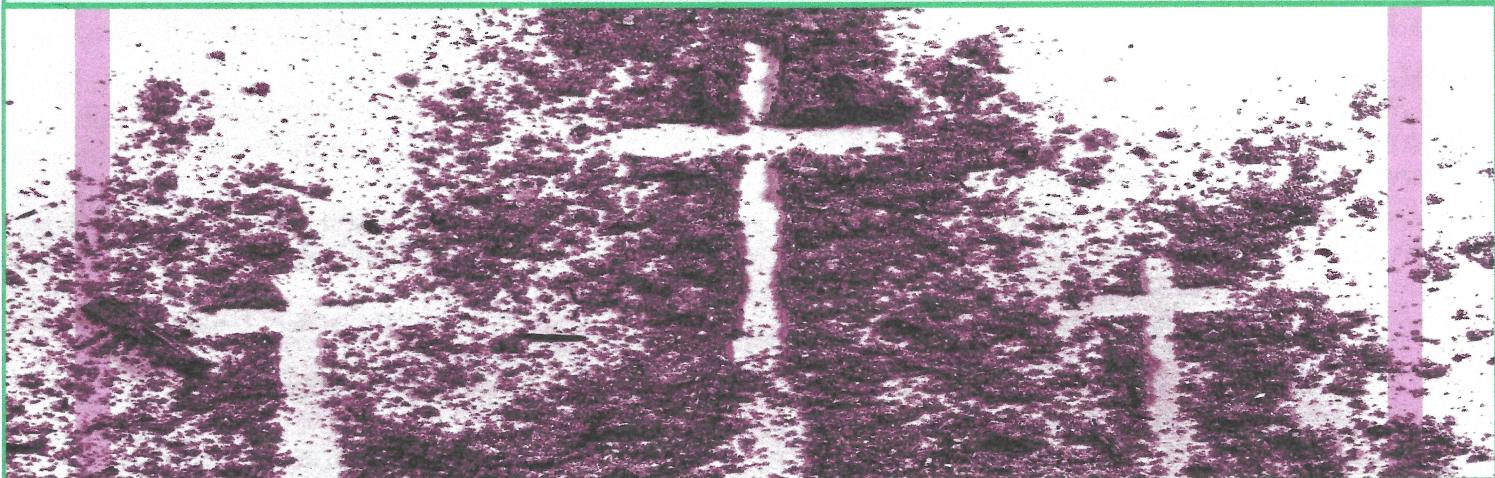


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Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30 am-5:00 pm  
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#### Masses

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

Confession: 3:30-4:15 pm Saturday

#### St. Lucy

##### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
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**3101 Drexel Avenue**  
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#### Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
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Sunday	5:00 pm
Monday-Wednesday	8:15 am
Friday, Saturday	8:15 am

Confession: After 8:15 am Mass Fri.  
3:00-3:45 pm Saturday

#### St. Edward Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday  
8:00 am-12 pm, 1:30-4:30 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday  
8:00 am-4:30 pm  
**1401 Grove Avenue**  
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Website: [www.saintedwardracine.org](http://www.saintedwardracine.org)  
Facebook: "St. Edward Parish-Racine, Wisconsin"

#### Masses

Sunday	8:30 am
Tuesday	9:00 am

#### St. John Nepomuk Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday  
8:00 am-1:00 pm

**Church: 1903 Green Street**  
**Office: 700 English Street**  
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**262-634-5647**

Email: [office@sjnracine.org](mailto:office@sjnracine.org)  
Facebook: "St. John Nepomuk Church"

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Tuesday	8:30 am
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:00 am-1:00 pm

**Church: 1533 Erie Street**  
**Office: 1532 N. Wisconsin Street**  
**Racine, WI 53402**  
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#### Masses

Sunday	9:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

#### St. Patrick/San Patricio

**Office Hours/Horario de oficina**  
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-noon; 1:30-4:30 pm  
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#### Masses/Misas

Sunday/Domingo	8:30 am English
Sunday/Domingo	10:30 am Español
Sunday/Domingo	12:00 pm Español
Sunday/Domingo	6:00 pm Español
Wednesday/Miércoles	6:00pm Español

Confession: 4:00-5:30 pm Wednesday

#### St. Richard

##### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-2:00 pm  
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Email: [info@strichard-parish.org](mailto:info@strichard-parish.org)  
Website: [www.strichard-parish.org](http://www.strichard-parish.org)  
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#### Masses

Sunday	10:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am

#### St. Sebastian

##### Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:30 am-12:30 pm

**3126 95th Street**  
**Sturtevant, WI 53177**  
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## GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

This Sunday's readings invite us into one of the most important dimensions of spiritual life: **the freedom to choose**. God never forces us to love him, nor does he compel obedience. Instead, he sets before us a path, a way of life, and asks us to walk it freely, intentionally, and from the heart.

