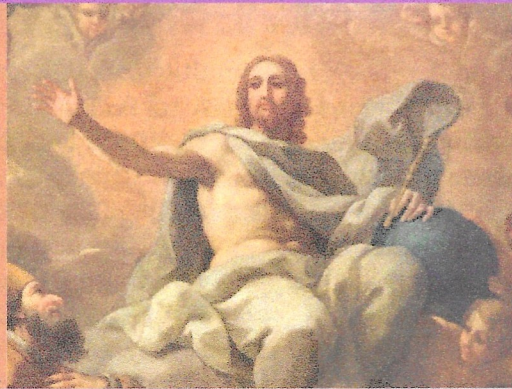


Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

December 1, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28



1^{ER} DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad. Cuando estas cosas comiencen a suceder, pongan atención y levanten la cabeza, porque se acerca la hora de su liberación". - Lc 21, 27-28

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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-Thursday 8:00 am-12:00 pm
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262-636-8040**

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Sunday 8:30 am
Tuesday 9:00 am

St. John Nepomuk

Office Hours

Monday-Wed. 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

**Church: 1903 Green Street
Office: 700 English Street
Racine, WI 53402
262-632-5647**

Email: Stjohnnepomuk@wi.rr.com

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-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Church: 1533 Erie Street
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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
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parishoffice@stlucychurch.org

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Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
Sunday 11:00 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

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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 6:00 pm 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

Website: www.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

**3126 95th Street
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262-886-4398**

Email: parishoffice@stsebracine.org

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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, DECEMBER 2

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-4bcd, 5-9/Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 St. Francis Xavier / Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** - Living and Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers and Altar Society

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 St. John Damascene

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3ab, 4-6/Mt 15:29-37

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Fred and Cecilia Rosenbaum

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Terri Barranco

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

4 p.m. - **SJN** - Living and Deceased Members of the McKee Family

- Living and Deceased Members of the Fay and Kurhajec Families

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Ann and Mario Covelli

+ Toni Mann and Linda San Felipe

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

^ - Mass with St. Joseph School students

Join us to pray the rosary before each Mass and the archbishop on his 8 p.m. rosary program, 100.1-FM.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Ann Covelli.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Carol Mauer.

Remember your loved ones with a Mass Intention or Sanctuary Lamp. Please call your Parish Office to schedule your special remembrance. Mass stipend: \$20; SJN Sanctuary Lamp: \$7; SJ Sanctuary Lamp: \$5.

RACINE DEANERY'S ADVENT RECONCILIATION DAY

Wednesday, December 4, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
at St. Lucy Church, 3101 Drexel Avenue

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

After 9:30 a.m. Mass - Parish Social: School cafeteria

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

6-7:15 p.m. - Religious Ed., K-gr. 8: SJN Parish Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9-11:30 a.m. - CMAS Craft Ladies: SJN Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8 a.m.-2 p.m. - Holiday Fair: SJN Parish Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - Holiday Fair: SJN Parish Center

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30-9:45 a.m. - Faith Formation, family/student: SH

Enjoy holiday baked goods at St. John Nepomuk's
Bake Sale Saturday, December 14, after 4 p.m. Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

Nov. 16 and 17 collections: \$ 3,128.00

Amount budgeted per week: \$ 2,338.06

Fiscal year-to-date given: \$ 39,595.03

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$ 49,099.26

Fiscal year-to-date balance: \$ -9,504.23

Buildings and Grounds to date: \$ 1,666.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income: \$ 3,575.00

Nov. 16 and 17 collections: \$ 3,515.00

Energy costs: \$ 35.00

Capital funds: \$ 25.00

Weekly budget requirement: \$ 9,100.00

Difference for the week: \$ -5,525.00

Fiscal year-to-date given: \$ 94,720.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$ 191,100.00

Fiscal year-to-date balance: \$ -96,380.00

Thanksgiving Needy Baskets: \$ 3,295.00

Christmas Needy Baskets: \$ 1,430.00

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2024 WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 10, \$50

