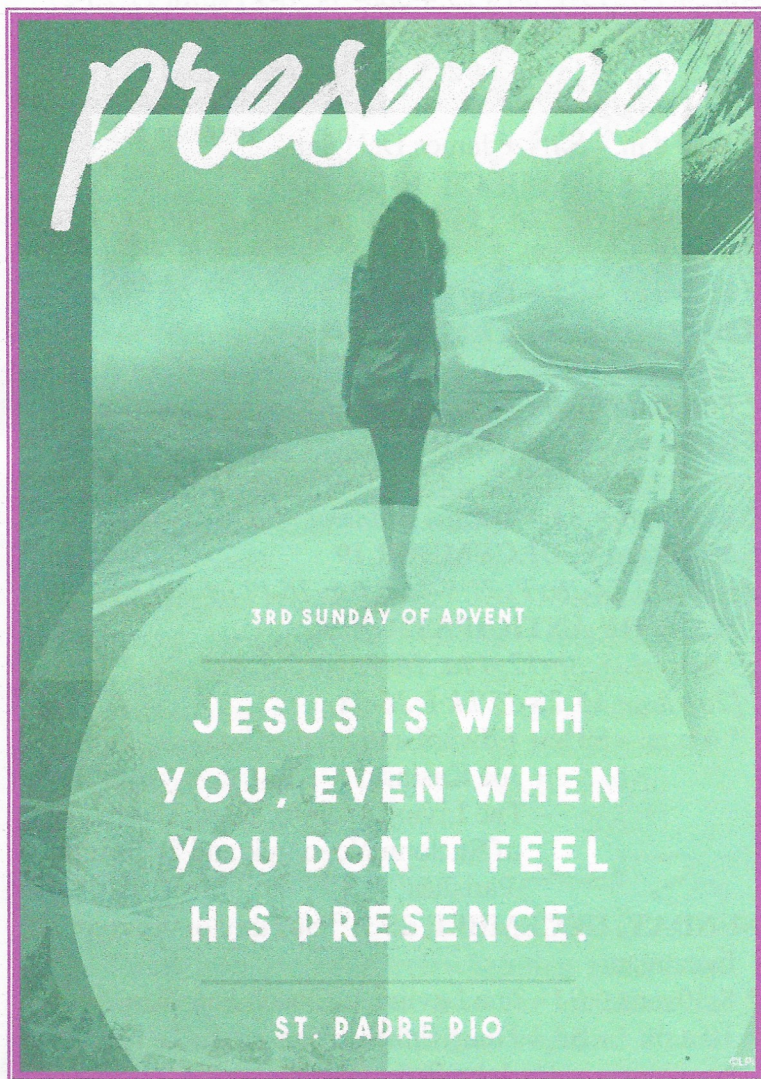


# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 13, 2020



## MASSES

SAT 4:00 p.m. - SJN

SUN 8:30 a.m. live stream / 10 a.m. - SJ

TUE 8:30 a.m. - SJN

WED 8:30 a.m. - SJ

THU 8:30 a.m. - SJN

FRI 8:30 a.m. - SJ

Live stream at [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SAT 3-3:30 p.m. - SJN Face masks, please.

Anytime by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Call their office, 639-1071, or visit [racinecemeteries.org](http://racinecemeteries.org)

## LEGACY GIFT

Please remember St. Joseph Church or St. John Nepomuk Church in your estate planning. Thank you.

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Fr. Steven K. Varghese, Pastor**

Deacon Douglas Gundlach - SJ

Leslie Gain, Administrative Assistant - SJN

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Pete Koleske - SJ

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dennis Maller, Chair

## OFFICE 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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**St. Joseph Church; 1533 Erie Street; Racine, WI**

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

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

**St. Joseph School; 1525 Erie Street; Racine, WI 53402-4830**

Office hours 7:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m. when school is in session

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Office and absences 262-633-9005

**Registration and calendar** [st-joes.org](http://st-joes.org) or 262-633-9005

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*Dear Parishioners,*

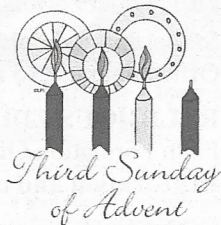
The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday* because the Mass for today (in its original Latin text) begins with the opening antiphon: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*"--"*Rejoice in the Lord always.*" To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-colored vestments.

Today's Gospel tells us John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus as the Light of the world. The Baptizer wants all Jews to rejoice because the long-expected Messiah, as the Light of the world, will remove the darkness of sin from the world. We rejoice at the humility of John the Baptizer, who tells the Sanhedrin challenging him that he is unworthy even to become the slave of Jesus the Messiah, and in the sincerity and commitment of John, who spent himself completely preparing people for the long-awaited Messiah.

Our mission, as brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Church, is to reflect Christ's Light to others, as the moon reflects the light of the sun. There are many who live in darkness and poverty, and lack real freedom because of their evil addictions and bad choices. Others are deafened and blinded by cheap worldly attractions, while others feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, and marginalized. Bring the true Light of Christ to illumine the lives of such as these through our sharing love, overflowing mercy, unconditional forgiveness, and humble service.

