Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

May 17, 2026

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Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm
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Saturday	4:30 pm
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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
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1401 Grove Avenue
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262-636-8040

Email: parish@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
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262-633-8284

Email: info@st-joes.org
Website: www.st-joes.org
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Masses

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

St. Lucy

Office Hours
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Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

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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

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1100 Erie Street
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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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E-mail: info@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

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Sturtevant, WI 53177
262-886-4398

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 18 Pope St. John I
Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
TUESDAY, MAY 19 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Celeste Trentadue
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 St. Bernardine of Siena
Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35abc, 36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Dr. Peter Bartzen
THURSDAY, MAY 21 St. Cristóbal Magallanes Jara and Companions
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26
8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Bert, Margaret, and Michael Mayerl
+ Joan Skinner
FRIDAY, MAY 22 St. Rita of Cascia
Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
^8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - The Peter George Family
SATURDAY, MAY 23
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5, 7/Jn 21:20-25
MASS OF ANTICIPATION
Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23
4 p.m. Mass - **SJN** + Theodore Wallis
- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish
SUNDAY, MAY 24 The Solemnity of Pentecost
9:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Barbara Yust and George Yust II
- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
^ - Mass with St. Joseph School students

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
I - Victoria Rodriguez Reynoso and Josiah Beresford

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MONDAY, MAY 18
2:45-6 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center
TUESDAY, MAY 19
5-6:30 p.m. - Rummage/Estate Sale item drop-off: SJ Garages, North Wisconsin Street
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
5-6 p.m. - SJ Finance Council meeting: SJ Parish Ctr.
THURSDAY, MAY 21
5 p.m. - SJS End-of-Year Sports Banquet: SJS Gym
5-6:30 p.m. - Rummage/Estate Sale item drop-off: SJ Garages, North Wisconsin Street
FRIDAY, MAY 22
11:55 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - SJS Family Picnic: Lg. pkg. lot
SATURDAY, MAY 23
3-3:45 p.m. - Confessions: SJN Church
4 p.m. - Mass, followed by Scrip sales: SJN Church
SUNDAY, MAY 24
9:30 a.m. - Mass: SJ Church

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP
As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Peggy Anderson.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2026 WINNERS

Sunday, April 26, $50
Shelly Madden # ___
Monday, April 27, $25
David Jansa #326
Tuesday, April 28, $25
Maegan Krupp #379
Wednesday, April 29, $25
Gloria Presta #1105
Thursday, April 30, $25
Audrey Huftel #1079
Friday, May 1, $25
Duke Jankovic #46
Saturday, May 2, $25
Kathleen Simanek #141

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH UPDATE

As promised, I will be giving weekly updates on any questions you may have about our future. If you have a question, do not hesitate to let me know. Today, I am sharing about the vision for the Stewardship Commission for Saint Leo the Great. **The Call: Join Our Stewardship Commission** Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your gifts and help our parish thrive? The **Stewardship Commission** encourages parishioners to become active participants in our community's spiritual growth. Stewardship isn't just about money; it's a way of life that recognizes that everything we have is a gift from God. The commission serves **three vital functions in our parish:**

- **Cultivating Giftedness:** The commission educates and promotes every parishioner's unique talents. We believe everyone has something to offer; we help disciples understand their responsibility to steward resources entrusted to them.
- **Strategic Collaboration:** Working alongside the pastor and staff, the commission develops practices encouraging everyone—and the parish organization itself—to generously share their **Time, Talent, and Treasure**.
- **Building Community:** The commission oversees specialized committees that make our parish a home, such as:
  - **New-Member Welcome Committee:** Helping newcomers find their place in our church family.
  - **Volunteer Opportunities Committee:** Connecting people with the ministries where they can shine.

