Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

November 16, 2025



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Sacred Heart Office Hours

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

2201 Northwestern Avenue Racine, WI 53404 262-634-5526

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 Racine, WI 53405 262-636-8040

Email: parish@saintedwardracine.org Website: www.saintedwardracine.org Facebook: "St. Edward Parish-Racine, Wisconsin"

Masses

8:30 am
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 de8:30-12:00;1:30-4:30 Closed/cerrada 12:00-1:30pm

> 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/Miérco	les6:00pm	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 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

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul / St. Rose Philippine Duchesne / Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

8:30 a.m. - SJN - Living and Deceased Members of the Somers Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28

8:30 a.m. -SJ + Joe Grauwels

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 The Presentation of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12abcd/ Lk 19:45-48

^8:30 a.m. - SJ + John Heinrichs

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 St. Cecilia

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

4 p.m. -SJ + William George

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

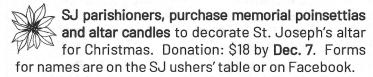
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:30 a.m. - SJN + Bert, Margaret, and Michael Mayerl - Living and Deceased Members of

St. John Nepomuk Parish

^ - Mass with school students

Please join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.



The SJ and SJN 2026 Mass Intention calendars are now open through June. 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.

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith SJ parishioners, Patricia Goebel, Kathleen Golden, Pamela Mattes, and Judith Shimkus, who received their Christian burials through our Church and ministry. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org 2:45-6 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5-6 p.m. - SJ Finance Council: SJ Parish Center 5:30-7 p.m. - Adult Choir rehearsal: SJ Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Noon - Quinceanera Blessing: SJ Church 3-3:45 p.m. - Confessions: SJ Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

If school is cancelled due to snow, daily Mass is cancelled as well. Fr. Juan M. Camache

NEW MASS TIMES begin Saturday, November 29 and Sunday, November 30!

Saturday's 4 p.m. Mass of Anticipation will be at St. John Nepomuk Church with confessions, 3-3:45 p.m. Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass will be at St. Joseph Church.

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

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

Oct. Financials	0c	t. ′2 5	00	et. '24	Dif	ference
Envelopes:	\$8	,869.00	\$1	6,339.00	\$2	2,530.00
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$	270.00	\$	300.00	\$	(30.00)
Offertory:	\$	463.00	\$	602.00	\$	(139.00)
Total Contrib.:	\$9	,602.00	\$	7,241.00	\$	2,361.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Oct. Financials	Oct. '25	Oct. '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$14,449.36	\$20,483.00	\$(6,033.64)
Capital Funds:	\$ 472.50	\$ 430.00	\$ 42.50
NeedyFoodBask.:	\$ 1,615.00	\$ 1,722.00	\$ (107.00)
Offertory:	\$ 821.04	\$ 1,056.02	\$ (234.98)
Total Contrib.:	\$17,357.90	\$23,691.02	\$ (6,333.12)

SIN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

Sunday, Nov. 2, \$50 Richard Gross #1046 Monday, Nov. 3, \$25 Jack Schiestle #373 Tuesday, Nov. 4, \$25 Gary Petersen #20 Wednesday, Nov. 5, \$25

Mike Foley #728

Thursday, Nov. 6, \$25 John Grycowski #27 <u>Friday</u>, Nov. 7, \$25 James Sisak #554 <u>Saturday</u>, Nov. 8, \$25 Christine BeBow #772

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to reflect on what truly endures. The readings help us to reflect on the end of times. What will really endure in life? In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul offers a powerful theme: **imitation**. He writes not as one seeking honor or prestige, but as a model of faith lived in simplicity and perseverance. Paul reminds his community that Christian life is not about grand displays but about embodying the Gospel in daily actions. His words challenge us: **Who are we imitating?** Our culture often elevates wealth, status, and external success, yet Paul points us toward Christ-like humility and service.

In the Christian sense, imitation is not merely a matter of copying; it is a transformative process. Paul himself imitates Christ, and by doing so, becomes a living example for others. This chain of imitation, from Christ to Paul, and from Paul to the community, reveals that faith is both relational and incarnational. We learn to follow Christ by observing and walking with those who live authentically in him. Paul, in his letters, encourages the communities to imitate him as he imitates Christ. He wants to be the model of discipleship for the community.

The Gospel complements this message by shifting our gaze from what amazes the eye to what grounds the soul. Jesus warns against being impressed by magnificent buildings and external splendor. These things, he says, will pass away. The proper foundation of our faith is not stone or ornamentation but **Christ himself**, the living cornerstone. When we build our lives on him, we construct something eternal, beautiful beyond measure, and immune to decay. The true beauty of our faith is that we have a living God in our Lord Jesus Christ. That's beautiful.

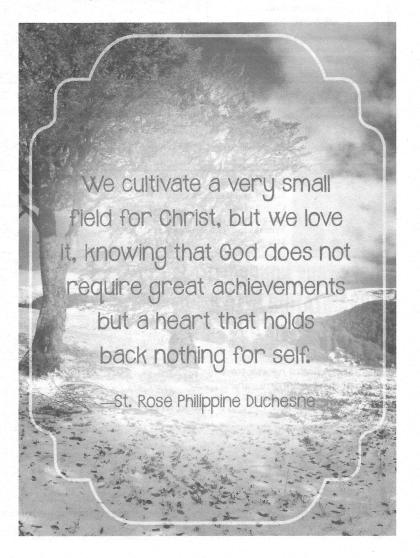
Take a moment to reflect on this profound reality: God loved us so much that he became one of us. That is more beautiful than all the cathedrals and ornaments of the world.

