

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES RACINE, WISCONSIN · MAY 24, 2020



PASTORAL STAFF

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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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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.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising the apostles the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power. Remember, each Sunday we profess through the Creed, "*He ascended into Heaven.*" Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's divine plan for Christ Jesus, his return to his Father with "Mission Accomplished." The Ascension, as the grand finale of all Jesus' words and works done for us and for our salvation, is a culmination, but not a conclusion.

The focus of this feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ, and the Lord's being "seated at God's right hand," meaning He alone will be in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space or culture. It is there, at the "right hand of God," that Jesus continues to make intercession for all of us with the Father. Thus, the **Paschal Mystery** – Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit – is a single, unbroken reality which is to be understood by faith. By His Ascension, Jesus, the risen Christ, True God and True Man, is One with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory forever.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his mission to all the believers: "*Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.*" This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. "*We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives.*" As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in heaven, we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, living in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received.

We are re-opening for public Mass on May 30 and 31. **The church is ready to welcome you back.** All the pews are cleaned and sanitized for the great "**Catholic Comeback,**" and we will be doing so after each Mass. Our new weekend Mass schedule: Saturday, 4 p.m., at St. John Nepomuk Church; and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. **Hope to see you all for Pentecost. If you can, wear red for Pentecost Sunday.**

Peace and joy,

Fr. Steve


**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY, MAY 25 St. Bede the Venerable /
St. Gregory VII / St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/
Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 26 St. Philip Neri
Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
** 9 a.m. - The Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 St. Augustine of
Canterbury
Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
** 9 a.m. + Jim Dickert
+ Ray DeHahn

THURSDAY, MAY 28
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
[1]/Jn 17:20-26
** 9 a.m. - The Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

FRIDAY, MAY 29
Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/
Jn 21:15-19
** 9 a.m. + Joann Peters Gilmore

SATURDAY, MAY 30
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/
Jn 21:20-25

MASS OF ANTICIPATION
Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
* 4 p.m. - **SJN** + Dave Shalbrack
- The Living and Deceased Members
of St. John Nepomuk Parish and
St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 31 Pentecost Sunday (S)
* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Kathy Sadlon
+ Judith Pichelman

* 10 a.m. - **SJ** - The Jerry Boehm Family

** Private daily Mass due to COVID-19

* Public Mass with COVID-19 guidelines in place

The 9 a.m. daily Mass and 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
are live streamed at [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine).

Join us for the great *Catholic Comeback*
celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost
with Public Masses May 30 and 31
Saturday, 4 p.m. at St. John Nepomuk Church
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church


STEWARDSHIP

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

St. John Nepomuk Parish

May 17 collection:	\$	2,045.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$	2,403.85
Year-to-date given:	\$	110,557.10
Year-to-date budget:	\$	109,899.44
Year-to-date balance:	\$	657.66

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income:	\$	2,376.00
May 17 collection:	\$	2,275.00
ACH (electronic) giving:	\$	0.00
Church renovation:	\$	50.00
Energy costs:	\$	51.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$	9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$	-6,724.00
Year-to-date given:	\$	310,845.41
Year-to-date budget:	\$	427,700.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$	-116,854.59
St. V. de Paul Food Pantry:	\$	20.00
Needy Family Fund:	\$	20.00

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.

Join Archbishop ListECKI in praying for peace and the family on his 8 p.m. daily rosary program, 100.1-FM.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **Feiner Plumbing Company**, MP 226331, 524 Villa Street. Call 632-8994 for all your plumbing needs.



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.**

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*



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, June 2, for the June 7 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.

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



The Bible study, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*, has been postponed due to COVID-19. Its new dates will be announced later.

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, **Eleanor Benish**, who received her Christian burial through our church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord.



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.