In-service

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

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8 a.m. - Rosary: Church

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

4:30-7:30 p.m. - Volleyball practice: Gym

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

**SANCTUARY LADIES:** Friday, September 28—Rosa Flegel, Lorraine Caspers, Linda Grauwels, and Barbara Schust

**COLLECTION TELLERS:** September 29/30—

To be determined



We are the grateful beneficiaries of a generous donation in memory of **Joyce Goldmann.**

The parish budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year has been approved by the finance council. The balanced budget has been sent to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for approval.



**St. Joseph Sanctuary Ladies** are in need of additional members for light cleaning duties in church. Teams work Friday and Saturday morning for about an hour on a rotating schedule once every six weeks. Please call Rosa Flegel at 262-939-6741.

*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 September 29 and 30

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Anthony Sosa and Miguel Sosa  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Grace Gross and Maggie Fischer

#### LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Margaret Jeske  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Maureen Biarnesen also Sacristan

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Judy Sisak  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. James Madala

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jim and Julie Arens and Jackie Morrow  
 Mary Jean Blaha Sacristan  
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Kathy Cook and Linda Witek



Please remember in your prayers, Patricia Steimle, who recently entered Eternal Life. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.



We gratefully acknowledge this Memorial Gift: \$250 Memorial Fund in memory of Ray DeHahn

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that this week we have received Green envelopes totaling \$128. To-date total is \$7,897.35. Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.



A Human Concerns Food Collection will be taken at both Masses next weekend, September 29-30. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Sunday, Sept. 9 - Krista Pfeiffer  
 #425 \$50  
 Monday, Sept. 10 - Eric Messer  
 #393 \$25  
 Tuesday, Sept. 11 - Bill Jorgenson  
 #368 \$25  
 Wednesday, Sept. 12 - Bernard Kunka  
 #345 \$25  
 Thursday, Sept. 13 - Tim Just  
 #520 \$25  
 Friday, Sept. 14 - Mark Madsen  
 #300 \$25  
 Saturday, Sept. 15 - Dan and Geri DuMont  
 #470 \$25

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

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Noon - Parish Office closes  
 6-7 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: St. John  
 6-7:15 p.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: St. Joseph

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 a.m.-noon - Arts and Crafts: Parish Center  
 After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Group: Chapel  
 12:30-3 p.m. - Sacred Heart Quilting Ladies: Parish Center

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Parish Office closed

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

4 p.m. - Human Concerns Food Collection: Church

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

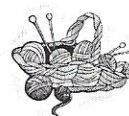
9:45 a.m. - Human Concerns Food Collection: Church  
 9:45-11 a.m. - Youth Faith Groups, gr. 7-11: St. Joseph Par. Ctr  
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Henry and Blanche Adamowicz.

We have Sanctuary Candle openings available. The stipend is \$7. Please call the Parish Office at 634-5647 if interested.

The SJN Fall Extravaganza 2018 is Friday, October 12, at Preservation Hall (formerly the Woman's Club). Please save the date. More information will be in upcoming bulletins.



SJN Crafting Ladies are back in session each Thursday morning from 8:30-11:30 in the Parish Center. We will be preparing for our Christmas Fair, and we'd be happy to have you join us!

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.

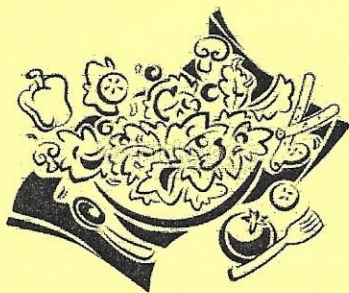
Moving? Please remember to call the parish office with your address, phone number, or email address changes. Thank you.