Dusan Jankovic #105

Monday, Nov. 11, \$25

Dennis Hardy #711

Tuesday, Nov. 12, \$25

Gloria Harmel #435

Wednesday, Nov. 13, \$25

Carissa Jenner #805

Thursday, Nov. 14, \$25

Robin Steensen #1123

Friday, Nov. 15, \$25

Haig Buchaklian #62

Saturday, Nov. 16, \$25

Megan Zabkowicz #538

GOOD TO KNOW

The Catholic Cemetery Association of Racine has 26" Remembrance Wreaths from no. Wisconsin ready to be installed at a loved one's earth burial site, starting **Dec. 2**. Placed as ordered at Calvary Cemetery-Kinzie, Old Holy Cross Cemetery-Kinzie, Holy Cross Cemetery-Hwy. 32, Holy Family Cemetery-Hwy. 31. Cost: \$35; 262-639-1071; checks to: 5600 Holy Cross Rd.; Racine, WI.

SJN's Holiday Fair 2024 Friday, Dec. 6, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. is in the Parish Center. Homemade kolaches and baked goods; handcrafted knit, embroidered and crocheted items. Donations of baked goods and craft items welcome.

Children accompanied by a responsible adult are invited to celebrate Baby Jesus' birth with a birthday party Saturday, December 7, 9-11 a.m. at SH Haban Hall. Breakfast, Nativity story, crafts, caroling. No fee, but bring a donation of warm clothing, size 0-7 yrs.

Return Christmas Wish Tree wrapped gifts by Sunday, **December 8**, with I.D. number gift tags on the outside.

Join a weekly Advent Pilgrimage book and video study that will help you experience greater joy and peace during Advent and beyond. **Wednesdays starting Nov. 27** at St. Lucy's after 8:15 a.m. Mass; **Sundays starting Dec. 1** at St. Sebastian's after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Using *Rejoice—An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* by Fr. Mark Toups. Cost: \$10. Reply to Eric Antrim eantrim@stlucychurch.org.

Buy St. John Nepomuk Parish Calendar Raffles 2025 until December 31 at both parish offices and the Scrip table for \$25. Winners are re-entered for 365 chances to win. Prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's, July 4, Thanksgiving, \$100; Christmas, \$500. These calendars make great Christmas presents.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting hygiene items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. **SVdP Food Pantry** needs monetary donations for eggs, frozen meat, milk, butter, cheese. Mail checks to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404 with FOOD PANTRY on the memo. **In Oct., we fed 1,032 people incl. 429 children; for the fiscal year, we fed 10,537 people incl. 4,133 children! Non-perishable needs:** peanut butter; canned meat, pork and beans, fruit, stewed/diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, ravioli; pasta sides; boxed instant potatoes; mac 'n' cheese; chicken noodle or tomato soup; toilet paper. To volunteer, call Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850. Thank you for your help!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EIGHT



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Food for the Journey—Following the Star is Monday, December 9, at St. Lucy Church with 6 p.m. Mass for the Immaculate Conception holy day. Adoration and Advent reflection.

"December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. **Previously**, when the date was transferred, the obligation was abrogated. This will no longer be true. The Holy See issued a statement clarifying that when a solemnity is transferred to a different day, the obligation must be observed. In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024, is to be observed as a holy day of obligation." *Fr. J.M. Camacho*

December 9, the Immaculate Conception, is a holy day of obligation. The Family of Eight Mass Schedule:

8:15 a.m. St. Lucy/School	1:15 p.m. St. Catherine HS
8:30 a.m. St. Joseph/Sch.	— not open to the public
9 a.m. Sacred Heart/Sch.	6 p.m. St. Patrick Bilingual
10:30 a.m. St. Edward/Sch	6 p.m. St. Lucy—Food for the Journey - Adoration, Mass, Advent Reflection
10:30 a.m. St. Sebast./Sch	

