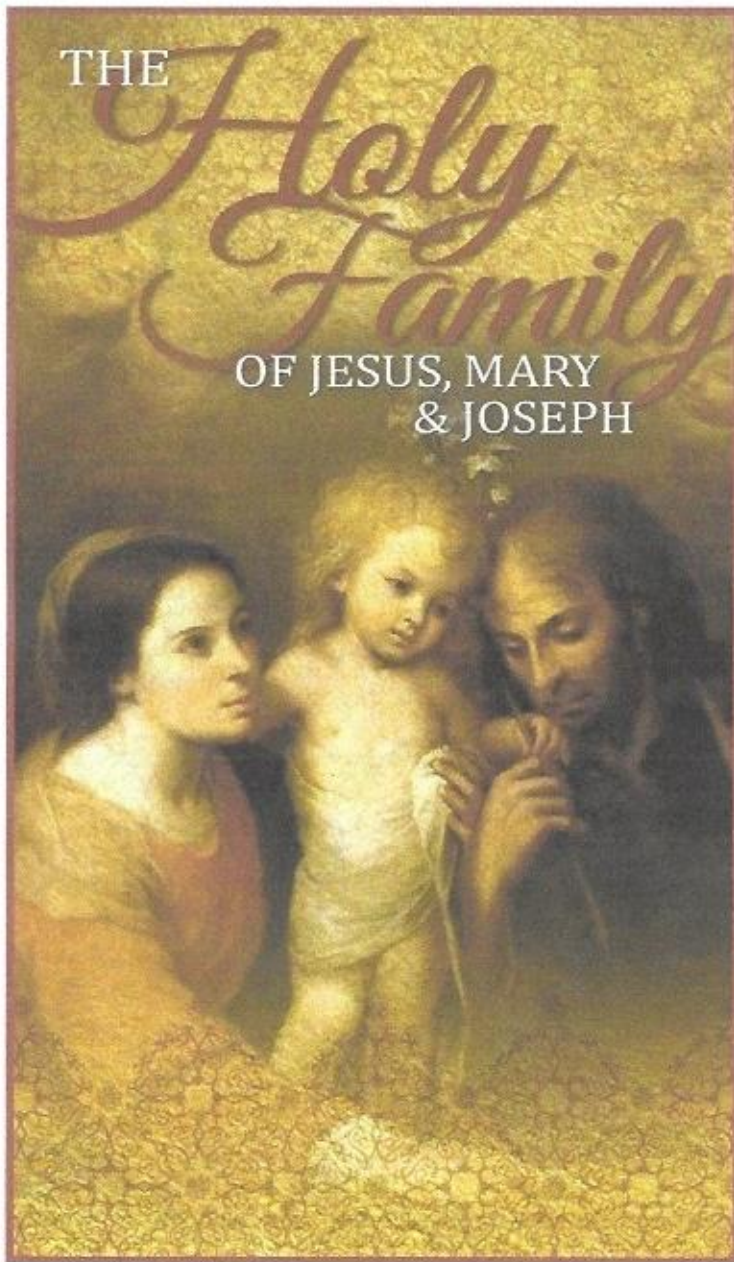


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 29, 2019



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, SAC, Pastor
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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
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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

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Parish Office phone: 262-633-8284 and fax: 262-633-8285
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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

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Rosemary Steimle

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 Mary, Mother of God

(S) / holy day of obligation / World Day of Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9 a.m. - **SJ** - The living and deceased members
of the Sus and Shimkus Families
- The living and deceased members
of St. Joseph Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

8 a.m. - **SJN** - The living and deceased members
of St. John Nepomuk Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus / Anointing of the Sick

1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

8 a.m. - **SJ** + Joe Schust

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Cecilia Rosenbaum

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Wallace and Jacqueline Small
- The living and deceased members
of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 The Epiphany of the Lord (S)

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Wayne and Carol Obernberger

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

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

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

Key: **SJ** - St. Joseph Parish

SJN - St. John Nepomuk Parish

* - Mass with the school students

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **KARL HERDT**.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's feast of the **Holy Family** focuses on Jesus being born into a human family. By humbling himself to be cared for and nurtured within a human family, **Jesus consecrated family life** and made it holy. Family life is the heart of faith life to many of us, including Jesus himself. It is within the family where we experience unconditional love. This experience becomes one image or model upon which we imagine God's love. Let us dedicate and consecrate our families to God just like the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Wednesday, January 1, is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** and a holy day of obligation. Mass is at St. Joseph Parish at 9 a.m.

On this feast of the Holy Family, I would like to thank the St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk parish family for all your support and encouragement. Thank you everyone for making this Advent and Christmas season a special one. Volunteers, sacristans, musicians, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, parish staff, and members of the prayer and worship team all worked hard, and truly I appreciate your love for God's house. May your hearts and homes be filled with God's love at Christmas and in this upcoming year.

***Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed
New Year 2020,***

Fr. Steve

Peace
on Earth

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

December 14/15 collections:	\$ 2,006.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,403.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 57,692.40
Year-to-date given:	\$ 53,691.58
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -4,000.82

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year,
I remember you are a God of beginnings and endings.
You created the world, with all its eternal patterns.
Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw.
Spring begins in new, green life,
ending in Summer's heat.

Summer begins in sunshine, ends in Autumn's breezes.
Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again.
As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us
to remember that you have made a world of cycles.
When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy,
help me take delight in the life I've received from you.
Remind me that I will one day pass from this world
and enter a new life like those who've gone before me.
Amen.

