

# Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

December 8, 2024

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall  
be made low.  
The winding roads shall be  
made straight,  
and the rough ways made  
smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God."  
- Lk 3:5-6*

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## 2° DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

*Todo valle será rellenado,  
toda montaña y colina,  
rebajada;  
lo tortuoso se hará derecho,  
los caminos ásperos serán  
allanados  
y todos los hombres verán la  
salvación de Dios.  
- Lc 3, 5-6*

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Confession: 3:30-4:15 pm Saturday

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262-632-5647**

Email: [Stjohnnepomuk@wi.rr.com](mailto:Stjohnnepomuk@wi.rr.com)  
Facebook: "St. John Nepomuk Church"

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Saturday 4:00 pm  
Tuesday 8:30 am  
Thursday 8:30 am

Confession: 3:00-3:45 pm Saturday

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##### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Church: 1533 Erie Street  
Office: 1532 N. Wisconsin Street  
Racine, WI 53402  
262-633-8284**

Email: [info@st-joes.org](mailto:info@st-joes.org)  
Website: [www.st-joes.org](http://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  
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**3101 Drexel Avenue  
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Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
Sunday 11:00 am  
Sunday 5:00 pm  
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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

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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  
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**1509 Grand Avenue  
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Website: [www.strichard-parish.org](http://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

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##### Masses

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

Confession: 3:30-4:15 pm Saturday



# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S) Holy Day of Obligation**

*Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38*

**8:30 a.m.<sup>^</sup> - SJ** + Lorrie and Jim Peterson

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 Our Lady of Loreto / Mother**  
*Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10-13/Mt 18:12-14 of Perpetual Help*

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus I /**  
**Eucharistic Adoration w/ Benediction**

*Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30*

**8:30 a.m.<sup>^</sup> - SJ** + Doug Splittgerber

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)**

*Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*

**8:30 a.m. - SJN** - Living and Deceased Members of  
the Vern Carls Family  
+ Daniel A. and Malyea Bose

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy**

*Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19*

**8:30 a.m. - SJ** + Suzy Kashinski

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross**

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13*

### MASS OF ANTICIPATION

*Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18*

**4 p.m. - SJN** + Lloyd and Frances Meier

- Living and Deceased Members of  
the Sus and Shimkus Families
- Living and Deceased Members of  
St. John Nepomuk Parish

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 Third Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30 a.m. - SJ**
- Living and Deceased Members of  
the Schoff and Eaton Families
  - Living and Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph Parish
  - Living and Deceased Members of the  
Racine Catholic Community of Eight

<sup>^</sup> - Mass with St. Joseph School students

**Join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.**

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please  
remember in faith, Racine Catholic Community of Eight

**An Advent Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration** will  
be held Tuesday, **December 17**, 6:30 p.m. at St. John  
Nepomuk Parish, reflecting on the Christmas Gospels.

**Remember your loved ones with a Mass Intention or  
Sanctuary Lamp.** Call your Parish Office to schedule.  
Mass stipend: \$20; SJN S'y Lamp: \$7; SJ S'y Lamp: \$5.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

noon - Bulletin article deadline at [info@st-joes.org](mailto:info@st-joes.org)

6 p.m. - Food for the Journey Mass, Euch. Adora.: SL

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. - Eucharistic Adora./Benedict.: SJ

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

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

6 p.m. - All Committee Mtg. Night: SJN Parish Center

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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

After 4 p.m. Mass - Bake Sale: SJN Parish Center

**Select holiday delectables at St. John Nepomuk's  
Bake Sale Saturday, December 14, after 4 p.m. Mass.**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

**Nov. 23 and 24 collections:** \$ 1,569.00

Amount budgeted per week: \$ 2,338.06

Fiscal year-to-date given: \$ 41,164.03

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$ 51,437.32

Fiscal year-to-date balance: \$ -10,273.29

Buildings and Grounds to date: \$ 2,101.00

Needy Baskets to date: \$ 535.00

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

**Total collection income:** \$ 2,535.00

Nov. 23 and 24 collections: \$ 2,460.00

Energy costs: \$ 75.00

**Weekly budget requirement:** \$ 9,100.00

**Difference for the week:** \$ -6,565.00

Fiscal year-to-date given: \$ 97,255.00

Fiscal year-to-date budget: \$ 200,200.00

Fiscal year-to-date balance: \$ -102,945.00

Thanksgiving Needy Baskets: \$ 3,385.00

Christmas Needy Baskets: \$ 1,640.00

## SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2024 WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 17, \$50

Rose Russell #628

Monday, Nov. 18, \$25

Kevork Buchaklian #80

Tuesday, Nov. 19, \$25

Carrie Prondzinski #46

Wednesday, Nov. 20, \$25

Adam Tappan #360

Thursday, Nov. 21, \$25

Joe/Ute Aiken #742

Friday, Nov. 22, \$25

Sherrie Johnson #498

Saturday, Nov. 23, \$25

Joan Dahlen #807



## 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.

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



**Christmas baked goods and candies await you at the SJN Bake Sale** in the Parish Center after Saturday's 4 p.m. Mass on **December 14**. Please bring your goodies to SJN Parish Center after 2 p.m.

