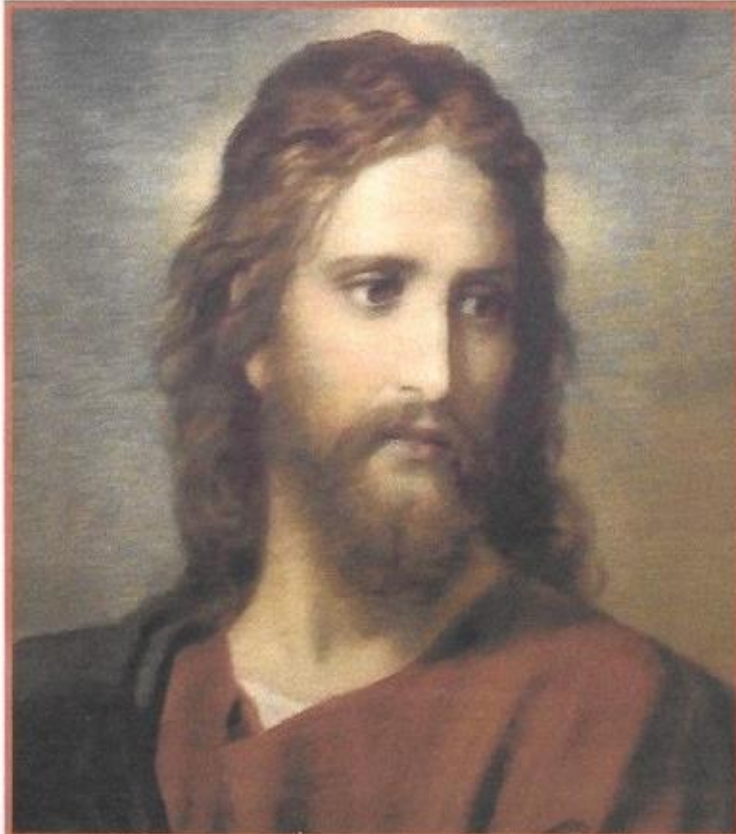


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 1, 2019



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass, 1989, 1979 CCC

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PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, SAC, 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

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
10:30 a.m. - SJ

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

Dennis Maller, Chair

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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School Office phone: 262-633-2403 and fax: 262-633-4423

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Preschool: 262-633-0112

School Office: 1525 Erie Street; Racine, WI 53402-4830

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Registration and calendar: 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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Please call their office, 639-1071, or visit racinecemeteries.org

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

8 a.m. **NO Mass**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 St. Francis Xavier /

Is 11:1-10/ Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Joan "Patti" Tures

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 St. John Damascene

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

* 8 a.m. - **SJ** + Shirley Meyer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/

Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas / Anointing

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31 **of the**

8 a.m. - **SJ** - The Living and Deceased **Sick**
Members of the Keefe and Lanser
Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—

10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/

Mt 3:1-12

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Anthony Azarian

- The living and deceased members
of St. John Nepomuk Parish

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Michael Bagdasarian

- The living and deceased members
of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Dave Shalbrack

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Ron Turner

10:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Bernadine and Lester Eaton

Key: **SJ** St. Joseph, **SJN** St. John Nepomuk, * school

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please
remember in faith, **JOSIE D'ACQUISTO LITERSKI.**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S BREAD AND WINE
were donated this week **IN MEMORY OF**
MICHAEL BAGDASARIAN.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the holy season Advent, which means coming. We are invited to meditate on Jesus' first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible and through the worshipping community and finally his *Second Coming* at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked. One Bible scholar has estimated that there are 1,845 references to Christ's second coming in the Old Testament and 318 references in the New Testament.

We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, no flowers, only green plants in the sanctuary, and the Advent wreath. We light a candle on this wreath each Sunday until all four are lit. These signs remind us that we are waiting for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives in love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Let us remember that Advent is at once a celebration of the Christ who was, who is and always will be. In other words, Christ has come once; he will come again; indeed, he has never left, but is continually present in his Church. Let us be awake and prepare our hearts to see and experience the Divine Messiah in our midst.