The goal is creating a culture of gratitude and participation. This commission will directly shape how we welcome and how we use our collective strengths to fulfill our mission. ***"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."***

Blessings, *Fr. Juan M. Camacho*

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

This Sunday, we observe the Solemnity of the Ascension, marking the end of the Easter season. Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, will signal our transition back to Ordinary Time. As described in the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus spent 40 days after his Resurrection encouraging his disciples and ensuring they continued his mission. My favorite part of the Ascension story is when the two men in white, likely angels, appeared to the disciples and asked, *"Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking at the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up into heaven, will return the same way you saw him go."*

This passage really speaks to me. As you might have noticed, I am naturally curious and often distracted by my surroundings. As a boy, I cherished moments on the farm, doing chores with my dad. Sometimes, I would gaze at the trees, birds, mountains, or anything that caught my eye. My dad would immediately ask, "What are you looking at the horizon for?" and I would explain that I was distracted by a bird, a tree, or something else. He would reply, "Get moving; the day is short." I imagine that the angels are trying to motivate the disciples to move. Their task is enormous: to share the Good News to the ends of the earth. This sense of urgency highlights the importance of sharing the Gospel without delay—there's no time to gaze at the sky. The disciples need to proceed with their mission. As we come together at Saint Leo the Great, the mission to spread the Good News and make disciples remains urgent; we must work diligently, trusting in the Lord's promise.

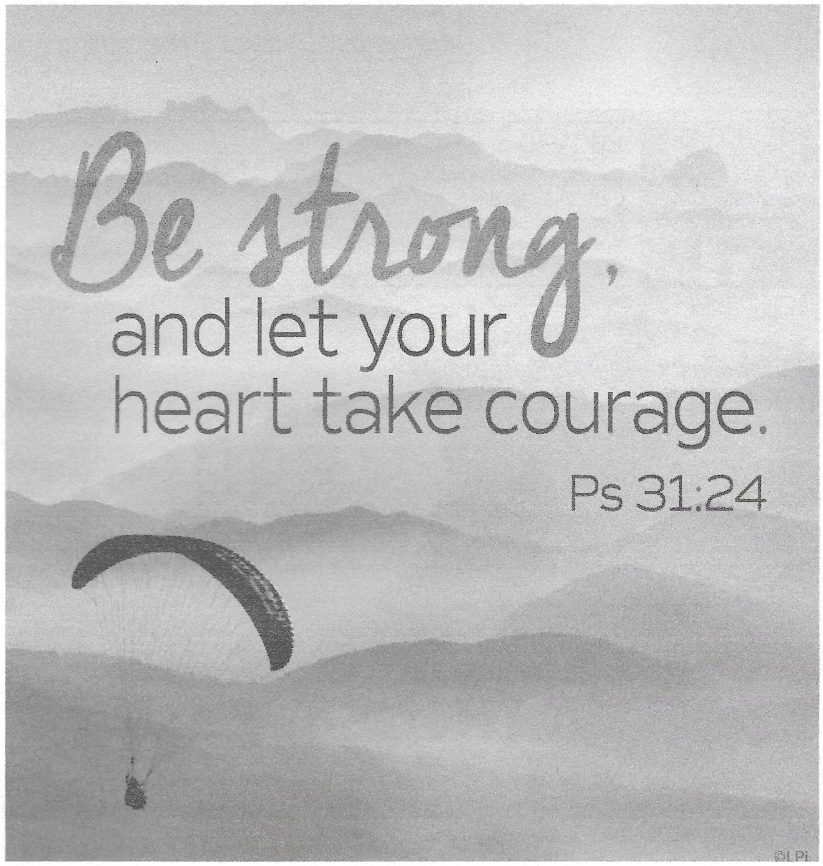
After the Ascension, the task of spreading the Kingdom of God was handed over to the disciples. With Jesus no longer present to lead, each apostle was tasked with carrying forward Christ's mission. Likewise, it is our responsibility to share God's Kingdom. We must take the initiative ourselves. As disciples of Christ in baptism, we are all called to fulfill Christ's roles as king, prophet, and priest, actively participating in his mission.

