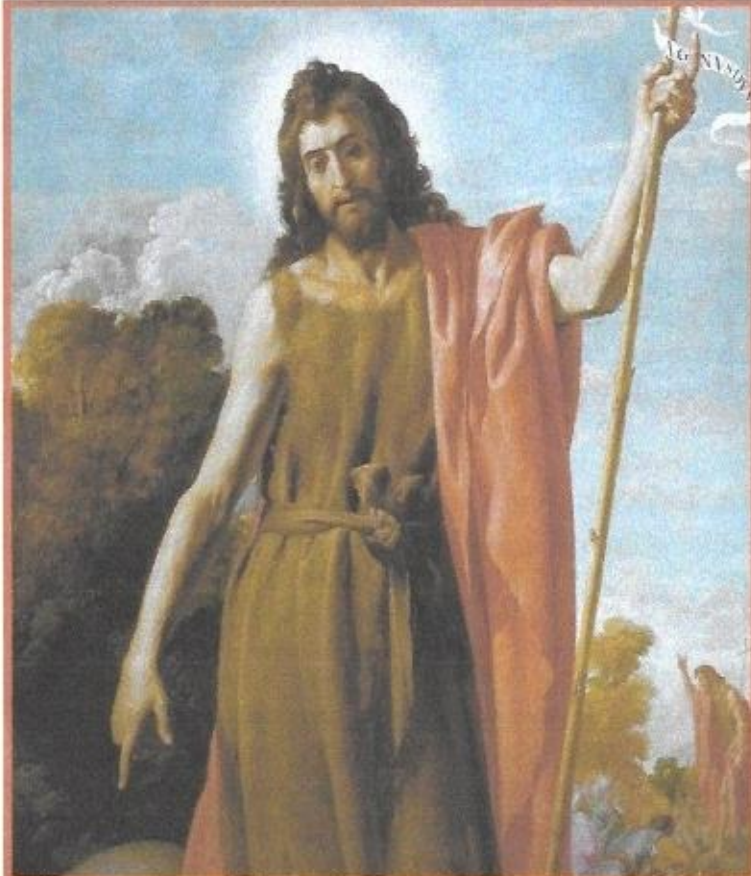


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 8, 2019



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD


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

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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

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

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

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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 9 Immaculate Conception
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, of the Blessed Virgin
3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 **Mary (S)**
8 a.m. NO Mass (not a holy day of obligation)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 Perpetual Help Devotions
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
8 a.m. - SJN - The living and deceased members
of St. John Nepomuk Parish

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus I /
Eucharistic Adoration**
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
* 8 a.m. - SJ + Richard Blaha

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk
1:5-25

8 a.m. - SJN + William Zahalka

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

8 a.m. - SJ + Joe Kasinski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt
17:9a, 10-13

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION
Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7
-10/Mt 11:2-11

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

5:15 p.m. - SJ + Natalie Simonsen
- The living and deceased members
of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. - SJ + Ruthann Cresswell

9:45 a.m. - SJN + Terry Biarnesen
- The living and deceased members
of St. John Nepomuk Parish

10:30 a.m. - SJ + Anthony and Gladys Herrmann

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, **CECILIA ROSENBAUM.**

If Racine Unified Schools are closed due to
inclement weather, there will be no morning Mass,
after-school activities, Religious Education or practices.

Dear Parishioners,

In today's gospel, John the Baptizer urges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognize and be ready to meet and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion and renewal. He tells the common people, who expect the Messiah to come soon, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord."

Let us share our love with others as selfless and humble service. "Do small things but with great love" advise St. Theresa of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Therefore, following John's advice, let us celebrate the memory of Jesus' first advent, prepare for Jesus' daily advent into our lives through the Sacraments and the Bible, and wait confidently for his second advent at the end of the world.

Happy Advent journey,

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. Thank you.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

November 23/24 collections:\$ 1,659.00

Amount budgeted per week: \$ 2,403.85

Year-to-date budget: \$ 50,480.85

Year-to-date given: \$ 45,561.58

Year-to-date balance: \$ -4,919.27

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income: \$ 4,661.95

Nov. 23/24 collections: \$ 4,501.95

Church Renovation: \$ 65.00

Energy Costs: \$ 95.00

Weekly budget requirement:\$ 9,100.00

Difference for the week: \$ -4,438.05

Year-to-date budget: \$ 200,200.00

Year-to-date given: \$ 124,650.71

Year-to-date balance: \$ -75,549.29

Thanksgiving needy baskets: \$ 285.00

Christmas needy baskets: \$ 80.00

Hymnal donation: \$ 15.00

Trustees Jim Tresemer and Suzanne Yde have agreed to re-appointment to a second term. We are grateful for their sacrifice of time for the parish's benefit.

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.**

Creative Hands meets at St. Joseph's Parish Center on first and third Mondays, 1-3 p.m. Next on **Dec. 9**.



Eucharistic Adoration follows 8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish on Wednesday, **December 11**, and closes with a 2:30 p.m. Benediction.

Please join Father Ron Gramza for a series of three Advent mini-retreats. 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 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.

