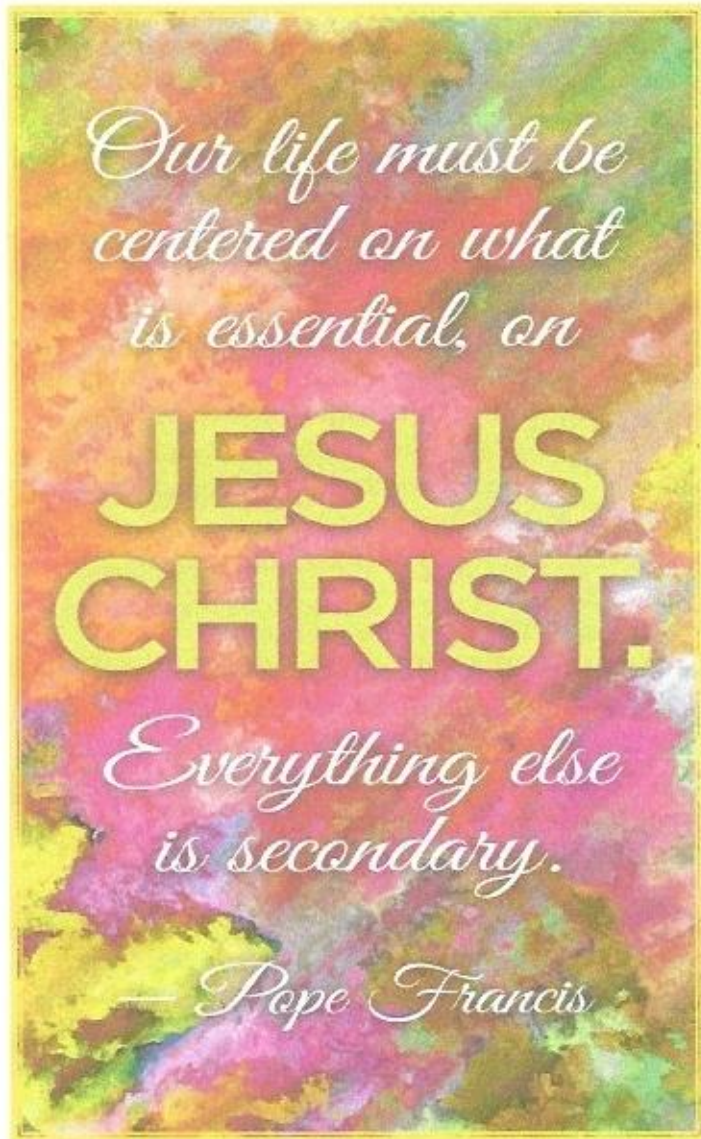


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES RACINE, WISCONSIN · JULY 12, 2020



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 private 8:30 a.m. live stream

THU private 8:30 a.m. live stream

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

Anytime by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Call their office, 639-1071, or visit 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

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

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dennis Maller, Chair

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

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Dear Parishioners,

On this 15th Sunday, we hear about the parable of the sower as described in the gospel of Matthew. The word “parable” comes from the Greek word *parabole*, which means putting two things side-by-side in order to confront or compare them. And that is exactly how Jesus uses parables: He places a simile from life or nature against the abstract idea of the reign of God. Jesus’ parable of the seed sown in various soil types was an attempt to boost the morale of his frustrated disciples. They were upset and discouraged because they realized that their master was facing opposition and hostility from the scribes, Pharisees and priests, and the common people were more interested in his ability to heal them than in his preaching.

This Gospel passage teaches us that the word of the Lord is the seed, and our hearts and minds are the soil. The seed’s good spiritual yield in one’s life depends on how fully one willingly accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagining. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts. Using this parable, Jesus assured his confused disciples that the “Good News” he preached would produce the intended effect in spite of opposition and controversy.

We need not despair if that harvest is not immediately visible. The Church in every century has seen people reject Christ, as illustrated in the *parable of the sower*. It reminds us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the word of God to yield. We are to imitate the farmer who loses no sleep over a few seeds eaten by birds or a few suffocated seedlings. He knows well that the harvest will depend on the quality of the soil and the care and attention the seed receive.

Let us keep our hearts open to the word of God instead of closing it with pride, prejudice, fear, or laziness. Let us also remove from our hearts the weeds like evil habits and addictions, evil tendencies, hatred, jealousy, fear, and greed.

