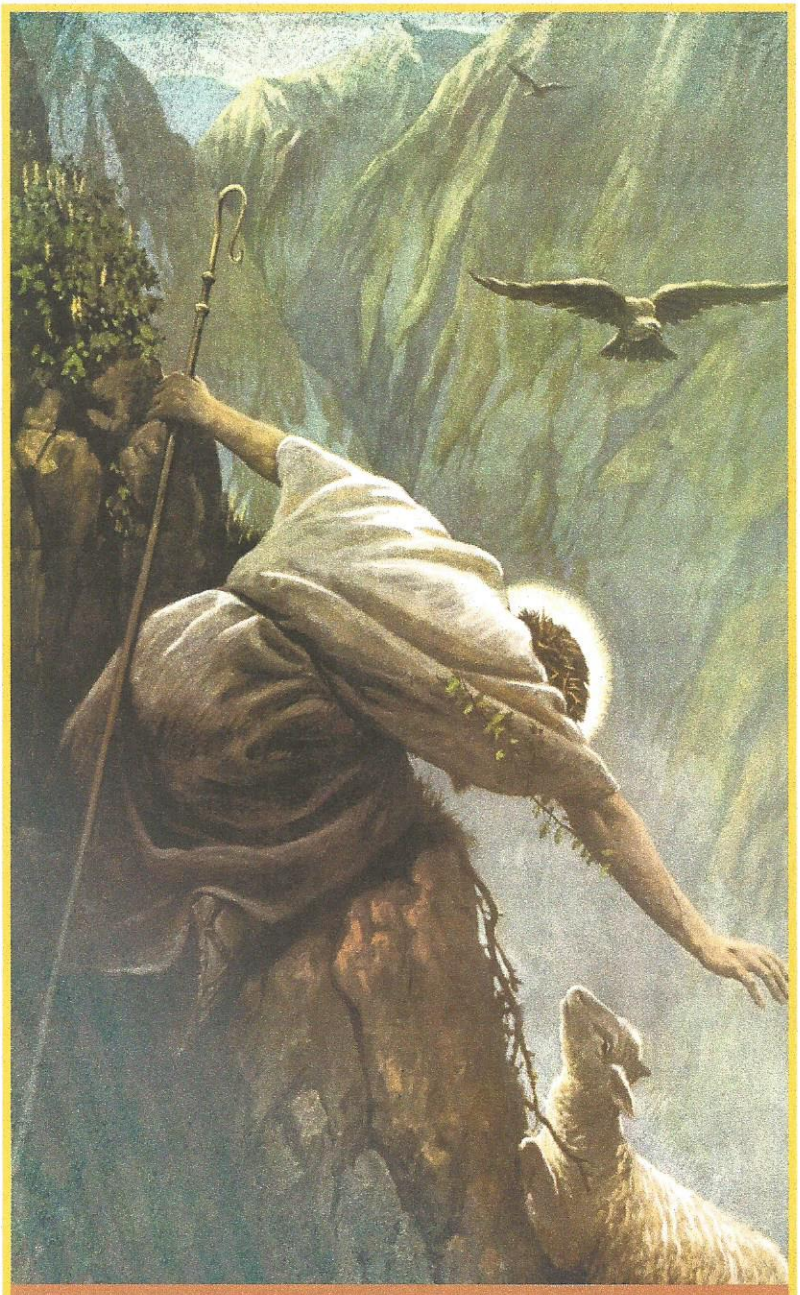
# ST. JOHN NEPOMUK AND ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCHES

## RACINE, WISCONSIN · APRIL 17, 2016



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

- Jn 10:27-28a

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**MASS SCHEDULE**
Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - SJN
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. - SJ
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 4:30 p.m. - SJN and SJ
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - SJ
9 a.m. - SJN

**TRUSTEES**
Dan Peterson - SJN
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**LEGACY GIFT**
**Please remember St. Joseph Church or St. John Nepomuk Church in your estate planning. Thank you.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, APRIL 18**
*Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10*
8 a.m. **NO Mass**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19 Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions**
*Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30*
8 a.m. - **SJN** + Marian Groulik

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**
*Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50*
* 8 a.m. - **SJ** - The Bosch and Lavin: Living and Deceased

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21 St. Anselm**
*Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20*
8 a.m. - **SJN** + Alice Selkurt

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**
*Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6*
8 a.m. - **SJ** - The LaFrance and Flynn Families: Living and Deceased

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23 St. George / St. Adalbert**
*Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14*
8 a.m. - **SJ** + Marie Zerzanek

**VIGIL OF SUNDAY**
*Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35*
4:30 p.m. - **SJ** - Deceased members of the Koleske and Walsh Families
+ Don and Lois Lemieux
4:30 p.m. - **SJN** + Richard Oertel

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - Our Parishioners: Living and Deceased
9 a.m. - **SJN** - Our Parishioners: Living and Deceased
10:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Judy Johnson

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,
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TOMASEK AND PURDY FAMILIES.**

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Dear Parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and it is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The Scripture lessons for this day concern the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church. Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd.

