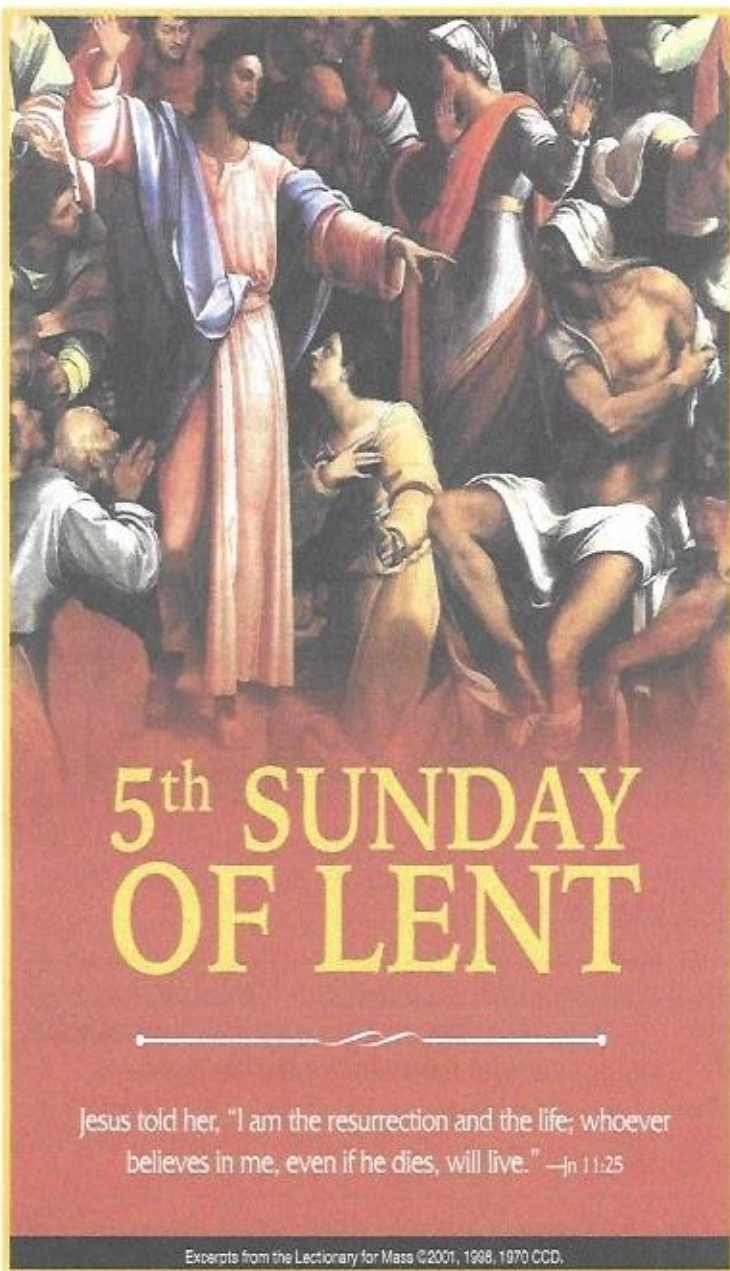


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES RACINE, WISCONSIN · MARCH 29, 2020



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." —Jn 11:25

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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



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PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Steven K. Varghese, Pastor
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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

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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


**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**
MONDAY, MARCH 30

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

8 a.m. - Terry Biarnesen
+ Ron Reth

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

8 a.m. + Ted Pier

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 St. Francis of Paola

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

8 a.m. + Marcy Knotek

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 Day of Abstinence*

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

8 a.m. + Ted Pier

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 St. Isidore

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

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

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

4 p.m. - **SJN?** + Sue Sisak

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

5:15 p.m. - **SJ?** + Don Christensen

- The living and deceased members
of St. Joseph Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5 Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. - **SJ?** + Jenny Stengel

9:45 a.m. - **SJN?** - The living and deceased members
of the Christian Mothers and Altar Society

10:30 a.m. - **SJ?** + Bill Pier **Family Mass**

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

SJN - St. John Nepomuk Church

? - If Masses are allowed, on that date.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

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

LOIS AND LEROY DAHLEN.

LENTEN 12 HOURS OF RECONCILIATION

Wed., April 1, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church

Parish weekend collections for March 14/15 and onward will be included in the next bulletin.

Dear Parishioners,

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are invited to meditate on the greatest miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. This is the final and greatest sign of Jesus, the Deliverer, a symbolic narrative of his Final Victory over death at the cost of his human life and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. The Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. Resurrection hope is the central theme of the Scripture readings, assuring us that our faith in Jesus, who is "the Resurrection and the Life," promises our participation in his resurrection and new life.

