

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

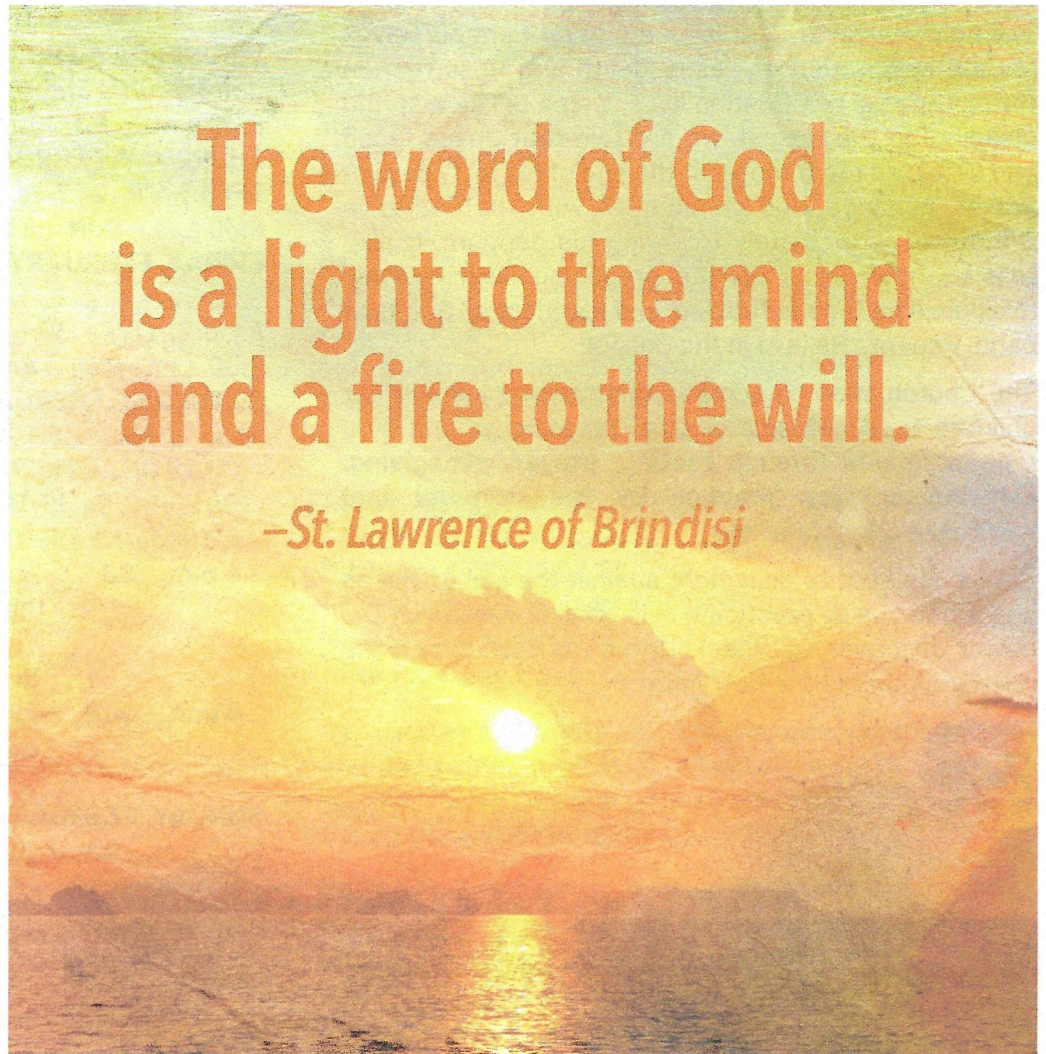
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Wedding, and Pastoral Visit**

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is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

-St. Lawrence of Brindisi



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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 Ash Wednesday we began the holy season of Lent. We are familiar with the name Lent. The name Lent is from the old English word *Lencten* meaning spring. Its more primitive ecclesiastical name for forty days is *quadragessima* in Latin.

The holy season of Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection thru a renewal of Christian lives, which is like a spring cleaning. In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: The time is fulfilled; the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.

The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to a *metanoia* or true "repentance" and by a renewal of life through **fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.**

Let us use Lent to daily fight against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Lenten journey,
Father Steve



Expand your Lenten devotions by joining us at SJ on Lenten Fridays to pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m., followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** until 7:30 p.m. Benediction on March 1 and 15.

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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 Mother of Perpetual Help

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15 Devotions

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Milly Erdman on her birthday
+ Thomas McCray

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 St. Peter Damian

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittgerber

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (F)

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Edward Somers

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 St. Polycarp /

Day of Abstinence*

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-7abc, 8/Mt 5:20-26

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Andy Anderson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15-19/Rom

8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

4 p.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members of the Schoff and Eaton Families
- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

5 p.m. - SJN + Jim and Alice Rogers
- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 Second Sunday of Lent /

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Mary Odders **Rite of Welcoming Confirmation Candidates**

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Janet Floyd

^ School Mass

* 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.

