

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

APRIL 30, 2023

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Tuesday and Thursday:

8:30 a.m. (St. John's)

Wednesday and Friday:

8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph's)

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (St. John's)

4:00 p.m. (St. Joseph's)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph's)

9:45 a.m. (St. John's)

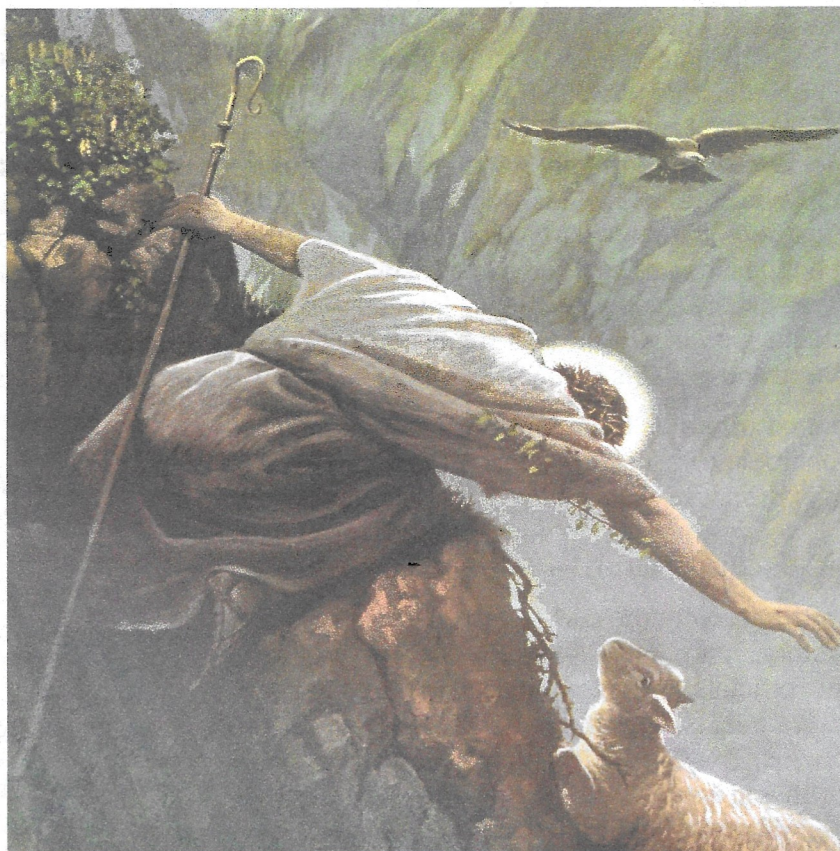
Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(St. John's) or by appointment

**Parish Registration, Baptism,
Wedding, and Pastoral Visit**
Arrange with the parish office

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Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

- Jn 10:27-28a

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Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - SJ

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

In today's Gospel, Jesus introduces himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus claims that as the Good Shepherd, he knows his sheep and loves them so much he is ready to die for them. Jesus was probably speaking in the winter and the time of the Jewish Hanukkah feast (the Feast of Dedication), which commemorated the triumph of the Jewish commander Judas Maccabaeus over the Syrian leader Antiochus IV Epiphanes in 165 B.C. Jesus was walking on the east side of the Temple, which offered protection against the cold winds from the desert. The Jews had gathered around him. They were not sure whether or not Jesus was the promised Messiah, and they tried to assess him by asking questions. Instead of giving them a straight answer, Jesus tells them that he is the Good Shepherd and explains to them his role as such.

The Gospel text offers us both comfort and challenge. A Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us, and loves us, and this proposes a challenge: to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and good sheep in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Everyone entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us; praying for them; spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare; and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives. Let us also pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life.

Peace and joy,

Father Steve

Join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.

Archbishop Listecki prays for peace and the family in his daily 8 p.m. rosary program on 100.1-FM.

