

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH 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.

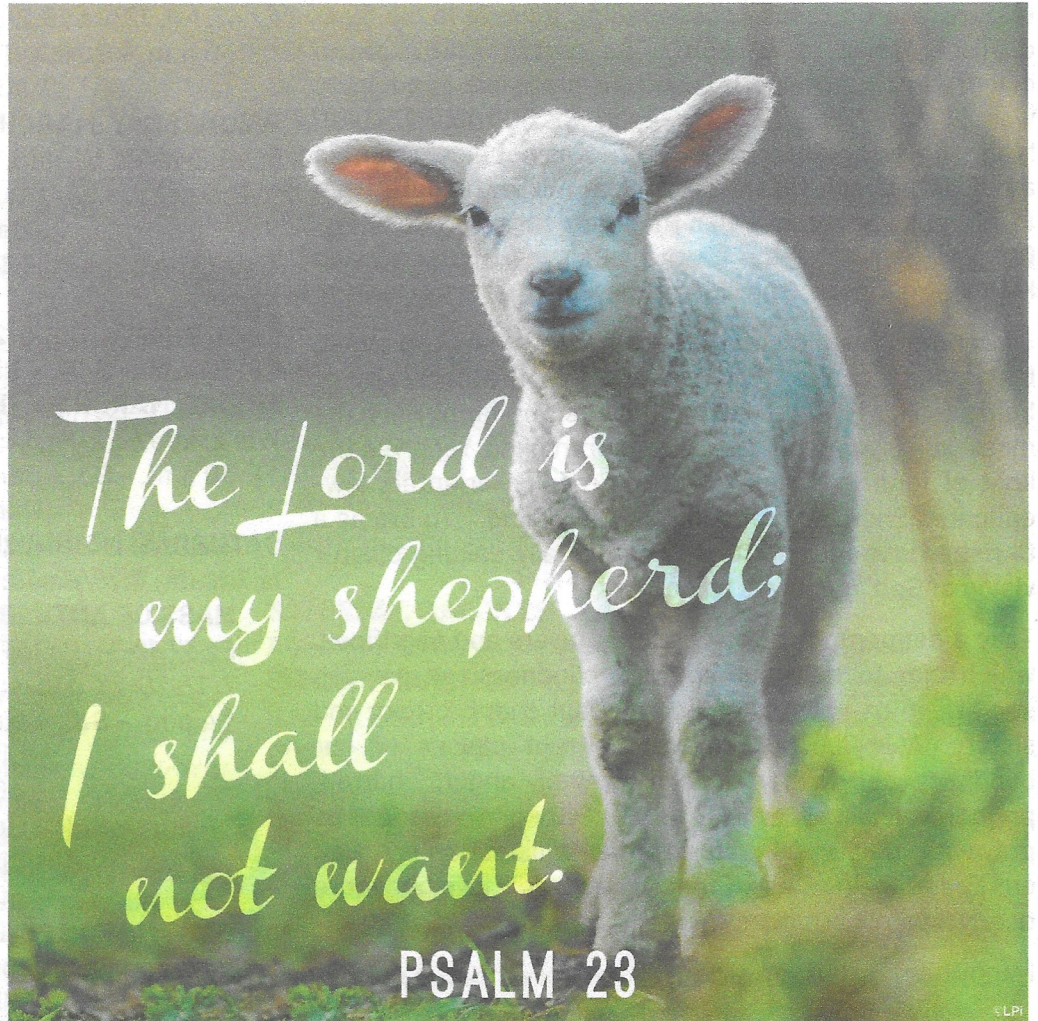
(St. John's) or by appointment

Parish Registration, Baptism,

Wedding, and Pastoral Visit


Arrange with the parish office

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday," expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. The healing of blind man described in today's Gospel occurred when Jesus came to Jerusalem with his Apostles to participate in the feast of Tabernacles or Sukkoth. As part of the Sukkoth celebration, four huge golden four-branched candelabra were lit in the Temple courts—each was 50 cubits (75 feet) high. The Mishnah says that "there was not a courtyard in all of Jerusalem" that did not gleam with the light from the Temple menorahs when they were lit for Sukkoth. The Gospel's healing of the blind man shows the mercy and kindness of Jesus, "the light of the world."

Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of being willing to have our eyes opened by faith. Here the most unlikely person, the beggar born blind, receives the light of faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision of God, ourselves and others.

