

Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

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8:30 am-5:00 pm

2201 Northwestern Avenue
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262-634-5526

Email: shracine@shracine.org

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www.sacredheartracine.com

Masses

Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

Confession: 3:30-4:15 pm Saturday

St. Edward

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday
8:00 am-12 pm, 1:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday
8:00 am-4:30 pm

1401 Grove Avenue
Racine, WI 53405
262-636-8040

Email: parish@saintedwardracine.org

Website: www.saintedwardracine.org

Facebook: "St. Edward Parish-Racine, Wisconsin"

Masses

Sunday	8:30 am
Tuesday	9:00 am

St. John Nepomuk

Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday
8:00 am-1:00 pm

Church: 1903 Green Street
Office: 700 English Street
Racine, WI 53402
262-634-5647

Email: office@sjnracine.org

Facebook: "St. John Nepomuk Church"

Masses

Sunday	9:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am

St. Joseph

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 am-1:00 pm

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

Email: info@st-joes.org

Website: www.st-joes.org

Facebook: "St. Joseph Parish Racine"

Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

Confession: 3:00-3:45 pm Saturday

St. Lucy

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

3101 Drexel Avenue
Racine, WI 53403
262-554-1801 ex. 601

Email:

parishoffice@stlucychurch.org

Website: www.stlucychurch.org

Masses

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 11 am
Sunday	5:00 pm
Monday-Wednesday	8:15 am
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

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-noon; 1:30-4:30 pm
lunes-viernes de 8:30-12:00; 1:30-4:30
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1100 Erie Street
Racine, WI 53402
262-632-8808

Email: church@stpatrickracine.com

Website: www.stpatrickracine.com

Facebook: "Saint Patrick Racine"

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	6:00pm Español

Confession: 4:00-5:30 pm Wednesday

St. Richard

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-2:00 pm
Closed Fridays

1509 Grand Avenue
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262-637-8374

E-mail: info@strichard-parish.org

Website: www.strichard-parish.org

Facebook: "St. Richard Parish-Racine"

Masses

Sunday	10:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am

St. Sebastian

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:30 am-12:30 pm

3126 95th Street
Sturtevant, WI 53177
262-886-4398

Email:

parishoffice@stsebracine.org

Website: www.stsebracine.org

Masses

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

Confession: 3:30-4:15pm Saturday

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 St. Louis / St. Joseph Calasanz

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 Mother of

Perpetual Help Devotions

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mt 23:23-26

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Bill Skinner

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Joe Majowski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 St. Augustine

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Dorothy Waltenberger

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 The Passion of St. John the

Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mk 6:17-29

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - Julie Pusch

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 St. Rose of Lima

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-5/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/
Lk 14:1, 7-14

4 p.m. - **SJ** + Mozetta Baxter

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 Twenty-second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Bert, Margaret, and Michael Mayerl

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish



Please join us to pray
the rosary before each Mass.

WEDDING BANNES:

I - Chelsea Jenkins and Joseph Rizzo

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **Living and Deceased**
Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish.

The SJ and SJN 2026 Mass Intention calendars are now open. There are a few 2025 Mass Intention dates still available. Please call or visit your parish office to make arrangements for the dates important to you.

Please remember your loved ones' birthdays and anniversaries with a Mass Intention or Sanctuary Lamp. Cost: Mass stipend, \$20; SJN Sanctuary Lamp, \$7; and SJ Sanctuary Lamp, \$5. Call your parish office.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

First day of classes: St. Joseph School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

3-3:45 p.m. - Confessions: SJ Church

4 p.m. - Mass: SJ Church


SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30 a.m. - Mass: SJN Church

After 9:30 a.m. Mass - Scrip gift cards sold: SJN Church

If you are going to Mass at one of the Catholic Community of Eight parishes which is NOT your home parish, please either use your home parish envelope for your donation or complete one of the Catholic Community of Eight envelopes available at each parish.

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STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

June Financials:	June '25	June '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$ 8,559.00	\$ 9,871.00	-\$ 1,312.00
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$ 465.00	\$ 909.00	-\$ 444.00
Offertory:	\$ 759.50	\$ 446.25	\$ 313.25
Total Contrib.:	\$ 9,783.50	\$11,226.25	-\$ 1,442.75

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

June Financials:	June '25	June '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$19,143.50	\$21,312.00	-\$ 2,168.50
Capital Funds:	\$ 367.50	\$ 1,630.00	-\$ 1,262.50
NeedyFoodBask.:	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	-\$ 20.00
Offertory:	\$ 1,217.28	\$ 1,835.63	-\$ 618.35
Total Contrib.:	\$20,728.28	\$24,797.63	-\$ 4,069.35

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

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

Sunday, August 10, \$50

James Sisak #555

Monday, August 11, \$25

Rosemary Russell #498

Tuesday, August 12, \$25

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Wednesday, August 13, \$25

Denise Madala #1121

Thursday, August 14, \$25

Jackie Morrow #867

Friday, August 15, \$25

Lincoln Payne #884

Saturday, August 16, \$25

Joseph/Asher Niemiec

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GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers a sobering and powerful teaching: **"Strive to enter through the narrow door."** It's a call to intentional discipleship, not mere association. The question posed to Jesus: "Lord, will only a few be saved?" is met not with numbers, but with a challenge: salvation is not automatic; it requires effort, humility, and a sincere heart. It requires a committed journey of discipleship following the Lord closely and with a whole heart.

