

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · JANUARY 3, 2021



MASSES

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

St. John Nepomuk Church; 1903 Green Street; Racine, WI

Office/Mailing 700 English Street; Racine, WI 53402-4799

Office hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon;

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

St. Joseph Church; 1533 Erie Street; Racine, WI

Office/Mailing 1532 N. Wisconsin Street; Racine, WI 53402-4805

Office hours Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

Registration and calendar st-joes.org or 262-633-9005

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Dear Parishioners,

The Greek word Epiphany (*ἐπιφάνεια*) means *appearance* or *manifestation*. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed his Divinity by transforming water into wine. These revelations are all suggested by the Epiphany of the Lord.

The story of the Epiphany, or the visitation of the magi, is told only in Matthew. It is easy to read into the story and imagine three kings bringing the infant Jesus gifts. But in reality, the number is not given. We typically imagine three because of the number of gifts they brought. Matthew calls them “magi” which were a class of Zoroastrian priests from Persia (Iran.)

The magi undertake an extraordinary journey. Their trip comes to a conclusion in Bethlehem, where they find toddler Jesus with his mother. What was it about this child that led them to offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and prostrate themselves in worship? As the first Gentile disciples of Christ, the magi model radical trust in the God of Creation who reveals His Son to them through the light of a star.

In this time of pandemic, we began an extraordinary journey of faith. Now with a vaccination available soon, we see the light at the end of the tunnel and courageously continue this journey of faith. Let us thank God for all our blessings, and like the magi, let us offer our very gift of life, and worship our Savior.

MAY THE NEW YEAR 2021 BRING A BOUNTY OF BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Fr. Steve

Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

“...Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ,

that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen.**

Sign yourself with the Sign of the Cross saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,

keep us from all harm,

and make us one in mind and heart,

now and forever. **R/. Amen.”**

usccb.org/resources/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 St. John Neumann
1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + Rose Steidl

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 St. André Bessette
1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Joanne Wemmert

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 St. Raymond of
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Penafort
[cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

* 8:30 a.m. - SJN - The Living and Deceased Members
of the Edward Somers Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Ernie and Dory Jackel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

* 4 p.m. - SJN + Edward Floyd

- The Living and Deceased Members
of St. John Nepomuk/St. Joseph Parishes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 Baptism of the Lord (F)
livestream

* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Dennis Bublavý

* 10 a.m. - SJ - The Krause Family
+ Marcy Steimle Knotek

View the livestream of 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at
[Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine).

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

The church environment is sanitized between Masses.

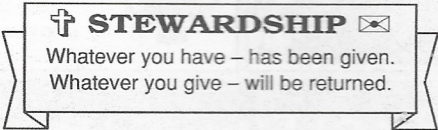
For COVID-19 protection, both parishes use a water vapor fogger between Masses for surface disinfection. The chlorine dioxide solution is eco-friendly, OMRI organic certified, neutral pH, and EPA/FDA registered.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **RUSSELL WALLACE.**

Join us to pray the rosary before
Sunday's 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.





St. John Nepomuk Parish

December 19/20 collections:	\$ 1,864.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,115.38
Year-to-date given:	\$ 57,582.44
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 52,884.50
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 4,697.94
Festival donations to date:	\$ 14,009.00
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$ 5,429.00

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

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income:	\$ 7,780.54
December 19/20 collections:	\$ 6,240.54
Church renovation:	\$ 60.00
Energy costs:	\$ 220.00
End-of-year donations:	\$ 1,260.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -1,319.46
Year-to-date given:	\$ 157,326.43
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 227,500.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -70,173.57
Festival donations to date:	\$ 33,219.70
Christmas baskets:	\$ 490.00
Evangelization:	\$ 100.00

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

SJN Alumni, Family & Friends' St. Catherine High School scholarships for 2021-'22 will be awarded to qualifying parish students. Applications are available only at SJN parish office, with a deadline of **January 21**. **SCHS online deadline** for our Endowment Fund scholarship is **January 15**. Questions to Paul Steimle, 639-9774.

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. For the January date and time, please contact Deacon Doug at 681-7335 for an email link to the 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.**

Read our weekly bulletin at parishesonline.com, st-joes.org, or Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine. **The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, Jan. 4,** for the Jan. 10 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' 2021 Mass Intention Calendars are open. A Mass stipend is \$10. **Sanctuary Candles** are \$5 (St. Joseph's) or \$7 (St. John's.) Please call your parish office to arrange.

SJN CALENDAR 2020 RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Sunday</u> , Dec. 20, \$50 Sarah Walton #1112	<u>Thursday</u> , Dec. 24, \$25 Lisa Soderman #1177
<u>Monday</u> , Dec. 21, \$25 Jim Kruse #829	<u>Friday</u> , Dec. 25, \$500! Mary Mooney #401
<u>Tuesday</u> , Dec. 22, \$25 Max Gill #81	<u>Saturday</u> , Dec. 26, \$25 Evie Loughan #722
<u>Wednesday</u> , Dec. 23, \$25 Maegen Krupp #866	

Calendar 2021 Raffles (\$25) with 365 chances to win are on sale through the first weekend of January. You may put the monies in the collection basket at both churches, or call Lauri Buchaklian at 639-1330 or Patti LaBlanc at 639-4350 with questions. **This is a major St. John's fundraiser.** Winners are re-entered for prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, \$100; and Christmas, \$500.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
NO virtual Faith Formation classes, gr. 9-11
Final day to purchase SJN Calendar 2021 Raffles

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
NO virtual Faith Formation classes, gr. 1-11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
NO virtual Faith Formation classes, gr. 9-11

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
SJNAFF's SCHS scholarship application due: online

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21
SJNAFF's SCHS scholarship applica. due: SJN office

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY WELCOMES:
the Walter and Kathy Vail family