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March 8, 2026

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Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm
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**2201 Northwestern Avenue
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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
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262-636-8040**

Email: parish@saintedwardracine.org

Website: www.saintedwardracine.org

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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 de8:30-12:00;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:

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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, MARCH 9 St. Frances of Rome

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-4/Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** - The Sosa and Rodriguez Families

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 Day of Abstinence*

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8abc, 9-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Sel Mook Shin

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3ab-6/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

4 p.m. - **SJN** - Christian Mothers and Altar Society

of St. John Nepomuk Parish

- Living and Deceased Members of

St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. - **SJ** + William Thomas Carls

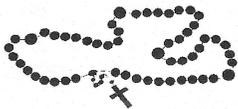
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St. Joseph Parish

LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 25, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church



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*

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, SJ parishioner, **A. Jean Draeger**, who received her Christian burial through our Church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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, MARCH 9

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

NO School

6:30-7 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic

Adoration and Benediction: SJ Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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 15

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 and Benediction will follow on March 13.

SJ's Spring Raffle is their ONLY RAFFLE OF THE YEAR!

Prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100, 4th-7th - \$50.

Tickets at parish offices and ushers' tables. \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5. Return ticket stubs to the collection, office, dinner

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. 15, \$50

Mark/Jen Thielen #893

Monday, Feb. 16, \$25

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#386

Tuesday, Feb. 17, \$25

Brian Brusha II #17

Wednesday, Feb. 18, \$25

Dawn Squires #548

Thursday, Feb. 19, \$25

Abby Johnson #426

Friday, Feb. 20, \$25

Nora Lowney #203

Saturday, Feb. 21, \$25

Jennifer Johnson #1081

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the Church presents one of the most touching and personal moments in the Gospel: Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. It is a scene filled with quiet simplicity: just Jesus, a weary traveler, and a woman carrying more burdens than just the water jar on her shoulder. Yet in this simple encounter, something extraordinary unfolds. A life is forever changed.

Jesus does not approach the woman with judgment or accusation. Instead, he begins with a simple request: *"Give me a drink."* It is Christ who initiates the encounter. It is Christ who breaks through barriers of culture, prejudice, sin, and personal history. And it is Christ who thirsts, not for water, but for the woman's heart. Jesus thirsts for our hearts this Lent. He wants to sit with us and listen to our burdens and concerns. Have you sat down with the Lord in prayer and shared your burdens with him?

In their conversation, Jesus gently reveals the truth about her life. She does not hide or pretend; she allows herself to be seen. Because she is willing to be honest, she also becomes open to grace. This is the essence of conversion: letting the light of Christ illuminate the parts of our lives we keep in shadows. When she allows Christ to enter her truth, she discovers the Truth, *"a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* Sometimes, it is hard to be honest and to openly share our deepest wounds. The Lord just wants to use the balm of his love and compassion to heal those wounds. Do not be afraid to open yourself to him.

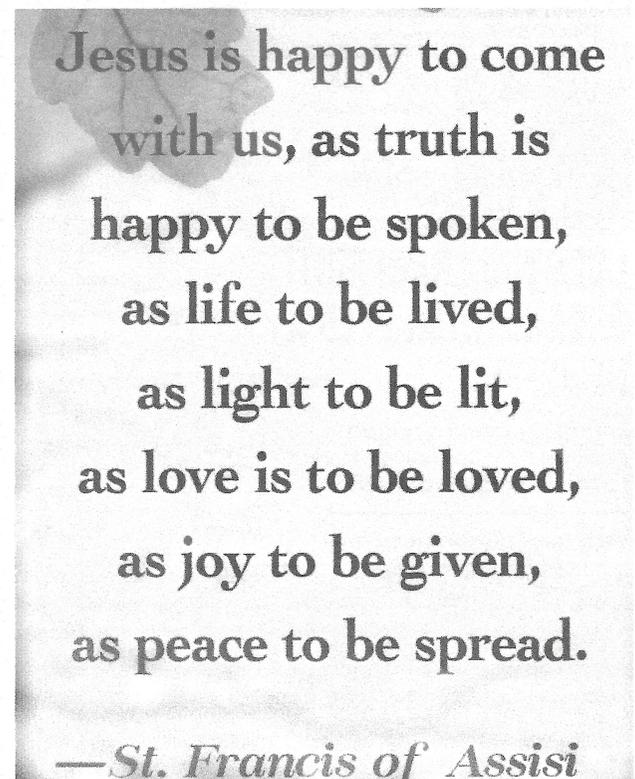
The woman comes to the well at noon, alone, carrying shame. She leaves her jar behind and runs to the town, no longer afraid, transformed into a witness. The same woman who avoided others now eagerly invites them: *"Come and see the man who told me everything I ever did."* Her encounter with Christ becomes her mission. The path of discipleship is one of testimony, sharing with others what the Lord has done in us. The daily transformation the Lord works in our lives becomes a powerful way to share the Good News with others.

