

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

**SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 a.m. (St. John's)

Wednesday and Friday

8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph's)

Weekend Mass

Saturday

4:00 p.m. (St. Joseph's)

5:00 p.m. (St. John's)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. (St. Joseph's)

9:45 a.m. (St. John's)

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. (St. Joseph's)

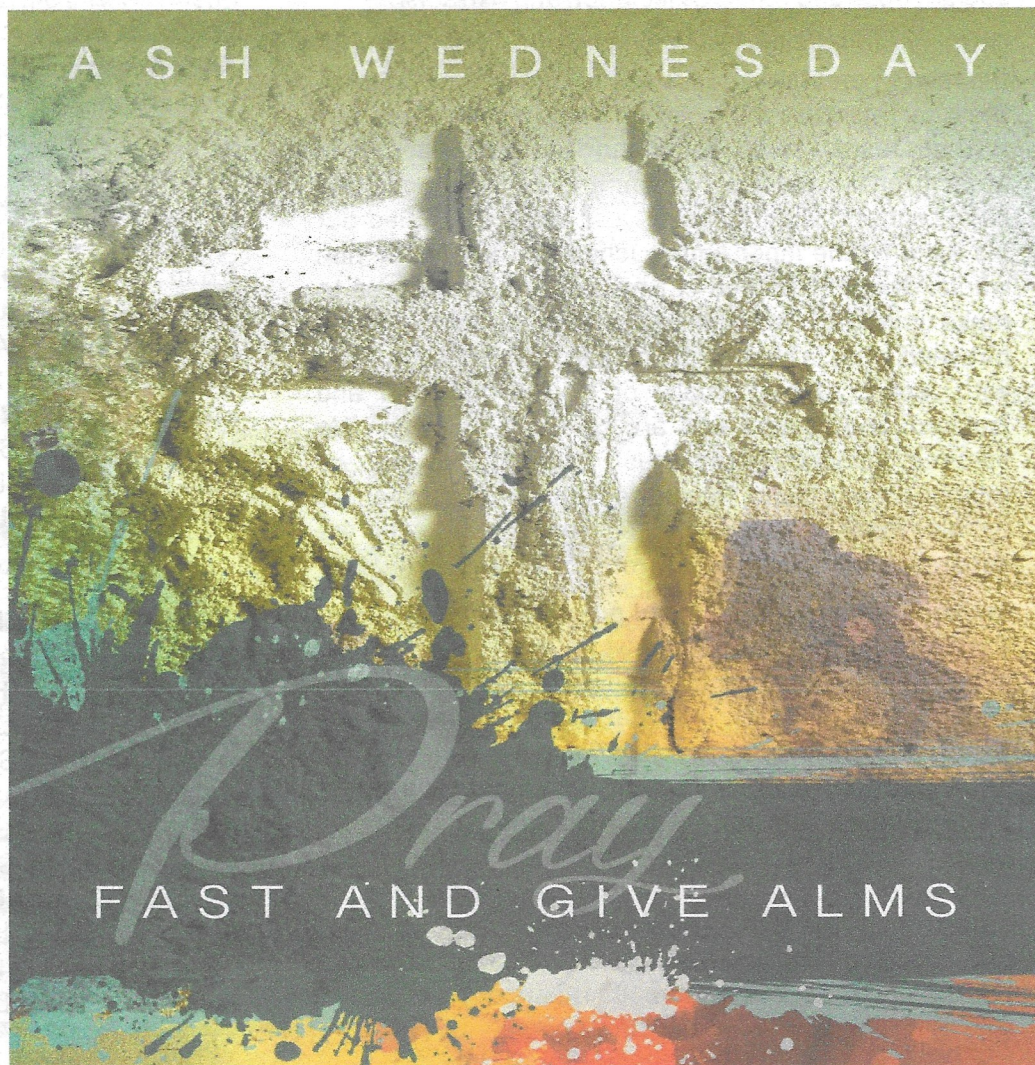
or by appointment

**Parish Registration, Baptism,
Wedding, and Pastoral Visit**

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Phone: 262-634-5647 | Email: stjohnnepomuk@wi.rr.com

Office Hours

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - SJ

Mon. - Wed.: 8:00 a.m. - noon | Th. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - SJN

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

On this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue to read from the first chapter of Mark (verses 40-45). Jesus heals a leper, liberating him both from the disease of leprosy and from the unjust, inhumane social, ritual, and religious isolation and ostracism.

By this dramatic healing, Jesus identified himself with the man's condition. Jesus has in-depth knowledge of the total rejection and isolation awaiting him. The irony is that Jesus risked becoming "unclean" Himself in order to make the leper clean. It is very symbolic and has prophetic significance. Just as he stretched out his hand to the leper and touched him and made him whole, Jesus stretched out his hands on the cross to make us whole. He touched the leper, bridging the gap between what is clean and unclean, identifying himself with lepers, those ritually or socially unclean and isolated, and sinners who are spiritually unclean. He became "unclean" in the eyes of the law, so that we might be made clean. He allowed himself to be rejected by his family and people, so that those who are separated from God might return to him and be healed.

