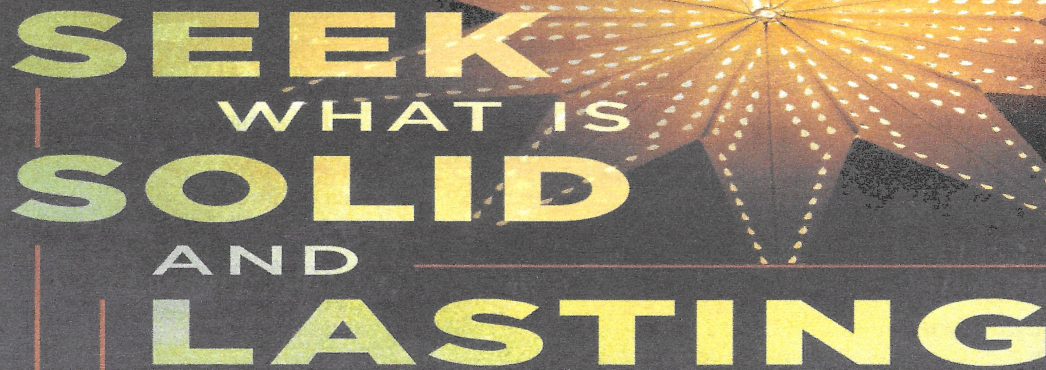


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Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 am-5:00 pm

**2201 Northwestern Avenue
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Email: shracine@shracine.org

Website:

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
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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

Saturday	4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am

Confession: 3:00-3:45 pm Saturday

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

Sunday	9:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

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**

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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
Closed/cerrada 12:00-1:30pm

**1100 Erie Street
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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, DECEMBER 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 Mo. of Perpetual Help Devot.'s

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-32

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** - Madeline and Brandon Delgado

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - Melissa Palmer-Ball

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Timothy Meyer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

^8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Tony Ferraro (Mass with students)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Carl Tomasek

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Susan Anderson

+ Jim and Dennis Dahlen

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

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It's
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to become so
absorbed with tin-
sel, Christmas trees,
gaiety, buying and sell-
ing, Christmas cards and
parties, that one is apt to for-
get the actual meaning of Christ-
mas. It is hoped that all who read this
may stop and remember the Savior of
men who came to free men from the hab-
its of sin, as well as the consequences
of sin. Take time to honor the Sav-
ior in meditation and in deed.

Go to church throughout
the year and refrain
from
con-
duct

which would dishonor
Christ and His Cause."

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

2:45 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

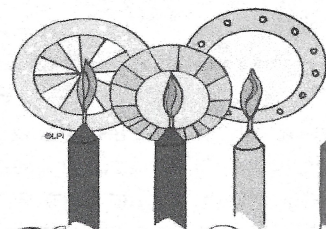
5:30-7 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: SJ Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

After 4 p.m. Mass - Scrip gift cards/Calendar Raffles
sold: SJN Church

Please join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.



If school is cancelled due to snow,

daily Mass is cancelled as well. *Fr. Juan M. Camacho*

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

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

Nov. Financials	Nov. '25	Nov. '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$ 8,389.00	\$ 9,860.00	\$ (1,471.00)
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$ 595.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 75.00
Offertory:	\$ 544.00	\$ 557.00	\$ (13.00)
Total Contrib.:	\$ 9,528.00	\$ 10,937.00	\$ (1,409.00)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Nov. Financials	Nov. '25	Nov. '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$13,798.50	\$16,011.80	\$ (2,213.30)
Capital Funds:	\$ 352.50	\$ 312.50	\$ 40.00
NeedyFoodBask.:	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,443.00	\$ (1,043.00)
Offertory:	\$ 907.07	\$ 1,451.21	\$ (544.14)
Total Contrib.:	\$17,458.07	\$21,218.51	\$ (3,760.44)

