

# Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

December 21, 2025

# Emmanuel

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Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30 am-5:00 pm  
2204 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
262-634-5526

Email: [shrcline@shrcline.org](mailto:shrcline@shrcline.org)  
Website:  
[www.sacredheartracine.com](http://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

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Website: [www.saintedwardracine.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@st-joes.org)  
Website: [www.st-joes.org](http://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  
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262-554-1801 ex. 601

Email:  
[parishoffice@stlucychurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@stlucychurch.org)  
Website: [www.stlucychurch.org](http://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  
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Closed/cerrada 12:00-1:30pm

1100 Erie Street  
Racine, WI 53402  
262-632-8808

Email: [church@stpatrickracine.com](mailto:church@stpatrickracine.com)  
Website: [www.stpatrickracine.com](http://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  
Racine, WI 53403  
262-637-8374

E-mail: [info@strichard-parish.org](mailto:info@strichard-parish.org)  
Website: [www.strichard-parish.org](http://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](mailto:parishoffice@stsebracine.org)  
Website: [www.stsebracine.org](http://www.stsebracine.org)

#### Masses

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

Confession: 3:30-4:15pm Saturday



# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

*1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/Lk 1:46-56*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 St. John of Kanty / Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

*Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66*

8:30 a.m. - SJN + Doug Splittgerber

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

NO 8:30 a.m. Mass - SJ

*Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13(Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14*

3:30 p.m. - SJ Musical prelude, children's play

4:00 p.m. - SJ + Terri Barranco **Children's Mass**

- Jan Woodward and Family

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 Nativity of the Lord(S)(HD)

*Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

9:30 a.m. - SJN + Pat Steimle

+ Doug Splittgerber

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen(F)

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17/Mt 10:17-22*

8:30 a.m. - SJ + Tom Carls

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John the Evangelist(F)

*1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

#### MASS OF ANTICIPATION

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

4 p.m. - SJN + Joseph Pribyl

+ Anthony Azarian

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 Feast of the Holy Family

9:30 a.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members of the Von De Bur Family  
- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

Please 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, a special intention.

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Patrick W. McCray.

Remember your loved ones with a Mass Intention or Sanctuary Lamp. Call your Parish Office. Mass stipend, \$20; SJN Sanctuary Lamp, \$7; SJ Sanctuary Lamp, \$5.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO School

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to [info@st-joes.org](mailto:info@st-joes.org)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 p.m. - Musical prelude, children's play: SJ Church

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

Parish Offices closed

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Parish Offices closed

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

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



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, Dec. 7, \$50

Claire Botting #171

Monday, Dec. 8, \$25

Bob McGrath #1116

Tuesday, Dec. 9, \$25

Gail Bowe #1055

Wednesday, Dec. 10, \$25

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Thursday, Dec. 11, \$25

William Hoover #122

Friday, Dec. 12, \$25

Max/Abby Rogers #476

Saturday, Dec. 13, \$25

Mick Tresemer #615



## GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

We find the story of Saint Joseph in Matthew's Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Advent. Matthew invites us to reflect on Saint Joseph, the silent yet steadfast figure chosen by God to be Jesus' adoptive father. His life teaches us profound lessons about trust, responsibility, and unwavering commitment to God's plan. He does not speak; he acts and follows God's plan.

Joseph was entrusted with a unique and challenging mission: to welcome the Son of God into his home and heart. Scripture tells us that Joseph was a "just man", meaning he lived in right relationship with God and others. When he discovered that Mary was with child, his initial reaction was to step aside quietly, avoiding shame or harm to her. Yet, when the angel revealed God's plan, Joseph embraced his role without hesitation. He did not father Jesus biologically, but his love and protection were no less real. Through Joseph, Jesus experienced human fatherhood, care, guidance, and security.

Joseph's greatness lay in his obedience. He did not allow fear or confusion to dictate his actions. Instead, he listened to God's voice amid uncertainty. The angel's message, "**Do not be afraid**," became Joseph's guiding light. He accepted a future that was radically different from what he had imagined, trusting that God's ways are always greater than ours. His faith was active: he took Mary as his wife, journeyed to Bethlehem, fled to Egypt, and returned to Nazareth, all in response to divine instruction. Joseph teaches us that genuine commitment to God means surrendering our plans for his. He understood that God would be with him and walk with him in his mission. He never doubted God's presence and guidance. Is there something you need to trust God more with? Is there something for which you need God's guidance? Bring that to God and remember to take to heart the words of the angel: "**Do not be afraid.**"

Joseph could have seen himself as a victim of circumstance, but he chose responsibility over resignation. He owned the situation with courage and integrity. In a world that often seeks escape from difficulties, Joseph reminds us that holiness is found in embracing our duties with love. He did not let gossip, social pressure, or personal doubts lead him astray. Instead, he stood firm, becoming the protector of the Holy Family. His silent strength speaks volumes: sometimes the most heroic acts are done without words, in the quiet fidelity of daily life.