**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. **Calendar Raffles make great Christmas presents.**

**Oplatek, the Christmas wafer**, is available at SJ Church for free-will offering. Please call 262-633-8284.

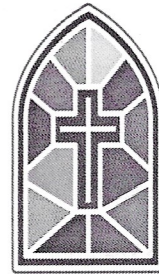
**We need new or handmade child-sized mittens. Mitten Baskets** are at the back of SJ and the side entrance of SJN Churches. Let's keep hands warm!

**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.

**Financial Peace University classes are Mondays, Jan. 6-Mar. 3**, at 6 p.m. at SH Haban Hall. Register: [financialpeace.com/app/organization/classes/CRUSADE-7E3BD561B2EB66/8C47A1](https://financialpeace.com/app/organization/classes/CRUSADE-7E3BD561B2EB66/8C47A1). Free. Materials in English.

**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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**Sign up for the Catholic Community of Eight newsletter:**

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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:

"For God will show all the earth your splendor;  
you will be named by God forever  
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." (Bar 5:3-4)

#### Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
(Ps 126)

#### Second Reading:

So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,  
filled with the fruit of righteousness  
that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:10-11)

#### Gospel:

"The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk 3:5-6)

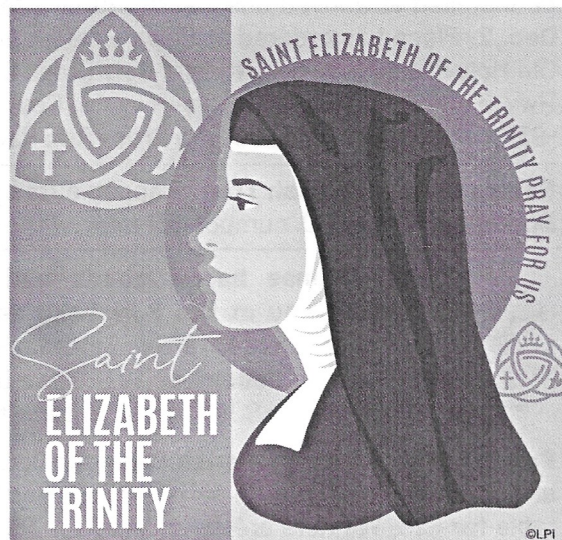
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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

### Observances for the week of December 8, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Loreto  
**Wednesday:** St. Damasus I, Pope  
**Thursday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Friday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
**Saturday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



### Saint of the week

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was a French mystic, a member of the Discalced Carmelites. In her writing, her fierce belief in the Trinity within us, reachable through contemplative prayer, and her deep wish that we embrace God's love by letting ourselves be loved are her powerful legacy.

### Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival —  
Make straight the paths, Lord!  
Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.

Amen.



## GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

As we journey in this Advent, **Following the Star**, we come to the Second Sunday of Advent, and the Scriptures provide a person who guides us this week: John the Baptist. He calls us to prepare the way of the Lord. John made this proclamation two thousand years ago, and it continues to echo through the ages and reaches us today, urging us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. John the Baptist's message is one of repentance and preparation. He calls us to turn away from our distractions and sins and make a straight path for the Lord in our lives. This message is particularly resonant during Advent, a time of reflection and renewal. I know the season is here, and you may be distracted with all the planning and preparation for Christmas. I invite you to continue working on our Advent practices I proposed for you last weekend.

Here is how you can use this week's Advent practices to grow in your discipleship of Christ using what the scriptures for this weekend are providing for us and what we have planned for you this week. I invite you to use your Advent **daily prayer** practice to ponder John's call to prepare our lives for the Lord. What does it mean for you today? Ask the Lord to help you discern what needs to be prepared in your heart for the Lord's birth. Ask the Lord to draw you near to him as you ponder John's invitation to prepare the way for the Lord. I know you may be busy decorating your home and preparing it for the season. Take valuable time to prepare your heart, mind, and life for Christ.

Now, engage with the Word of God in your Advent practice of **Scripture reading**, especially with the first reading for this Second Sunday of Advent from Baruch 5:1-9. Allow this passage to speak to you and bring hope to the adversities of your life. Let this passage inspire and transform you as you journey this second week of Advent. Spend a reasonable amount of time reflecting on this passage and pay attention to the rays of hope and light God provides for you today. Remember, like the Magi, we follow God's signs to discover the Lord this Christmas. Look for those signs in the reading from Baruch.

As part of your Advent practice of **acts of kindness** this week, help someone who may feel hopeless and lost. This person may be a friend struggling with illness, loss, transition, or having too much going on in their lives. This week, embody in your actions the hopefulness, passion, and expectation shared in the Scriptures.

In your Advent practice of nurturing your spirit with the **sacramental life** of the Church, take some time this week to spend in the presence of the Lord in adoration. Better yet, participate in the **Food for the Journey** event hosted at Saint Lucy at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 9. This will be an excellent time to pray, reflect, and be in the Lord's presence to connect with the Lord in our Advent Journey.

As we journey together through Advent, let us Follow the Star, guided by the light of Christ and inspired by John the Baptist's call. By embracing these practices of faith, we prepare not only our hearts but also our community, making straight the path for the Lord.

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)

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AT SJN: JUNE 1, 2025 - NOV. 30, 2025.



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