Take a deeper look at our Lenten prayers and sacrifices, which aim to heal our spiritual blindness, so we can see others as children of God and our own brothers and sisters. Ask God to remove the root causes of our blindness—self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, evil habits, and stubbornness. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly" day by day.

Happy Lenten journey,

Father Steve

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Carl Tomasek.

The Catholicism series' March 21 video is "Prayer and the Life of the Spirit," from 6:30-8 p.m. at SJN Parish Center

You are invited to a Lenten Parish Mission, "The Light of the Holy Spirit," preached by Fr. David Gunter, M.I.C. at Kenosha's St. Therese Church, **March 26-29**, at 7 p.m. on the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Lenten 12-hours of Reconciliation

Wednesday, **March 29**, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. (español 3-8 p.m.)
St. Lucy Church

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 20 St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary (S)
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Bill Skinner
+ Al Markus

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 St. Joseph (S) celebrated
Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
*^ 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittgerber **St. Joseph Table**
+ Carl Tomasek

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo / Stations of the Cross
Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

* 8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Bill Hegger
FRIDAY, MARCH 24 Day of Abstinence
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Dan Christensen
+ Nancy Olson

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 Annunciation of the Lord (S)
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8ab-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

* 4 p.m. - **SJ** + Norm Seeger
- Living and Deceased Members
of St. Joseph Parish
* 4 p.m. - **SJN** + Jerry Simanek
- Living and Deceased Members
of St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Livestream: Facebook.com/St-Joseph-Parish-Racine
* 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Hildegard Walsh
* 9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Deceased Members of the Falaschi Family

* FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED ^ School Mass
Join us for the rosary before all Masses.

****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

March 4/5 collections:	\$ 3,966.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Year-to-date given:	\$ 77,446.24
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 81,682.64
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -4,236.40
Buildings and Grounds to date:	\$ 9,987.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 6,845.00
March 4/5 collections:	\$ 6,100.00
Energy costs:	\$ 360.00
Capital funds:	\$ 385.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -2,255.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 213,665.51
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 327,600.00
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -113,934.49
Easter Food Baskets to date:	\$ 860.00

Financial Peace University is coming to SJ! Read more about it at fpu.com/1160961. The class will meet Tuesdays, April 11-June 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is serving spaghetti, homemade meatballs and Marinara sauce, salad, Paielli's bread, garlic butter, coffee, milk and dessert from 2-6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Dine-in or carry-out. Cash bar for soda, wine, and beer. **Tickets at**



the door or skip the line and buy in advance at both parish offices: Adults, \$10; students 5-12 yrs., \$7; and children 4 yrs. and younger, free. Checks to St. Joseph Parish. **Mangia!!** Return your volunteer work selections ASAP to SJ parish office.

The SJ Spring Raffle is SJ's ONLY RAFFLE OF THE YEAR! 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 and payment to the parish offices, collection, or the dinner. Tickets on SJ ushers' tables.

HELP! PLEASE, HELP! St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry desperately needs financial donations to buy frozen meat and fish. The federal government has significantly reduced Pantry allotments although more people are being fed. In Jan., 696 people were fed. Mail checks to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404 with FOOD PANTRY as the memo. **Current non-perishable needs:** canned meat; canned beans. To volunteer, call Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850. **Thank you.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

NO Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJ Parish Center
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - NO Scrip sold: SJN Church

MONDAY, MARCH 20

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Joseph Table breads collected and presented: SJ Church

NO Faith Formation classes, gr. 1-11: SJN Parish Center

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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

9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Meal Program food drop-off: SJ Parish Ctr.

1-1:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with school students: SJ Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

4:30-7 p.m. - Final Fish/Shrimp Fry drive-thru: SJ lg pkg

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Adoration: SJ Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

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

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

If you took an Easter Egg, please follow the instructions from the yellow flyer. Next weekend is the final drop-off.

Meal Program dessert and salad container drop-off is Thursday, March 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at SJ Parish Center.

The final Lenten Best Fish and Shrimp Fry In Town is Friday, March 24, 4:30-7 p.m. Drive-thru service in SJ's large parking lot, entering from St. Patrick Street. Cost: adults \$12, kids' \$8 Mac and Cheese, Crazy Taters. Tickets: drive-thru or SJ parish office

Easter flowers for SJN shut-in and nursing home parishioners will be delivered April 1 by SJN Human Concerns Group, meeting at 10 a.m. at SJN parish center.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2023 WINNERS

Sunday, Mar. 5, \$50

Amelia McCormick #536

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