

# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

**DECEMBER 10, 2023**

**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

## 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

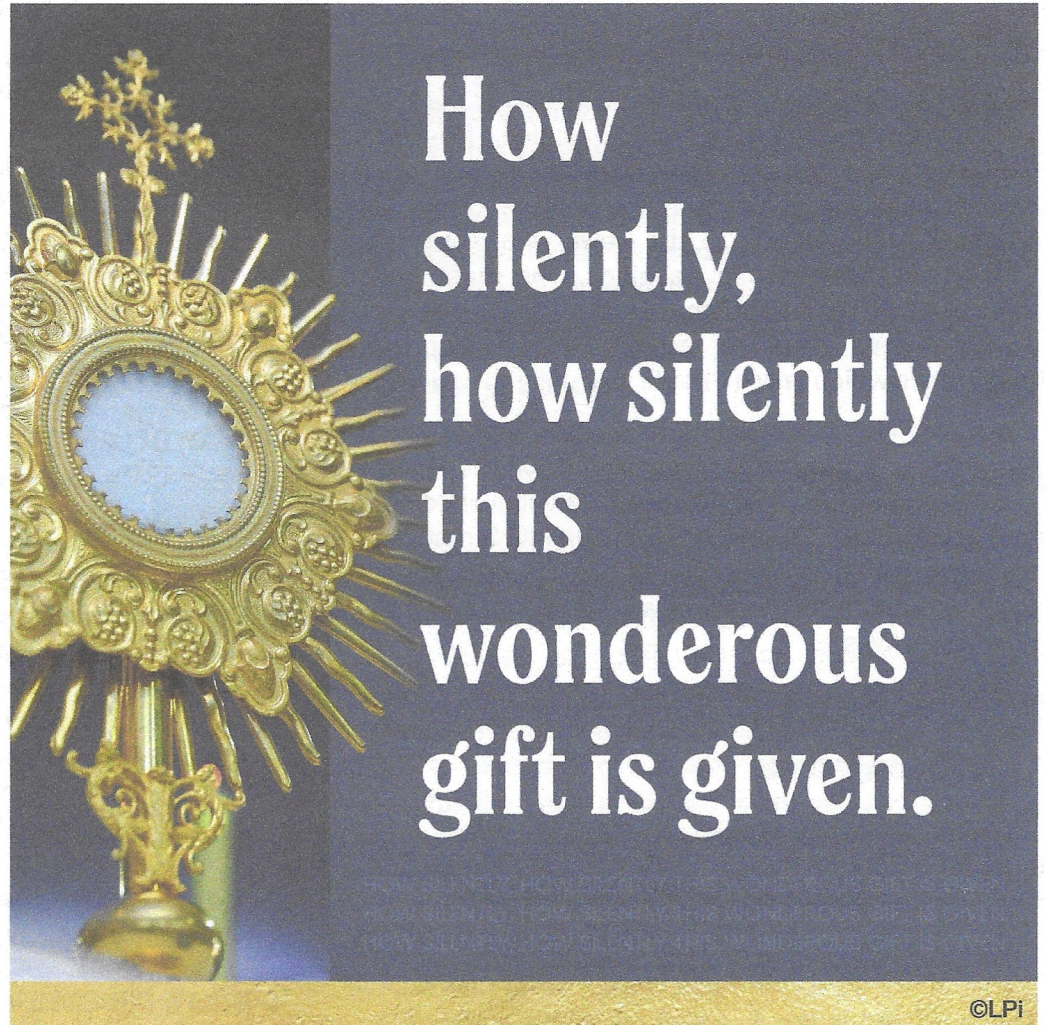
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (St. Joseph's)  
5:00 p.m. (St. John's)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph's)  
9:45 a.m. (St. John's)

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
(St. Joseph's) or by appointment

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


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### St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk Churches

 **St. Joseph's** 1532 N. Wisconsin St.; Racine, WI 53402-4805  
**St. John's** 700 English St.; Racine, WI 53402-4799

 262-633-8284 - SJ     262-633-8285 - SJ  
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[stjohnnepomuk@wi.rr.com](mailto:stjohnnepomuk@wi.rr.com)

### Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - SJ  
Mon.-Wed. 8:00 a.m.-noon | Th. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - SJN

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Walking With You in the Light of Faith

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## DEAR PARISHIONERS

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear the voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord. John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins."

He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by eradicating the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride, and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts and lives.

Happy Advent journey,

*Father Steve*

### ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 18

9 a.m.-7 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church

**This weekend is the deadline for all the presents to be returned to the WISH Tree.** Late returns can be dropped off Monday, December 11, by 4 p.m. at the SJ parish office. Thank you for making a child's WISH come true.

