



ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

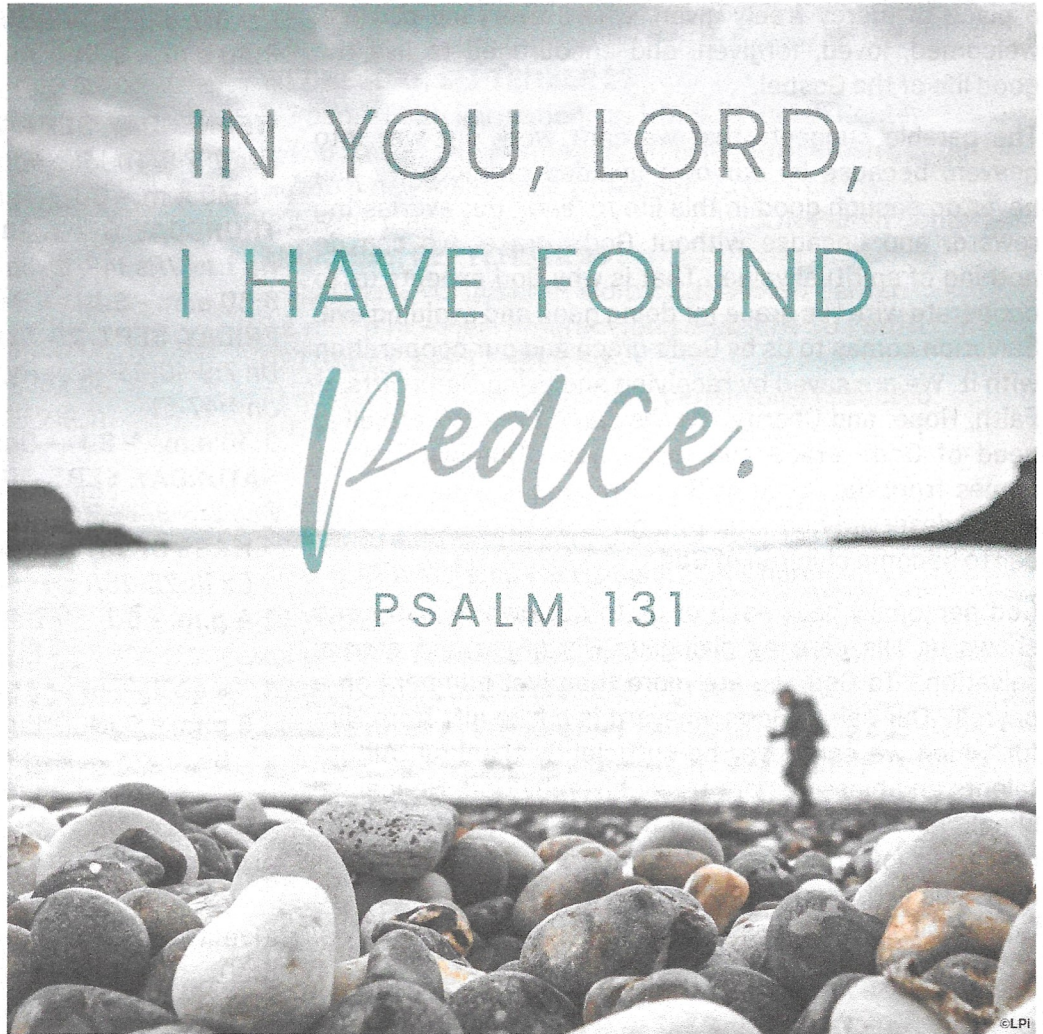
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (St. Joseph's)
5:00 p.m. (St. John's)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph's)
9:45 a.m. (St. John's)

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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I HAVE FOUND

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-  **St. Joseph's** 1532 N. Wisconsin St.; Racine, WI 53402-4805
-  **St. John's** 700 English St.; Racine, WI 53402-4799
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-  262-634-5647 - SJN
-  info@st-joes.org  www.st-joes.org
-  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

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

The parable in today's Gospel is known as *The Parable of Workers in the Vineyard* or *The Parable of the Generous Landlord*. This parable illustrates very well our theology of grace and mercy. Pope Francis says: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

The parable suggests that we can't work our way into heaven, because by our own unaided strength we can never do enough good in this life to "earn" our everlasting reward, and because without God's grace, we can do nothing of spiritual value. That is why God expects us to cooperate with His grace for doing good and avoiding evil. Salvation comes to us by God's grace and our cooperation with it. We are saved by receiving and using God's gifts of Faith, Hope, and Charity. At the same time, we are all in need of God's grace and forgiveness. Our justification comes from the grace of God. Grace is a favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to His call to become children of God.

