



ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time for repenting of our sins and renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord, who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection.

On this First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel teaches us how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But, Jesus rejects that temptation to mistrust His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs. The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that he is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the Temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God's superior and demand He prove His Trustworthiness! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry.

As faithful disciples, we are always tempted by the devil, by the world, and by our own selfish interests. We need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), by penance, and by meditative reading of the Bible. Always remember that during Lent, we grow in holiness through prayer, reconciliation, and sharing.

Happy Lenten journey,

Father Steve

You are invited to a Lenten Retreat with Bishop Donald Hying, "Proclaiming Jesus Christ, Crucified and Risen, as Our Eternal Hope," Sunday and Monday, Feb. 26 and 27, at St. Lucy Parish, 3101 Drexel Avenue.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 5-8 p.m. - Mass, Adoration and Talk by Bishop Hying

Monday, Feb. 27, 8:15 a.m. - Mass with Bishop Hying

Monday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m. - Adoration/Talk by Bishop Hying
All are welcome to attend any of the above!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's. **Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction** will be led by our deacons and held on ALL March Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 St. Gregory of Narek

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 Mother of Perpetual Help

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Devotions

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Jerry Simanek

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

*^ 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Helen Lichtsinn on her birthday

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 Stations of the Cross

Est C:12,14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2abcde, 3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + John Schroeder Jr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 St. Katharine Drexel / Day of Abstinence**

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-5, 7abc, 8/Mt 5:20-26

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Fr. Erv Mogilka

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 St. Casimir

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 / 2 Tm 1:8b-10/

Mt 17:1-9

* 4 p.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittgerber **Family Mass**

- Living and Deceased Members
of St. Joseph Parish

* 4 p.m. - **SJN** + Anthony Azarian

+ Marie Floyd

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 Second Sunday of Lent

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

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Leroy Jerger

* 9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Terry Biarnesen

- Living and Deceased Members
of St. John Nepomuk Parish

* FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED ^ School Mass

Join us for the rosary before all Masses.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, Douglas Anderson.

****The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent.** For this reason, Catholics, who have celebrated their 14th birthday, are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent; Catholics, who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days, they may eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

February 11/12 collections:	\$ 1,940.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Year-to-date given:	\$ 71,375.24
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 74,884.92
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -3,509.68
Buildings & Grounds to date:	\$ 9,452.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 7,950.00
February 11/12 collections:	\$ 7,650.00
Energy costs:	\$ 187.50
Capital funds:	\$ 112.50
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -1,150.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 198,122.51
Year-to-date budget:	\$300,300.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -102,177.49

Join us as we learn about our faith with the **Catholicism DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron. Tuesdays until Easter**, 6:30-8 p.m. in the SJN Parish Center. Watch the 1-hour video and discuss. Questions: Deacon Doug Gundlach, 262-681-7335. **February 28** video: "The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church."



Save the Date! The Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner will return on April 2. Sponsored by SJ families. **The SJ Spring Raffle's 5 p.m. drawing will be the highlight of the Spaghetti Dinner. Many more details to follow.** Raffle tickets will be mailed soon.

The SJ Spring Raffle's 5 p.m. drawing is the highlight of the Spaghetti Dinner. Prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100, 4th-7th - \$50. Tickets are at both parish offices: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Return ticket stubs to the parish offices, collection, or the April 2 dinner. Tickets mailed soon.

SJN Scrip gift cards are sold after every SJN Saturday Mass of Anticipation and every other Sunday after 9:45 a.m. Mass. Gift cards are great for you or as gifts!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry's current needs: boxed crackers (Triscuit, Wheat Thins); Rice-A-Roni; Chef Boyardee Ravioli; Hormel Chili; Spam; canned meat; canned beans; canned corn; and toilet paper. **Thank you for your donations to buy fresh food.** Mail checks to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404 with FOOD PANTRY as the memo. To volunteer, call SJ/SJN Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850. Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

At all Masses - Collection of non-perishables: SJ/SJN Ch.
At 8:30 Mass - Confirmation's Rite of Welcoming: SJ Ch.
NO Faith Formation classes

After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip gift cards sold: SJN Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Noon - Bulletin announcements due to info@st-joes.org

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30-8 p.m. - *Catholicism* video class: SJN Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

NO Faith Formation classes

6-7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: SJ Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

9-11:30 a.m. - Crafts: SJN Parish Center

6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: SJN Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross/Eucharistic Ador.: SJ Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

After 4 p.m. Mass - Scrip gift cards sold: SJN Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Faith Formation class, gr. 6-11: SJ Par Ctr

After 9:45 a.m. Mass - NO Scrip gift cards sold: SJN Ch.

Please note: Our All Committee Meeting Night is Thursday, March 2, at 6 p.m. in the SJN Parish Center.

The Best Fish and Shrimp Fry In Town is back Fridays, March 10 and March 24, 4:30-7 p.m. Drive-thru service in SJ's large parking lot, entering from St. Patrick Street. Cost: \$12 platter of hand-breaded, fried fish; shrimp; or combo; Crazy Taters, coleslaw and bread. Kid's option \$8: Mac and Cheese, Crazy Taters. Tickets: drive-thru/in advance at SJ parish office, 262-633-8284.

Prayer Shawls are given to someone in need of comfort and blessing due to illness or trying times. Fr. Steve blesses each shawl for the intention of the recipient. If someone you know needs a shawl, call SJ Parish Office, 262-633-8284. Shawls are not sold but given with our love and prayers, as we continue to pray for the recipients.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2023 WINNERS

Sunday, Feb. 12, \$50

Dawn Frahm #250

Monday, Feb. 13, \$25

Kaia Schrage #332

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Molly Murphy #302

Wednesday, Feb. 15, \$25

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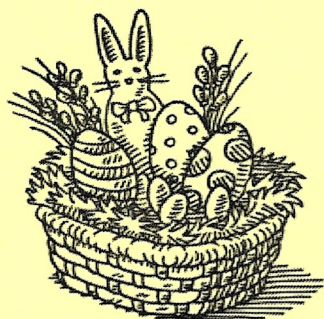
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**St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk
Food Basket Program
Easter Basket Collection**

St. Joseph's and St. John Nepomuk's Easter Basket Collection will provide for 23 families, which have 53 children. This year, will you please help the Human Concerns Groups surprise the children in each family with an Easter basket according to age and gender?

On the weekends of March 4/5, the EASTER TREE will be located at the back table in St. Joseph's church and in an Egg Carton at SJN side entrance. Each plastic egg will contain a slip of paper with the child's age, gender, and family ID #.

You choose one egg and then put together a basket for that child. When the basket is completed, attach the tag from the plastic Easter egg onto the basket. Make sure the tag is visible for distribution.

Drop off your donated basket by the tree at the back table at St. Joseph's or on the table in the side entrance at SJN on one of these weekends:

March 11/12, 18/19, and 25/26

Using a cellophane bag to enclose the basket contents would be much appreciated. You can purchase these at the Dollar Store. Thank you for your donation!

SJ & SJN Human Concerns Groups

Basket ideas: Please be mindful of **age and gender** when purchasing toys, stuffed animals, candy, books, coloring books with crayons, stickers, hair bands, gift cards, puzzles, Hot Wheel cars, nail polish, etc. Any questions? Call Catherine Gundlach at 262-681-7335.