

Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

January 4, 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

**2201 Northwestern Avenue
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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

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 St. André Bessette / Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Victor Duczman Jr.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + John William Rohde

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

^8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Richard Carpenter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-5, 6a, 9b/Jn 3:22-30

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Terry Biarnesen

+ Paul Willing

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Connie Schrader

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

^ - Mass with school students

Please join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.



Wise men still seek Him.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, Ray Sertuche.

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, SJN parishioner, **John Peter Grycowski**, who received his Christian burial through our Church and ministry, and **Sister Dorothy Ann Greiber, O.P.**, former St. Joseph School teacher and principal and St. Joseph Parish secretary and business manager. Eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Classes resume: St. Joseph School

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: SJN Parish Ctr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

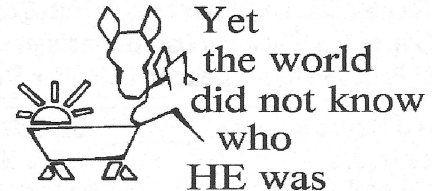
3-3:45 p.m. - Confessions: SJN Church

4 p.m. - Mass: SJN Church

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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



John 1:1-18

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

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

Nov. Financials	Nov. '25	Nov. '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$ 8,389.00	\$ 9,860.00	\$(1,471.00)
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$ 595.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 75.00
Offertory:	\$ 544.00	\$ 557.00	\$ (13.00)
Total Contrib.:	\$ 9,528.00	\$10,937.00	\$(1,409.00)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Nov. Financials	Nov. '25	Nov. '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$13,798.50	\$16,011.80	\$(2,213.30)
Capital Funds:	\$ 352.50	\$ 312.50	\$ 40.00
NeedyFoodBask.:	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,443.00	\$(1,043.00)
Offertory:	\$ 907.07	\$ 1,451.21	\$ (544.14)
Total Contrib.:	\$17,458.07	\$21,218.51	\$(3,760.44)

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

<u>Sunday</u> , Dec. 21, \$50	Due to early publishing deadlines, winners will appear in the 1/11 bulletin.	<u>Thursday</u> , Dec. 25, \$500
<u>Monday</u> , Dec. 22, \$25		<u>Friday</u> , Dec. 26, \$25
<u>Tuesday</u> , Dec. 23, \$25		<u>Saturday</u> , Dec. 27, \$25
<u>Wednesday</u> , Dec. 24, \$25		

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026 | 05

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

New Year's blessings to all of you. Each year, as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the Church encourages us to reflect on one of the most intimate scenes in the Gospel: The Magi, wise seekers from distant lands, who arrive to worship the newborn Jesus. Mary and Joseph, in their humble setting, welcoming these wise men. Their journey from all corners of the earth serves as a powerful reminder of how God revealed himself to all nations. God, in the form of a baby, showed the nations his saving power and continues to reveal himself to us in every season of our lives.

The Magi came from far lands, bringing the hopes, questions, and gifts of their nations. Their arrival demonstrates that Christ is not offered only to one people or one place. This Gospel passage fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that the Lord will gather all the nations. The Christ Baby gathers to himself, in his early infancy, all peoples. From the very beginning, God opens the doors of salvation wide, inviting every culture, every heart, every seeker toward his light. The Magi serve as the first sign that the newborn King is truly Emmanuel, God with us, for all of humanity.