This is a timely reminder for us today. Churches and cathedrals, though inspiring, are not the essence of Christianity. Our faith does not rest on marble altars or golden vessels but on the person of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. He is the solid rock that sustains us when trials come, when the world trembles, and when all else fades. Jesus, looking at the temple in Jerusalem, invites his disciples to focus on the splendor of his presence in their midst rather than on buildings and vessels. An excessive concern for external beauty can obscure the true beauty that resides within our Lord.

As disciples, we are called to imitate Christ through concrete acts of love, mercy, and justice. Let us not be seduced by pomp or appearances but strive to become living temples where God dwells. In doing so, we echo Paul's invitation: to be models of faith for others, rooted in Christ, the true and lasting beauty of our lives.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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GOOD TO KNOW

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground, assisting those affected by Hurricane Melissa. Forbes Top Charity, BBB Accredited Charity. In 2024, 93% of donations supported programs. Please donate online at crs.org or mail checks to Catholic Relief Services; 228 W. Lexington Street; Baltimore MD 21201-3413.



The Christmas Wish Trees at both parishes have wishes for the 106 children in our Food Basket Program. Please select an ornament tag or two and make wishes come true. Return gifts to SJN by

Saturday, December 6 OR to SJ by Sunday, December 7.

SJN Human Concerns and SJ Food Basket Program

St. Thérèse of Lisieux relics are coming to Holy Hill November 15-18. For details on related local events/ services: stthereseusa2025.com/schedule-of-events

The Catholic Cemetery Association of Racine has 26" Remembrance Wreaths from no. Wisconsin ready to be installed at a loved one's earth burial site, starting Dec. 1. Placed as ordered: Calvary Cemetery-Kinzie, Old Holy Cross Cemetery-Kinzie, Holy Cross Cemetery-Hwy. 32, Holy Family Cemetery-Hwy. 31. Cost: \$35; 262-639-1071; mail checks to: 5600 Holy Cross Rd., Racine, WI.



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. 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. This is SJN's major fundraiser. Calendar Raffles are great Christmas gifts.

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!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EIGHT



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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.

An Altar Server Training is Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m. at St. Lucy's, for seasoned servers or interested in starting, from adults to students grade 3 and up. Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org.

Join an Advent video/book study group, "Waiting WELL: Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz." Meeting at St. Lucy, Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m., Nov. 26-Dec. 17 OR at St. John Nepomuk, Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Nov. 25-Dec. 16. Contact Eric Antrim to sign up and reserve your book (\$5): eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Take a couple hours during the busy Advent season for our Advent Retreat Night and focus on what is to come. Held at St. Sebastian Church on Monday, December 1, from 6-8 p.m. This wonderful evening will have opportunities in both English and Spanish.

SJN's Holiday Fair 2025 is Saturday, December 6, 8 a.m. -5 p.m. in the Parish Center. Homemade kolaches and baked goods; handcrafted knit, embroidered and crocheted items. Shop early for the best selection!

The next Food for the Journey event is December 8, at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph. More details to follow!

Join us for Breakfast with Baby Jesus on Saturday, December 13, at Sacred Heart. More details to follow!

St. Clare and St. Thomas Aquinas Parishes present an exciting travel opportunity — Treasures of Egypt, October 22-November 3, 2026. With an optional 4-night Jordan: Petra and the Dead Sea post-tour extension and a 3-night Cairo and Alexandria pre-tour extension. For more information, please contact Fr. Steve Varghese at stephen4u@gmail.com.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain. suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end?

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Tuesday:

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter

and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine

Duchesne, Virgin

Friday:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday:

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Devotions, Explained!

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas.

Prayer in Season of Trust

O Lord.

Be with me now, I feel so alone. Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness. Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship.

Amen.

Msgr. Witkowiak Council 697 2516 Winthrop Avenue Racine, WI 53403

17TH ANNUAL SENTIMENTS FOR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM

As a simple way to support priestly and religious vocations, besides prayer or financial support, we can all help seminarians and religious novices by donating to the 17th annual Knights of Columbus' Sentiments for Seminarians Program. Since they don't get paid and have no jobs or vacations, it is often hard for them to obtain many simple, needed items and to travel where and when needed.

In the Catholic Community of Eight in Racine, we are seeking donations of gas cards and/or pre-paid gift cards like Master Card, Visa, department store, pharmacy, and restaurant cards. It would be best if these were national chains, rather than local-area brands. You can also donate cash or a check in an envelope marked Sentiments for Seminarians, and we'll purchase the card(s) for you. Please make checks out to KC Council 697 and write Sentiments for Seminarians on the memo line. You can place the donated cards, cash, or check in an envelope marked Sentiments for Seminarians and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at your parish office. You can also mail checks directly to Knights of Columbus Council 697; P.O. Box 081453; Racine, WI 53408-1453. They are due to us by November 30.

What a great way it would be to say Happy Thanksgiving or Merry Christmas to a seminarian here in Wisconsin, by donating one or two of these items during the month of November. Knights will collect the donated gift cards and deliver them to Archbishop Grob for distribution here in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

We thank you in advance for all your kind generosity. For more information, please contact Bill Frayer at 262-633-7887, 262-945-1095, or frayerfamily@yahoo.com.