The narrow door is not about exclusion, but about transformation. It invites us to shed pride, complacency, and superficial faith. Jesus warns that many will claim familiarity with him --"We ate and drank in your company"-- but will be turned away because they failed to live the Gospel in truth. This is what intentional discipleship means. It is not only to identify with Jesus but to strive to act as a faithful disciple living out compassion, mercy, generosity, forgiveness, and love. The temptation is to live a lukewarm life in Christ. We associate with him but don't follow him fully. We become "Christians" in name only but not in actions. The Gospel of Christ is actionable and demands hard work daily.

This passage reminds us that being close to Jesus means more than proximity; it implies participation. It means allowing his Word to shape our lives, our choices, and our relationships. The door is narrow, not because God is stingy with grace, but because love demands commitment.

I invite you to pray with these questions this week:

Am I truly striving to follow Christ, or merely going through the motions?

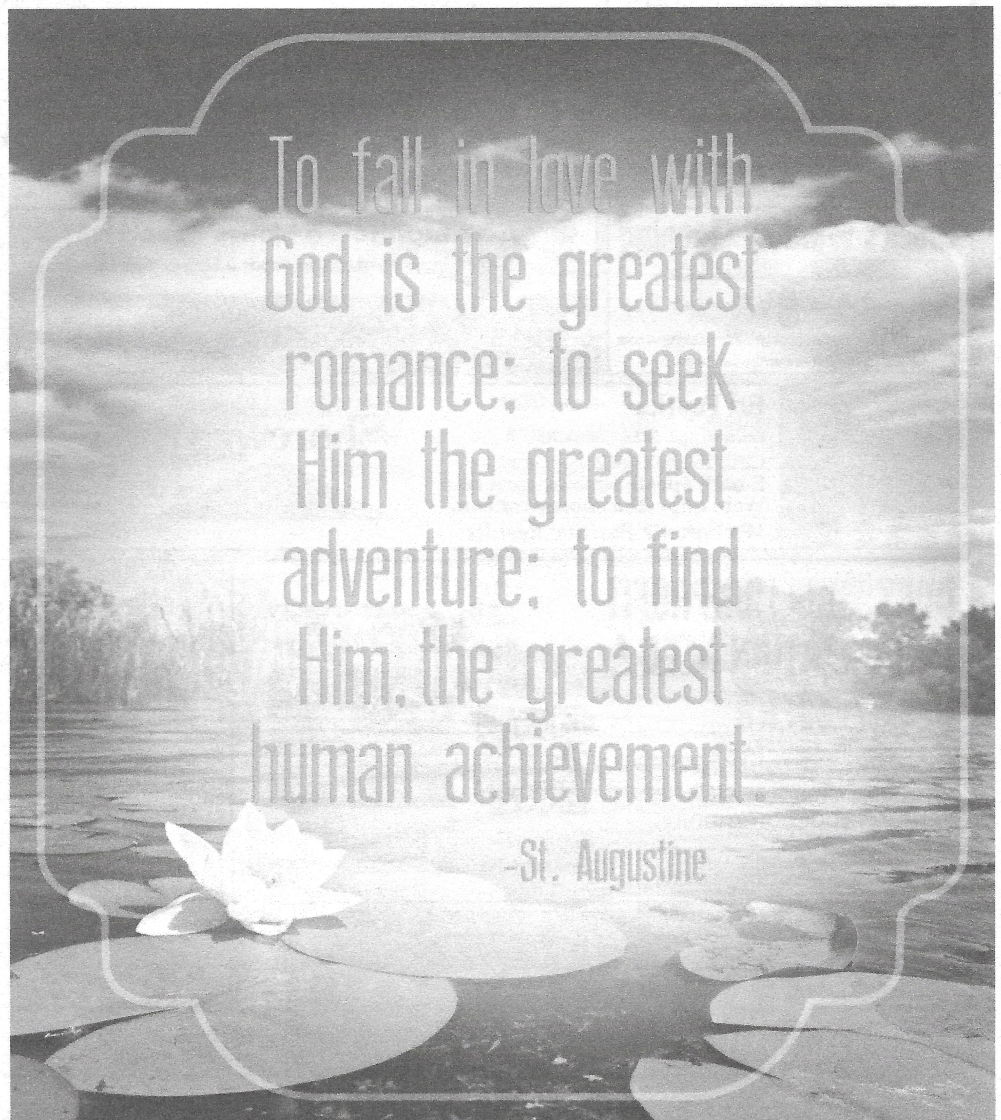
What areas of my life need more profound conversion?

How can I help others find and walk through the narrow door?

