

Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

February 22, 2026

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Sacred Heart Office Hours

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

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262-634-5526

Email: shracine@shracine.org

Website:

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
Racine, WI 53402
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
Racine, WI 53403
262-554-1801 ex. 601

Email:

parishoffice@stlucychurch.org

Website: www.stlucychurch.org

Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 11 am
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. Patrick/San Patricio

Office Hours/Horario de oficina

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-noon; 1:30-4:30 pm
lunes-viernes de 8:30-12:00; 1:30-4:30
Closed/cerrada 12:00-1:30pm

1100 Erie Street
Racine, WI 53402
262-632-8808

Email: church@stpatrickracine.com

Website: www.stpatrickracine.com

Facebook: "Saint Patrick Racine"

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
Closed Fridays

1509 Grand Avenue
Racine, WI 53403
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

Masses

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	9:30 am
Thursday	8:15 am

Confession: 3:30-4:15pm Saturday

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 St. Polycarp

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 Mother of Perpetual Help

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

Devotions

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Helen and Peter Kuyoth

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + David A. and K. Maryellen Carlson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

Mt 7:7-12

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Barbara E. Pfeiffer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 St. Gregory of Narek /

Day of Abstinence*

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

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - Living and Deceased Members of
the Bosch and Lavin Families

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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. - **SJN** + Anthony Azarian

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Charlotte and Joseph Barranco

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

Please join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.

**If school is cancelled due to snow or cold,
daily Mass is cancelled as well. Fr. Juan M. Camacho**

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, William Schrader.

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, SJ
parishioner, **Robert B. Sadlon**, who received his
Christian burial through our Church and ministry.
Eternal rest, O Lord.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18-59 are required to fast
and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the
possibility of eating two smaller snacks that do not add
up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 years and older are to abstain from
meat on all Fridays in Lent.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org

2:45-6 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Adult choir rehearsal: SJ Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NO School

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic
Adoration and Benediction: SJ Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3-3:45 p.m. - Confessions: SJN Church

4 p.m. - Mass: SJN Church

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 a.m. - Mass: SJ Church

Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross will be prayed at
6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, except March 20. Eucharistic
Adoration/Benediction follow February 27 and March 13.

**We need your Mass Intentions. Remember your loved
ones** with a Mass Intention or Sanctuary Lamp. Call
your Parish Office or stop in. Mass stipend, \$20; SJN
Sanctuary Lamp, \$7; SJ Sanctuary Lamp, \$5. Thank you.

For electronic giving (ACH) information, please call
Michael Reth, St. Joseph Parish Office, 262-633-8284.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

Jan. Financials	Jan. '26	Jan. '25	Difference
Envelopes:	\$ 7,255.00	\$19,961.00	\$ (12,706.00)
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$ 515.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ (960.00)
Offertory:	\$ 946.31	\$ 861.00	\$ 85.31
Total Contrib.:	\$ 8,716.31	\$22,297.00	\$ (13,580.69)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Jan. Financials	Jan. '26	Jan. '25	Difference
Envelopes:	\$20,196.00	\$22,530.90	\$ (2,334.90)
Capital Funds:	\$ 435.00	\$ 237.50	\$ 197.50
NeedyFoodBask.:	\$ 415.00	\$ 1,022.00	\$ (607.00)
Offertory:	\$ 506.95	\$ 2,671.00	\$ (2,164.05)
Total Contrib.:	\$21,552.95	\$26,461.40	\$ (4,908.45)

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2026 WINNERS

Sunday, Feb. 1, \$50

Sarkis Buchaklian #97

Monday, Feb. 2, \$25

Cameron Petersen #68

Tuesday, Feb. 3, \$25

Jerry Pusch #937

Wednesday, Feb. 4, \$25

Linda Haack #815

Thursday, Feb. 5, \$25

Catrice Schoenfeldt #573

Friday, Feb. 6, \$25

Michael Schiro #886

Saturday, Feb. 7, \$25

Bella Moraw #266

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Welcome to the season of Lent! We embark on this forty-day journey of conversion and preparation for the Paschal Mystery of Christ, the mystery of our salvation. The Lenten journey is one of growth and transformation. It is a time to be intentional in our walk and to reevaluate how we view our lives through the lens of the Gospel. As we begin Lent, let us approach the Lord with confidence, knowing he welcomes us with open arms. Let us not fear coming to him; this season is one of compassion and forgiveness.

During Lent, the church invites us to practice three traditional disciplines: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Come to the Lord as you are in these areas and ask the Lord to help you grow.

