

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

DECEMBER 03, 2023

**FIRST 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**
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St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk Churches

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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

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

The First Sunday of Advent is the Church's official New Year's Day. "Advent has two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight" (Universal Norms for liturgical year-39).

Today we hear from the Gospel of Mark (year B). Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come. When we look around, what do we see? Frantic holiday shopping, Christmas lights, carols, etc.... How can we find peace in this distracting world? Among the millions of things that we hope to do in this Advent season, please develop the good habit of keeping alert to God's saving action. Let us keep watch and be mindful of the Lord, that at the coming of Christ we will be found doing good and be worthy of Him. Let us recall the cry of the early Christians: "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!" and pray to the Prince of Peace in this difficult time.

Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America, and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 6 p.m. on Thursday at SJN and 8:30 a.m. on Friday at SJ.

Happy Advent journey,

Father Steve

An Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan, You sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of Your Son. Help me to hear His words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration Encounter

Dec. 6, 6:30- 8 p.m., St. Paul's, Dcn. Ed Benvenga
Dec. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Joseph's, Dcn. Doug Gundlach

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 18
9 a.m.-7 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church

Next weekend, all the presents need to be returned to the WISH Tree, so we can prepare them for our families. Attach the ornament tag from the Tree to your wrapped present(s). Thank you for making a child's WISH come true. *SJ Food Basket Team and SJN Human Concerns*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 St. John Damascene

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-4bcd, 5-9/Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Robert Wood

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3ab, 4-6/Mt 15:29-37

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Donald Scholz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Marie and Ken Karsnick

6 p.m. - **SJN** + Lois, LeRoy and Dennis Dahlen

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S) Holy Day of Obligation

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-3a-d-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Mike Iggulden

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego

Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

4 p.m. - **SJ** + Tom Davis

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

5 p.m. - **SJN** + Dennis St. Martin

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 Second Sunday of Advent

Livestream: Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Dave Shalbrack

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Walter Steidl

^ School Mass

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, Fred and Cecilia Rosenbaum.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

November 18/19 collections:	\$ 1,833.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 41,238.19
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 47,654.04
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -6,415.85
Buildings and Grounds to date:	\$ 2,450.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 4,462.00
November 18/19 collections:	\$ 4,312.00
Energy costs:	\$ 40.00
Capital funds:	\$ 110.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -4,638.00
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 106,750.16
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 191,100.00
Fiscal year-to date balance:	\$ -84,349.84
Thanksgiv. Food Baskets to date:	\$ 3,795.00
Christmas Food Baskets to date:	\$ 1,850.00

"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. John Nepomuk Parish Calendar Raffles 2024 are on sale until December 31 at both parish offices for \$25 and provide 365 chances to win because winners are re-entered. They are also on sale at the SJN Scrip table. Prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, \$100; Christmas, \$500. This is SJN's major fundraiser. Consider purchasing Calendar Raffles for your Christmas or birthday gift-giving needs.

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 3

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org
2:45-7 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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 Ctr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

6 p.m. - Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation: SJN Church
7 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: SJN Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 a.m. - Mass for Holy Day of Obligation: SJ Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

NO Faith Formation classes: SJ Parish Center
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip/calendar raffles sold: SJN

Discuss "20 Questions: The Eucharist" Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., on questions 1-10 and **Dec. 12,** 6:30-7:30 p.m., on questions 11-20. Zoom link provided by Deacon Doug at deacondougundlach@gmail.com.

The Mitten Basket needs donations of new or handmade knitted or crocheted child- and adult-sized mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and headbands. Mitten Baskets are at the back of SJ and the side entrance of SJN Church.

Would you like to order gas cards and more online or use the Scrip app? The Scrip program at SJN is through ShopWithScrip.com. You pay the gift cards' face value and a percentage rebate goes directly to SJN. Creating an account to order online is easy:

- Register online by going to www.ShopWithScrip.com and click on Join a Program.
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SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2023 WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 19, \$50

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Rebecca Riegraf #940

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Gary Petersen #48

Wednesday, Nov. 22, \$25

Dave/Nancy Goltz #952

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Griffin Johnson #318

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