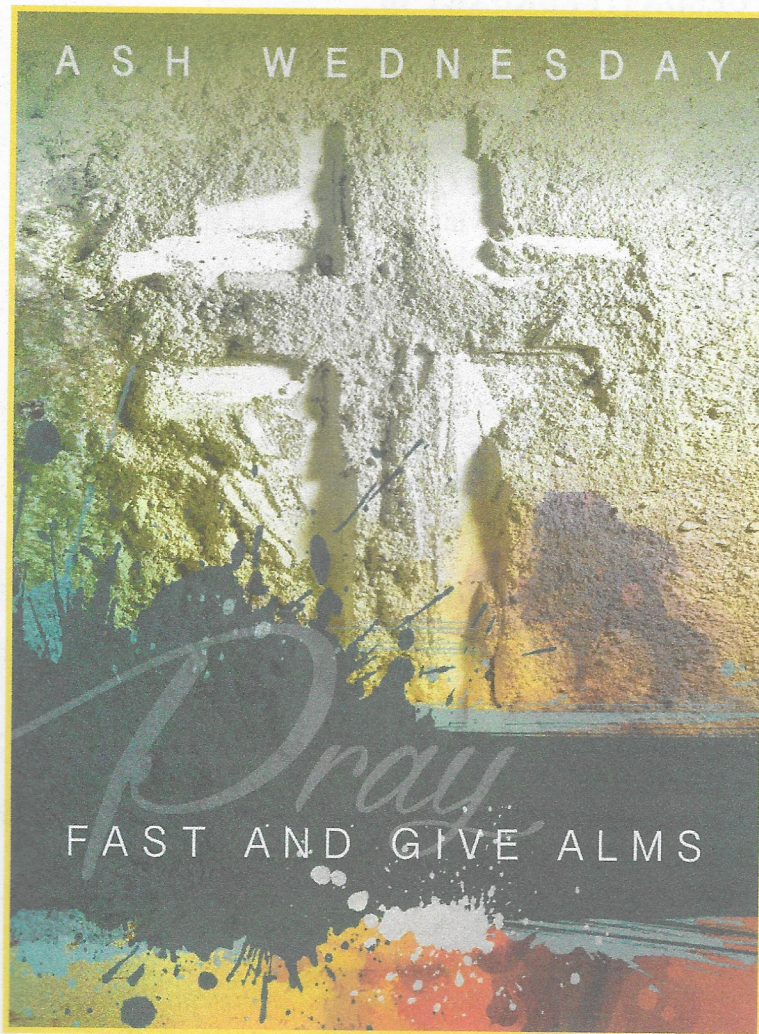


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN • FEBRUARY 14, 2021



MASSSES

SAT 4:00 p.m. - SJN

SUN 8:30 a.m. live stream / 10 a.m. - SJ

TUE 8:30 a.m. - SJN

WED 8:30 a.m. - SJ

THU 8:30 a.m. - SJN

FRI 8:30 a.m. - SJ

Live stream at [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SAT 3-3:30 p.m. - SJN Face masks, please.

Anytime by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Call their office, 639-1071, or visit [racinecemeteries.org](https://www.racinecemeteries.org)

LEGACY GIFT

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, Pastor

Deacon Douglas Gundlach - SJ

Leslie Gain, Administrative Assistant - SJN

Amber Fay, Coordinator of Faith Formation - SJ and SJN

David Kirkpatrick, Director of Music - SJ and 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, Maintenance - SJ

Thomas Quiroz, Maintenance - SJN

TRUSTEES

Jim Tresemer - SJN

John Gates - SJ

Suzanne Yde - SJN

Pete Koleske - SJ

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dennis Maller, Chair

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Friday, closed

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St. Joseph School; 1525 Erie Street; Racine, WI 53402-4830

Office hours 7:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m. when school is in session

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Office and absences 262-633-9005

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Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel from Mark describes a dramatic healing of a leper. Jesus liberates him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust, inhuman social, ritual, and religious isolation and ostracism to which lepers were subjected. According to some Fathers of the Church, one reason Jesus promptly responded to the leper's cry in today's Gospel story, ignoring Mosaic Law prohibiting touching a leper and thus becoming ritually unclean, is that Jesus identified himself with the man's condition. Jesus dramatically identified himself with the sufferer in the total rejection and isolation waiting for him.

