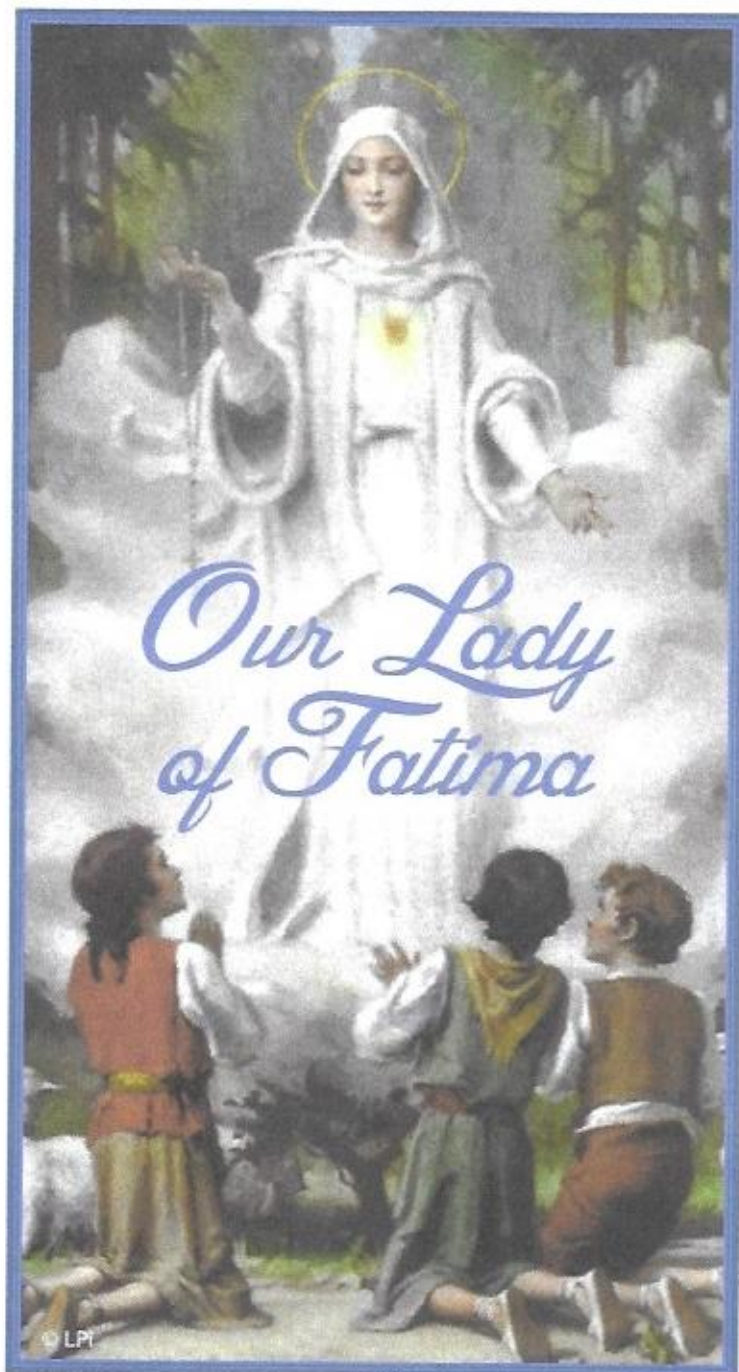


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN • MAY 10, 2020



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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

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, MAY 11*Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26***TUESDAY, MAY 12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus /****St. Pancras***Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/**Jn 14:27-31a*

* 9 a.m. - Lorenzini and Orienti Families

+ C. Jane and Andrew J. Jacob

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 Our Lady of Fatima*Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8*

* 9 a.m. + Mike Bagdasarian

THURSDAY, MAY 14 St. Matthias (F)*Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/**Jn 15:9-17*

* 9 a.m. - Living and Deceased Members of the

Christian Mothers and Altar Society

FRIDAY, MAY 15 St. Isidore*Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17*

* 9 a.m. + Hildegarde and Gilbert Bowman

SATURDAY, MAY 16*Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21***SUNDAY, MAY 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter***Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt**3:15-18/Jn 14:15-2*

* 9 a.m. + Terry Biarnesen

+ Peter and Margaret George

+ Ann and Mario Covelli

+ Wilma L. Milovancevic

- The Living and Deceased Members

of St. John Nepomuk Parish and

St. Joseph Parish

* Private Masses only due to COVID-19. See the

9 a.m. livestream at Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-

Racine.