In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, we hear the clear yet compassionate challenge: *"If you choose, you can keep the commandments... Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."* These wise words underline a truth we sometimes forget: the commandments are not burdens but **gifts**, guiding us toward life, peace, and right relationship. God respects our freedom so deeply that he allows us to choose our direction, but he also lovingly teaches us which paths lead to life.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that God's wisdom is not a set of rules, but a **mystery revealed in Christ**, a wisdom meant to transform our hearts and shape our lives. This wisdom is more than knowledge; it is **a way of being**. Discipleship means allowing God's wisdom to grow within us, so that our choices always reflect his love.

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Jesus proposes a way of life that is not satisfied with superficial obedience. He calls us to choose the good not only when others can see it, but in the quiet, hidden spaces of the heart. This is the foundation of authentic discipleship: not simply avoiding sin but **becoming people of integrity**, whose thoughts, words, and actions reflect our identity as God's beloved.

In a world full of choices, some noble, some destructive, Jesus invites us to choose with purpose: to choose reconciliation over anger, fidelity over self-indulgence, honesty over convenience, healing words over hurtful ones, and compassion over judgment. The commandments guide us; Jesus fulfills them by illuminating the deeper intention behind them: **love**. And every time we choose to act with love, especially when it is difficult, we become more like Christ.

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, perhaps the question for each of us is simple: *What choices am I making, and where are they leading me?* Christ walks with us, strengthening our freedom and guiding our hearts. May we choose the good, embrace his wisdom, and follow him with intention and joy.

Blessings,

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## GOOD TO KNOW

## SJ/SJN'S SOUP-ER BOWL TALLY

1st quarter, Jan. 18: 215      3rd quarter, Feb. 1: 132  
 2nd quarter, Jan. 25: 137      4th quarter, Feb. 8: 114

**SJ/SJN'S TOTAL: 598 CANS**

**Let God lead this Lent. Journey with "Crux," Ascension's new Lenten program, with Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR in our video/book study using "Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations" to discover the four-part system for surrendering your life daily to Christ. Each gathering is complete with prayer, a discussion, and a weekly video with Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR. Meeting Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at Sacred Heart, starting **February 24**; registering with Deacon Doug at Gundlach\_Family@prodigy.net OR Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m., at St. Lucy, starting **February 25**; registering with Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org. The book cost is \$5.**

**Men and boys, fathers and sons, you are invited to the Men of Christ Conference: Building Men of Virtue on Saturday, March 14, at Milwaukee's Miller High Life Theatre, with Archbishop Grob; Jim Wahlberg; Dr. Edward Sri; Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT; Dr. John Bishop; Fr. John LoCoco; and Fr. John Burns. A bus departs from St. Lucy's at 5:45 a.m. for the 7 a.m. Mass; carpooling available for departure after St. Lucy Bible Study. Conference begins at 8:45 a.m. Group early bird cost: adults, \$40; students, \$16; bus, \$10. Contact Philip Diehn, pdiehn@csinet.net, 262-894-6687.**

**Prayer shawls for those facing illness or trying times** are blessed for the intentions of the recipient. Without charge; given with our prayers. Call SJ Parish Office.

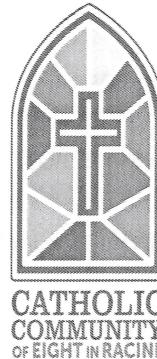
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**If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like a Communion visit and/or the sacraments, please call any of our parish offices. If someone is bringing you the Eucharist, they need to have an appropriate pyx and pouch.**



**Feb. 18 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The Catholic Community of Eight Mass schedule is:**

8:15 a.m., St. Lucy*:	1:30 p.m., St. Catherine HS
Fr. Timothy	— not open to the public:
8:30 a.m., St. Joseph*:	Fr. Richter
Fr. Richter	6 p.m., Sacred Heart:
9 a.m., Sacred Heart*:	Fr. Juan
Fr. Juan	6 p.m., St. Patrick Spanish:
10:30 a.m., St. Sebastian*:	Fr. Richter
Fr. Timothy	6:30 p.m., St. Lucy:
1:00 p.m., St. Edward*:	Fr. Allan
Fr. Timothy	7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart
* Mass w/ school children	Spanish: Fr. Juan