The irony here is that Jesus risked becoming "unclean" Himself in order to make the leper clean. Just as he stretched out his hand to the leper and touched him and made him whole, Jesus stretched out his hands on the cross to make us whole. In the same way, he touched the leper thus bridging the gap between what is clean and what is unclean, identifying himself with all lepers, with all who are ritually or socially unclean and isolated and with all of us sinners who are spiritually unclean and have no way to change our condition except through His sacrifice and mercy.

Thus, He became "unclean" in the eyes of the law that we might be made clean. He allowed himself to be rejected by his family and people so that those who are separated from God might return to him and be healed. We are forgiven, and our souls are cleansed, from the spiritual leprosy of sin when we repent of our sins. This is because God is a God of love Who waits patiently for us. No matter how many sins we have committed or how badly we have behaved, we know God forgives us. The only condition required of us is that we ask for forgiveness with a repentant heart. We need only kneel before him and ask him, "*Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.*" We are sure to hear his words of absolution, "*Very well--your sins are forgiven, and you are clean,*" echoed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us trust in the mercy of a forgiving God.

Ash Wednesday is February 17th with two Masses and a Liturgy of the Word with ashes. See you then!

Peace and joy,

Fr. Steve

The Ash Wednesday collection will be for Racine Catholic Cemeteries' ongoing maintenance, as Racine Catholic Cemeteries, owned by all the Racine Catholic parishes, does not charge for lawn care, snow removal, or road repair. Thank you for your generosity.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a-4, 9c-10, 11b/Mk 8:14-21

* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + Ryan D. Glass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 Ash Wednesday/

*Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, Day of Fast and Abstinence***

12-14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

*^ 8:30 a.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members

of the Theodore R. Zlevor Family

* Noon - SJ Liturgy of the Word with ashes

6 p.m. - SJN - The Health of Marie Karsnick

+ Evie Schleper

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + Marvin Schmierer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 Day of Abstinence/**

Stations of the Cross

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + David A. and K. Maryellen Carlson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

* 4 p.m. - SJN + Jerry Simanek

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 1st Sunday of Lent

livestream

* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Patty Robash

* 10 a.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk/St. Joseph Parishes

Livestream is at Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine.

*** FACE MASK MANDATE IF OLDER THAN 4 YRS.**

^ School students attending Mass

For COVID-19 protection, both parishes use a water vapor fogger between Masses for surface disinfection.

****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

† STEWARDSHIP †
 Whatever you have – has been given.
 Whatever you give – will be returned.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

January 30/31 collections:	\$ 1,071.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,115.38
Year-to-date given:	\$ 74,890.94
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 65,576.78
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 9,314.16
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$ 6,252.00
Festival donations to date:	\$ 14,126.00

2020 church contribution statements for tax purposes are available by request from your parish office.

Please address mailed contributions to your parish office, not the church. Refer to the bulletin cover.

St. Joseph Parish

Total collection income:	\$ 5,784.00
January 30/31 collections:	\$ 5,419.00
Church renovation:	\$ 160.00
Energy costs:	\$ 205.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -3,316.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 214,444.22
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 282,100.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -67,655.78
Needy Family Fund:	\$ 20.00

For electronic giving (ACH) information, please call Michael Reth at St. Joseph Parish Office, 633-8284.

Adult St. Joseph's and St. John's parishioners are invited to a new virtual gospel study and prayer group. One night per month we will virtually meet for an hour to read the upcoming Sunday's gospel, talk about how it applies to our lives today, and close with simple prayers. Call Deacon Doug at 681-7335 for an email link to the **Thursday, February 18, 7-8 p.m. online meeting** that is free and easy to connect.

Mail Food Pantry donation checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404-7004. Thank you. **Your kind donation stays in Racine to feed the hungry of all ages.**



Join us to pray the rosary before 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday Masses for our parishes' family members' good health and recovery.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, **MARVIN SCHMIERER.**

Read our weekly bulletin at parishesonline.com, st-joes.org, or [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine). **The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, Feb. 15**, for the Feb. 21 bulletin. Send to info@st-joes.org.