A joyous season of Advent,

Fu. Steve

As 2019 comes to a close, please consider making a **Qualified Charitable Distribution to your parish** for those 70 1/2 years, who have not met the required annual minimum withdrawal from an IRA. Thank you.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

November 16/17 collections: \$ 1,018.25

Amount budgeted per week: \$ 2,403.85

Year-to-date budget: \$ 48,077.00

Year-to-date given: \$ 43,902.58

Year-to-date balance: \$ -4,174.42

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income: \$ 5,259.00

Nov. 16/17 collections: \$ 4,864.00

School: \$ 200.00

Church Renovation: \$ 110.00

Energy Costs: \$ 85.00

Weekly budget requirement: \$ 9,100.00

Difference for the week: \$ -3,841.00

Year-to-date budget: \$ 191,100.00

Year-to-date given: \$ 119,988.76

Year-to-date balance: \$ -71,111.24

Thanksgiving needy baskets: \$ 280.00

Christmas needy baskets: \$ 360.00


Evangelization Committee: \$ 100.00

Memorialize living and deceased loved ones with a book plate stamped on the inside cover of the new hardcover *Glory & Praise* hymnals and personalized with your loved one's name. **St. John's has completed this. At St. Joseph's, book plates must be ordered by Tuesday, December 31.** Order forms are on the ushers' tables and entrance tables. For a cost of \$25 per book, this lasting tribute within a hymnal will be donated to your parish. Please note that this \$25 donation per name is not part of your church contributions pledge. **Please use additional order forms, if you wish to order more than three book plates.** Please call the Parish Office with questions or to have an order form mailed to you.

Trustees John Gates and Pete Koleske have agreed to re-appointment to a second term. We are grateful for their sacrifice of time for the parish's benefit.

You are invited to a Advent Day of Recollection at Holy Hill Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. closing Mass. Begin your Advent Season with spiritual conferences and Holy Mass with the Discalced Carmelite Friars. The theme is watchfulness. Presenters are Father Donald, OCD and Father Thomas-Mary, OCD. Cost: \$25, includes lunch at the Holy Hill Café. Register: holyhills.com/events/advent or 262-628-1838.

The Breakfast with Santa and Craft & Vendor Fair is Sunday, **December 8, 9 a.m.-noon** in the school cafeteria. Enjoy French toast sticks, sausage links, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, with orange juice, milk, or coffee. Advance tickets are \$2 off. Tickets at the door: adults, \$10; children 3-12 years, \$7; children 2 years and less are free. Take your picture with Santa; children's craft corner in the Craft & Vendor Fair in the gym. Open to the public. **Visit the seventh graders' Bake Sale in the school lobby after all Sunday Masses.**

 **The Food Pantry's most needed items** are canned fruit, non-condensed soup, Chef-boy-ar-dee products (no spaghetti), cereal, tuna, canned meat, dried potatoes and toilet paper. **IMPORTANT! ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH IS IN NEED OF A REPRESENTATIVE!** Some computer knowledge is needed to prepare and send schedules to the SJN volunteers. SJN also needs volunteers to work **ONCE A MONTH** on Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:45-11 a.m. Please call Linda Meredith at 262-456-6035. Donation checks can be placed in the church collection or sent to St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine WI 53404-7004.

The bulletin article deadline is noon Wednesday, December 4, for the December 15 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.

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 Parish's 2020 Mass Intention Calendar is now open. A Mass stipend is \$10. Please call the Parish Office, 633-8284, or visit the Parish Office to arrange dates for Mass intentions.

Creative Hands meets at St. Joseph's Parish Center on first and third Mondays, 1-3 p.m. Next on **Dec. 2.**

Please join Father Ron Gramza for a series of three Advent mini-retreats to help better prepare for this year's celebration of Christmas. Advent is the season of Mary. We will review our beliefs about Mary and focus on ways Mary can be a role model for us. Enter St. Lucy Church's south doors on Drexel Avenue and gather in the Hall off the church narthex **Thursday December 5, 12, and 19,** at 9 a.m., following 8:15 a.m. Mass. Sessions are 1-1 1/2 hours. In the rush to be ready for Christmas, prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ, with Mary as your companion on the journey.



Remembrance Wreaths are available for purchase from the Racine Catholic Cemeteries Association. The 24" wreaths from northern Wisconsin are installed on a tri-pod stand and placed as ordered at Calvary, Holy Cross, Holy Family, and Old Holy Cross cemeteries. Cost: \$30. Order at 639-1071.

Prayer Shawls are given to someone in need of comfort and blessing due to illness or trying times. Fr. Steve blesses each shawl for the intention of the recipient. Call St. Joseph's Parish Office at 633-8284.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **ADT Home Security Team, 1-888-891-6806.**



Please remember in your prayers our men and women in 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 December 7 and 8

ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Caden Fraley (Cross),
Quinn Weiss
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Philip Weiglein (Cross),
Charlotte Ropiak
10:30 a.m. Chandler Rorek (Cross),
Emiliana Santos

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Nat Cycenas
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Joe Grauwels
10:30 a.m. Brian O'Connell

CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mona Fortier
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Miles Group and Kay Shalbrack
10:30 a.m. Rosa Flegel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF

HOLY COMMUNION - CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. John Nielsen
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Deacon Doug Gundlach
10:30 a.m. Betsy Tarczon

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF

HOLY COMMUNION - CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur, Mary Lee Odders
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kathy Swiatek and Heather Ropiak
10:30 a.m. Dave Tarczon and Tim Richardson

Please direct private prayer requests to St. Joseph Prayer Chain team. Call Lorraine Caspers, 639-1070.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY Help a needy family for Christmas by "adopting" a family with a gift of \$35. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish with "Needy Family" on the memo line. Return Christmas donations in the collection by **Sunday, December 15.**

Order poinsettias in memory of loved ones to decorate St. Joseph Church's sanctuary for Christmas by Sunday, December 8. Order forms and a return box are on the ushers' table at the back of church.



