

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 15, 2019



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT


"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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.

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

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

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

Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; 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 website: st-joes.org

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

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

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


**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/
Mt 21:23-27*

8 a.m. **NO** Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 Perpetual Help Devotions

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Marcella Knotek
+ Dave Carlson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

* 8 a.m. - **SJ** - The Sus and Shimkus Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Edwardo Gioia
+ C. Jane and Andrew J. Jacob

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

8 a.m. - **SJ** + Barbara Cramer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/

Mt 1:18-24

4 p.m. - **SJN** - The living and deceased members
of the Somers Family

+ John Schroeder Sr. and
John Schroeder Jr.

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Patricia Dickert

- The living and deceased members
of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Theresa and Walter Goebel Sr.

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** - Fred and Cecilia Rosenbaum on the
Anniversary of their Engagement

10:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Robert Zerzanek

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

Rejoice in the Lord always!

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, **AGNES AND JOHN KAISLER.**

Dear Parishioners,

In the first part of today's Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. In the second part of today's Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus, the true Messiah, paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets, and giving special credit to the courage of John's prophetic convictions, asking his listeners to rejoice in the greatness of his herald.

Today's scripture readings remind us that our lives can be transformed if we are patient and place our trust in God. The message of Advent is that God is present among us in our everyday lives. We must prepare our hearts to recognize and welcome him by allowing a *metánoia* (a change of thinking about God, ourselves, and the world) to take place in us during Advent. Let us open our hearts and let God transform our lives.

A joyous season of Advent,

Fr. 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.

Your **2019 parish support** must be received in the Dec. 28/29 collections or postmarked by Dec. 31.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 collections: \$ **3,339.00**

Amount budgeted per week: \$ 2,403.85

Year-to-date budget: \$ 52,884.70

Year-to-date given: \$ 48,900.58

Year-to-date balance: \$ -3,984.12

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income: \$ **8,187.50**

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 collections: \$ 6,312.50

Church Renovation: \$ 200.00

Energy Costs: \$ 545.00

End-of-year donations: \$ 1,130.00

Weekly budget requirement: \$ **9,100.00**

Difference for the week: \$ **-912.50**

Year-to-date budget: \$ 209,300.00

Year-to-date given: \$ 132,838.21

Year-to-date balance: \$ -76,461.79

Christmas needy baskets: \$ 775.00

It's
possible
to become so
absorbed with tin-
sel, Christmas trees,
gaiety, buying and sell-
ing, Christmas cards and
parties, that one is apt to for-
get the actual meaning of Christ-
mas. It is hoped that all who read this
may stop and remember the Saviour of
men who came to free men from the hab-
its of sin, as well as the consequences
of sin. Take time to honor the Sav-
iour in meditation and in deed.
Go to church throughout
the year and refrain
from
con-
duct
which would dishonor
Christ and His Cause."

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

Senior Group at Sacred Heart Church's Haban Hall meets first/third Tuesdays, noon-3 p.m. Next **Dec. 17**.

Join Mothers' Prayers, a group of women dedicated to praying for their families with time for sharing and fellowship. Meets third Tuesdays. Next on Tuesday, **December 17**, at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 1-2:30 p.m. Please call the Parish Office, 633-8284, or Kathy Sardino, 633-6231, with questions.

The Small Faith Sharing Group will meet at the Gundlach home on Thursday, **December 19**, at 7 p.m. Please call Deacon Doug at 681-7335 for directions.



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 18, for the December 29 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.



Visit St. Joseph School's Giving Trees in the school lobby and select a gift tag with a teachers' wish for their classroom. Please return the gift with the gift tag to the school office.

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. 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.



St. Joseph School thanks the ladies of St. Joseph Parish, who provided the school office with mittens, gloves and hats for students to use during recess. God bless you!

Mittenless kids continue to need our help during the cold weather. **The Mitten Basket** is on the ushers' table.

Oplatek, the Christmas wafer, is available at St. Joseph's on the ushers' tables at the back of church for a free-will offering. Begun millenniums ago in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania, the Christmas Eve ritual continues wherever the blessed Oplatek is shared.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **O&H Danish Bakery**; 5910 Washington Ave., 504-7000; 1841 Douglas Ave., 637-8895; 4006 Durand Ave., 554-1311. Julekage, kringle, cookies and more.