These questions invite us to reflect deeper on following the Lord with courage and joy, trusting that the narrow path leads to the fullness of life in him.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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GOOD TO KNOW

Registration for our Faith Formation 2025-'26 classes is open. There are THREE options:

- Family Style for Students and Parents: Sundays in Sacred Heart Haban Hall for K-gr. 8, 10-11:30 a.m. (snack and family session, followed by classroom breakouts for students and optional adult discussions), beginning September 28;
- Traditional Style for Students: Wednesdays at St. Lucy for K-gr. 8, 6-7 p.m., beginning October 1; and
- Bilingual Option for Students: Saturdays at St. Patrick for K-gr. 8, 9-11 a.m., beginning date TBD.

Confirmation preparation has TWO options:

A three-year program for grades 9-11, is through St. Lucy and St. Patrick Churches. **Confirmation parent meetings** at St. Lucy: gr. 9 and 10, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. and gr. 11, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.

Questions: Faith Formation Coordinator Amber Fay, 262-989-8686 cell

Scan the QR code at the right to register.



All high school students are invited to a "Kick Off the Year" group pizza party hosted by St. Lucy's Sunday, **September 7**, after the 5 p.m. Mass. We will discuss some of the events and programs happening this year. Information: Eric Antrim, eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Please mark your calendar. The SJN Alumni Family and Friends will be hosting their annual Wine and Beer Tasting event on Friday, October 10, 6-8:30 p.m. This is a wonderful evening out with appetizers, a delicious buffet, and tasty desserts included. Tickets are available at the SJN Scrip table and parish office.

Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux are coming to the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill in Hubertus from **November 15-18**.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting hygiene items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. **SVdP Food Pantry** needs monetary donations to purchase eggs, frozen meat, milk, butter, cheese. Please mail checks to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404 with FOOD PANTRY on the memo. **In July, we fed 964 people including 388 children! Non-perishable needs:** tuna in water or canned meat; Dinty Moore Beef Stew; canned chili; Chef Boyardee (no spaghetti); canned fruit, 15.4 oz.; peanut butter, 28 oz.; boxed cereal, 13-17 oz.; mac 'n' cheese; bagged rotini, penne, or shells pasta; boxed spaghetti; pasta sides; toilet paper. Thank you for your ongoing help to feed those in need right here in Racine.

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Siena Catholic Schools' newsletter:
sienacatholicschools.org/newsletter

If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like a Communion visit and/or the sacraments, please call any of our parish offices. If someone is bringing you the Eucharist, let us know, so they have an appropriate pyx/pouch.

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.

Learn about "The Faith Communities of Racine: Catholic Parishes / American Story," presented by Dr. Laura Gellott, UW-Parkside history professor emeritus and St. Edward parishioner, Tuesday, **August 26**, following the 6 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. Bring your own snacks/beverages and hear our local history.

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future. Class starts **Sept. 8** at 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart's Haban Hall. For sign-up information, email KristinGibson@UWAlumni.com.

All current and aspiring Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, and lectors from our Catholic Community of Eight parishes are invited to a Morning of Reflection Saturday, **September 27**, 8:00 a.m.-noon, at Sacred Heart Parish. Presented by our priests and deacons, this formation event is a time of prayer, learning, and community. Your dedication brings our liturgies to life.

Join a Holy Hill Pilgrimage on Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m., for round-trip bus transportation to tour the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, plenary indulgence opportunities, boxed lunch. Cost: \$60. Info. or registration: Dawn, 262-598-0369

Belle City Catholic Young Adults (21-35-year-olds)

Holy Happy Hour
Tuesday, September 2

6 p.m. Mass, Sacred Heart 7 p.m. social Pepi's Bar/Grill
Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
(Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

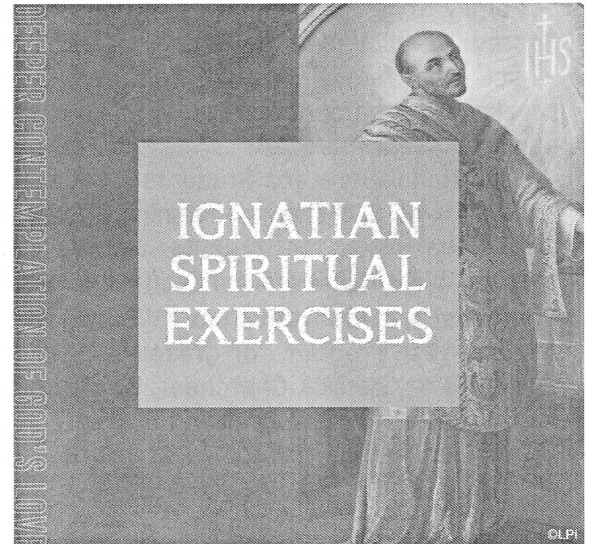
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,"
Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will
not be strong enough." So let us never be
so foolish that we rely on our own strength.
Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if
we ask for help.

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest
Wednesday: St. Monica
Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of His call to discipleship.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the
narrow gate. Remove from
me anything that distracts
me from You, Your love, Your
invitation, Your mission. Keep
me close to You, familiar at
every step.
Amen.