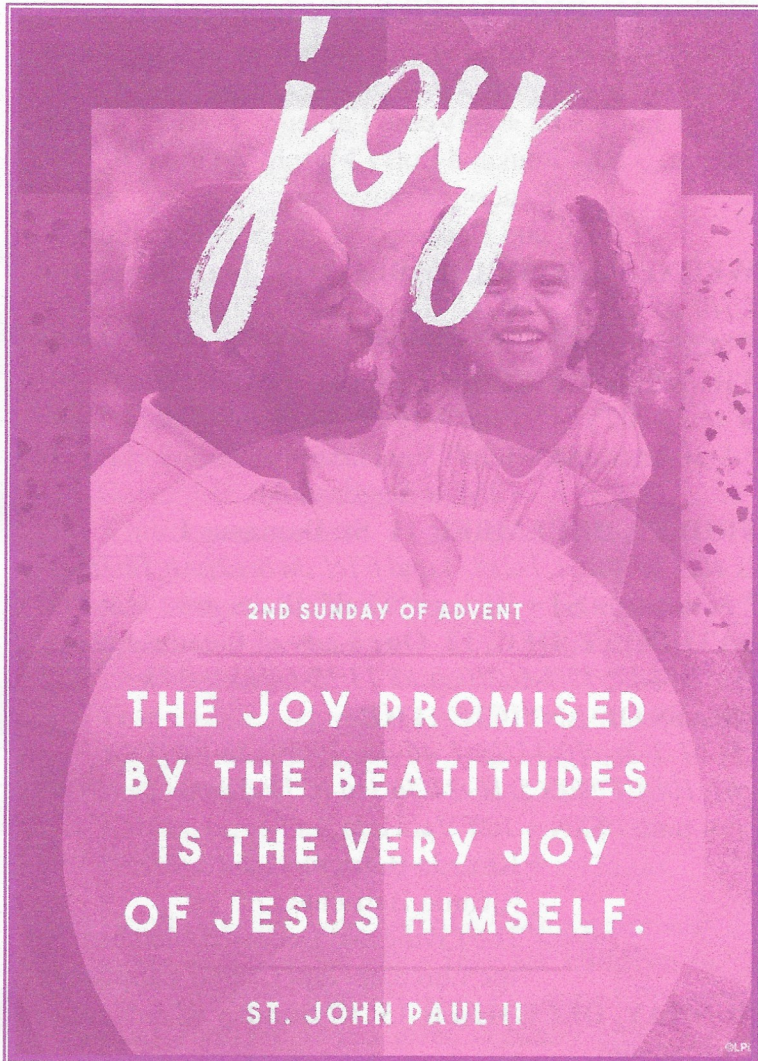


# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN • DECEMBER 6, 2020



## PASTORAL STAFF

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## OFFICE INFORMATION

**St. John Nepomuk Church; 1903 Green Street; Racine, WI**

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

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Office and absences 262-633-9005

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## 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.



*Dear Parishioners,*

On this **Second Sunday of Advent**, the Gospel of Mark tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare the way of the Lord. John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins."

He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride, and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts and lives.

We celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, on Tuesday, December 8.** Please join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Nepomuk Church or 6 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church.

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  
 Livestream Mass time to be determined  
 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose**

*Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab, 10-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 The Immaculate**

**Conception of Mary (S) and Holy Day of Obligation**

*Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/*

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + LaVerne LaFleur *Lk 1:26-38*

\* 6 p.m. - SJ - John and Lorry Murphy on their 70<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary

- Living and Deceased SJ and SJN Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego**

*Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30*

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ - Ben Factor

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

*Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15*

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJN + Jeff VanHara

+ Mike Bagdasarian

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus I**

*Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19*

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Richard "Dick" Blaha

**SATURDAY, DEC. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)**

*Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18-19[15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38*

**MASS OF ANTICIPATION**

*Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is*

*61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

\* 4 p.m. - SJN + Jeff VanHara

+ Ricardo Barrientez and

Ricardo Barrientez Jr.

- The Living and Deceased Members of the Lorenzini and Orienti Families

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

livestream

\* 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Natalie Simonsen

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

\* 10 a.m. - SJ + Terry Biarnesen

- The Living and Deceased Members of the Schoff and Eaton Families

**\*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).

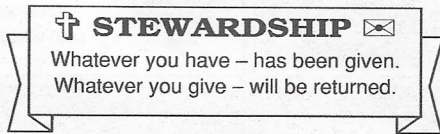
**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:**

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,  
 please remember in faith,

**LIVING AND DECEASED**

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISHIONERS.**






**St. John Nepomuk Parish**

<b>November 21/22 collections:</b>	<b>\$ 975.00</b>
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,115.38
Year-to-date given:	\$ 47,809.94
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 44,422.98
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 3,386.96
Festival donations to date:	\$ 14,009.00
Mask donations to date:	\$ 126.00
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$ 4,889.00

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

**St. Joseph Parish**

<b>Weekly collection income:</b>	<b>\$ 4,988.00</b>
November 21/22 collections:	\$ 4,763.00
Church renovation:	\$ 85.00
Energy costs:	\$ 140.00
<b>Weekly budget requirement:</b>	<b>\$ 9,100.00</b>
<b>Difference for the week:</b>	<b>\$ -4,112.00</b>
Year-to-date given:	\$ 130,735.02
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 191,100.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -06,364.98
Festival to date:	\$ 33,069.70
Thanksgiving baskets:	\$ 210.00
Christmas baskets:	\$ 425.00



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

**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. 8,** for the Dec. 20 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.

**Decorate St. Joseph's sanctuary for Christmas with memorial poinsettias and altar candles.** A completed form and \$15 donation are **due Sunday, December 6.**

**SJN CALENDAR 2020 RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Sunday</u> , Nov. 22 \$50 Paul Moraw #413	<u>Thursday</u> , Nov. 26, \$100 Nathan Stewart #868
<u>Monday</u> , Nov. 23 \$25 Sam Azarian #1179	<u>Friday</u> , Nov. 27, \$25 Mark Porcaro #83
<u>Tuesday</u> , Nov. 24, \$25 Leah Stewart #869	<u>Saturday</u> , Nov. 28, \$25 Fred Rosenbaum #991
<u>Wednesday</u> , Nov. 25, \$25 Pam Bruno #162	

**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. John's Scrip Program** sales tables are in the parish garages after 4 p.m. Saturday Mass. Gift cards are for gas, groceries, clothing, music, prescription drugs and more.

**IN YOUR CHARITY:** Please remember in faith, St. John Nepomuk's parishioner, **James DeHahn**, and St. Joseph's parishioners, **Dolores Jackel** and **Joanne Wemmert**, who received their Christian burials through our church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
 10-10:45 a.m. - Virtual Religious Ed. classes, gr. 9-11  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
 6-6:40 p.m. - Virtual Religious Ed. classes, gr. 1-5  
 6:50-7:30 p.m. - Virtual Religious Ed. classes, gr. 6-11