

Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

February 15, 2026



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

2201 Northwestern Avenue
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262-634-5526

Email: shracine@shracine.org

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www.sacredheartracine.com

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. 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
Racine, WI 53405
262-636-8040

Email: parish@saintedwardracine.org

Website: 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
Racine, WI 53402
262-634-5647

Email: office@sjnracine.org

Facebook: "St. John Nepomuk Church"

Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Tuesday 8:30 am
 Thursday 8:30 am

Confession: 3:00-3:45 pm Saturday

St. Joseph Office Hours

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

Church: 1533 Erie Street
Office: 1532 N. Wisconsin Street
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262-633-8284

Email: info@st-joes.org

Website: www.st-joes.org

Facebook: "St. Joseph Parish Racine"

Masses

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

St. Lucy

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm
 Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

3101 Drexel Avenue
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Email:

parishoffice@stlucychurch.org

Website: www.stlucychurch.org

Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 11 am
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 Monday-Wednesday 8:15 am
 Friday, Saturday 8:15 am

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

St. Patrick/San Patricio

Office Hours/Horario de oficina

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 lunes-viernes de 8:30-12:00; 1:30-4:30
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1100 Erie Street
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262-632-8808

Email: church@stpatrickracine.com

Website: www.stpatrickracine.com

Facebook: "Saint Patrick Racine"

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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
 Closed Fridays

1509 Grand Avenue
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262-637-8374

E-mail: info@strichard-parish.org

Website: www.strichard-parish.org

Facebook: "St. Richard Parish-Racine"

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
262-886-4398

Email:

parishoffice@stsebracine.org

Website: www.stsebracine.org

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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.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes the commandments and does something remarkable. He does not abolish them or make them easier; instead, he invites us to go **deeper**. He takes familiar teachings, *"You shall not kill," "You shall not commit adultery,"* and reframes them. He reveals that the real battleground of discipleship is not only our external actions but the **inner movements of the heart**. Anger, resentment, lust, and dishonesty are not harmless private thoughts; they can diminish our freedom and disrupt our relationship with God and one another. This reframing of the commandments challenges us to live our daily lives intentionally.

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.

The Mitten Baskets need new or handmade child-sized mittens, caps, gloves and scarves. Baskets are at the back of SJ Church and side entrance of SJN Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting hygiene items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. **SVdP Food Pantry** needs monetary donations to purchase eggs, frozen meat, milk, butter, cheese. Please mail checks payable to SVdP Food Panty to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404. **In December, we fed 667 people including 272 children! Non-perishable needs:** canned meat; Spam; canned chili, with or without beans; saltine crackers; instant oatmeal packets; Pasta-Roni; pasta sides; boxed spaghetti or angel hair; instant potatoes, sm. bags; boxed Au Gratin or Scalloped potatoes. Hunger in Racine is real. You make a difference!

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sienacatholicschools.org/newsletter

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.



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

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

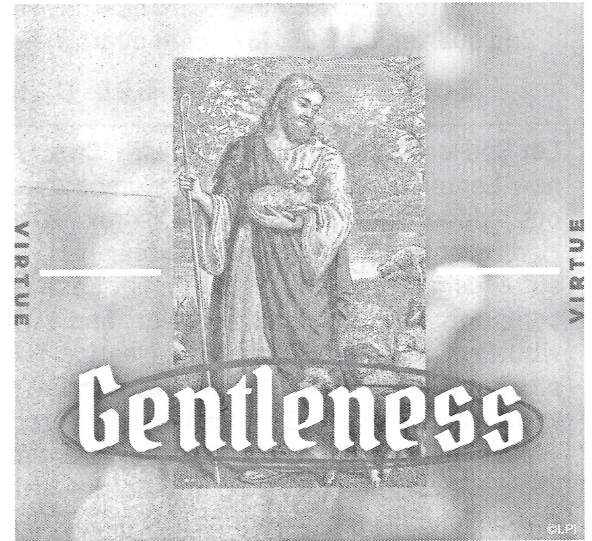
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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

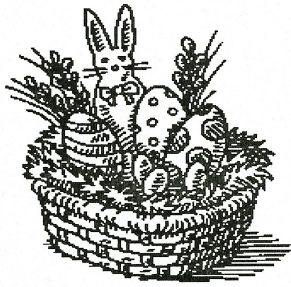


Virtues, Explained!

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 \$
St. Joseph's Altar Donation: \$20 each		

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 _____

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