First Communion and May Crowning are on Sunday, May 14, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Blast off with Vacation Bible School—Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light, M-F, June 12-16, 9 a.m.-noon OR 5:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Rita School. New friends, creative games, incredible music, amazing experiments, and super-fun snacks. Cost: \$15 per child. Register by Friday, June 9: 262-639-6280 or vbspro.events/p/events/11a684.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 1 St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

TUESDAY, MAY 2 St. Athanasius/Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-7/Jn 10:22-30

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Sally Dempsey

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 Sts. Philip and James (F)

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

*^8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + David A. and K. Maryellen Carlson

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Fred and Cecilia Rosenbaum
+ Norm Seeger

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Donald Lee and
Cecilia and Harry Totten

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-3abcd, 4/Jn 14:7-14

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

* 4 p.m. - **SJ** + Larry Garski **Family Mass**
- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

* 4 p.m. - **SJN** + Edward Floyd
- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Livestream: [Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine)

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

* 9:45 a.m. - **SJN** - Living and Deceased Members
of the Simonds Family

* FACE MASKS OPTIONAL ^ School Mass

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

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

Mother's Day fresh red roses will be available after Masses May 13 and 14 for a suggested \$3 donation. Roses for the SJN altar can be pre-ordered by calling Nancy Willing, 262-633-4135. Sponsored by Kenosha Right to Life. Roses at SJ will be available after Masses, with vases on the Communion rail before Our Blessed Mother's statue. Sponsored by Wisconsin Right to Life.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

April 15/16 collections:	\$ 2,051.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Year-to-date given:	\$ 106,778.54
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 95,308.08
Year-to-date balance:	\$ 11,470.46
Buildings and Grounds to date:	\$ 12,002.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 4,555.00
April 15/16 collections:	\$ 4,295.00
Energy costs:	\$ 155.00
Capital funds:	\$ 105.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -4,545.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 242,695.51
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 382,200.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -139,504.49
Easter Food Baskets to date:	\$ 3,225.00

Save the dates! Bohemian Fest is June 9, 10 and 11 sponsored by St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph Parishes

The Festival Committee seeks an individual(s) to chair the meat raffle for our combined festival. If interested, please contact either parish office for more information.

Bohemian Fest's White Elephant item drop-offs are at SJN Parish Center's lower level, before and after weekend Masses **April 29-June 4, except Mother's Day weekend.**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs financial donations to buy frozen meat and fish. The federal government has significantly reduced Pantry allotments although more people are being fed. In March, 740 people were fed including 252 children. Mail checks to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404 with FOOD PANTRY on the memo. **Current non-perishable needs:** boxed instant potatoes; canned ravioli, Beefaroni, canned meat, boxes of instant oatmeal pouches. To volunteer, call Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850.

The SJ Rummage and Estate Sale item drop-off is Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m. at the parish garages from April 25-June 1. The sale is Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Accepting furniture, small appliances, dishes, glassware, artwork, toys, and household items in clean, working condition. We are unable to make repairs. No clothing, computers, or TVs. Items will be moved into the school Wednesday, **June 7,** and we could use your help. For large item pick-up or to volunteer, please call SJ Parish Office, 262-633-8284.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Before/after Mass - White Elephant drop-off: SJN Par Ctr.
At Mass - Food Pantry non-perishables: SJN/SJ Churches
9:45-11:15 a.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJ Parish Ctr.
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

MONDAY, MAY 1

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org

TUESDAY, MAY 2

5-6:30 p.m. - Rummage/Estate Sale drop-off: SJ garages
5:30 p.m. - Festival meeting: SJN Rectory
6:30-8:30 p.m. - Financial Peace Univ. mtg.: SJ Par. Ctr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

6-7 p.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 1-5: SJN Parish Center
6-7:15 p.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-10: SJN Parish Center
6-7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: SJ Church
6:15-7:45 p.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 11: SJN Parish Center

THURSDAY, MAY 4

9-11:30 a.m. - Crafts: SJN Parish Center
5-6:30 p.m. - Rummage/Estate Sale drop-off: SJ garages
6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: SJN Parish Center

SATURDAY, MAY 6

2:30-4 p.m. - Athletics and Academics Awards ceremony,
gr. 5-8: SJ School
4 p.m. - Family Mass - SJ Church

Before/after Mass - White Elephant drop-off: SJN Par Ctr.
After 4 p.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Before/after Mass - White Elephant drop-off: SJN Par Ctr
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - NO Scrip sold: SJN Church

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

I - Amber Fay and Michael Kurhajec

Scrip has McDonald's and Casey's gas cards at the SJN parish office and after Mass every Saturday and every other Sunday. Your vendor suggestions are welcome.