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 30, \$50

Tom Bissonnette #125

Monday, Dec. 1, \$25

Frank D'Acquisto #7

Tuesday, Dec. 2, \$25

Karen/Mario Guzman #662

Wednesday, Dec. 3, \$25

Michael BeBow #773

Thursday, Dec. 4, \$25

Rusty Polack / Kelly #1083

Friday, Dec. 5, \$25

Barb Kelly #119

Saturday, Dec. 6, \$25

Gary Petersen #20

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

This is the final Sunday to submit the new name for our parish. Remember, all the churches will keep the names we have now. The new name is for the parish that would encompass all of us Catholics here in Racine. I hope you have been praying about this to the Holy Spirit. We are doing the work of God and laying the foundation for generations to come. This is an important task. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Our predecessors envisioned the future a hundred years or more ago for each of our current buildings; they provided the framework and foundation for the faithful in this city of Racine. There were many families and faithful who grew in faith in these parishes and carried their faith with them wherever they went. Now, we are in a new era, a new cultural context, and a new opportunity for the Church in Racine. For that reason, we must make sure that we lay the proper foundation for generations to come, passing on the Faith and the Tradition we have received—this time with a renewed desire to evangelize and to bring people closer to Christ.

By now, you may have realized that the prophet Isaiah is a dreamer. His writings, which we have been reading during this Advent, always communicate a deep hope and a dream of a future reality that harmonizes with God's creation. One cannot help but get excited and hopeful about the future that Isaiah communicates. If you missed this sense of dreaming and joyful hope, go back and read all the first readings for these first three Sundays of Advent. This weekend, Isaiah shares a dream about the desert blooming and all peoples going to the Lord.

As we journey toward our new parish, I dream of a vibrant parish, filled with joy, and bringing all peoples closer to Christ. A parish in which all its members are intentional disciples of Christ. A parish that shares with all the children of the schools the Gospel message with the hope of making disciples of Christ. A parish that is built on the solid foundation of Christ our Lord. Each one of us, in these pews, has the task of sharing Christ's joy and love with the world.

This Advent season is a time of hoping, dreaming, and waiting in joyful expectation for the Lord. The prophet Isaiah invites us to encourage and support one another on our journey towards the Lord. How can we help each other on our journey of faith? How can we dream together for a future that is in harmony with God's vision of the world?

Thank you for praying and taking the time to suggest a name for our parish.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho

BEHOLD

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."

MATTHEW 11:10

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St. John Nepomuk parishioners, the Needy Family Fund needs your help! Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter food baskets for both parishes are coordinated by the Combined Human Concerns Group. Make checks payable to your parish, writing Needy Family Fund on the memo.

St. John Nepomuk Parish Calendar Raffles 2026 are on sale until December 31 at both parish offices and the Scrip table for **\$25 and provide 365 chances to win** as winners are re-entered. Prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, \$100; Christmas, \$500. They make great Christmas gifts.

The Mitten Baskets need new or handmade child-sized mittens, caps, gloves and scarves. Baskets are at the back of SJ Church and side entrance of SJN Church.

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 payable to SVdP Food Panty to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404. **In October, we fed 952 people including 395 children! Non-perishable needs:** canned meat; canned pork and beans or refried beans; hearty soups; peanut butter; instant oatmeal packets; Pasta-Roni; pasta sides; instant potatoes, sm. bags and boxed Au Gratin or Scalloped. Your help is vital in assisting to feed Racine's hungry. Thank you so much!

Our Catholic faith affirms the sanctity of the human body, and the *Order of Christian Funerals (No.417)* provides guidance on treating cremated remains with due reverence: "The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the **same respect given to the human body** from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. **The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.**"

Racine Catholic Cemeteries provides a hallowed resting ground ensuring your loved one's rest in peace. For compassionate care and options for proper burial or inurnment of remains, please call 262-639-1071 or visit racinecemeteries.org and find peace of mind.

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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.