God personally calls each of us to our own ministry and shows us His care by giving us His grace and eternal salvation. To God, we are more than just numbers on a payroll. Our call to God's vineyard is a free gift from Him for which we can never be sufficiently thankful. All our talents and blessings are freely given by God. Hence, we should express our gratitude to God by avoiding sins, by rendering loving service to others and by sharing our blessings with the needy. Let us express our gratitude to God for all our blessings, and let us practice generosity.

Peace and joy,

Father Steve

A Holy Hour for Life Prayer Service with Adoration and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist is Monday, October 2, at St. Joseph, led by deacons of St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Rita parishes, reminds us of the sanctity of human life from womb to tomb. Doors open at 6 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. Rosary for Life, followed by 7-8 p.m. Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration, scripture, prayer, reflection and Benediction.

"Living Through Loss," a grief program, is Tuesdays Sept. 19-Nov. 14, 5:30-7 p.m., at St. Lucy's. To register, please call St. Lucy Parish Office, 262-554-1801, x601.

The 2024 Mass Intention Calendar is open. 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, SEPT. 25

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2abcd, 3-6/Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian / Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-4abcd, 5/Lk 8:19-21

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Alex Muleski and Mel Larsen

+ Donald Scholz

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27 St. Vincent de Paul

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4abefghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

^ 8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Tom Davis

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 St. Wenceslaus / St. Lawrence

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9 **Ruiz, Companions**

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Bert, Margaret and Michael Mayerl

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2abcde, 3-5/ (F)
Jn 1:47-51

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittgerber

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 St. Jerome

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

4 p.m. - SJ + Doug Splittgerber

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

5 p.m. - SJN - Living and Deceased Members of
the Lorenzini and Orienti Families

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, OCT. 1 The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Respect Life Sunday

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

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Lorraine McCray

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

^ School Mass

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Bert, Margaret and Michael Mayerl.



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.

Be Inspired! Pope to publish second Laudato si' Oct. 4.

Pray for those affected by the Maui wildfires, floods in Libya, and earthquake in Morocco. May they find hope in the global outreach. Donate to Catholic Relief Services: 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201-3443 OR at info@crs.org. CRS helps now and long range.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

September 9/10 collections:	\$ 2,959.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 23,891.24
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 24,961.64
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -1,070.40
Buildings and Grounds to date:	\$ 1,010.00
Mission Appeal to date:	\$ 2,160.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 4,368.00
September 9/10 collections:	\$ 4,098.00
Energy costs:	\$ 152.50
Capital funds:	\$ 117.50
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -4,732.00
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 55,219.11
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 100,100.00
Fiscal year-to date balance:	\$ -44,880.89
Mission Appeal to date:	\$ 2,118.85

Save the dates! **Bohemian Fest 2024**
St. Joseph's | St. John Nepomuk's
June 7, 8 and 9

St. Joseph Human Concerns Group asks you to pick up a cold salad and/or dessert container at St. Joseph's for St. Patrick's Meal Program on Sept. 28. Drop off filled containers **Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**, at SJ Parish Center.

SJN Parish seeks 5 p.m. Mass ushers and Special Cleaning People for the Altar and Sanctuary after Thursday 8:30 a.m. Mass on an 8-week rotation. **SJN Craft Ladies** are looking for fun/crafty people to join them Thursdays after 8:30 Mass until 11:30 a.m. in SJN Parish Center. Call the SJN Parish Office, 262-634-5647.

The Fall Extravaganza wine and beer tasting event for the SCHS Alumni Scholarship Fund is Friday, **October 20** 6-8:30 p.m. at Preservation Hall. Tickets are available at the Scrip table and parish office, or call Paul Steimle, 262-639-9774, to have tickets held at the door.