St. Lucy Parish's monthly, walk-in, grief support group is open to everyone who has lost a spouse, parent, child or any family member. Feel the love of Christ through the support of others. Meets every third Monday, 5:30-7 p.m. in the parish hall, entering by the south door.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2023 WINNERS

Sunday, Apr. 16, \$50
Nichole Bliesner #980

Monday, Apr. 17, \$25
Jeff Steidl #628

Tuesday, Apr. 18, \$25
Ian Hegger #540

Wednesday, Apr. 19, \$25
Dan Hoppenjan #89

Thursday, Apr. 20, \$25
Kathleen Simanek #586

Friday, Apr. 21, \$25
Kayla Vanderhoef #1072

Saturday, Apr. 22, \$25
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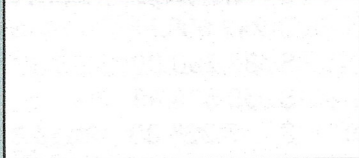
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BOHEMIAN FEST
sponsored by St. Joseph Nepomuk and St. Joseph Parishes

Dear Friends of St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph Parishes,

We are excited to announce the return of our festival! This year is very exciting, as it marks our first combined festival. Bohemian Fest, presented by St. John Nepomuk and St. Joseph Parish, will take place on June 9, 10, and 11 at St. John Nepomuk.

Please consider supporting the festival in one or more ways:

- 1) Become a sponsor for an event;
- 2) Donate a basket or silent auction item as gift certificate, collectible item, fun experience; and
- 3) Attend the festival this June!

Attached to this letter are the sponsorship levels options and donation form. Please contact Mike Reth at St. Joseph's, 262-633-8284, or Leslie at St. John's, 262-634-5647, with any questions.

Thank you so much for your support. We hope to see you all the weekend of June 9, 10 and 11.

Best regards,
Father Steve and the Combined Festival Committee

Sponsorship Levels:

Gold Level: \$700 and up – Advertisement on all our flyers and banners throughout the festival as well as live recognition from the main stage on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; name included as a main sponsor in our church bulletin.

Silver Level: \$500 – Advertisement on banners throughout the festival; name included as a sponsor in our church bulletin.

Bronze Level: \$250 – Name on banner with other donors on the festival grounds; name included in a list of donors in our church bulletin.

Platinum Level: \$100 – Name will appear as a supporter in our church bulletin.

Please detach and return to St. Joseph or St. John Nepomuk Parish Office or drop in the offering basket at Mass. Please make checks payable to your parish with SPONSORSHIP on the memo.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Sponsorship Level _____



Bohemian Fest
sponsored by St. Joseph and
St. John Nepomuk Parishes,
Silent Auction and Basket Raffle
Donations are needed!!!!

June 9, 10, 11

- Donate NEW items to the Silent Auction.
- Make a special themed basket, completing it with cellophane wrapping and a bow. A list of contents accompanying the basket would be very helpful and should be attached.
- Bring us your themed basket and we'll wrap it for you.
- Donate a gift certificate or gift card from your favorite restaurant or specialty store. We'll either add it to a Basket or a Silent Auction package.
- Bring us items, and we'll add them to make themed baskets, some ideas are:

Irish	Kitchen	Baby
Kids	Cooking	Italian Supper
Mexican Supper	Movie Night	Woman's Spa
Man's Spa	Wine	Garden
Christmas	Golf	Chocolate
- Provide money or VISA gift cards for purchasing items and wrapping supplies for the special baskets we're assembling.
- Bring your donations to your Parish Office before June 2nd if possible!
- If you would like to have your basket picked up, please call or text Dee Dee 262-930-3914.

Thank you so much for your help!
Committee for Silent Auction and Basket Raffle