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
• 4:00 p.m. - St. Joseph w/30 min. prelude	• 8:00 a.m. - St. Lucy
• 4:00 p.m. - St. Lucy	• 8:30 a.m. - St. Edward
• 4:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart	• 8:30 a.m. - St. Patrick
• 4:30 p.m. - St. Sebastian	• 9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart
• 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick (Spanish)	• 9:30 a.m. - St. John Nepomuk
• 10:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart w/30 min. prelude	• 9:30 a.m. - St. Sebastian
• 10:00 p.m. - St. Lucy w/30 min. prelude	• 10:00 a.m. - St. Richard
	• 10:30 a.m. - St. Patrick (Spanish)
	• 11:00 a.m. - St. Lucy w/30 min. family choir prelude
	• 12:00 p.m. - St. Patrick (Spanish)



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land." (Jer 33:15)

Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.
(1 Thes 3:12-13)

Gospel:

"But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)

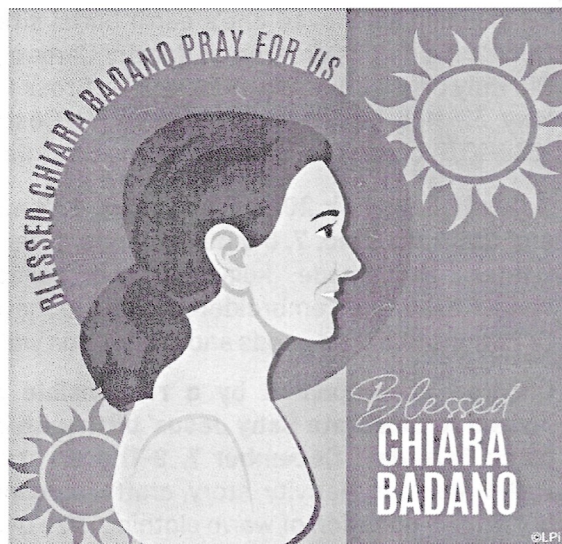
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is only one king whose subjects can
choose whether or not they will serve him.
We choose Christ when we choose the
truth. When we serve the truth, we serve
Christ the King.

Observances for the week of December 1, 2024

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Blessed Chiara Luce Badano (1971-1990) an ordinary teenager who freely gave her life to Jesus in joy and suffering. She was beatified in 2010, the first member of Generation X to be Beatified. In 2018 she was one of the patrons of the Synod on Youth.

Prayer for Prayer Expectation

Dear God,

As we prepare for Your arrival,
align our hearts and homes to
Your will.

Pour into us Your grace, as we
wait in joyful expectation.

Amen.

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Happy Advent. We begin our new liturgical year with Advent. This time of new beginnings finds us using a new schedule for our wonderful Catholic community in Racine. New beginnings are hard and scary, and that's why this year's theme for Advent is Following the Star. Nothing is more providential than the hidden and simple signs that God shares with us to bring about our salvation and happiness. Now, more than ever, as a community of faith in Racine, we need to trust in the Lord and be attentive to the signs he provides us in our faith journey. Just as the Magi follow the Star to find their way to meet the newborn Jesus, we also, in this Advent, want to follow the Star that leads us to Jesus, our Light and Life. As we begin the season of Advent, I invite you to journey with the Magi, following the Star that leads us to Jesus, the Light of the World. As we know, this journey is not just a historical event, but a spiritual pilgrimage that calls us to seek and find Christ in our daily lives. I invite you to use Advent as a journey in search of the Light of Christ in our lives.

When I thought about the Star as our theme for Advent, I wanted to draw from that beautiful narrative in the Gospel of Matthew that a Star guided the Magi to Bethlehem. This image is a powerful symbol of divine guidance. It reminds us that God provides us with signs and directions, even in the darkest moments of our lives. Just as the Star led the Magi through the night, we are called to trust God's guidance in our lives. This Advent, let us be attentive to the ways God is leading us through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments. This Advent is all about being intentional about the signs God provides for us daily and how we respond to them. When the Magi finally found Jesus, they encountered the true Light of the World. In a humble manger, they saw the fulfillment of God's promise. Jesus, the Light, dispels the darkness of sin and illuminates the path to life everlasting. As we prepare for Christmas, let us open our hearts to this Light. Let Jesus shine in our lives, bringing hope, peace, and joy.