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
• 4:00 p.m. - St. Joseph* w/play, 30 min. prelude	• 8:00 a.m. - St. Lucy
• 4:00 p.m. - St. Lucy	• 8:30 a.m. - St. Edward
• 4:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart	• 8:30 a.m. - St. Patrick
• 4:30 p.m. - St. Sebastian	• 9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart
• 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick (Spanish)	• 9:30 a.m. - St. John Nepomuk
• 10:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart w/30 min. prelude	• 9:30 a.m. - St. Sebastian
• 10:00 p.m. - St. Lucy* w/30 min. prelude	• 10:00 a.m. - St. Richard
* Chanted Mass	• 10:30 a.m. - St. Patrick (Spanish)
	• 11:00 a.m. - St. Lucy w/30 min. family choir prelude
	• 12:00 p.m. - St. Patrick (Spanish)



Food for the Journey: *Searching for God's Blessings* is December 31, at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart featuring:

- Vigil Mass for Mary, the Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation
- Eucharistic Adoration until midnight
- Bilingual hourly reflections
- Confessions, 6-8 p.m. (English and Spanish)

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

Holy Happy Hour

Tuesday, January 6

7 p.m. gathering at Pepi's Bar and Grill, 618 Sixth St.

Discussing the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
OR
Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."
(Mt 11:4-5)

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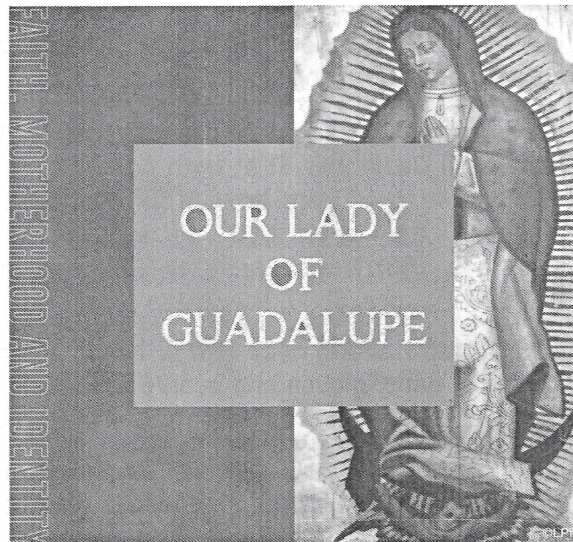
Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard,"
Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he
is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We
have heard. We have seen. We must go and
tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who
do we think Jesus is?

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

Prayer for Advent - New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates
and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I
think of as "deserts"
and your grace to the prayers I
fear may be "deserted."
You can redeem and restore,
bring a new song to my heart.
Amen.

**St Joseph Congregation
Income Statement
For Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Income	Contribution Income	\$ 274,135.55
	Christian Formation	\$ 830.00
	Fundraisers/Memorials	\$ 48,621.79
	Other Income	\$ 19,350.66
	Total Income	\$ 342,938.00
Expense		
	Liturgy/Music Expense	\$ 25,277.98
	Christian Formation Expense	\$ 24,299.13
	Siena Assessment	\$ 38,115.00
	Administration Expense	\$ 203,435.72
	Building & Grounds Expense	\$ 60,889.17
	Total Expense	\$ 352,017.00
	Operating Profit or Loss	\$ (9,079.00)
	Love One Another Income	\$ 52,588.00
	Capital Improvements	\$ (23,986.43)
	Net Profit or Loss	\$ 19,522.57

Parish Highlights

Capital improvements of the church property were made during this fiscal period: tuckpointing and roofing around the church building and the finishing of the new window and door project for the school building.

For further details, feel free to contact Michael Reth, Business Manager at the Parish Office.

**St John Nepomuk Congregation
Income Statement
For Year Ended June 30, 2025**

Income	Contribution Income	\$ 147,352.03
	Fundraisers/Memorials	\$ 15,930.98
	Other Income	\$ 17,881.99
	Total Income	\$ 181,165.00
Expense	Liturgy Expense	\$ 4,798.89
	Administration Expense	\$ 197,085.71
	Building & Grounds Expense	\$ 18,181.50
	Total Expense	\$ 220,066.10
	Operating Profit or Loss	\$ (38,901.10)
	Love one Another Income	\$ 26,012.00
	Capital Improvements	\$ (63,018.72)
 Net Profit or (Loss)		 \$ (75,907.82)

Parish Improvements

Capital improvements of the church property were made during this fiscal period:
roof replacement and tuckpointing on the Parish Center.