Lent invites us to seek our own "wells," those quiet places where the Lord waits to meet us. Christ thirsts for us to come honestly, to open our hearts, to let ourselves be known and loved. Every true encounter with him, whether in prayer, in the sacrament of reconciliation, or in the gentle movements of grace, has the power to transform us. The story of the Samaritan woman reminds us that conversion is not about fear or guilt; it is about relationship. It is about allowing Christ to meet us where we are and trusting him to lead us where we need to go.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we open ourselves to being found by the One who thirsts for us. And having encountered his living water, may we also become joyful witnesses to his transforming love, love that is desperately needed in our broken world. I invite you this week to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. This time of war and suffering calls us to hold tightly to Our Lord and to pray earnestly for peace and the conversion of hearts, not only for us but for everyone in the world, so that we can all fulfill the call of Lent: Repent and Believe in the Gospel. Repent and believe in Peace. Repent and Believe in the Love of Christ.

Blessings,

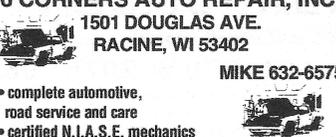
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GOOD TO KNOW



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!

SJ Human Concerns Group requests cold salads or desserts for the March 26 St. Patrick's Meal Program. Drop off provided food containers that day at SJN Office.



The Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is March 29, 3-6 p.m., in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria. Join us for a complete sit-down spaghetti dinner

with homemade meatballs, Marinara sauce, salad, Paielli's bread, dessert. **Dine in or carry out.** Tickets: Adults, \$10; Children, 5-12 yrs., \$7; Children, 4 yrs. or younger, free. Raffle drawing, 5 p.m. **Drop off your donations of cookies, bars or cakes** on Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the cafeteria's Wisconsin St. entrance, in the school lobby before or after Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass, or 1 p.m. in cafeteria **Please return your volunteer form by Sunday, March 22.**

The Men of Christ Conference: Building Men of Virtue is 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.

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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Siena Catholic Schools' newsletter:
sienacatholicsschools.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.

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross Schedule: SJ/SJN

Mar. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - SJ* Apr. 3, 1 p.m. - SJN

*Eucharistic Adoration after Passion of the Lord
Mar. 27, 6:30-7 p.m. - SJ

You are invited to Journey to the Cross, a self-guided, experiential opportunity for personal Lenten reflection at St. Edward Church, Friday, March 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Appropriate for all ages. Use the elevator or breezeway church entrances. Park on the playground after 2:30 p.m.

The Sunday, March 22, Monthly Marriage Gathering for all married and engaged couples follows 9 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart; refreshments at 10 a.m. On-site child-care. Speakers Brian and Melissa Magliocco share the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration as a family. Grow in our shared vocation of marriage; support one another.