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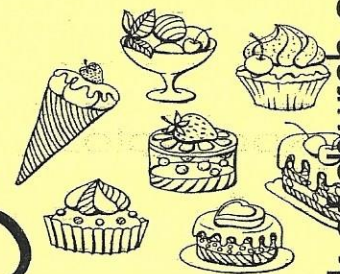
St. Joseph's  
Human  
Concerns  
Group

St. Joseph's Human Concerns group coordinates many activities for the parish as well as outside the parish. This month we are spotlighting one of our activities with more detail, so you can learn how you can get involved.

The spotlight activity this month is....



## St. Patrick's Meal Program



St. Joseph's parish provides food for the St. Patrick's Meal Program on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday on our scheduled months (January, March, May, July and September). This program provides food for 100-150 people.

Next week on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is drop off.

The Human Concerns Committee is providing plastic containers with lids located at the back table of the church for your salad or dessert for the St. Patrick's Meal Program. We need:

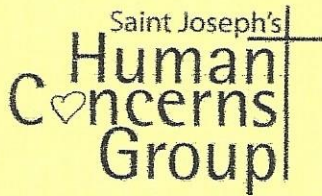
Cold salad (pasta, lettuce, fruit, etc.) and/or a dessert

Please feel free to take one or two containers. The filled containers can be returned on the day of the meal: Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> either to the St. Joseph Parish Center from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm or at St. Patrick's McCarthy Hall from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Questions? call the St. Joseph Parish Office, 633-8284

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food" "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?" "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:35, 37,40*

Please return containers to the back of church or the Parish Center at your earliest convenience.



St. Joseph's Human Concerns group coordinates much of the parish care for those in need. We meet on the first Thursday of the month from September thru June. The following is the list of all the activities we are involved in and a brief description of each.

If you are interested in helping in any of these activities, please fill out the form below and return the bottom section in the collection basket during Masses. *Thank you!*

**St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry:** Volunteers work a 2-hour shift (on a Tuesday or a Wednesday or a Thursday) during the months of February, April, June, August, October and December.

**St. Patrick's Meal Program:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of January, March, May, July and September, St. Joseph's provides salads and desserts to the St. Patrick's meal program. Volunteers are also needed to work at the Meal Program.

**Mitten Basket:** A basket is placed in the back of church from November thru February, for parishioners to donate mittens, hats and scarves, etc. They are distributed to our school for families in need and the rest are donated to area schools in need.

**Prayer Team:** A contact list by e-mail or phone tree to pray when prayer requests come through. A **Prayer Request** box and slips are located in the back of church.

**Right to Life Life Chain:** On the first Sunday of October we stand on Hwy. 31 with provided signs to show our support for the unborn and opposition to abortion.

**Mother's Day Rose Sale:** Mother's Day weekend we sell long stem roses and the proceeds are donated to Right to Life organization in Racine. We prepare the roses on Saturday after an Mass and sell after all weekend Masses.

**St. Monica's Birthday Bingo:** In May we bake and serve cakes/cookie bars for the May birthdays at St. Monica's and assist in playing BINGO with the residents.

**Baptismal Gowns:** Embroider small gowns for Fr. Steve/Deacon Doug to use during baptism.

**Welcome New Parishioners:** We send a card to welcome new parishioners to the parish.

**Food Basket Program:** Food baskets are distributed at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter to the parish families in need of assistance.

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**Human Concerns Group**

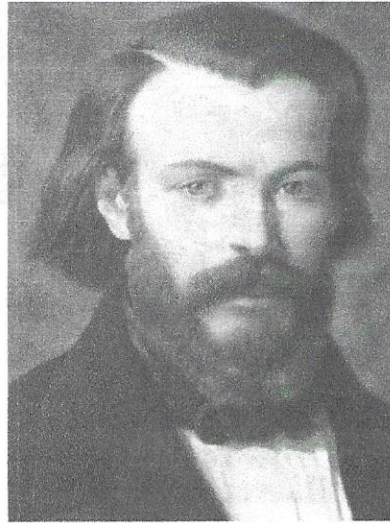
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Human Concern Activities I would like to participate in or get more information on:

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# We're NOT Your Grandma's Vincent de Paul..... So Please Read On!!!