A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every Church leader. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of the Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

In a general sense, everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc. are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Let us become good shepherds of the Lord. Let us also in a special way pray for vocations to the permanent diaconate, priesthood and consecrated life.

Peace and joy,
*Fr. Steve*

**St. John Nepomuk Parish**

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| April 9/10 collections: | **$ 4,626.50** |
| Amount budgeted per week: | $ 3,269.23 |
| Year-to-date budget: | $ 134,038.43 |
| Year-to-date given: | $ 130,282.00 |
| Year-to-date balance: | $ -3,756.43 |

**St. Joseph Parish**

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| **Weekly collections income:** | **$ 7,728.97** |
| April 9/10 collections: | $ 6,963.97 |
| Energy Costs collection: | $ 225.00 |
| Church Renovation: | $ 540.00 |
| **Weekly budget requirement:** | **$ 9,100.00** |
| **Difference for the week:** | **$ -1,371.03** |
| Year-to-date budget: | $ 373,100.00 |
| Year-to-date given: | $ 317,246.53 |
| Year-to-date balance: | $ -55,853.47 |
| Easter Food Baskets: | $ 20.00 |
| Evangelization Committee: | $ 100.00 |

**A fundraiser night for the Racine Area Catholic Youth Ministry Mission Trip** will be held at Georgie Porgies on Washington Avenue on Thursday, April 28, from 4-9 p.m. During this time, 10% of all sales will go to the RACCYM Mission Trip. There is no need for a coupon in order to have funds directed toward the group. Thank you.

**Thanks to generous parishioner contributions and the hard work of Josh Gregory,** his Eagle Scout project of beautifying St. Joseph's Siena Gardens has been completed. Two benches and two tables have been securely mounted for your enjoyment. Happy Spring!

**Join Archbishop Listecki in praying for peace and the family** on his 8 p.m. daily rosary program on 100.1-FM.

**You are invited to St. Therese Parish's *Easter* Mission: "Spiritual Renewal in the Year of Divine Mercy,"** Sunday, April 17-Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. preached by Fr. William Casey, C.P.M., former Superior of the Congregation of Fathers of Mercy, who appears regularly on EWTN. Themes include: "Humility, the Foundation of All Virtue"; "Prayer: Nothing is Impossible with God"; "Peace of Soul in the Divine Mercy"; "Foundation of Our Worship: Mass and the Holy Eucharist"; and "To Love Christ is to Love the Church." Please plan to attend!

**Needed: Bakery for St. Monica's!** St. Monica's Senior Citizen Home, 3920 N. Green Bay Road, would appreciate donations of baked goods to be sold at their **Health Fair and Open House Wednesday, April 20**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. Bars, cookies and small bread loaves are especially good. Please drop your bakery off the day before, Tuesday, April 19. They will cut and wrap—unless you're ambitious. Please call Linda O'Connell at 262-637-1032, and I will let them know what to expect, or if you need delivery help. On behalf of St. Monica and St. Joseph's Human Concerns Committee—thank you!

**Please join us for "Becoming a Better Christian: Authentically Reflecting God's Mercy"** with special guest Kenneth Cramer, MA, founder of St. Raphael Counseling. Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. Reception to follow. Questions to St. Joseph Parish Office at 633-8284.

ST. JOSEPH | ST. JOHN Evangelization Committee

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry's current greatest needs:** canned meat and canned fruit. If you're looking for something to do, please consider volunteering at the pantry. We are in need of regular and substitute workers. The work is not difficult—just plentiful. Please call Linda Meredith at 262-456-6035 (SJ) or John Brashaw 639-7919 (SJN). The pantry is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF FOOD, please call 2-1-1 to see if you qualify. They will advise and direct you to a particular pantry.

**Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business.** Check our ads before the yellow pages. Our Advertiser of the Week: **Flowers by Walter,** 633-7707. Mention this ad for a 10% discount.

