

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH 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

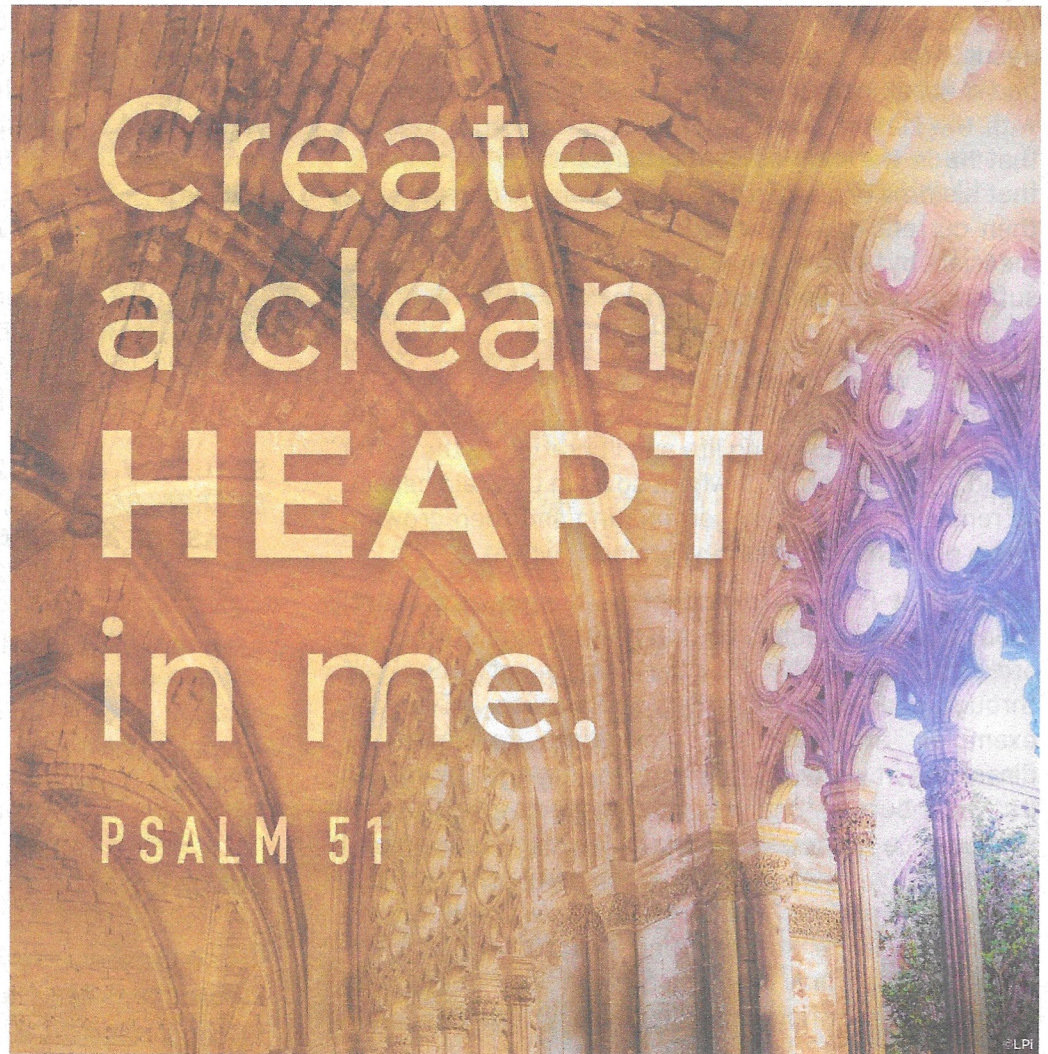
3:00 - 3:30 p.m. (St. Joseph's)

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

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

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DEAR PARISHIONERS

The context of the Gospel on this Fifth Sunday of Lent is already Holy Week in Jerusalem. Some Greek pilgrims who were either new converts to Judaism or mere 'truth-seekers' were greatly impressed by the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday and by the subsequent cleansing of the Temple by Jesus. Hence, they approached the apostle Philip (who had a Greek name) and requested a private interview with the Master. Jesus uses the occasion to declare that he is the "Son of Man" prophesied by Daniel, and that his *time of glorification* is at hand. He corrects the then-current and accepted false notion of a political messiah by stating that he will be glorified by his suffering, death and Resurrection.