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income:	\$ 6,770.01
December 14/15 collection:	\$ 6,370.01
Church Renovation:	\$ 50.00
Energy Costs:	\$ 95.00
End-of-year donations:	\$ 255.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -2,329.99
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 227,500.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 145,115.72
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -82,384.28
Christmas needy baskets:	\$ 705.00

St. John Nepomuk's 2020 Calendar Raffle calendars are available in St. Joseph and St. John parish offices until **December 30**. Cost: \$25, with 365 chances; winners are re-entered. Prizes: Mon.-Sat.: \$25; Sun.: \$50; New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving: \$100; Christmas: \$500.

Visit St. Joseph School's Giving Tree in the school lobby, selecting a gift tag with a teachers' classroom wish. Please return the gift and tag to the school office.



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.

St. John Nepomuk parish needs a representative! Some computer knowledge needed to prepare and send schedules to the SJN volunteers. SJN needs volunteers to work **once a month** Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. and Thursdays, 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 Monday, January 6, for the January 12 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.

The Marian Option: God's Solution to a Civilization in Crisis by Dr. Carrie Gress will be a four-part book study led by Fr. Dwight Campbell, STD. In Kenosha's St. Therese parish hall Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 11, and 18. Turning to Our Blessed Mother is the option God has given us in these times of social and moral confusion and disorder. The book is available for \$20 at Holy Family Catholic Bookstore.

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; St. Joseph's orders are due December 30.** Order forms are on the ushers' tables. For a cost of \$25, 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.



Janes School thanks the St. Joseph's ladies, who provided students with mittens, gloves and hats. Faculty and students thank you!

Mittenless kids continue to need our help. The Mitten Basket is on the ushers' table. Let's fill it!

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: **Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home**, 803 Main Street, 634-7888, family owned and operated



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 January 1, 4, and 5

ACOLYTES

New Yr.'s 9 a.m. Chandler Rorek (Cross),

Volunteer

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Caden Fraley (Cross),
Gus Weiss

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Alyssa Buchaklian (Cross),
Philip Weiglein

10:30 a.m. Devlyn Kellogg (Cross),
Findlay Lalor

LECTORS

New Yr.'s 9 a.m. Mary Lee Odders

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kristin Gibson

10:30 a.m. Linda Von De Bur

CANTORS

New Yr.'s 9 a.m. David Kirkpatrick

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Kay Shalbrack

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir

10:30 a.m. Michael Lofy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF

HOLY COMMUNION - CIBORIUM

New Yr.'s 9 a.m. Deacon Doug Gundlach

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mona Swan

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Wally Goebel

10:30 a.m. Harold Von De Bur

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF

HOLY COMMUNION - CHALICE

New Yr.'s 9 a.m. Wally Goebel, Mary Lee Odders

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Diana Weiss and Nat Cycenas

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kathy Swiatek, Sandy Lindstrom

10:30 a.m. John Sardino, Linda Von De Bur

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

We are the grateful beneficiaries of generous memorial donations in the name of **Richard BeBow**. Thank you so much.



Because of your generosity, St. Joseph's was able to help 39 families enjoy a more blessed Christmas this year. Thank you.



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*



This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

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 30

NO School Christmas vacation continues

3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Parish Office closed

NO Rosary

NO Basketball and Cheer practices

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 New Year's Day

Parish Office closed

NO Basketball practice: Gym

NO Religious Education classes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

4:30-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: MSMH

NO Adult Choir rehearsal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

12:30-2:30 p.m. - Book of Psalms Bible Study: St. John

3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

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

4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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, Jan. 3—Angie Martin, Linda Grauwels, Marilynne Schultz, Linda Wallin

COLLECTION TELLERS: Sunday, January 5—Debbie Blaustein and Pat Mielke

Our parish's 2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal contribution goal is \$23,230. As of December 2, \$20,397 (87.8%) has been received from 108 donors to support our archdiocesan programs. Thank you to all who are contributing to the success of the Appeal.

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 January 4 and 5

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Grace Gross
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Anthony Sosa and Maria Sosa

LECTORS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Barb Zielinski
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Ed Sosa

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS


OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLATE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Nancy Willing
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. James Madala


EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Judy Sisak and Peter Sisak
 Pat Simanek Sacristan
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Alisa Pichelman and
 Kathy Cook also Sacristan

 We gratefully acknowledge this Memorial Gift: \$1,295 Memorial Fund in memory of Rosemary Steimle.

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that this week we have received Green envelopes totaling \$120. To-date total is \$4408.35. Please continue to use the monthly Green envelopes for our parish repairs.

 Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Karl Herdt**.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2019

RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Dec. 8. - Harry Ertel
 #257 \$50
 Monday, Dec. 9 - Mike Schroeder
 #879 \$25
 Tuesday, Dec. 10 - Wes Rohan
 #492 \$25
 Wednesday, Dec. 11 - Nicole Obuchowski
 #457 \$25
 Thursday, Dec. 12 - Kayla Vanderhoef
 #1011 \$25
 Friday, Dec. 13 - Brenda Buchaklian
 #78 \$25
 Saturday, Dec. 14 - Don Heck
 #792 \$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions:
 Parish Office closed
 NO Dartball

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Parish Office closed
 NO Religious Education classes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Group:
 Chapel
 6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: St. Joseph
 School cafeteria

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

St. John's 2020 Calendar Raffles are available until **December 30** at both parish offices and after St. John's weekend Masses. The cost is \$25, with 365 chances, as winners are re-entered. Prizes: Monday-Saturday: \$25; Sunday: \$50; New Year's Day, July 4th, and Thanksgiving: \$100; Christmas: \$500.

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.

St. Catherine's High School Scholarships will be awarded by the St. John Nepomuk Alumni, Family and Friends Committee to qualifying parish students for the 2020-'21 school year. Applications are available at the Scrip tables and parish office. The deadline for our scholarship application is **January 16, 2020**. If you have questions, please call Paul Steimle at 639-9774.