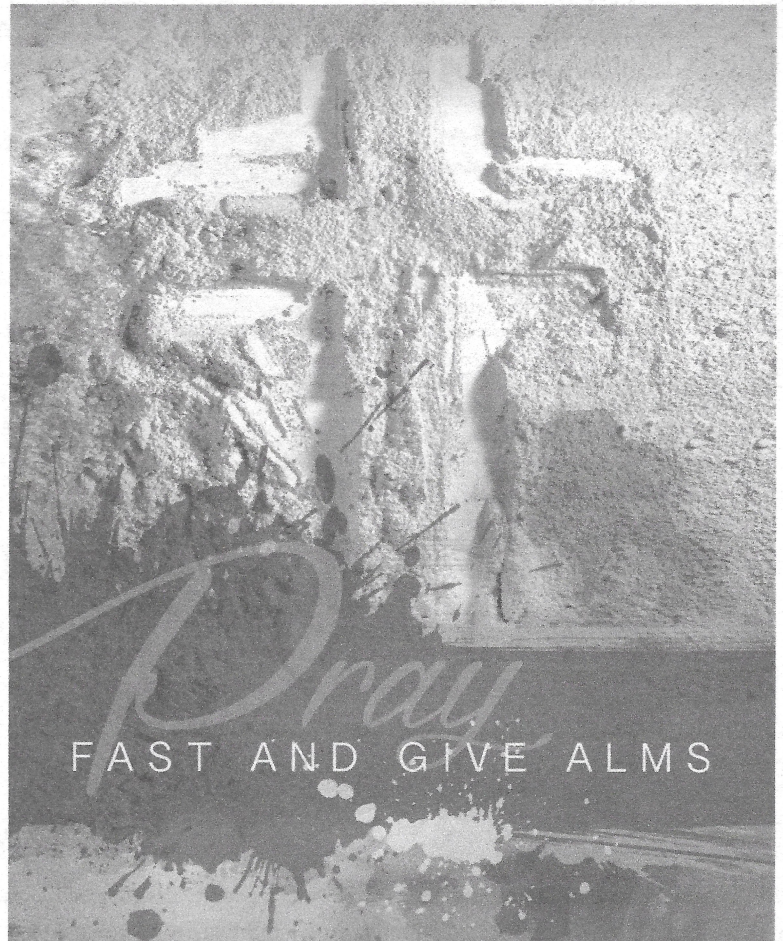
Where are we on Prayer? How is my prayer life going? What would I need to do differently in my prayer to grow? This Lent, make it a priority to pray intentionally to the Lord, a prayer that deepens your relationship with the Lord. As you explore your prayer life, think about these words from Scripture: **"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."** What does it mean for you to ask the Lord for a clean heart?

Fasting is another important discipline during Lent, reminding us to rely more deeply on God and to seek spiritual nourishment. As Jesus taught, **"But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."** Reflect on these words as you consider how fasting can draw you closer to the Lord and help you grow in humility and dependence on him. Fasting helps us to restrain our desires and passions. I invite you to intentionally choose a behavior to fast from: something that is hard and needs transformation and change in your life. Do not be afraid to focus on your personal transformation.

Almsgiving, the third traditional Lenten discipline, calls us to embody Christ's love through acts of generosity and compassion. To increase generosity and commitment during Lent, consider setting aside a portion of your time, talent, or treasure for those in need. Volunteer at a local shelter, donate to charitable organizations, or offer support to neighbors facing hardship. Make generosity a daily habit by intentionally seeking opportunities to give, whether through small acts of kindness or larger commitments. Scripture encourages us in this practice: **"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."** Let these words inspire your commitment to almsgiving, trusting that in serving others, you are serving Christ himself.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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GOOD TO KNOW



Please select an egg or two from the **Easter Trees** at St. Joseph and St John Nepomuk Churches and surprise the 50 children in the Food Basket Program with an Easter basket. **Due back by March 21 at St. John's and March 22 at St. Joseph's.** Thank you!

Thanks to you, the Catholic Community of Eight's Souper-er Bowl against hunger collected 2,756 cans of soup distributed among seven food pantries in Racine.

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.

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 Basket collection ends on February 28. Thank you for the very generous donations received. The warm and comforting items were much appreciated by the recipients.

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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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.

For all those who take communion to someone outside of church, we are adopting a new policy starting this Lent: Wearing a certified "CCER/Family of Eight" pouch entitles you to receive the Eucharist in your pyx in the communion line during Mass. If you are not wearing it, you may be asked to wait and get communion for your pyx from the deacon or priest after Mass. These cloth pouches with embroidered crosses indicate that you have completed the training for Visiting Eucharistic Ministers (VEM). If you have not been trained, please contact any deacon for a short training after Mass.

Let God lead this Lent. Journey with "Crux," Ascension's new Lenten program, with Father 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.

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross Schedule: St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk Parishes

Feb. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - St. Joseph*	March 27, 6:30-7 p.m. - St. Joseph
March 6, 6:30-7 p.m. - St. Joseph	April 3, 1 p.m. - St. John Nepomuk
March 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - St. Joseph*	after the Passion of the Lord Service then Divine Mercy Chaplet

*Eucharistic Adoration

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

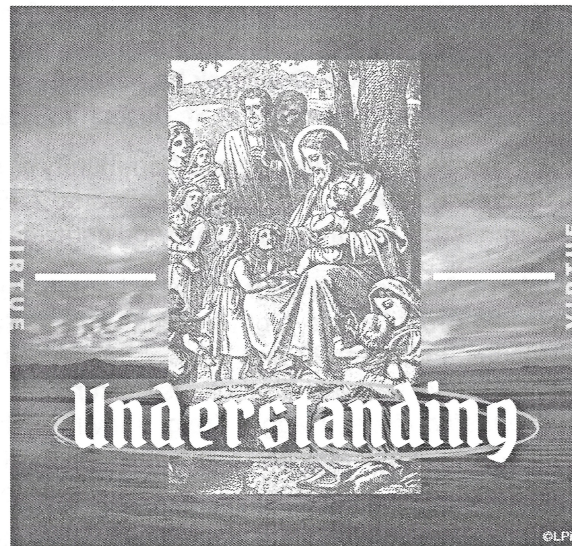
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan."

Observances for the week of February 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Understanding is the "food" of faith. "I believe, in order to understand," said St. Augustine. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.