In this context, Jesus uses the metaphors of the "dying grain of wheat" and of the "surrendered life". He explains to his apostles that it is by his suffering and death that he is bringing life and liberation to the sinful world. Just as a grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain alone, but by germinating and then growing into a plant, it produces new grains of wheat.

Although it is hard to accept as human as we are, today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering, and service. Everyday examples are like salt delivering its taste by dissolving in water and a candle giving light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by a long and painful process. In other words, when we "die" to our selfishness, we "rise" to new life in Jesus Christ. Loving parents sacrifice so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

Happy Lenten journey,

Father Steve

Lenten 12 Hours of Reconciliation

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

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. at SJ.

A Świączone Polish Easter Buffet sponsored by the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble is Sunday, **March 24**, at 2 p.m. at Milwaukee's Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, S. 41st St. at Oklahoma Ave. Entertainment, strolling accordionist, raffle, Polish folk items. Adults, \$30; Youth 6-12 yrs., \$15; and 5 yrs. or less, free. Syrenadancers.com OR mail check to "Syrena": Syrena Dancers; 3236 S. New York Ave.; Milwaukee, WI 53207

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3ab-6/Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Bl.

Virgin Mary (S) / Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Mildred Erdman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 St. Joseph Day celebrated

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

8:15 a.m. - **SJ** + Angelo Casciaro **St. Joseph Table**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 Day of Abstinence*

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3abc-7/Jn 10:31-42

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

4 p.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members of the Andrew Wentzell Family
- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

5 p.m. - SJN + Ed Floyd
- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord / Holy Week begins

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Betty Decker

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Mary SanFelipe

^ 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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Mildred Erdman.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

March 2/3 collections:	\$ 2,404.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,269.24
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 78,139.60
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$ 81,682.64
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$ -3,543.04
Building and Grounds to date:	\$ 4,071.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Total collection income:	\$ 6,221.00
March 2/3 collections:	\$ 5,770.00
Energy costs:	\$ 191.00
Capital Funds:	\$ 260.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -2,879.00
Fiscal year-to-date given:	\$ 215,709.16
Fiscal year-to-date budget:	\$327,600.00
Fiscal year-to-date balance:	\$-111,890.84
Easter Food Baskets to date:	\$ 2,980.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

St. Joseph Parish gratefully acknowledges receipt of a generous memorial donation for **Carol Seeger**.

St. Joseph's provides cold salads and desserts for the March 28 Meal Program at St. Patrick's. Please drop off your filled container at SJ Parish Center Thursday, **March 28**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thank you.

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

Financial Peace University is back at SJ! Read more about it at fpu.com/319CA5. The class will meet Tuesdays, April 9-June 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thank you to all who contributed mittens, caps, and scarves to the Mitten Basket in the past few months. With your great response, we were able to donate a huge amount to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs your financial donations to buy frozen meat, milk, butter, 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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 18

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9 a.m.-8 p.m. - 12 Hours of Reconciliation: St. Lucy Ch.
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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Reviv. mtg.: SJ Parish Ctr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Dinner set up/cook prep: SJS Cafeteria
10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Dinner dessert drop-off: SJS Cafeteria
After 5 p.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

NO Faith Formation, gr. 6-11
After 9:45 a.m. Mass - Scrip sold: SJN Church
3-6 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner, dine in/carry out: SJS Cafe
6-8 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner clean up: SJS Cafeteria

SJ's Spring Raffle is their ONLY Raffle of the year!

Prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100, 4th-7th - \$50.
Tickets: parish offices, ushers' tables. \$2 ea./3 for \$5.
Return ticket stubs/payment to collection or dinner.



The Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner is March 24, 3-6 p.m., in SJ School Cafeteria.

Spaghetti with homemade meatballs and Marinara sauce, Paielli's bread, dessert, more. **Dine in or carry out.** Tickets: Adults, \$10; Children 5-12 yrs., \$7. Raffle drawing, 5p.m.

Drop off SJN White Elephant Sale items before/after weekend Masses April 27-June 2, except Mother's Day.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2024 WINNERS

Sunday, Feb. 25, \$50

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