Join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.

Join Archbishop ListECKI to pray for peace and the family on his 8 p.m. daily rosary program on 100.1-FM.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Mary Pribyl.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

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| February 3/4 collections: | \$ 1,732.00 |
| Amount budgeted per week: | \$ 2,269.24 |
| Fiscal year-to-date given: | \$ 70,943.39 |
| Fiscal year-to-date budget: | \$ 72,615.68 |
| Fiscal year-to-date balance: | \$ -1,672.29 |
| Buildings and Grounds to date: | \$ 3,641.00 |
| Poor Box to SVdP Food Pantry: | \$ 136.00 |

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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| Total collection income: | \$ 8,756.00 |
| February 3/4 collections: | \$ 8,481.00 |
| Energy costs: | \$ 157.50 |
| Capital Funds: | \$ 117.50 |
| Weekly budget requirement: | \$ 9,100.00 |
| Difference for the week: | \$ -344.00 |
| Fiscal year-to-date given: | \$ 192,532.16 |
| Fiscal year-to-date budget: | \$ 291,200.00 |
| Fiscal year-to-date balance: | \$ -98,667.84 |
| Easter Food Baskets to date: | \$ 800.00 |
| Needy Family Fund: | \$ 20.00 |
| Ash Wednesday - Cath. Cemeteries | \$ 10.00 |

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

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

St. Joseph Parish gratefully acknowledges receipt of generous memorial donations for **Betty Decker**.

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

St. Matthew Holy Name Society's Lenten Men's Conference is Saturday, March 2, 2-3:30 p.m. followed by 4 p.m. Mass. Men ages 18+ are invited to join Deacon Steve Kramer. Prepare for lives as Catholic men. Free; light snacks provided. Registration helpful but not required: Mark.Zapp@yahoo.com. Walk-ins welcome.

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 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:30 p.m. - Festival meeting: SJN Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6 p.m. - Combined Pastoral Council mtg.: SJN Rectory
6-7 p.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 1-5: SJN Parish Center
6-7:15 p.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 6-10: SJN Parish Ctr.
6-7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: SJ Church
6:15-7:45 p.m. - Faith Formation, gr. 11: SJN Parish Ctr.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross: SJ Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9 a.m. - First Communion parent/guardian meeting:
SJ Church

At all Masses - Non-perishables collected: SJ and SJN
After 5 p.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

At all Masses - Non-perishables collected: SJ and SJN
NO Faith Formation classes, gr. 6-11
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

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

Food for the Journey Lenten program, "Journeying Beyond Temptation," is Tuesday, **February 27**, at Sacred Heart Church with 6 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic Adoration to follow. Presented by Belle City Catholic.



Save the date! The Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is March 24, 3-6 p.m. sponsored by SJ Parish. Enjoy homemade meatballs/Marinara sauce, Paielli's bread, dessert, more. Spring Raffle drawing.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2024 WINNERS

Sunday, Jan. 28, \$50
Jodi Bonogofsky #394
Monday, Jan. 29, \$25
Tom Gissell #1072
Tuesday, Jan. 30, \$25
Lorrie Jaklich #720
Wednesday, Jan. 31, \$25
Kate Kudrna #797

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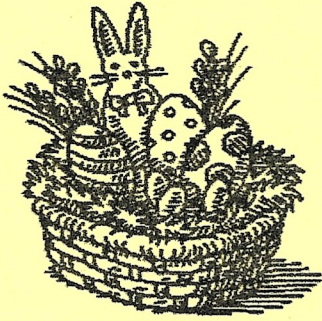


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**St. Joseph and St. John Nepomuk
Food Basket Program
Children's Easter Basket
Collection**

St. Joseph's and St. John Nepomuk's Children's Easter Basket Collection will provide for 25 families, which have 47 children. This year, will you please help the Human Concerns group surprise the children in these families with an Easter basket according to age and gender?

On the weekend of Saturday, February 24th the EASTER TREE will be located at the back table in St. Joseph's Church and in an Egg Carton at SJN Church side entrance. Each plastic egg will contain a slip of paper with the child's age, gender, and family ID #.

You choose one egg and then put together a basket for that child. When the basket is completed, attach the tag from the plastic Easter egg onto the basket. Make sure the tag is visible for distribution. **All baskets are due by Sunday, March 17.**

Drop off your donated basket by the tree at the back table at St. Joseph's or on the table in the side entrance at SJN Church on one of these weekends:

March 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17

Using a cellophane bag to enclose the basket contents would be much appreciated. You can purchase these at the Dollar Store. Thank you for your donation!

SJ & SJN Human Concerns Groups

Basket ideas: Please be mindful of **age and gender** when purchasing toys, stuffed animals, candy, books, coloring books with crayons, stickers, hair bands, gift cards, puzzles, Hot Wheel cars, nail polish, etc.

Any questions? Call Catherine Gundlach at 262-681-7335