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

The Small Faith Sharing Group will meet at the Gundlach home on Thursday, **December 19**, at 7 p.m. 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 11, for the December 22 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: **Carpets Plus Outlet**, 262-883-9494 or carpetsplusoutlet.com, for hardwood, carpeting 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 14 and 15

ACOLYTES

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Ryann Petersen (Cross),
Ethan Petersen
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Chandler Rorek (Cross),
Tony Alvarado
10:30 a.m. Christian Cervantes (Cross),
Clara Miller

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Liz Gengozian
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Michael Lofy
10:30 a.m. Linda O'Connell

CANTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. to be determined
Sunday 8:30 a.m. to be determined
10:30 a.m. to be determined

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Deacon Doug Gundlach
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Deacon Doug Gundlach
10:30 a.m. Linda Von De Bur

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur and Mona Swan
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Dave and Betsy Tarczon
10:30 a.m. Franca Carls, Harold Von De Bur

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



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. Order forms are **due Sunday, December 8.**



We are now in month 3 of our spiritually-adopted babies' development. Read the poster at the back of church to see what baby can do at this age. *Human Concerns Group*

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, Ricardo Barrientez, Frances (Fran) Meier, and Janet Petrik, who have received or will receive their Christian burials through our church and ministry. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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 10

4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church
NO Basketball and Cheer practices
6 p.m. - School Christmas Concert: Gym
6:30-8 p.m. - RCIA class: Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

After 8 a.m. Mass - Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph
2:30 p.m. - Benediction closing Adoration: St. Joseph
3-4 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting: MSMH
3-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
4-7:15 p.m. - Cookie Bake, gr. 11: MSMH
4-8 p.m. - Concordia University class: School, gr. 7
6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 6-10: Parish Ctr.
6:15-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 1-5: St. John

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:30-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
6 p.m. - Finance Council meeting: Parish Center
7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:30-2:30 p.m. - *Book of Psalms* Bible Study: St. John
3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
6-9 p.m. - Youth Center Movie Night: Parish Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8 a.m./10 a.m. - Rosary, non-perishables collection: 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. 13—Rosa Flegel, Linda Wallin, Michelle Muzia, and Mona Swan
COLLECTION TELLERS: Sunday, December 15—Mary Ann Bruzas and Jo Anne Zlevor

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 14 and 15

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Miguel Sosa and Maria Sosa
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Marcelo Sosa

LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Marilyn Somers
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Maureen Biarnesen also
 Sacristan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Peter Sisak
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Barb and Ron Zielinski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jackie Morrow and Judy Sisak
 also Sacristan
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. James Madala and Alisa
 Pichelman

Beginning January 1, Scrip will only be sold at the side door after weekend Masses. We purchase gift cards from the Great Lakes Scrip Center at less than face value, and parishioners purchase cards from us at face value. The difference is an instant profit for St. John's. We accept cash or check payment.

Calendar Raffles 2020 are on sale for \$25 until **Dec. 31** at Scrip tables and both parish offices for 365 winners!

Welcome new parishioners, **Mark and Frances Francois.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2019

RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 17 - Gloria Tyson
 #1060 \$50
 Monday, Nov. 18 - John Beggi
 #27 \$25
 Tuesday, Nov. 19 - Bob Proeber
 #726 \$25
 Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Daniel Gross
 #295 \$25
 Thursday, Nov. 21 - Raffie Figueroa
 #628 \$25
 Friday, Nov. 22 - Greg and Jil Nichols
 #451 \$25
 Saturday, Nov. 23 - Betty Zahalka
 #667 \$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

After 8 a.m. Mass - Perpetual Help Devotions: Church
 Noon - Parish Office closes
 6:30-8 p.m. - BSA Troop #105 Meeting: Parish Center
 7-9:30 p.m. - Dart Ball League: Macek Hall
 (St. John's vs. St. Joe's and Knights vs. Christ Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

After 8 a.m. Mass - Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph
 2:30 p.m. - Benediction closing Adoration: St. Joseph
 Noon - Parish Office closes
 4-7:15 p.m. - Cookie Bake, gr. 11: St. Joseph School
 cafeteria

6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 6-10: St. Joseph
 6:15-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed. class, gr. 1-5: Parish Ctr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Grp.: Chapel
 12:30-3 p.m. - Sacred Heart Ladies: Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Parish Office closed
 12:30-2:30 p.m.: *Book of Psalms* Bible Study: Parish Ctr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

NO Religious Education classes
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Cecilia Rosenbaum.**

Our 2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal parish goal is \$9,090. To date \$5,397 (59.37%) of our goal has been reached; 28.04% of our parishioners contributed.

The usher schedule of January 1 to April 10, 2020 is in process. The deadline for scheduling changes is Saturday, December 14, to the parish. We are always in need of ushers. Call Kathy Cook at 262-260-8027.

Please remember to return your unwrapped gift of hats, mittens, gloves, and socks for the St. John's Human Concerns Committee's clothing drive for the Head Start Program students. Gifts are due December 9. Thank you in advance for your generous support.