In Jesus, we are forgiven and our souls cleansed from the spiritual leprosy of sin when we repent of our sins. This is because our God is a God of love who waits patiently for us. No matter how many sins we have committed or how badly we have behaved, we know God forgives us. The only condition required of us is that we ask for forgiveness with a repentant heart. We need only kneel before him and ask him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." We are sure to hear his words of absolution, "Very well. Your sins are forgiven, and you are clean," echoed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Peace and joy,

Father Steve

Lenten Fridays' Stations will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. at SJ, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** until the 7:30 p.m. Benediction on February 16 and March 1 and 15.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Jerome and Pat Simanek

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Ash Wednesday / Eucharistic Adoration / Valentine's Day

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 a.m. ^ - **SJ** + Ken Bendon

Noon - **SJ** Liturgy of the Word with ashes

6 p.m. - **SJN** + Arthur Nielsen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Don Bergemann

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

4 p.m. - **SJ** + Peter and Margaret George
- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

5 p.m. - **SJN** + Jerome and Pat Simanek
- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - Living and Deceased Members of the Donald and Ruth Losinski Family

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Dick Peterson

^ School Mass

Join us to pray the rosary before Mass.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Thomas McCray.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

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

The Ash Wednesday collection will be for Racine Catholic Cemeteries' ongoing maintenance, as Racine Catholic Cemeteries, owned by all the Racine Catholic parishes, does not charge for lawn care, snow removal, or road repair. Our Cemeteries are not supported by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

January 27/28 collections:	\$ 1,363.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 69,211.39
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 70,346.44
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -1,135.05
Buildings and Grounds to date:	\$ 3,480.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 5,555.00
January 27/28 collections:	\$ 5,360.00
Energy costs:	\$ 150.00
Capital Funds:	\$ 45.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -3,545.00
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 183,776.16
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$282,100.00
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -98,323.84
Easter Food Baskets to date:	\$ 590.00

**Please call your Parish Office to request
a 2023 church donation tax letter.**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

To drop off Rummage and Estate Sale items,
please call SJ Parish Office at 262-633-8284.
No clothing, computers, or TVs, please.

St. John Nepomuk Parish gratefully acknowledges
receipt of a generous memorial donation for **Milly Erdman**. **St. Joseph Parish gratefully acknowledges**
receipt of generous memorial donations for **Betty Decker** and **Kathy Vail**. Thank you.

St. Lucy Parish invites you to their Parish Lenten Retreat, "Jesus as the Climax of Israel's Sacred Story," focusing on why Lent is a valuable time on the church calendar. The presenter is Dr. Daniel Scholz, President of Cardinal Stritch University. At St. Lucy's, **Monday, Feb. 19-Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30-8 p.m.**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs your financial donations to buy frozen meat, milk, margarine, cheese, and eggs. Mail checks to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404 with FOOD PANTRY on the memo line. **In January, we fed 982 people incl. 405 children. Non-perishable needs:** canned meat or fruit; Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Beefaroni; pancake mix and syrup; cereal (13-18 oz.); boxed instant potatoes; boxed or bagged pasta sides; toilet paper; and paper bags. To volunteer, please call Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850. Your donations stay in Racine. Thank you!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJ Parish Ctr
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org
2:45-7 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5 p.m. - SJN Finance Council meeting: SJN Rectory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass: SJ Church
9:30 a.m.-noon - Eucharistic Adoration: SJ Church
Noon - Ash Service with Liturgy of the Word: SJ Ch.
12:30-2:15 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction
6 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass: SJN Church
NO Faith Formation classes, gr. 1-11
NO Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Stations / Eucharistic Adoration: SJ

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10 a.m. - First Reconciliation, gr. 2: SJ Church
After 5 p.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:45-11:15 a.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-11: SJ Parish Ctr
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - NO Scrip sold: SJN Church

St. Joseph's Sanctuary Ladies are looking for members to help with light cleaning in our church once a month. Meets Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please call the SJ Parish Office at 262-633-8284.

The Men of Christ conference is Saturday, February 17, at Kenosha St. Joseph Catholic Academy, 2401 69th Street, beginning with 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by a hot breakfast. Presentations 9:30 a.m.-noon. Confessions during the morning. Good way to start Lent. Attend and bring your son, father, or friends. Cost: \$20. Purchase tickets at koc973.org/events/menofchrist or Philip Diehn at pdiehn@csinet.net or 262-894-6687.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2024 WINNERS

Sunday, Jan. 21, \$50

Kyle Schneider #262

Monday, Jan. 22, \$25

Nichole Bliesner #980

Tuesday, Jan. 23, \$25

Linda Proeber #1171

Wednesday, Jan. 24, \$25

April Londre #36

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH
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Complete this form and
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by Palm Sunday, March 24.

**In memory of loved ones, help decorate St.
Joseph's altar by donating to the purchase of live
flowering plants, altar candles, and Easter candle.**

Name _____ Phone _____

	Number	Amount \$
St. Joseph's Altar Donation: \$15 each		

Please place this form in an envelope with a check payable to:
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**Thank you for your
continued support of St. Joseph's!**