*SJ Food Basket Team and SJN Human Concerns*

**Discuss "20 Answers: The Eucharist" Tuesday, Dec. 12,** 6:30-7:30 p.m., on questions 11-20. Zoom link provided by Deacon Doug at [deacondougundlach@gmail.com](mailto:deacondougundlach@gmail.com).

### Eucharistic Adoration Encounter

Dec. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Joseph's, Dcn. Doug Gundlach

**We need your 2024 Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candles for your loved ones!** Please call your Parish Office for an appointment to schedule Masses and Sanctuary Candles. Mass stipends are \$10. SJN Sanctuary Candles are \$7; SJ Sanctuary Candles are \$5.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus I

*Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Lk 5:17-26*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (F) / Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; Mo. of Perpetual Help Devo.

*12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*

**8 a.m. - SJN** - Living and Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers and Altar Society + Eleanor Raeschen

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy / Eucharistic

*Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30*

**Adoration**

**8:30 a.m. - SJ** - Living and Deceased Members of the Bosch and Lavin Families

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross

*Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13ab/Mt 11:11-15*

**8:30 a.m. - SJN** - Living and Deceased Members of the Vern Carls Family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

*Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19*

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9-13*

#### MASS OF ANTICIPATION

*Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/*

*1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

**4 p.m. - SJ** - Living and Deceased Members of the Schoff and Eaton Families  
- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

**5 p.m. - SJN** + Fred and Cecelia Rosenbaum  
- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 Third Sunday of Advent

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

**8:30 a.m. - SJ** + Marilyn Fogel

**9:45 a.m. - SJN** + Jim and Alice Rogers

^ School Mass

#### Join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.

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

#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, John Schroeder Sr.

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Living and Deceased Members of the Sus and Shimkus Families.

## STEWARDSHIP

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

<b>November 25/26 collections:</b>	<b>\$ 1,438.00</b>
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 42,676.19
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 49,923.28
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -7,247.09
Buildings and Grounds to date:	\$ 2,450.00

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

<b>Total collection income:</b>	<b>\$ 3,860.00</b>
November 25/26 collections:	\$ 3,850.00
Energy costs:	\$ 5.00
Capital funds:	\$ 5.00
<b>Weekly budget requirement:</b>	<b>\$ 9,100.00</b>
<b>Difference for the week:</b>	<b>\$ -5,240.00</b>
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 110,610.16
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$200,200.00
Fiscal year-to date balance:	\$ -89,589.84
Thanksgiv. Food Baskets to date:	\$ 3,840.00
Christmas Food Baskets to date:	\$ 1,850.00

If you wish to make a special year-end donation to offset our budget deficit, please know that a donation of any amount helps but must be **postmarked by December 31** to be included in your 2023 church contributions statement. Thank you.

**Opplatek, the Christmas wafer**, is available at SJ Church for a free-will offering. Call 262-633-8284.

**"Now let us pray for those who suffer, and that God may convert hearts to a steadfast will for peace."**

Pope Francis

**Catholic Relief Services and Caritas partners on the ground need immediate support to meet urgent and increasing humanitarian needs in the Holy Land.** With your gift, innocent families affected by the violence will get help. Donate to Catholic Relief Services; 228 West Lexington St.; Baltimore, MD 21201-3443 or info@crs.org.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** needs your financial donations to buy frozen meat, milk, margarine, and eggs. Mail checks to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404 with FOOD PANTRY on the memo line. **In October, we fed 867 people including 56 children.** **Needs:** canned meat; canned fruit; canned Ravioli or Beefaroni; canned vegetables (15 oz. size) corn, peas, carrots, beets, peas and carrots; pasta sides; Hamburger Helper; Mac 'n' Cheese; boxed instant oatmeal, and paper bags. To volunteer, please call Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850. Thank you for your generous help.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJ Parish Ctr.  
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip/calendar raffles: SJN Ch.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org  
2:45-7 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center  
6:30-7:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Revival mtg.: SJ Parish Ctr.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

5 p.m. - SJN Finance Council meeting: SJN Rectory

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. - Eucharistic Adora./Benediction: SJ  
3-8 p.m. - Cookies, Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJN Par. Ctr.  
6-7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: SJ Church

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

NO SJ Finance Council meeting

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

After 5 p.m. Mass - Scrip/Calendar raffles sold: SJN Ch.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJ Parish Ctr.  
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - NO Scrip/calendar raffles sold: SJN

**SJN gratefully acknowledges Beardsley Concrete, assisted by Sam Azarian and Todd Yde** for their expert repair of SJN Church's English Street retaining wall.