**The bulletin article deadline** is noon Monday, April 18, for the April 24 bulletin. Please send written information to the Parish Office or info@st-joes.org. **Bulletins and inserts are archived** on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine and **our new website st-joes.org.**

**If you wish to have Father visit your hospitalized loved one,** please call your Parish Office with your request. The hospital no longer notifies the parish when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital. Thank you for your assistance.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

"We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance….

Let us pray,
God of the invitation,
you knock upon the door of everyone's heart.
We seek the courage to open that door, for we know
the responsibility of saying yes.
We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church
with compassion and acceptance.
We believe that when we say yes, you will provide
the grace for the work ahead.
Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated
their lives to constant service to your church.
Also give grace to those couples and single men and
women who work for the church in their secular
lives.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who
live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

*"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?"*
--St. John Baptist de la Salle

**Sacred Heart, St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk parishes' Senior Group** meets in Sacred Heart's Haban Hall on first and third Tuesdays. Meeting on Tuesday, **April 19**, noon-3 p.m.

**April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month.** There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children. Source: *childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth* **April 17-23 has been designated as Safe Environment Week** in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to assure that every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community focuses at the same time on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe. All who work with children in the archdiocese, including volunteers, are required to take the "Safeguarding All of God's Family" course.

**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 April 23 and 24*

**ACOLYTES**

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Katie Liapis, Grace Liapis, Noah Liapis (Cross)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Chandler Rorek, Kelynn Adrian, Samantha Christensen (Cross)
10:30 a.m. Giaynah Garcia, Elizabeth Czosnek, Peyton Johnson (Cross)

**LECTORS**

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Harold Von De Bur
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch
10:30 a.m. Linda O'Connell

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CIBORIUM**

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mona Swan and Mary Ellen Krezinski
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Wally Goebel and Peter Koleske
10:30 a.m. Rita Lonergan and Pat Obernberger

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CHALICE**

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Linda Von De Bur, Judy Wemmert, and Lorraine Caspers
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Nat Cycenas, Betsy Tarczon, and Pat Carbonneau
10:30 a.m. Linda Vanderhoef, Renée Benjamin, and Doug Gundlach

**Fresh, long-stemmed red roses will be sold after all Masses Mother's Day weekend,** May 7 and 8, for a $2 donation, sponsored by Wisconsin Right To Life, Racine Chapter. Vases for memorial roses will be at the foot the statue of the Blessed Mother.

**Mother's Day Roses for Life Disbursements for 2015**

$500 Wisconsin Right to Life to fund educational programs
$500 Veritas Society for Educational Media Campaign for Pro-Life radio and TV ads
$300 Priests for Life's news media campaign for radio and TV
$1,800 Racine's Alpha Center, Pleasant Prairie's Genesis House, Richfield's O'Meara Life Resources, Kenosha's Care Net Pregnancy Center, Choices for Life pregnancy counseling
$400 Family Life Council for pro-life, pro-family work

April 4, 2016

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

We've had the privilege of serving as 2016 general Appeal chairs fro just short of three months and look forward to many more with great anticipation. Our 2016 Catholic Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is $7.65 million goal. St. Joseph Parish has reached 49% of its $25,000 goal from 64 donors. Thank you so much for all you do in support of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

Sincerely yours,
Maureen and Jim Stern
Chairs, 2016 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**
At all Masses - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry collection
10 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet: Church
At 10:30 Mass - Preschool Religious Ed., three- to five-year-olds: St. Joseph
11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Religious Ed., gr. 7-10: Sacred Heart
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

**MONDAY, APRIL 18**
3-4 p.m. - After Care: Gym
3-5 p.m. - Drop-In, gr. 6 and older: Youth Center
6 p.m. - Tiger Den meeting: MSMH

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**
After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: St. John
4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop meeting: MSMH

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**
3-4 p.m. - After Care: Gym
6 p.m. - Combined Pastoral Council meeting: St. John
6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Education classes, gr. 1-6: St. John
6:15-7 p.m. - Religious Education, Special Needs class
6:15-7:30 p.m. - Religious Education classes, gr. 7-10
7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**
6:30-8 p.m. - *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*: St. John

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**
3-4 p.m. - After Care: Gym
3-5 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting: MSMH
6-10 p.m. - Trivia Night, gr. 8 fundraiser: MSMH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**
6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible-sharing Grp.: Parish Center

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**
10 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet: Church
At 10:30 Mass - Final Preschool Religious Education class, three- to five-year-olds: St. Joseph
11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Religious Ed., gr. 7-10: Sacred Heart
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

**SANCTUARY LADIES:** Saturday, April 23—MaryannBayer, Rosa Flegel, Michelle Muzia, and Mona Swan

**COLLECTION TELLERS:** Weekend of April 23/24—Bob and Kathy Sadlon

**IN YOUR CHARITY:** Please remember in faith, **Helen M. Reed,** who received her Christian burial through our church and ministry in the past week. Eternal rest, O Lord.