September is Hunger Awareness Month. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs your financial donations to buy frozen meat, milk, cheese, 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 Aug., we fed 1,112 people incl. 485 children. Needs:** Lg. boxes of cereal (more than 16 oz.), peanut butter (lg. size), saltines, bagged or boxed instant potatoes, canned meat, canned fruit, canned Ravioli or Beefaroni, canned spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta, boxed instant oatmeal, toilet paper. To volunteer, call Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850. Thank you

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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, SEPTEMBER 28

9-11:30 a.m. - CMAS craft ladies: SJN Parish Center
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Meal Program food drop-off: SJ Parish Ctr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

At all Masses - Food Pantry non-perishables collected
 After 5 p.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

At all Masses - Food Pantry non-perishables collected
 9:45-11:15 a.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJ Parish Ctr.
 After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, SJ parishioner, **Fred E. "Gene" Wagner III**, who was recently called by the Lord from this life. Eternal rest, O Lord.

Getting rid of a refrigerator? Call SJ Office 262-633-8284

An Oct. 9 travel presentation on Father Steve's Highlights of Norway pilgrimage is 6 p.m., SJS cafeteria.

The Racine-area Religious Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Racine Knights of Columbus is Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Roma Lodge, honoring St. Rita's Fr. Michael Petersen. 5 p.m. Mass; 6:30 p.m. dinner. Tix: \$30 from parish office

"A Day of Healing: Beyond Divorce," a retreat for those experiencing separation and divorce, is **October 14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.** at Schoenstatt Retreat House, Waukesha. Presenter: Marianne Skrobiak, MS, MA, LPC, licensed psychotherapist experienced in separated and divorced, "Return to Life" author. Cost: \$50 incl. lunch/dinner. Cost assistance. Adults only. All faiths. Register by Sept. 27: archmil.regfox.com/dayofhealingbeyonddivorcereg

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2023 WINNERS

Sunday, Sept. 10, \$50

Joseph Coe #470

Monday, Sept. 11, \$25

Alexander Benjamin #945

Tuesday, Sept. 12, \$25

Jonathan Schoenfeldt #550

Wednesday, Sept. 13, \$25

Mark Porcaro #93

Thursday, Sept. 14, \$25

Brenda Haigh #681

Friday, Sept. 15, \$25

Kayla Uniewski/Buca #25

Saturday, Sept. 16, \$25

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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Monday's October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6 & 13

9:00-11:00 am or 6:00-8:00 pm

St. John Nepomuk

Dear Parishioners,

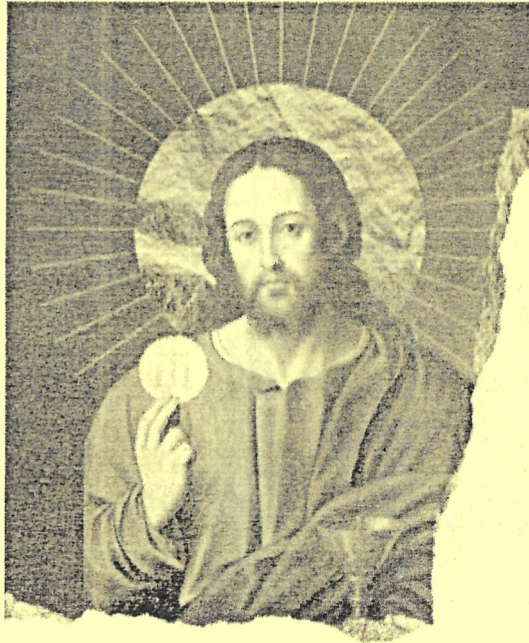
As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to our parish's *Jesus and the Eucharist Study*. This study provides a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us.

Our first of seven sessions will start on Monday, October 2 and will be held in the morning 9:00-11:00 am and/or in the evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at St. John Nepomuk.

To register for this FREE study please call Deacon Doug & Catherine Gundlach at 262-994-4091.

Fr. Steve & the Eucharistic Revival Committee



Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

Session 1: What’s Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God’s love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

Session 2: Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

Session 3: Am I Saved?

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our “yes.”

Session 4: Why a Church?

Jesus didn’t simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Session 5: God Is With Us

God’s presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

Session 7: Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.