We are also in a great battle now. At this time of fear and uncertainty, Jesus asks us to place our trust in Him, to seek his help and guidance to come out of tombs of fear. Why not invite Jesus into an area of life where hope is gone? Let us ask Jesus to bring the light and the power of the Holy Spirit into our lives and liberate us from this viral infection.

When Archbishop ListECKI cancelled weekday and weekend Masses, he encouraged every pastor to celebrate Mass in private for the intention of the parishioners. Please be assured of my prayers and remembrance at the altar as I celebrate Mass in private. I have written the same in your April stewardship letter mailed to your home. The Church is with you at every moment of this crisis. Please know we still need your generous contributions mailed to the parish office. Thank you in anticipation.

Visit archmil.org/Daily-Reflection, where the bishops of the archdiocese will be offering a "Daily Reflections" video to help us understand the spiritual dimension of the crisis we are going through. God bless you.

With prayers and blessings,

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*

“I’m a nun and I’ve been social distancing for 29 years. Here are tips for staying home amid Coronavirus fears.”

by Sister Mary Catharine Perry, O.P., as told to *NJ Advance Media* reporter, Cassidy Grom

For the past 29 years, I’ve chosen to practice social distancing. Of course, I, and the 17 other nuns I live with, don’t call it that. We are formally called cloistered sisters, meaning we never leave our walled-off monastery in Summit, [New Jersey] except for doctors’ visits or perhaps shopping for a specific item.... The Coronavirus is forcing many people...across the world to stay home, limit outside contact — and in a way, start living life like cloistered nuns.

Of course, this virus is not good. Sickness never is. And I understand that this sudden shift in our society is frightening. As someone who has lived a life of separation, I’d like to share from my experience how you can make the best of it.

First, you need to establish structure.

Your normal day-to-day lives have structure imposed on them from the outside; you have to catch the train at a certain time to go to work, you have school recess at the same time every day. These things give you a sense of consistency and rhythm.

Now that you are stuck at home, create a schedule for yourself and your family. At the monastery, we wake up at the same time every day and get fully dressed (no pajamas). We have planned time for prayer, worship, work, eating and fun. Our days usually have a peaceful rhythm. This might take some experimentation; each household is different and for many, it might be the first time they spend an extended period of time with roommates or family.

Second, be intentional and love others.

It is easy to get caught up in making sure you and your loved ones are safe and your needs are met. We are in uncharted territory and these reactions are understandable. However, we should fight against self-centered urges. Call older people in your neighborhood and ask how they are doing, if they need anything.

Give the gift of your time. Cook meals with your family and play games....A lot of people are frightened by this extended time at home because the core structure of society is the family unit. Maybe this is a good opportunity for all of us to strengthen those family bonds, and our efforts will have an effect on the wider community. Don’t hide from roommates under the guise of needing to work; get to know them and learn to enjoy their company. *Please see right column*→

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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’s Parish Office at 634-5647 or St. Joseph’s 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’s Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner and St. Joseph Spring Raffle 2020 drawing is postponed to a later date to be determined. Prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100, 4th-7th - \$50. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please mail ticket stubs and payment to St. Joseph Parish Office; 1532 North Wisconsin Street; Racine, WI 53402-4805.

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At the monastery, the prayer bell rings and it forces me to stop working and to focus on why I’m really here. It reminds me to leave the project at hand..., and join my sisters. The projects that I am working on... are good, but sometimes I can allow myself to be too busy.

The monastery is not an apartment complex. We are an intentional community and it takes work to become one. It takes a deliberate way of life. It means learning to listen, forgive and accept each other.

Third, use this time for self-reflection and relaxation.

“I need a vacation to recover from my vacation!” people say. Well, this could be it. These weeks are your opportunity for a more quiet, simple life. Every day after lunch, my sisters and I take a 90-minute break of “profound silence.” We don’t move around the building or talk. We stay still. We read, pray or reflect....

People say they want peace and quiet. Then when it is thrown in their lap, they panic. They don’t know how to be alone. They are afraid to confront their “shadow side,” the hard truths about themselves that they don’t like. They fill their lives with noise to run away from their emotions. Life isn’t meant to be rushed. Use this time to get to know yourself. Stop. Be still. You can either waste this period of social-distancing and be frustrated, or you can choose to make it the best it can be.

This opinion piece was edited for length and clarity. Sister Mary Catharine Perry, O.P., is a cloistered Dominican Nun of the Perpetual Rosary, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit, New Jersey.