Peace and joy,
Fr. Steve



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**
MONDAY, JULY 13 St. Henry

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY, JULY 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

* 8:30 a.m. + Dennis Baumgardt

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 St. Bonaventure

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/

Mt 11:25-27

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

THURSDAY, JULY 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

** 8:30 a.m. - The Living and Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers and Altar Society of St. John Nepomuk Parish

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

* 8:30 a.m. - The Jerry Boehm Family

SATURDAY, JULY 18 St. Camillus de Lellis

Mt 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/

Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

* 4 p.m. - SJN + Lloyd and Frances Meier

+ Peter Gengozian

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

SUNDAY, JULY 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

* 8:30 a.m. - SJ - The Living and Deceased Members of the Potrykus Family

* 10 a.m. - SJ - The Living and Deceased Members of the Schoff and Eaton Families

- The Living and Deceased Members of the Simonds Family

** Private Mass due to COVID-19 restrictions

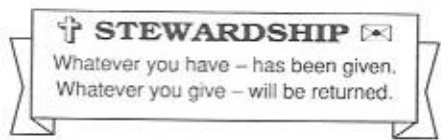
* Public Mass with COVID-19 guidelines in place

View live-stream 8:30 a.m. private Wednesday and Thursday Masses and 8:30 a.m. public 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 MEMBERS OF
THE WEYKER AND SIMANEK FAMILIES.**



Read our weekly bulletin at parishesonline.com, 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, July 13, for the July 19 bulletin. Send to 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 Churches' 2020 Mass Intention Calendars are open. A Mass stipend is \$10. **Sanctuary Candles** are \$7 at St. John's and \$5 at St. Joseph's. Make arrangements with your parish office: St. Joseph's, 633-8284, or St. John's, 634-5647.

St. Joseph's Human Concerns Group is participating in St. Patrick's Meal Program Thursday, July 23, when bagged, simple meals will be distributed. Please help provide prepackaged, snack-type items, e.g., chips, cookies, granola bars. Also accepted are homemade cookies, bars, etc. in individual baggies; fresh fruit; or cash donations. **Drop off items before noon Thursday, July 23**, at St. Joseph's Parish Office OR at St. Patrick's parking lot loading docks. Questions: Parish Office, 633-8284; Kathy/John Sardino, 414-418-1156.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

June 28 collection:	\$ 1,812.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,403.85
Year-to-date given:	\$ 124,246.70
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 122,596.35
End-of-fiscal-year balance:	\$ 1,650.35

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income:	\$ 2,398.10
June 28 collection:	\$ 2,151.56
ACH (electronic) giving:	\$ 30.00
Church renovation:	\$ 96.54
Energy costs:	\$ 120.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -6,701.90
Year-to-date given:	\$ 339,424.03
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 482,300.00
End-of-fiscal-year balance:	\$ -142,875.97

Thank you for your kind contributions through secure USPS mail to St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph parishes. For ACH information, call Michael Reth at 633-8284.



St. John Nepomuk Parish gratefully acknowledges a Memorial Gift of \$25 for LaVerne LaFleur. Thank you.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **Buca's Bar & Grill**, 4234 Douglas, 639-4627



The Food Pantry is open with safety measures in place! Volunteers wear face masks and gloves. Recipients remain in their cars until after the volunteer places their food on a table outside and walks away. Then, the client gets out of their vehicle to get their food from the table. All is done safely and efficiently. Any **financial assistance to purchase** toilet paper and perishable items like margarine, cheese, milk and eggs, would be greatly appreciated. **Donation checks** can be mailed to St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine WI 53404-7004. **Your donation stays in Racine to help us feed the hungry of all ages.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society's St. Mother of Teresa Conference writes: "Thank you for the generous donation. This will go to help families who desperately need this help to keep food on their tables or a roof over their heads...For this we thank you from our hearts."

CALENDAR 2020 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, June 21, \$50 Julie Arens #111	Sunday, June 28, \$50 Marianne Hamlin #1011
Monday, June 22, \$25 Peggy Gross #272	Monday, June 29, \$25 Diane Rognsvoog #136
Tuesday, June 23, \$25 Ruth Baker #123	Tuesday, June 30, \$25 Emily Stevens #507
Wednesday, June 24, \$25 Payton Schrage #1120	Wednesday, July 1, \$25 Talia Johnson #642
Thursday, June 25, \$25 Chuck Dahlen #208	Thursday, July 2, \$25 Frank Michna #799
Friday, June 26, \$25 Robert Reilly #479	Friday, July 3, \$25 Burin Kaewprasert
Saturday, June 27, \$25 Deidra Wadewitz #290	Saturday, July 4, \$100 Anne Champion #388



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.