

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

MARCH 10, 2024

FOURTH 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

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

Arrange with the parish office



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

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called ***Lætare*** (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy. As on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Today John narrates the incident of Nicodemus coming to Jesus. He was a wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, who meets Jesus by night and begins a long, religious discussion. But Jesus interrupts him, stating that rebirth by water and the Spirit is an essential condition for entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent. Jesus also reveals the Good News that God will show His love for mankind by subjecting His own Son to suffering and death on the cross.

During our Lenten journey, we hear a lot about the cross. As humans, it is hard to love the cross. However, the cross is the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love. The crucifix – the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus – holds a central place in our churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. Hence, no Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love.

The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear it, and carry our own daily cross with joy.

Happy Lenten journey,

Father Steve

SJ Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross will include Eucharistic Adoration Friday, March 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Financial Peace University is coming back to SJ!

Read more about it at <https://www.fpu.com/319CA5>

Give us a "helping hand" on Saturday, March 16, 9-10 a.m. for general light cleaning of all corners of St. Joseph Church. Call the Parish Office, 262-633-8284, as soon as possible to let us know you can help. Bring a friend who's interested in helping. All hands are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 Eucharistic Adoration

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

8:30 a.m. – **SJ** + Sel Mook Shin

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

8:30 a.m. – **SJN** – Living and Deceased Members of the Kaskubar Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 Day of Abstinence*

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:30 a.m. – **SJ** + Betty Decker

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

4 p.m. – **SJ** + Elizabeth Heidorn
– Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

5 p.m. – **SJN** + Lloyd and Frances Meier
– Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – **SJ** + Antoinette and Anthony Totero

9:45 a.m. – **SJN** + Phil Tishuk

^ 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, Anthony Azarian.

Lenten 12 Hours of Reconciliation

Wednesday, **March 20**, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. St. Lucy Church

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

February 24/25 collections:	\$ 2,012.21
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 75,735.60
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 79,423.40
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -3,687.80
Building and Grounds to date:	\$ 3,911.00
Poor Box to SVdP Food Pantry:	\$ 79.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 6,065.00
February 24/25 collections:	\$ 5,835.00
Energy costs:	\$ 175.00
Capital Funds:	\$ 55.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -3,035.00
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 209,488.16
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 318,500.00
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -109,011.84
Easter Food Baskets to date:	\$ 2,165.00

St. Joseph's provides cold salads and desserts for the March 28 Meal Program at St. Patrick's. Please pick up a food container today marked "cold salad" or "dessert"; drop off the filled container at SJ Parish Center Thursday, **March 28**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thank you.

Self-guided, bilingual Interactive Prayer Stations at Sacred Heart Church are Friday, **March 15**, beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding with 7 p.m. Benediction.

If you took an Easter Egg for the Easter Basket Collection, please follow the yellow flyer's instructions. **March 16/17 are the final drop-off dates.** SJ: Please leave your basket at the back table in church. SJN: Please leave on the table in the church's side entrance area. **Thank you for your generous donations!** SJ and SJN Human Concerns Groups' Food Basket Team

The SJN White Elephant Sale item drop-offs are before and after weekend Masses April 27-June 2, except Mother's Day weekend.

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 February, we fed 735 people incl. 293 children. Non-perishable needs:** canned meat or fruit; Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Beefaroni; cereal (12-18 oz.); peanut butter (16 oz. or more); boxes or bags of instant potatoes; toilet paper; and paper grocery bags. To volunteer, please call Jean Thieme, 262-930-5850.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

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, MARCH 11

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration: SJ Church
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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

9-11:30 a.m. - CMAS Crafters: SJN Parish Center
6 p.m. - SJ Finance Council meeting: SJ Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross/Adoration: SJ C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9-10 a.m. - Church cleaning: SJ Church
After 5 p.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

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

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, **James Derderian**, who received his Christian burial through our church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord.

SJ's Spring Raffle is their ONLY RAFFLE OF THE YEAR! Prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100, 4th-7th - \$50. **Tickets are at both parish offices and ushers' tables.** \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Return ticket stubs/payment to parish offices, collection, or dinner.



The Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is March 24, 3-6 p.m. sponsored by SJ Parish. Enjoy spaghetti with homemade meatballs and Marinara sauce, Paielli's bread, dessert, more. Dine in or take out. Spring Raffle drawing. Tickets: Adults, \$10; Children 5-12 yrs., \$7.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2024 WINNERS

Sunday, Feb. 18, \$50

David Simanek #609

Monday, Feb. 19, \$25

Beth/Chris Thompson
#153

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Wednesday, Feb. 21, \$25

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