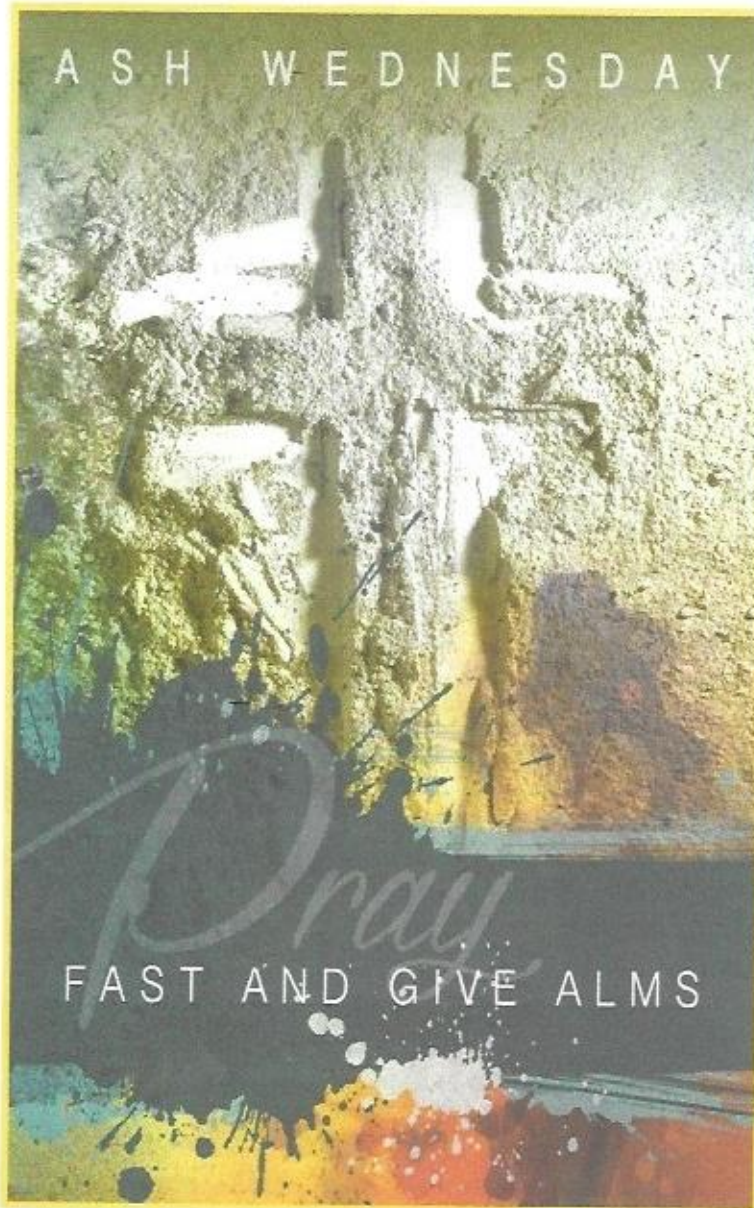


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · FEBRUARY 23, 2020



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, 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

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, FEBRUARY 24

Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 Mother of Perpetual

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, Help Devotions 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Bert and Margaret Mayerl

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 Ash Wednesday/ Day of Fast and Abstinence*

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

* 8 a.m. - **SJ** - The living and deceased members
of the Koleske and Sura Families

noon - **SJ** Liturgy of the Word with ashes

6 p.m. - **SJN** + Carmela Gioio

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

8 a.m. - **SJN** + Terry Biarnesen

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 Day of Abstinence*/ Stations of the Cross

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

8 a.m. - **SJ** + Betty Stritesky

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11*

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Mary Kozenski

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

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittergerber

+ Mickie Kearns

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + LeRoy and Mary Jane Splittergerber

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Anthony Azarian

10:30 a.m. - **SJ** - The living and deceased members
of St. Joseph Parish

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

* - Mass with the school students

Ash Wednesday collections support Catholic Cemeteries Association of Racine, maintaining our cemeteries. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish or St. John Nepomuk Parish. Thank you.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, **ANTHONY AZARIAN**.

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus confirms, corrects, and expands the Ten Commandments. Here, Jesus condemns even the mild form of the "Law of the Talion (*Lex Talionis*)," the Babylonian tribal law of restricted retaliation which Moses passed on to Israel. In its place, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character, as well as strengthening by God's grace.

The second part of today's Gospel passage is the central part of the Sermon on the Mount. It presents the Christian ethic of personal relationships: love one's neighbors and forgive one's enemies. It tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others with loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve it. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with *agápe* love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as He did for us. We become perfect when we try to love as God loves, to forgive as God forgives and to show unconditional good will and universal benevolence as God does.