We are now into month 3 of our spiritually-adopted babies' development. Please read the poster at the back of church to see what baby can do at this age.



The Human Concerns Group

This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church
NO Religious Education classes
Noon-6 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

1 p.m. - Creative Hands: Parish Center
3-7 p.m. - Youth Center: Parish Center, 2nd floor
3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church
4:30-9 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
6:30-8 p.m. - RCIA class: Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

3-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
4-8 p.m. - Concordia University class: School, gr. 7
6 p.m. - Cantors' meeting: Church
6-7 p.m. - Breakfast With Santa meeting: Art Room
6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 6-10: Parish Ctr.
6-7:30 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 11: Parish Ctr.
6:15-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 1-5: St. John

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:30-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: MSMH
7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

NO Book of Psalms Bible Study
3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible Group: Parish Center
8 a.m.-1 p.m. - Santa Breakfast decorating: Gym/MSMH
4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church
After all Masses - Bake Sale, gr. 7 fundraiser: Sch. lobby
9 a.m.-noon - Breakfast With Santa: MSMH
9 a.m.-noon - Craft and Vendor Fair: Gym
9:45-11:15 a.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 7-11: Parish Ctr.
1:30-6 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Josefa Munoz, Mario Munoz, and Maximo Munoz
SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, Dec. 6—Mary Anderson, Gayle Letsch, Sue Liapis, and Carol Vena
COLLECTION TELLERS: December 8—Debbie Blaustein and Sandy Sus
IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, **Rosemary Steimle**, who received her Christian burial through our church and ministry in the past week.

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 December 7 and 8

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Miguel Sosa

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Grace Gross

LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jim and Julie Arens

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Ed Sosa

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jim and Julie Arens

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Alicia Stiles

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jim and Julie Arens and
Jackie Morrow

Pat Simanek Sacristan

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Harry Ertel and Kathy

Cook also Sacristan

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

Noon - Parish Office closes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions:

Noon - Parish Office closes

7-9:30 p.m. - Dart Ball League: Macek Hall

(St. John's vs. Knights)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Noon - Parish Office closes

6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 6-10: St. Joseph

6-7:30 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 11: St. Joseph

6:15-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 1-5: Parish Ctr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Grp.: Chapel

8:30-11:30 a.m. - Set up CMAS Holiday Fair: Parish Ctr.

NO Sacred Heart Ladies: Parish Center

6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: St. Joseph
School cafeteria

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Parish Office closed

9 a.m.-1 p.m. - CMAS Holiday Fair: Parish Center

NO Bible study: Parish Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - CMAS Holiday Fair: Parish Center


9 a.m.-6 p.m. - Czech Ornament Sale: Parish Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30-11 a.m. - Czech Ornament Sale: Parish Center

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 7-11: St. Joseph

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

 **The Human Concerns Committee is having a clothing drive for students in the Head Start Program.** We need children's hats, mittens, gloves, and socks. Please select an ornament from the tree in front of church and return your unwrapped gift by **December 9**. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

The usher schedule from January 1 through April 10, 2020 is in process. Deadline for scheduling changes is December 14, 2019 to the parish. We are always in need of ushers. If you would like to join this ministry, please call Kathy Cook at 262-260-8027.



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Josie D'Acquisto Literski**.

The Christian Mothers and Altar Society's Holiday Fair will be held in the Parish Center Friday, **December 6**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturday, **December 7**, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. **Czech ornaments** will be sold until 6 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Sunday. **Bakery donations are appreciated and may be dropped off daily after 8 a.m.** Thank you so much.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2019

RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 10 - Paul Greider
#138 \$50

Monday, Nov. 11 - Joe Maller
#12 \$25

Tuesday, Nov. 12 - James Albrecht
#1033 \$25

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - George Krizmanich
#371 \$25

Thursday, Nov. 14 - Fred Rosenbaum
#955 \$25

Friday, Nov. 15 - Phil Uebe
#160 \$25

Saturday, Nov. 16 - Sue Thomas
#618 \$25