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,

please remember in faith,

ALEX AND MAE MULESKI.**Dear Parishioners,**

In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his apostles, who are sad and disheartened at his announcement that He will be leaving them soon. He is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father's House in heaven. He gives them the assurance that he will come back to take them to their heavenly abodes.

It is then that Thomas says, "*Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?*" Jesus answers Thomas' question with, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.*" In this time of pandemic, we might cry out the same words. The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that he is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that he is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God or that no organized religion—but only living a good life of sharing love—is necessary to reach God.

Jesus, however, is the Way which he calls narrow because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, and sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God's relation to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths by demonstrating them in his life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, he possesses the eternal life of God and shares his Divine life with his disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments. In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the **way** he lives, in the **truth** of his word and in the **new life** that he brings.

On this **Mother's Day weekend**, let us thank God for all our dear loving mothers who have molded us and showed us the way to God and a happy life. Let us offer them our special gratitude on this day and offer them at the altar of God, that God may shower upon them choicest blessing. I will be saying a prayer of blessing for mothers at the 9 a.m. livestream Mass.

I am happy to announce the great "**Catholic Comeback**" based on the directives of Archbishop Listcki. We will resume weekend public Masses on May 30/31, the Solemnity of Pentecost. Soon you will receive a letter from me explaining certain guidelines of the "Catholic Comeback" of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

Happy Mother's Day,

Fr. Steve


STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John Nepomuk Parish

May 3 collection:	\$ 2,440.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,403.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 105,769.40
Year-to-date given:	\$ 106,148.01
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 378.61

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income:	\$ 9,346.50
May 3 collection:	\$ 8,921.50
Church renovation:	\$ 195.00
Energy costs:	\$ 230.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ 246.50
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 409,500.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 299,344.41
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -110,155.59
Easter Needy Food Baskets:	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your kind contributions! Relying on your generosity and mindful of the times we face, we remind you that we have secure USPS mail service at St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph parishes. Thank you.



We are the grateful beneficiaries of a most generous donation in memory of **Karolyn Foley**. We thank you so much.

COVID-19 concerns cancel these parish fundraisers:

- St. John Nepomuk's Bohemian Fest - June,
- St. Joseph's Rummage and Estate Sales - June, and
- St. Joseph's Festival - August.



The Food Pantry is open with safety measures in place! 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. Volunteers wear face masks and gloves. 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.**

The Shepherd Children of Fatima

The first of six apparitions of **Our Lady of Fatima** occurred on Sunday, May 13, 1917, as three cousins were pasturing their flock as usual at the Cova da Iria, about a mile from their homes in Portugal. Brother and sister, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and their cousin Lúcia dos Santos were 9-, 7- and 10-years-old respectively. The year before, they had been prepared to become messengers of Our Lady by three visits of an Angel of Peace.

Francisco died on April 4, 1919, while Jacinta died on February 20, 1920, both from the effects of Spanish flu. Sister Lucia of the Immaculate Heart, the last surviving witness, died February 13, 2005. Saint John Paul II beatified Francisco and Jacinta Marto on May 13, 2000, and Pope Francis canonized them on May 13, 2017, during the centennial of the first apparition.

Little Shepherds of Fatima, pray that all children and families of the world will draw closer to Jesus.

Read our weekly bulletin at parishesonline.com or st-joes.org and [Facebook.com St. Joseph Parish Racine](https://www.facebook.com/st-joes.org), where our bulletins and inserts are archived.

The bulletin article deadline is noon Monday, May 11, for the May 17 bulletin. Please send written items to info@st-joes.org. Thank you.

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.



The Bible study, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*, has been postponed due to COVID-19. It will be rescheduled when it is safe to meet and announced in future bulletins.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **Dewey's Restaurant & Sports Bar**, 600 Main Street. Call 262-898-2077 or 262-989-7004.



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.