Ash Wednesday is February 26, with ashes at 8 a.m. Mass and noon Liturgy of the Word at St. Joseph Church and 6 p.m. Mass at St. John Nepomuk Church.

Peace and joy,

Fr. Steve



***The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character of Lent.** For this reason, Catholics, who have celebrated their 14th birthday, are bound to **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent**; the age of fasting is from the completion of the 18th year to the beginning of the 60th year. Hence, in addition to abstaining from meat, one should **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, eating only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days.

United States Council of Catholic Bishops

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

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

**THE SUS AND SHIMKUS FAMILIES:
LIVING AND DECEASED.****St. Joseph Parish**

Weekly collection income:	\$ 4,859.00
February 15/16 collection:	\$ 4,554.00
Electronic giving:	\$ 0.00
Church renovation:	\$ 135.00
Energy costs:	\$ 170.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -4,241.00
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 309,400.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 219,872.85
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -89,527.15

**Don't
Forget!**

**We need your feedback on the
Disciple Maker Index survey!**

The survey website
disciplemakerindex.com goes

LIVE Sunday, February 23, and will be open until **Monday, March 23**. Paper copies of the survey are available at all church entrances at St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph Churches. Both Parish Offices will also have paper copies available. **Responses are anonymous and confidential, so only your parish will receive information about the community as a whole.** The Archdiocese of Milwaukee and our parish ministries will use this information for future planning, as we strive to be the best disciples we can be.

P-l-e-a-s-e take the 15 minutes to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey and return it to the tables at the church entrances. We really need your help in making this important project a success, so please participate. We want your opinion!



The Food Pantry's most needed items are canned meat, beef stew, corned beef hash, chili, canned fruit, Chunky soup, pasta sides, saltine crackers and toilet paper.

St. John Nepomuk parish needs two volunteers (one to check clients in and one to take groceries to their car) to work once a month (1.75 hrs.) on a Tuesday beginning February 4. Please call Linda Meredith at 262-456-6035. The recipient list has increased tremendously. Thank you all for helping us feed the poor! 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, February 24, for the March 1 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.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

February 15/16 collection:	\$ 1,258.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,403.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 79,327.05
Year-to-date given:	\$ 75,487.08
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -3,839.97



St. Joseph's Lenten Friday Fish and Shrimp Fries are February 28, March 13 and 27, 5-7 p.m. Dine-in MSMH or drive-thru service on N. Wisconsin Street by the

garages. Cost: \$10 platter of hand-breaded, fried fish; shrimp; or combo; or \$5 kids' meal option of baked mac and cheese and Crazy Taters. Tickets at the door, drive-thru, parish office, or school office. This is a fundraiser for the parish and the Class of 2021.

Deepen your relationship with Jesus through a series of three Lenten mini-retreats with Fr. Ron Gramza at St. Lucy Parish. Each explores one of the traditional Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving in the life of Jesus and how to apply it in our life. On **Thursdays, March 19 and 26 and April 2** at 9 a.m.

Discover together how your good marriage can be even better or new pathways to get your marriage back on track. Join Green Bay Marriage Encounter **March 27-29** at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality, De Pere. Call 920-544-5166 or visit www.gbmc.org.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **Dewey's**, 600 Main Street, 262-898-2077.



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 February 29 and March 1

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Gus Weiss (Cross),
Nikos Brito
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Philip Weiglein (Cross),
Chandler Rorek
10:30 a.m. Devlyn Kellogg (Cross),
Findlay Lalor

LECTORS

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Harold Von De Bur
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Russ Blaha
10:30 a.m. Linda O'Connell

CANTORS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF

HOLY COMMUNION - CIBORIUM

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mary Lee Odders
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch
10:30 a.m. Tim Richardson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF

HOLY COMMUNION - CHALICE

Saturday 5:15 p.m. Diana Weiss and Nat Cycenas
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Wally Goebel and Kathy Swiatek
10:30 a.m. John Sardino and Sandy Lindstrom

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



Stations of the Cross will be prayed Lenten Fridays at St. Joseph Church after 8 a.m. Mass, at 12:25 p.m. when school is in session, and at 6:30 p.m. with Deacon Doug. Please join us as we journey together during Lent.