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 21 and 22

ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Gus Weiss (Cross),
Quinn Weiss
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Alyssa Buchaklian (Cross),
Philip Weiglein
10:30 a.m. Emily Ramirez (Cross),
Aliah Ramirez

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mary Lee Odders
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kristin Gibson
10:30 a.m. John Sardino

CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Rosa Flegel
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Joe Czosnek
10:30 a.m. Michael Lofy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. John Nielsen
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Wally Goebel
10:30 a.m. Rosa Flegel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Diana Weiss and Nat Cycenas
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch and Pete Koleske
10:30 a.m. Linda Von De Bur, Sandy Lindstrom

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.**

We are the grateful beneficiaries of generous memorial donations in the names of **Lette Dunnebacke** and **Ellen Marani**. Thank you so much.



Month 4 of your Spiritual Adoption program has begun. Please check the progress of the baby by reading the poster in the back of church. *Human Concerns Group*



Visit Racine's lighted Community Nativity on Monument Square now through January 7. Donations to support this Christmas Coalition effort mail donations to Tri-City National Bank; 2704 Lathrop Ave.; Racine, WI 53405.

This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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 16

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

1-2:30 p.m. - Mothers' Prayers Group: Parish Center
4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church
4:30-9 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
6-7:30 p.m. - Home & School meeting: Art Room
6:30-8 p.m. - RCIA class: Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

3-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
NO Religious Education classes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:30-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
7 p.m. - Small Faith-Sharing Group: Gundlach home
7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8 a.m.-8 p.m. - Communal Penance: Sacred Heart
NO Bible Study
3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible Group: Parish Center
4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, Dec. 20—Rosa Flegel, Lorraine Caspers, and Barbara Schust

COLLECTION TELLERS: Sunday, December 22—Bill and Sue McGrath

WELCOME IN BAPTISM: Bennett Douglas Gundlach, son of Austin and Jolyn (Bemis) Gundlach

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, William W. McIlvaine Sr., who will receive his Christian burial through our church and ministry.

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

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 21 and 22

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Anthony Sosa

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Marcelo Sosa

LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Margaret Jeske

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Deb Schuebel also Sacristan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mary Jean Blaha also Sacristan


Sunday 9:45 a.m. Harry Ertel


EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Lauri Buchaklian and
Nancy Willing

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Alicia Stiles and Linda Witek

 Please remember in your prayers, **William W. McIlvaine Sr.**, who recently entered Eternal Life. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

 Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Agnes and John Kaisler**. Please call the parish office, 634-5647, to arrange.

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that for the week of December 1, we have received Green envelopes totaling \$745. Our to-date total is \$4,228.35. Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2019

RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 24 -	Linda Proeber #745 \$50
Monday, Nov. 25 -	Andy and Katie Johnson #330 \$25
Tuesday, Nov. 26 -	Kevin and Colleen Botting #148 \$25
Wednesday, Nov. 27 -	Gary Richardson #744 \$25
Thursday, Nov. 28 -	Mike Zupke #893 \$100 Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 29 -	Frank Mazzie #230 \$25
Saturday, Nov. 30 -	Anna Buchaklian #52 \$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

Noon - Parish Office closes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

Noon - Parish Office closes

6:30-8 p.m. - BSA Troop 105 meeting: Parish Center

NO Dartball at St. John

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Noon - Parish Office closes

NO Religious Education classes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

8:30 a.m. - Cenacles Group Breakfast: Parish Center

12:30-3 p.m. - Sacred Heart Ladies: Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Parish Office closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4 p.m. Mass - Human Concerns collection: Church

7 p.m. - Troop 105 Electronic Lock-in begins: Macek Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

7 a.m. - Troop 105 Electronic Lock-in ends: Macek Hall

9:45 a.m. Mass - Human Concerns collection: Church

NO Religious Education classes

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



St. John Nepomuk 2020 Calendar Raffles are available **until December 31** at St. John and St. Joseph Parish Offices and after St. John's weekend Masses. The cost is \$25 each, with 365 chances to win, as names are re-entered. Prizes: Monday-Saturday: \$25; Sunday: \$50; New Year's Day, July 4 and Thanksgiving: \$100; and Christmas: \$500.

Moving? Please call the parish office with address, phone number, and email address changes. Thank you.

Beginning January 1, Scrip will only be sold at the side door after weekend Masses. We purchase gift cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at less than face value, and parishioners purchase the cards from us at face value. The difference is an instant profit for St. John Nepomuk Parish. Cash or checks accepted.