**February 18 Communion Service with Ashes schedule:**

Noon, St. John Nepomuk: Dcn. Doug Gundlach  
 Noon, St. Patrick, English: Deacon TBD  
 Noon, St. Richard: Deacon Eloy Contreras

**Food for the Journey, "A Journey to Conversion," is Thursday, February 19, at St. Richard, with 6 p.m. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, guiding Lenten reflections, Sacrament of Reconciliation and more. Start Lent well.**

**Join us for "Deepen Your Faith: A Lenten Retreat with Maggie Craig," a two-night Lenten Retreat Sunday and Monday, February 22 and 23, 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Lucy. Welcoming national Catholic speaker and author of *Friendship Reset*, **Maggie Craig**, known for her unique blend of humor and profound storytelling, helping us navigate a Lenten journey with joy and fresh perspective.**

## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,  
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

#### Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

#### Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,  
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.  
(1 Cor 2:7)

#### Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses  
that of the scribes and Pharisees,  
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

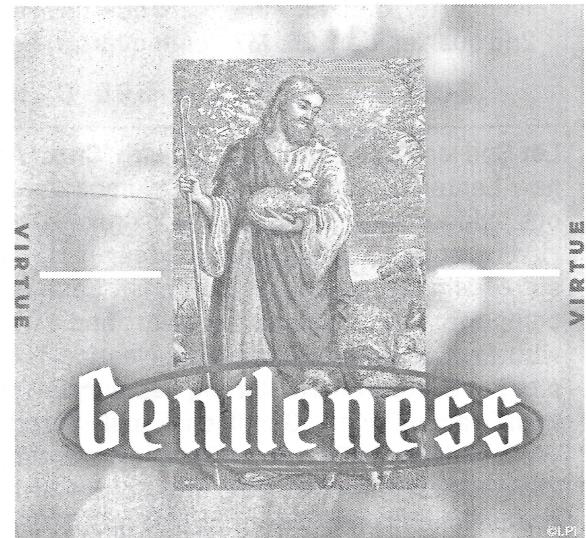
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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

### Observances for the week of February 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Saturday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent

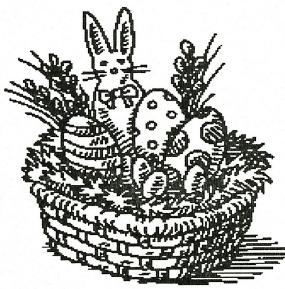


### Virtues, Explained!

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who "reveals to men who Jesus is" (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death

### Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father,  
Ignite us with Your love.  
Reveal to us Your will,  
guide us in Your path.  
Pour Your blessings upon us,  
You who are the giver of every  
good thing.  
Help us to live, work, act, and  
speak  
in ways that bring honor and  
glory to You.  
Amen.



## St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk Food Basket Program

### Children's Easter Basket Collection

**Deadline for all baskets are due by:  
March 21, 2026 at St. John Nepomuk  
March 22, 2026 at St. Joseph Parish**

St. Joseph's and St. John Nepomuk's Children's Easter Basket Collection will provide for 24 families, which have 50 children. This year, will you please help the Human Concerns group surprise the children in these families with an Easter basket according to age and gender?

On the weekend of February 21/22, the EASTER TREE will be located at the back table in St. Joseph's church and the side entrance at St. John Nepomuk. Each Easter Egg tag will contain a label with the child's age, gender, family ID # and instructions on the backside.

Choose one Egg tag and then put together a basket for that child. When the basket is completed, attach the Egg tag to the outside of the basket. Make sure the Egg 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 St. John Nepomuk Church on one of these 4 weekends:

**St. John Nepomuk: February 28, March 7, 14, and 21  
St. Joseph Parish: March 1, 8, 15 and 22.**

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 generous 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. **Pre-made baskets are discouraged.**  
Any questions? Call Catherine Gundlach at 262-681-7335

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
2026 Easter Live Flowers and Candles**



Complete this form and  
return it to the box at the back of church  
**by Palm Sunday, March 29.**

**In memory of loved ones, help decorate St. Joseph's  
altar by donating to the purchase of live flowering  
plants, altar candles, and Easter candle.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

	Number	Amount \$
<b>St. Joseph's Altar Donation: \$20 each</b>		

Please place this form in an envelope with a check payable to:  
**St. Joseph Parish**  
and return it by mail or deposit in the box at the back of church.

Please print name(s) below:

Donated in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for your  
continued support of St. Joseph's!**