As we enter Ordinary Time, let us sincerely reflect on our role as disciples—whether we are proactively engaging or merely waiting for a sign from the Lord. As my father always reminded me, and as the two angels declared to the apostles, time is precious, and we must swiftly embrace Christ's mission. He urges us to proclaim the Good News and assures us of his constant presence.

What would be one concrete step that you can take this week to proclaim Christ to others? What would be something that you can do to bring the Good News to others? Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you through this prayer.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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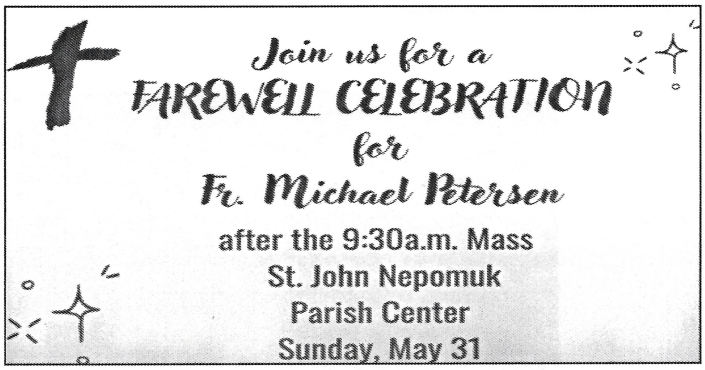

SJ's Rummage and Estate Sale is Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Item drop-off is April 14-June 4 and continues Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m., at the SJ Parish garages. Accepting furniture, small appliances, dishes, glassware, artwork, toys, and household items in clean, working condition, as we are unable to make repairs. No clothing, computers, or TVs. For large item pick-up, please call the SJ parish office, 262-633-8284.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting hygiene items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes. **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** needs your monetary donations to purchase eggs, frozen meat, milk, butter, and cheese. Please mail checks payable to SVdP Food Panty to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404. **In April, we fed 742 people including 331 children! Non-perishable needs:** canned meat; canned chili with/without beans; Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Beefaroni; instant oatmeal packets; sm. bags instant potatoes; boxed Au Gratin or Scalloped potatoes; pancake syrup; boxed 12 oz. crackers. Volunteer at SVdP's Tuesday Meal Program: North Pointe Methodist Church, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Adventure Awaits at VBS 2026: Rainforest Falls! Plunge into a lifelong adventure, discovering the nature of God! Join the fun this summer as we explore the jungle. Grades K-5 are invited to attend; grades 6th and up to volunteer. Registration is now open for these locations:

- St. Lucy (June 15-19, 3-6 p.m.): $15 | vbspro.events/p/75b8ea
- St. Patrick (July 20-24, 5-8 p.m.): $20 (includes meal) | vbspro.events/p/d09c2c
- St. Mary's By The Lake (Aug. 3-7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.): $15 | vbspro.events/p/741f57

Get rooted in God's word together this summer!

Knights of Columbus Council 697, established in 1902, invites you to join our 8th Annual Golf Outing for Charity Friday, June 12, at Ives Grove. Information at council697@gmail.com. For online registration and donations, go to Birdease.com/KofC697Racine

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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.

WELCOME IN FIRST COMMUNION

Kody B.
Mauricio C.
Julissa G.
Bentley K.
Tristan K.
Audriana R.

SJ Human Concerns Group requests cold salads or desserts for the May 28 St. Patrick's Meal Program. Cold salads can be pasta, potato, fruit, etc. Food containers are at the back of SJ Church. Drop off filled food containers that day at SJN Office, 9 a.m.-noon.

Join us for a "Called and Gifted" Workshop Saturday, May 30, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart to discover your unique gifts. How God is inviting you to use them? He has a purpose for your life! Lunch/snacks provided. **Register by May 20:** archmil.org/events/called-gifted-workshop-4-2

Grow your Catholic knowledge at Catholicism 101, a free, monthly presentation. The **May 21/26** session is "Ask Father Timothy" on 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., at St. Lucy OR on 4th Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m., at Sacred Heart.