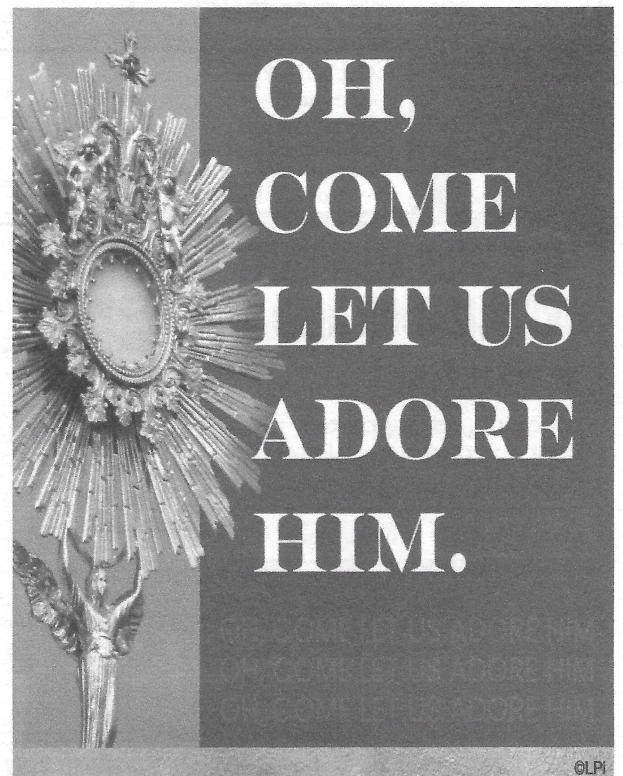
The Magi's gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh) are beautiful symbols, but even more impactful is the spirit in which they are offered. They give what they have. They provide with love. They give in wonder. They give kneeling before a humble Child in the arms of Mary and under the care of Joseph. In that simple stable, their offering becomes worship. I wonder what Joseph and Mary thought when they saw these three wise men come down on their knees to pay homage to their baby. The Archangel's words suddenly made sense. God fulfills his promises.

The Magi also teach us how to find God in our own lives. They allow themselves to be guided by a star. The star led them to Jesus. We may not have a star guiding us in the sky, but we have the Sacred Scripture and the gift of the Holy Spirit, received in our baptism. They did not know the whole path, but they trusted the light they had received. They persevered through uncertainty. They asked questions. They kept going. And because they kept seeking, they found the King of Kings in a manger. Are you ready to take the challenge this year to be a seeker of the Lord? To ask questions to learn about the Lord? To intentionally grow in our journey of discipleship together?

As we start this new year, the Feast of Epiphany prompts us to ask: What is God presenting to me? What light is guiding me toward deeper faith, hope, and charity? What questions should I ask myself to strengthen my relationship with the Lord? What gifts do I have, and am I called to offer them to Christ and his people? Like the Magi, we may not know exactly where the road will lead. But if we follow God's gentle light, no matter how small or subtle it seems, we will find ourselves gradually drawn closer to Jesus. Along the way, we will realize that the greatest gift isn't what we bring but what we receive: the joy of encountering the Lord who reveals himself to everyone who seeks him.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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THANK YOU TO ALL who made our churches' Christmas environment and Masses so beautiful. God bless you.



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

Thank you to all who bought or sold St. John Nepomuk Parish Calendar Raffles 2026. May you be the next winner!

It's not too late to sign up! Emmaus 90 is a 90-day journey from New Year's to Easter bringing you closer to Jesus through prayer and formation. It's a personal commitment to grow in holiness with the support of hundreds of fellow participants and the leadership of nationally-recognized educators. Sundays, starting **Jan. 4**, 6-7:30 p.m., at St. Lucy's for a 30-40 minute formation. Email Eric Antrim: eantrim@stlucychurch.org

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 November, we fed 789 people including 319 children! Non-perishable needs:** canned chicken; Spam; canned chili; hearty soups; saltine crackers; instant oatmeal packets; Pasta-Roni; pasta sides; boxed spaghetti or angel hair; instant potatoes, sm. bags and boxed Au Gratin or Scalloped. Thank you!

The "Man of the Shroud" touring exhibit is a religious display featuring a full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, scientific/historical panels, and artifacts like scourging pillars, showcasing the image of a crucified man believed by many to be Jesus. Organized by the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Marytown (St. Maximilian Kolbe Shrine), it presents evidence from forensic studies to explore the Shroud's mystery. Visit **January 10-17** at Sacred Heart during these times:

Jan. 10: 12-4 p.m.	Jan. 14: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Jan. 11: 8-9 a.m., 10 a.m.-12N	Jan. 15: closed
Jan. 12: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Jan. 16: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Jan. 13: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Jan. 17: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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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, let us know, so they have an appropriate pyx/pouch.