As Advent draws to a close, Joseph challenges us to trust God amid uncertainty, to take responsibility for the missions entrusted to us, and to remain faithful even when circumstances seem overwhelming. Like Joseph, we are called to be guardians of life, love, and faith in our families and communities. Let us ask for his intercession so that, when faced with unexpected turns, we may respond not with fear, but with faith-filled courage.

Blessings,

*Fr. Juan M. Camacho*

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you are to name him Jesus,  
because he will save his  
people from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21



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## GOOD TO KNOW

**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!

**Join us to see "BEEHIVE" at the Fireside Theater on Sunday, January 18.** Told from the perspective of six young women, it celebrates the powerful female voices of the 1960s, featuring songs from Lesley Gore, Janis Joplin, The Shirelles, The Supremes, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, and more, accompanied by a live band. Bus loads at 8:30 a.m., leaves at 8:45 a.m., returns at 6 p.m. Park in the St. Lucy Church NE parking lot. Cost: \$125 includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, theater ticket, taxes, and all gratuities. Call Dawn, 262-598-0369, to sign up! A minimum of 35 people are needed to retain the price, or the trip will be cancelled.

**Enjoy the Broadway show, "Hamilton," at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, February 1.** Meet at Infusino's Banquet Hall at 11:30 a.m. to take the motorcoach for a 1:00 p.m. performance and return for a delicious dinner. Cost: \$225, includes motorcoach transportation, ticket, taxes, and all gratuities. Call Dawn, 262-598-0369, for details and to sign up!

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EIGHT



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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.

**Oplatek, the Christmas wafer, is available at St. Joseph's** ushers' tables at the back of church for a free -will offering. Begun millenniums ago in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania, the Christmas Eve ritual continues wherever the blessed Oplatek is shared. Please call the office, 262-633-8284, with questions.

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)



## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

#### Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

#### Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

#### Gospel:

"Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.  
For it is through the Holy Spirit  
that this child has been conceived in her.  
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:20-21)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

### Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	4th Sunday of Advent
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John of Kanty, Priest
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Christmas Eve
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Nativity of the Lord
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Stephen, First Martyr
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	The Holy Family



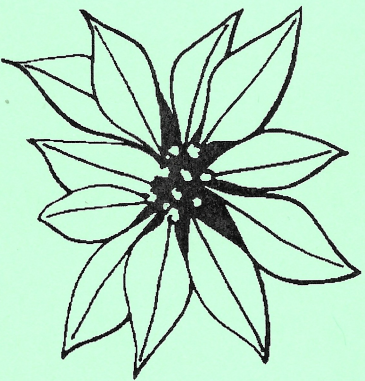
### Devotions, *Explained!*

Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition which recreates the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. This nine-day devotion anticipates the birth of Jesus Christ, who seeks refuge in the heart of every man and woman.

### Prayer for Advent - Miracles

Dear God,  
You are in the miracle business.  
I still believe that You can move  
mountains and separate seas.  
Break into every unknown and  
astound us with Your goodness  
and grace.  
Amen.

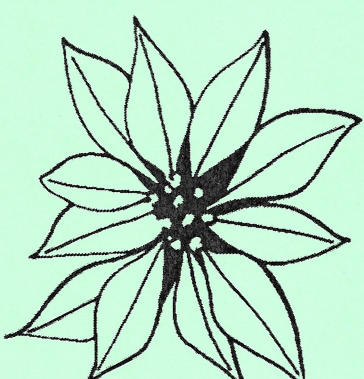




## Altar Flowers and Altar Candles

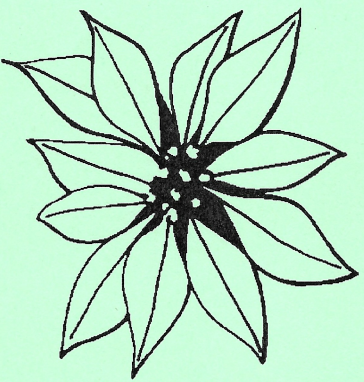
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beautiful poinsettias and altar candles  
decorating St. Joseph Church for Christmas.

Given in memory of these loved ones,  
please remember them in your prayers.



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Terri Barranco	Jameson Couch	Walter Goebel Sr.
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Bebow	Sophie Derderian	John Greico
Catherine Beres	Louis and Mary Ann Falbo	Oswald and Mildred
James Beres	Marilyn Fogel	Griffin
Joseph and Hildegarde	Larry Garski	Richard P. Gundlach
Beres	Leroy and Lorraine Gehrig	Michael Harrington
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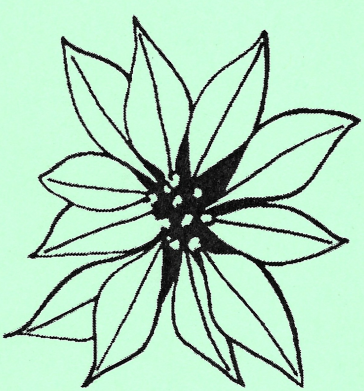




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