Food for the Journey, "Growing With the Spirit," May 23, has a 4:30 p.m. bilingual Mass/Adoration at Sacred Heart.

Join our farewell gatherings to celebrate our priests.
Father Michael: Sunday, **May 31**, after 9:30 a.m. Mass
Saint John Nepomuk Church
Father Richter: Sunday, **June 7**, after 6 p.m. Mass
Saint Patrick Church
Father Juan: Friday, **July 31**, after 6 p.m. Mass
Sacred Heart Church
Father Juan: Sunday, **August 2**, after 12 p.m. Mass
Saint Patrick Church

The Saints on the Lake Festival needs empty, clean, gallon-size milk jugs—no caps! A box is in the back of church.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
When they entered the city
they went to the upper room where they were staying.
(Acts 1:13)

Psalm:
I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." (Jn 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; *World Communications Day*
Monday:	St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Thursday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday

Virtues, *Explained!*

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. We are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church, and to the Christian way of life.

Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus,
On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, email, text, post, letter, or phone. May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love. May we bring your blessing wherever we go.
Amen.

SAINTS ON THE LAKE FESTIVAL

JUNE 26-28

Fri. 4-11, Sat. 2-11, Sun. 12:30-9

Catholic Community of Eight Presents Our 1st Annual Saints on the Lake Festival

Racine Festival Site 5 Fifth St. Racine

We are excited to bring you this epic event hosted by your Community of Eight Parishes. You will enjoy some of your favorite events and entertainment from the St. Lucy and St. Patrick's festivals along with some of the great traditions and treats from our other six parishes. Presented inside Festival Hall: Friday night features a delicious Fish Fry Dinner from 4-7pm/$15.00. Saturday enjoy Bingo from 2-8pm. Sunday join us for a homemade Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner from 12:30-5:30pm/$15.00.

On Sunday Archbishop Grob will preside over Mass on the grounds at 11:30am.

All weekend: Famous Market Square Meat Raffle, Delicious grilled festival favorites as well as a traditional St. Patrick's Hispanic menu, Kids' Games, Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, Bakery, Beer, Wine, Soda, etc. We are also very pleased to provide a high energy Fireworks Display Friday evening at 10:30pm. A free shuttle will run all weekend between the parking lots behind Gateway College on Pershing Park Drive and the main Festival Site Gate.

Our Grand Prize Sweepstakes offers $10,000 in cash prizes with a $5000 Grand Prize.

Main Stage

Friday 7-10:30pm THE EDDIE BUTTS BAND

Saturday 2-5:30pm ROUTE 66 BELLE CITY BAND

7-10:30pm MT. OLIVE

Sunday 12:30-4pm SOUTHBOUND

5:30-8pm CHICAGO TRIBUTE ANTHOLOGY

West Tent Stage

Friday 7-11pm GRUPO: "REFLEXION"

Saturday 2-3pm GRUPO: "ESTAMPA DE MI TIERRA"

3-4pm GRUPO FOLKLORICO: "LA PERLA TAPATIA USA"

4-5pm DANZA AZTECA: "QUETZALCOATL"

5-9pm BANDA: "NUEVA JALICIENSE"

9-11pm GRUPO: "RITUAL"

Sunday 1:30-2:30pm JAQUELIN VILLA, RICKY GARCIA Y ALICIA VILLA

2:30-3pm KAREOKE CON ALICIA VILLA

3-4pm GRUPO FOLKLORICO: "ERANDI"

4-5pm CABALLOS (HORSES) "LAURO DAVALOS Y PADRE JUAN MANUEL" FATHER JUAN MANUEL CAMACHO

5:30-8pm BANDA (BAND) "3 FLOORS UP"

8-9pm GRUPO MUSICAL: "TREMENDA AGUILA"

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