Join us for "An Evening with the Stars" with our priests like you've never seen them before. Journey back to 1950s Lake Tahoe for a catered, supper-club dinner and Rat Pack music. Mixers provided (BYOB). With emcee, Fr. Richter, the Dave Braun Trio will be joined by Fr. Timothy on piano for a memorable night. **Saturday, May 2, 5:30-9 p.m.** at Sacred Heart's Haban Hall. Cost: \$33 per person. Proceeds support our Youth Group Catholic Heart mission trip and Steubenville Conference. **Register by April 20:** https://tickets.signupgenius.com/#/wizard/org/org_i9/events/evt_1d8

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

**Holy Happy Hour
Tuesday, March 10**

7 p.m. gathering at Pepi's Bar and Grill, 618 Sixth St.
Hear a message and hangout with new and old friends.
Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Virtues, Explained!

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
- Monday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

St. Patrick's Meal Program

** Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026

** **NEW** food Drop off site: St. John Nepomuk Rectory/Office.
700 English Street, Racine

** On Thursday, March 26th 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).

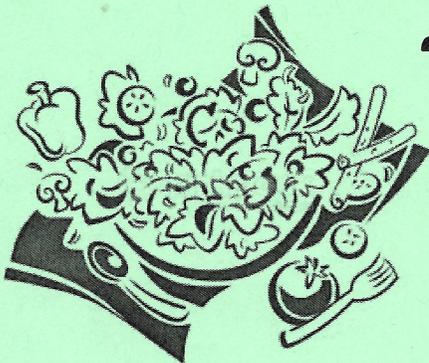
The filled containers can be returned to St. John Nepomuk Rectory/Office the day of the meal, Thursday, March 26th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon at 700 English Street. Please ring doorbell.

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!!



~ SAINTS ON THE LAKE FESTIVAL NEWS ~

Racine has a long and proud tradition of excellent Catholic Parish festivals. Most recently, St. Patrick and St. Lucy have been hosting these annual rites of summer. With our eight parishes coming together by July of this year, Fr. Juan thought it would be great to share the talents and traditions of our parishes by hosting one big Catholic festival for the entire Racine Community. Father has asked the chairmen from St. Lucy and St. Patrick, as well as a lead person from each of our other six parishes to coordinate this great event.

We are excited to present this year's festival on our beautiful lakefront, and it has been appropriately named "**SAINTS ON THE LAKE.**" This epic event will take place on June 26th, 27th, and 28th at Racine's downtown festival site. *See our ad in the Racine County visitors guide, pg. 7. We think it is important for everyone to understand that with this merger of eight parishes, we will share all resources and expenses as one. Accordingly, the profits from this festival will also be shared and will serve to benefit all eight churches. A festival lead person has been assigned from each parish, and each parish will be involved in various areas/ways to help in this very large and exciting festival. Below are some important things we'd like to share.

PARKING

While there are a number of parking structures near festival grounds, we are pleased to announce two areas of **FREE** parking for volunteers. The first area is the parking lot just south of the hall. The second, **along with a free shuttle all weekend**, is in the Gateway parking lots located on the south end of Pershing Drive. The shuttle will begin a half an hour prior to the start of festival each day and run for half an hour after the end of festival each day.

PARISHIONER PASSES/ADMISSION

Each parish family in all eight parishes will be mailed reusable passes for free festival admittance all weekend. These passes will arrive along with an information letter about festival and Grand Prize drawing tickets. General admission for all others (non-parishioners) will be \$5. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

DINNERS

In addition to a variety of outdoor food offerings, we will serve a Fish Fry in the hall on Friday, June 26th, from 4pm-7pm, hosted by Sacred Heart. Sunday, Archbishop Grob will preside over an 11:30am Mass on the festival grounds. Also, St. Lucy will host a spaghetti & meatball dinner from 12:30pm-5pm in the hall. All dinner tickets are \$15 and will be available at each parish in advance of the festival and at each dinner.

AND MORE

- A great variety of music on the mainstage and in the west tent.
- The famous Market Square Meat Raffle.
- Kids games.
- Bingo in the festival hall on Saturday only.
- St. Patrick's dancing horses on Sunday.
- Basket raffle and possible Silent auction in the hall.

As we continue our planning, we will provide more details via your parish lead. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we come together as a Catholic Community in this new endeavor to provide Racine with an epic festival rooted in faith, service, and tradition.

Pat McLeod and Your 2026 Festival Committee