Married and engaged couples are invited to a Monthly Marriage Gathering Saturday, **January 17**, 5:15 p.m., at St. Lucy. Childcare available on site. Register your children with Eric Antrim, eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Mmmm! A bowl of hearty soup for those in need is the goal of the Catholic Community of Eight's Soup-er Bowl, Jan. 18 - Feb. 8. Which parish will collect the most cans? SJ/ SJN collections will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.



Join us to see "BEEHIVE" at the Fireside Theater on Sun., Jan. 18. Hear the powerful female voices of the 1960s with live music. Bus loads at 8:30 a.m. in St. Lucy's NE parking lot, leaves at 8:45 a.m., returns at 6 p.m. Cost: \$125 incl. motorcoach transportation, lunch, ticket, taxes, all gratuities. Call Dawn, 262-598-0369. **Enjoy "Hamilton" at the Marcus Center on Sun., Feb. 1.** Meet at Infusino's Banquet Hall at 11:30 a.m. to take a motorcoach for a 1 p.m. performance, returning for a delicious dinner. Cost: \$225, incl. motorcoach transportation, ticket, taxes, and all gratuities. For reservations, call Dawn, 262-598-0369.

Belle City Catholic Young Adults (20s and 30s)

Holy Happy Hour

Tuesday, January 13

7 p.m. gathering at Pepi's Bar and Grill, 618 Sixth St.

Meet your neighbor and hear a message.

Fireside Chat With Father Timothy

Friday, January 16

7 p.m. at St. Lucy Church, 3101 Drexel Ave.

An evening of thoughtful dialogue and discovery

Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body.
(Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

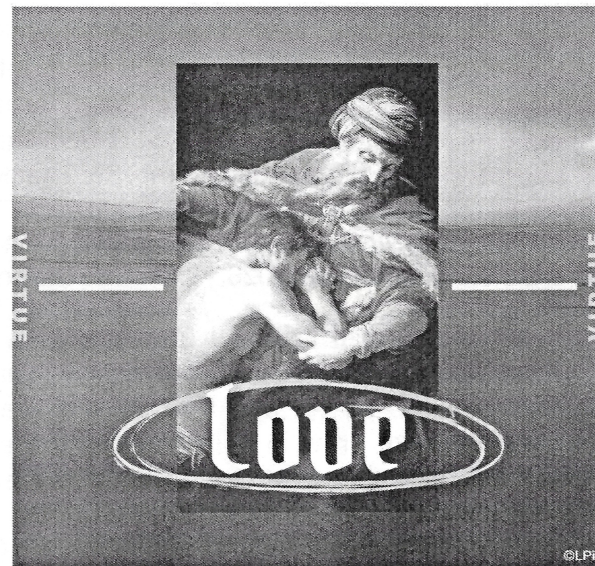
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You.
Inspire us to seek You, as well.
Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.
Amen.

St. Patrick's Meal Program

**** Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**** NEW food Drop off site: St. John Nepomuk Parish Center
700 English Street, Racine**

**** On Thursday, January 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon.**

Dear St. Joseph parishioners:

The Human Concerns Committee is providing plastic containers with lids for your salad or dessert for the St. Patrick's meal.

We are looking for:

**** Cold salad (pasta, potato, fruit, etc.) and/or a dessert ****

Attention: The containers are labeled (Salad / Dessert).

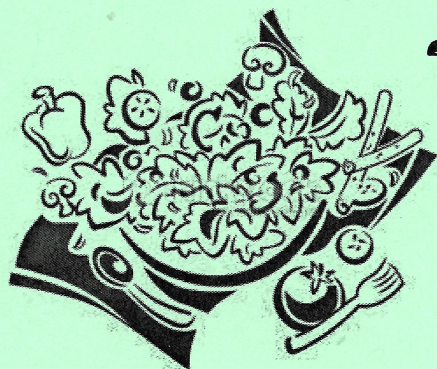
The filled containers can be returned to St. John Nepomuk Parish Center the day of the meal, Thursday, January 22nd, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon at 700 English Street. Please ring doorbell.

1-4 Volunteers are needed to help serve from 3-5pm.

Please call Dee Dee Koleske 262-930-3914, with any questions.

This program is sponsored by St. Joseph Human Concerns Committee.

St. Joseph's is scheduled for January, March, May, July, and September



Thank you for your generosity!!