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What comes to your mind when you think of the St Vincent de Paul Society? Is it the saintly image of an old French priest surrounded by ragged orphaned children or do you see a local food pantry full of boxed macaroni and cheese and cans of tomato soup run by a handful of elderly volunteers?

Well it might surprise you to know that the Society of St Vincent de Paul was actually founded by a 20 year old named Frederic Ozanam, when he and six other young men from the Sorbonne University formed the group in response to a question raised about the Catholic Church and what it was doing to help the poor.

The year was 1833 and the place, the office of the Tribune Catholique newspaper in Paris, France. The seven men had originally been part of a Catholic student group at the Sorbonne called the Society of Good Studies, but this group was repressed by the new French government after the fall of the Bourbon Restoration Monarchy in 1830 and replaced by the Conference of History .

The new group was supposed to be open to all interested students and to every opinion, yet its lively debates were always decidedly anti-Catholic and atheistic in tone.

Frederic and his friends stayed in the Conference of History, boldly defending their faith. But they also moved from talk to action and to charitable work.

In a country which had come to prize aggressiveness and religious indifference, they offered a model based on the virtues of self-denial, prudence, love of neighbor, meekness, humility and zeal for the salvation of souls. Their society drew heavily from traditional Catholic teachings and practices. It considered itself a kind of auxiliary of the Daughters of Charity as they so often followed in the footsteps of their mentor and friend, Sr. Rosalie Rendu.

The saintly Vincent de Paul, who had actually lived some 200 years earlier became the society's patron and namesake. The members also unanimously approved placing themselves under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This society was most certainly a counter-cultural group. Yet it held a mass appeal to both young and old. By 1848 the St Vincent de Paul Society could boast 9,000 active members with 388 conferences, 282, which were in France. Papal approval for the society was received in 1855.



Today, the Vincent de Paul Society serves in 150 countries and has an estimated 800,000 members. In the United States it has served those in need since 1845. There are St Vincent de Paul conferences in 4,400 communities serving some 23.8 million people through home visits, hospital visits, prison visits, food pantries, donation centers, health clinics, advocacy and mentoring programs and systemic change efforts.

In Racine there are two St Vincent de Paul conferences: Our Lady of Guadalupe conference which includes St Patrick, St Richard and St Edward parishes and the St Mother Teresa conference which includes St Rita, Sacred Heart, St Joseph and St John parishes. Together we have served the city of Racine for 80 years providing food, furniture, clothing and supplies as well as rent and utility assistance. To give you an idea of the extent of our services, between October 1, 2017 and August 10, 2018 alone, there were 411 home visits made, helping 801 people, including 338 children. \$41,137.00 was given toward rent payments and \$29,657.00 was given toward utility payments. This was at a rate of \$150.00 - \$200.00 per person or family. Countless families were prevented from becoming homeless or disconnected because of St Vincent de Paul interventions with landlords and WE- Energy.

Meanwhile under the umbrella of Vincent de Paul, a collaboration of five Racine parishes served 5,326 people including 2,115 children between October 2017 and August 2018 in our food pantry. The Society's weekly hot meal program fed 1,431 people or an average of 46 people per week between January 1, 2018 and August 1, 2018.....

Operating from donations like Catholic parish collections, private gifts and our annual "Walk for the Poor" fundraiser as well as from profits from our Waterford thrift store, St Vincent de Paul continues to be an effective and well-respected force for good in our community.

I find being a St Vincent de Paul member very rewarding. I have developed many new friendships and have deepened my faith life considerably. I have also become much more aware of the struggles many in our city face. Through both prayer and service the society has helped me live out my Catholic faith in ever more tangible and meaningful ways.

I hope you will consider joining us.

Betsy Tarczon - St Joseph Parish

St Mother Teresa Conference