I invite you to challenge yourself to make daily decisions in the Light of Christ. Following Jesus means allowing his light to guide our daily decisions. In every choice we make, big or small, we can seek his wisdom and direction. This Advent, let us commit to making decisions that reflect our faith and discipleship. Let the Light of Christ be our constant guide, whether it's in our relationships, work, or personal growth. Invite the Lord to be part of your decisions and invite the Lord to help you with those decisions in prayer. Say a little prayer: Lord Jesus, come help me. Lord, I need you to help me with this decision.

Here are some practical steps for this Advent that I invite you to consider, working as disciples of Christ in this time of hope and preparation for Christmas:

1. **Daily Prayer:** Spend time each day in prayer, asking for God's guidance and light in your life.
2. **Scripture Reading:** Reflect on the Advent readings, allowing the Word of God to illuminate your path.
3. **Acts of Kindness:** Let the Light of Christ shine through your actions by serving others and spreading love.
4. **Sacramental Life:** To strengthen your connection with Christ, participate in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

As we journey and grow in our discipleship through Advent, may we follow the Star with faith and trust, finding Jesus as the Light of our life and the guide to our daily decisions. Let this season be a time of renewal and deepening of our relationship with Christ, who is the true Light that never fades.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho

SATURDAY

- 4:00 PM — ST. JOHN NEPOMUK*
- 4:00 PM — ST. LUCY
- 4:30 PM — SACRED HEART
- 4:30 PM — ST. SEBASTIAN

* AT SJN: NOV. 30, 2024 - MAY 24, 2025.
AT SJ: MAY 31, 2025 - NOV. 29, 2025.



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SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM — ST. LUCY
- 8:30 AM — ST. EDWARD
- 8:30 AM — ST. PATRICK
- 9:00 AM — SACRED HEART
- 9:30 AM — ST. JOSEPH**
- 9:30 AM — ST. SEBASTIAN
- 10:00 AM — ST. RICHARD
- 10:30 AM — ST. PATRICK (SPANISH)
- 11:00 AM — ST. LUCY
- 12:00 PM — ST. PATRICK (SPANISH)
- 5:00 PM — ST. LUCY
- 6:00 PM — ST. PATRICK (SPANISH)

**AT SJ: DEC. 1, 2024 - MAY 25, 2025.
AT SJN: JUNE 1, 2025 - NOV. 30, 2025.

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Bake Sale after 4PM Mass

Saturday December 14th

St. John Nepomuk Parish Center

**Christmas Baked Goods
and
Christmas Candies**

We are asking for your donation of treats to help replace the goodies from last week's sale that are already gone!!

Please bring to the Parish Center after 2PM



**St Joseph Congregation
Income Statement
For Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Income	Contribution Income	\$ 327,776.52
	Christian Formation	\$ 1,140.00
	Fundraisers/Memorials	\$ 72,909.33
	Love One Another	\$ 72,344.40
	Other Income	\$ 10,474.65
	Total Income	\$ 484,644.90

Expense	Liturgy/Music Expense	\$ 47,567.60
	Christian Formation Expense	\$ 22,149.39
	Siena Assessment	\$ 37,468.00
	Administration Expense	\$ 204,632.96
	Building & Grounds Expense	\$ 119,849.64
	Other Expense	\$ 9,212.75
	Total Expense	\$ 440,880.34

Net Profit or (Loss)	\$ 43,764.56
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Parish Highlights

Capital improvements of the church property were made during this fiscal period: Tuckpointing around the church building, new roof over church handicap entrance, and the finishing of the new window and door project for the school building.

For further details, feel free to contact Michael Reth, Business Manager at the Parish Office.

St John Nepomuk Congregation
Income Statement
For Year Ended June 30, 2024

Income	Contribution Income	\$ 140,373.40
	Fundraisers/Memorials	\$ 81,665.85
	Love One Another	\$ 28,981.00
	Other Income	\$ 21,646.34
	Total Income	\$ 272,666.59
Expense	Liturgy Expense	\$ 3,873.76
	Administration Expense	\$ 256,506.86
	Building & Grounds Expense	\$ 50,508.12
	Other Expense	\$ 1,378.12
	Total Expense	\$ 312,266.86
	Unrealized Gain from Sale of School Building	\$ 265,000.00
	Net Profit or (Loss)	\$ 225,399.73