St. Joseph's School Auction is Saturday, April 25. We need your help to build the kids a playground! If you or a family member work at an institution that would donate, sponsor our event, or match monetary donations, please let us know! Please contact Lora Miller, 414-313-4289 or loranismiller@yahoo.com. Thank you! St. Joseph's Home and School Association



Our spiritually-adopted babies are six months old. The poster in the back of church shows what the baby can do at this development stage. Human Concerns Group

This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry non-perishables coll.
NO Religious Education classes
noon-6:30 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

NO Youth Center
3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:30 p.m. - Rosary: Church
4:30-9 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
6 p.m. - Church Dartball League games: MSMH
6-7:30 p.m. - Home & School meeting: Art Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8 a.m. Mass - Ash Wednesday Mass, ashes: Church
Noon - Liturgy of the Word and ashes: Church
3-4:30 p.m. - Junior Girl Scout meeting: MSMH
3-6 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

NO Religious Education classes

6 p.m. Mass - Ash Wednesday Mass, ashes: St. John

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:30-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:25 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with students: Church
3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym
5-7 p.m. - Fish Fry: MSMH and drive-through
6-9 p.m. - Youth Center's Game Night: Parish Center
6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross, Deacon Doug: Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible Group: Parish Center
10 a.m. - First Reconciliation, gr. 2 students, parents: Church
4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church
8:30 a.m. Mass - Rite of Enrollment for Confirmandii:
Church

After all Masses - Girl Scout Cookie Sale: Sch. lobby

NO Religious Education classes

noon-6:30 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, February 28—Rosa Flegel, Lorraine Caspers, and Barbara Schust

COLLECTION TELLERS: Sunday, March 1—Debbie Blaustein and Pat Mielke

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 February 26, 29, March 1

ALTAR SERVERS

Ash Wed. 6:00 p.m. Grace Gross
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Anthony Sosa and Maria Sosa
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Emily Kaisler

LECTORS

Ash Wed. 6:00 p.m. Linda Witek
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Margaret Jeske
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Harry Ertel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLATE

Ash Wed. 6:00 p.m. to be determined
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Nancy Willing
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Linda Witek

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - CUP

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jim and Julie Arens
 Pat Simanek Sacristan
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. James Madala and Kathy Cook
 also Sacristan



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the living and deceased members of St. John Nepomuk Parish.

There are many March openings for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candles. Please call the Parish Office at 634-5647 to schedule.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2020

RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Feb. 9 - Michael O'Day
 #921 \$50
 Monday, Feb. 10 - Tracy Boscher
 #143 \$25
 Tuesday, Feb. 11 - Kent Schneider
 #1101 \$25
 Wednesday, Feb. 12 - Jerry White
 #639 \$25
 Thursday, Feb. 13 - Rosemary Schroeder
 #517 \$25
 Friday, Feb. 14 - Steve Fox
 #443 \$25
 Saturday, Feb. 15 - Don Schroeder
 #518 \$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8 a.m. Mass - Ash Wednesday Mass, ashes: St. Joseph
 Noon - Liturgy of the Word and ashes: St. Joseph
 Noon - Parish Office closes
 NO Religious Education classes

6 p.m. Mass - Ash Wednesday Mass, ashes: Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Group: Chapel
 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Arts and Crafts: Parish Center
 12:30-3 p.m. - Sacred Heart Ladies: Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10 a.m. - First Reconciliation, gr. 2 students, parents:
 St. Joseph Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 a.m. Mass - Rite of Enrollment for Confirmandii:
 St. Joseph Church
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria

Our Building and Grounds project update shows this week we have received Green envelopes totaling \$187. To-date total is \$7,067.35.

Our final 2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal report for our parish goal of \$9,090 concludes 59.37% of our goal was reached at \$5,397 from 29.85% of parishioners.

Please patronize our Scrip Program. The profit from Scrip purchases helps the parish with expenses. Gift cards make great gift ideas and can be used for movies, restaurants, gas, groceries, prescription drugs and more. **The Scrip table is at church's side entrance.**



Calling all crafters! The St. John Nepomuk Craft Group meets Thursdays in the Parish Center from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Opens This Week! Please Read and Help!

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

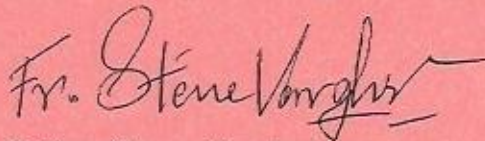
This information will be invaluable to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. By completing this survey, we are trying to get the highest response rate possible. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15-minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com
- Or you can obtain a paper copy in the back of church or by contacting the Parish Office at 262-633-8284
- **Please return all completed surveys to the purple file folder in the church.**

The survey will only be **available from February 23 until March 23** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be anonymous and confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



Father Steve Varghese
Pastor

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
2020 Seasonal Live Flower and Easter Candle Sale



Fill out this form below
and place it in the box at the back of church
by **Sunday, March 29th.**

**Help decorate St. Joseph's altar in memory of a
loved one with a variety of live flowering plants
and the Easter Candle by donating.**

Name _____ Phone _____

	Number	Amount \$
St. Joseph Altar Donation: \$15 each		

Please place this form in an envelope with a check payable to:
St. Joseph Parish
and deposit in the box at the back of church.

Please print name(s) below:

Donated in memory of _____

**Thank you for your continued support of
St. Joseph's!**