**Thank you to all who shopped at our SJN Crafters' Holiday Fair.** Handmade and homemade items are always unique and treasured. It is our hope they will add joy, too.

**Thank you for the great response to the Mitten Baskets. We urgently NEED new or handmade child-sized mittens or gloves.** Mitten Baskets are at the back of SJ and the side entrance of SJN Church. You're keeping hands warm!

**Calendar 2024 Raffles (\$25) are on sale until January 2** for 365 chances to win, as winners are re-entered! Buy yours until December 29 at SJN and SJ parish offices.. Calendar Raffles will be on sale at the Scrip table the weekends of Dec. 16/17 and 30/31. You may put the monies in the collection basket at both churches. Questions:Lauri Buchaklian, 262-639-1330/Patti LaBlanc, 262-639-4350. Prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, \$100; Christmas, \$500.

## SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2023 WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 26, \$50

Amanda Yepsen #4

Monday, Nov. 27, \$25

Eric Buchaklian #50

Tuesday, Nov. 28, \$25

Dennis Maller #390

Wednesday, Nov. 29, \$25

Adam Tappen #288

Thursday, Nov. 30, \$25

Matthias/Gemma

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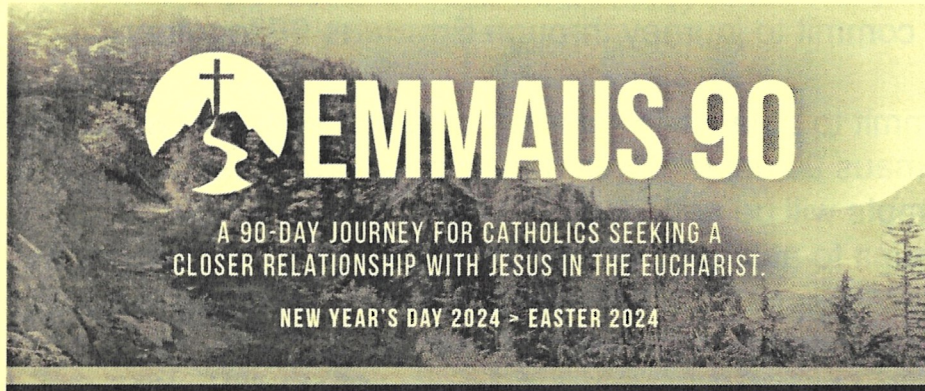
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New Years to Easter 2024**

**Come walk with us....**

Invite 2-3 friends or family members on this adventure with you, or participate as an individual pilgrim walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

Emmaus 90 participants “pilgrims” will receive:

- Daily prayer prompts for 90 days from New Years to Easter 2024,
- Challenges to grow in holiness,
- Short weekly formation videos by Livestream on Thursdays at 7:00 pm (or it's recorded for those who can't join us on Thursdays).
- A Pilgrim Guidebook journal to chart your course and track your progress,
- And a discussion guide to help encourage one another on the adventure.

Sign up now to receive your journal.  
Email [deacondougundlach@gmail.com](mailto:deacondougundlach@gmail.com)

## How do I prepare?

Ask God to put 2-3 people on your heart to invite (up to 3 people or your family) to commit to journey through **Emmaus 90** together.

- Commit to at least 15 minutes of personal prayer with Scripture (an Emmaus 90 Journal with a daily scripture passage and prayer prompts will be provided)
- Commit to at least 1 of these personal prayer times per week being in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (consider before/after Mass, local Eucharistic Adoration chapel, etc.).
- Commit to a daily Examen 5-15 minutes of reviewing your day with Jesus to thank him for all the blessings, notice & apologize for missed opportunities or sins, and ask for help to grow the next day (prompts provided in Emmaus 90 Journal)
- Commit to fast from meat on Fridays (or substitute an appropriate penance on Fridays until Lent) and offer it up for those farthest from and most in need of Jesus & his Church.
- Commit to meet weekly (in person or virtually) with your Emmaus 90 group to have a 60–90-minute Discipleship Conversation about:
  - How are you?
  - How are you and God? (Or what's your relationship with God in your daily prayer with Scripture, Examen, and daily life been like for you this week?)
  - How are you doing with what we've been learning in Emmaus 90?
    - What did the Lord show you from what we learned last week?
    - Let's watch the 30-minute formation session together and discuss what stands out to us (livestreamed or the recording of the livestream)
  - How can I pray for you?
  - Let's pray for each other right now. (pray together)

The Livestreamed formation sessions will include high quality formation on how to grow in relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist and be equipped to be a Eucharistic Missionary in their daily life. Formation sessions will be taught by local and national speakers.