For the Sacrament of the Sick and Communion for the Sick when a parishioner is unable to attend church due to age, prolonged illness, or 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 parishioner admissions.

St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk parishes need Mass intentions and Sanctuary Candles. Mass stipends are \$10; Sanctuary Candles are \$5 (St. Joseph's) or \$7 (St. John's.) Please call your parish office to arrange.

SJN CALENDAR 2021 RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Sunday</u> , Jan. 31, \$50	<u>Wednesday</u> , Feb. 3, \$25
Bernard Kinka #333	Mary Gengozian #878
<u>Monday</u> , Feb. 1, \$25	<u>Thursday</u> , Feb. 4, \$25
Harold / Linda	Kathy Simanek #514
Von De Bur #1263	<u>Friday</u> , Feb. 5, \$25
<u>Tuesday</u> , Feb. 2, \$25	Laurie Zapata #447
Mildred Erdman #238	<u>Saturday</u> , Feb. 6, \$25
	Erin / John Maples #304

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in and sold 2021 St. John Nepomuk calendar raffles. We surpassed last year's profit, raising \$10,000. Without your participation, we would not have realized this profit. Please call Lauri Buchaklian at 639-1330 or Patti LaBlanc at 639-4350 with any questions.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

NO virtual Faith Formation classes, gr. 9-11

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NO Faith Formation classes, gr. 1-11

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

After 8:30 a.m. Mass - Stations of the Cross: St. Joseph's
 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross: St. Joseph's

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10 a.m. - First Reconciliation, all gr. 2: St. Joseph's

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10-10:45 a.m. - virtual Faith Formation classes, gr. 9-11

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, St. John Nepomuk parishioner, **James Balice**, and St. Joseph parishioners, **Thomas Gagliano**, **Patricia Larson** and **Jeanne Nyiri**, who received their Christian burials through our church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
2021 Seasonal Live Flower and Easter Candle Sale



Fill out this form below
and place it in the box at the back of church
by Sunday, March 21st.

**Help decorate St. Joseph's altar in memory of a
loved one with a variety of live flowering plants
and the Easter Candle by donating.**

Name _____ Phone _____

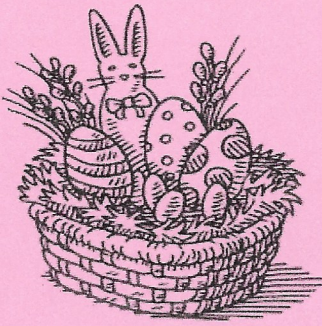
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St. Joseph Altar Donation: \$15 each		

Please place this form in an envelope with a check payable to:
St. Joseph Parish
and deposit in the box at the back of church.

Please print name(s) below:

Donated in memory of _____

**Thank you for your continued support of
St. Joseph's!**



St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk
Food Basket Program
Easter Basket Collection

St. Joseph's and St. John Nepomuk's Easter Basket Collection will provide for 23 families, which have 50 children. This year, will you please help the Human Concerns group surprise the children in each family with an Easter basket according to age and gender?

On the weekends of February 20/21 and 27/28, the EASTER TREE will be located at the back table in St. Joseph's church. Each plastic egg hanging on the tree will contain a child's age, gender and family ID #.

You choose an egg and then put together a basket for that child. When the basket is completed, attach the tag from the plastic Easter egg onto the basket. Make sure the tag is visible for distribution.

Drop off your donated basket by the tree at the back table in St. Joseph's church on these weekends:

Feb. 27/28, Mar. 6/7, Mar. 13/14 and Mar. 20/21

Using a cellophane bag to enclose the basket contents would be much appreciated. You can purchase these at the Dollar store. Thank you for your donation!

Human Concerns Group

Basket ideas: Please be mindful of **age and gender** when purchasing toys, stuffed animals, candy, books, coloring books with crayons, stickers, hair bands, gift cards, puzzles, Hot Wheel cars, nail polish, etc. Any questions? Call Catherine Gundlach at 681-7335