Happy Advent journey,

*Fr. Steve*



### Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: SJ

December 24, Christmas Eve, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: SJN

December 25, Christmas Day, 8:30 a.m.: SJ

December 25, Christmas Day, 9:45 a.m.: SJN

SJ - St. Joseph Parish

SJN - St. John Nepomuk Parish

As 2020 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.

**Church contributions for 2020 must be postmarked by December 31** to be credited to the current year by your parish office. Thank you for your assistance.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross**  
*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab-7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

*Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32*

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + James DeHahn

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

*Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23*

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Don Jobe

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**

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

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + Stacey Schmitz

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18**

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

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Dennis Bublavy

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

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

**MASS OF ANTICIPATION**

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29*

*[2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38*

\* 4 p.m. - SJN + Edward and Phyllis Somers

+ Joe Kasinski

- The Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph Parishes

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
livestream

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ - The Lavin and Bosch Families

\* 10 a.m. - SJ + Doug Splittgerber

+ John Schroeder Sr. and

John Schroeder Jr.

**\*FACE MASK MANDATE IF OLDER THAN 4 YRS.**

The church environment is sanitized between Masses. View livestream of the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine).

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:**

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, **EDWARD G. FLOYD.**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S BREAD AND WINE**  
were donated this week and  
**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** burned this week  
**IN MEMORY OF RICARDO BARRIENTEZ**  
**AND RICARDO BARRIENTEZ JR.**

Please remember them in faith.



**STEWARDSHIP**

Whatever you have – has been given.  
Whatever you give – will be returned.

**St. John Nepomuk Parish**

November 28/29 collections:	\$ 1,970.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,115.38
Year-to-date given:	\$ 49,779.94
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 46,538.36
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 3,241.58
Thanksgiv. SVdP Food Pantry	\$ 245.00
Festival donations to date:	\$ 14,009.00
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$ 5,049.00

Please address mailed contributions to your parish office, not the church. Refer to the bulletin cover.

**St. Joseph Parish**

Weekly collection income:	\$ 2,951.00
November 28/29 collections:	\$ 2,801.00
Church renovation:	\$ 50.00
Energy costs:	\$ 100.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -6,149.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 133,686.02
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 200,200.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -66,513.98
Festival to date:	\$ 33,069.70
Christmas baskets:	\$ 266.00

Join us to pray the rosary before Sunday's 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.



Thank you for your overwhelming generosity making dreams come true for children in our Christmas Food Basket Program! Please wrap your purchased gifts, securely attaching the ornament tag. Return gifts to the Christmas Wish Tree at St. John's or St. Joseph's. **Due Sunday, December 13.**

All adult St. Joseph's and St. John's parishioners are invited to a new virtual gospel study and prayer group. One night per month we will virtually meet for an hour to read the upcoming Sunday's gospel, talk about how it applies to our lives today, and close with simple prayers. The next Zoom gospel study session is **Thursday, December 17, from 7-8 p.m.** Please contact Deacon Doug at 681-7335 for an email link to the online meeting that is free and easy to connect.

Mail Food Pantry donation checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404-7004. Thank you. **Your kind donation stays in Racine to feed the hungry of all ages.**

Read our weekly bulletin at [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com), [st-joes.org](http://st-joes.org), or [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine). **The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 14,** for the Dec. 27 bulletin. Send to [info@st-joes.org](mailto:info@st-joes.org).

**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 and St. John Nepomuk parishes' 2021 Mass Intention Calendars are open.** A Mass stipend is \$10. **Sanctuary Candles** are \$5 (St. Joseph's) or \$7 (St. John's.) Please call your parish office to arrange.

**SJN CALENDAR 2020 RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Sunday</u> , Nov. 29, \$50 Joe Maller #24	<u>Thursday</u> , Dec. 3, \$25 Anthony Vanderhoef #387
<u>Monday</u> , Nov. 30, \$25 Amy Schrage #1113	<u>Friday</u> , Dec. 4, \$25 Judy Thomas #1012
<u>Tuesday</u> , Dec. 1, \$25 Brian Warren #39	<u>Saturday</u> , Dec. 5, \$25 Ron/Mary Carls #173
<u>Wednesday</u> , Dec. 2, \$25 Tina Wittrock #899	

**Calendar 2021 Raffles (\$25) are on sale until December 30** in both parish offices for 365 chances. Winners are re-entered for prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, \$100; Christmas, \$500.

**St. Catherine High School scholarships for 2021-'22** will be awarded to qualifying parish students by the SJN Alumni, Family & Friends. Applications are only available at SJN parish office. The deadline for this application is **January 21, 2021.** The deadline for our Endowment Fund scholarship at SCHS online is **January 15, 2021.** Questions: Paul Steimle, 639-9774.

**IN YOUR CHARITY:** Please remember in faith, St. Joseph's parishioner, **Phyllis Stinson**, who received her Christian burial through our church and ministry. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

NO Faith Formation classes, gr. 9-11

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

NO Faith Formation classes, gr. 1-11

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

NO Faith Formation classes, gr. 9-11



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