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

**St. Joseph Sanctuary Ladies are in need of additional members** for light cleaning duties in church. Teams work Friday or Saturday morning for about an hour on a rotating schedule once every six weeks. Call Rosa Flegel at 681-1539.

*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 April 23 and 24*

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | Adela Sosa and Marcelo Sosa |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Anthony Sosa and Danny Gross |

**LECTORS**

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| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | Jim Arens |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Joyce Barina |

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PLATE**

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| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | Mass Celebrant |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Peter Sisak |

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION CUP**

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| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | Jackie Morrow and Jim Arens also Jim and Julie Arens Sacristan |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Teresa Olley and Chuck Knotek also Sacristan |

**Our Building and Grounds project update** shows that this week we have received Green envelopes totaling $305. To-date total is $18,641.50 Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.

**Contribution Statements** for the first quarter ending March 31, 2016 were mailed out last week. Any questions or corrections? Call the parish office at 634-5647.

**We are in need of someone to coordinate the Mother's Day Rose Sale** this year. It would involve picking up the roses, preparing them for sale, and selling them after Masses on May 7 and 8. If you could handle the sale this year, please call Nancy Willing at 633-4135 for details. Thank you.

**A Human Concerns Food Collection** will be taken at both Masses next weekend, **April 23-24.**

**Please patronize our Scrip Program.** The profit from Scrip purchases helps the parish with expenses.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2016 RAFFLE WINNERS**

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| Sunday, Apr. 3 - | Mildred Erdman #277 $50 |
| Monday, Apr. 4 - | Linda Horn #701 $25 |
| Tuesday, Apr. 5 - | Patricia Barina #1009 $25 |
| Wednesday, Apr. 6 - | Sharon Blaha #918 $25 |
| Thursday, Apr. 7 - | Grant Stevens #960 $25 |
| Friday, Apr. 8 - | Patricia Gross #327 $25 |
| Saturday, Apr. 9 - | Ruth Staples #730 $25 |

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 18**
8 a.m. - Bulletin article deadline: Parish Office

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**
After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions: Church
5 p.m. - Finance Council meeting: Rectory
7-8:30 p.m. - BSA Troop #105 meeting: Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**
6 p.m. - Joint Pastoral Council meeting: Rectory
6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-6: Parish Center
6:15-7 p.m. Religious Ed, Special Needs: St. Joseph
6:15-7:30 p.m. - Religious Ed. classes, gr. 7-10: St. Joseph
6:30-8 p.m. - Choir practice: Church

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**
8:30 a.m.-noon - Arts and Crafts: Parish Center
12:30-3 p.m. - Sacred Heart Quilting Ladies: Parish Center
6:30-8 p.m. - *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*: Parish Ctr.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**
Parish Office closed

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**
4:30 p.m. - Human Concerns Collection: Church
4:30 p.m. - White Elephant item drop-off before and after Mass: Parish Center lower level

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**
9 a.m. - Human Concerns Collection: Church
9 a.m. - White Elephant item drop-off before and after Mass: Parish Center lower level
At 10:30 Mass - Preschool Religious Ed., three-to five-year-olds: St. Joseph
11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Religious Ed., gr. 7-10: Sacred Heart
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria

**Please mark your calendars! Bohemian Fest 2016** will be Friday, June 10-Sunday, June 12.

**Start checking your attics and garages for items for the White Elephant Sale** at our festival. Item drop-off dates are **April 23-24, May 14-15, May 21-22, May 28-29, June 4-5.** Collections will take place in the lower level of the parish center before and after Mass. **Please do not leave items outside, as they will be ruined if it rains.**

**We will again be having the Silent Auction and Basket Raffle** at the festival. It is not too soon to begin getting ideas and shopping for items for the baskets or donations for the Silent Auction table.

**John Paul II Academy will be hosting their 12th annual fundraiser** on Saturday, May 7, which includes silent auction, raffles, dinner and live auction, along with dancing. To purchase tickets or learn more, please contact Lisa at 262-637-2012 or www.jp2aracine.org/support-us/auction.