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October 19, 2025



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

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> 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 Sunday Tuesday 9:00 am

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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@sinracine.org Facebook: "St. John Nepomuk Church"

Masses

Sunday 9:30 am 8:30 am Tuesday 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

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Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 11 am 5:00 pm Sunday 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

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Confession: 4:00-5:30 pm Wednesday

St. Richard

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

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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

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Masses

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Confession: 3:30-4:15pm Saturday

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 St. Paul of the Cross Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8ab, 9-10, 17/ Lk 12:35-38

8:30 a.m. - SJN - Living and Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers and Altar Society

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 Pope St. John Paul II

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48

8:30 a.m. - SJ + Terence Haas

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 St. John of Capistrano

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

4 p.m. -SJ + Patricia Miller

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. -SJN + Levi Judah Baratki

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish



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.

St. John Nepomuk Parish Office welcomes Ellena Mandujano, a seasoned team member of St. Richard's, as our new parish secretary. We extend our deepest gratitude to Leslie Gain for her years of service, as she begins her retirement. Our best wishes to all!

A big thank you to everyone who attended or supported our Fall Extravaganza event on October 10. It was a huge success for Catholic education thanks to your much appreciated generosity. *The Committee*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

2:45-6 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

NO School

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

4 p.m. - Mass: SJ Church SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

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



St. Joseph Parish gratefully acknowledges receipt of memorial monies in the name of Madelynn Bagdasarian.

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

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

August Financials	A	ıg. '25	Αι	ıg. '24	Dif	ference
Envelopes:	\$8	3,870.00	\$1	6,388.00	\$2	2,482.00
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$	660.00	\$	370.00	\$	290.00
Offertory:	\$	673.00	\$	446.25	\$	226.75
Total Contrib.:	\$1	0,203.00	\$	7,204.25	\$ 2	2,998.75

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

August Financials	Aug. '25	Aug. '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$16,021.25	\$26,714.50	\$(10,693.25)
Capital Funds:	\$ 437.50	\$ 462.50	\$ (25.00)
NeedyFoodBask.:			
Offertory:	\$ 966.10	\$ 1,561.63	\$ (595.53)
Total Contrib.:	\$17,424.85	\$28,758.63	\$(11,333.78)

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

Sunday, Oct. 5, \$50 Paul Steimle #594 Monday, Oct. 6, \$25 Jonathon Martin #802 Tuesday, Oct. 7, \$25 Audrey Swoops #1122 Wednesday, Oct. 8, \$25 Bruce Chaffee #358

Thursday, Oct. 9, \$25 Kathy Simanek #545 Friday, Oct. 10, \$25 Jon Rybar #871 Saturday, Oct. 11, \$25 Lisa Rivers #35

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow who refuses to give up until justice is granted. Her unwavering determination becomes a powerful image of what it means to persevere in prayer. We know that prayer is highlighted throughout the whole Gospel of Luke. The Lord is always finding places and moments to pray. Prayer is something that the Lord wants to instill in his disciples. He shares with them this parable to show them the power of prayer. Jesus tells his disciples how much God the Father will grant us if we ask him. But he also concludes with a question that pierces the heart: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" This is not only about prayer but about the journey of faith that we all must walk.

This Sunday invites us to reflect on the **grace of persistence**, not just in prayer, but in our journey of faith and life in general. There are moments when prayer feels dry, when God seems silent, and when our strength falters—moments when we feel less motivated, less willing to put in the work of prayer and our spiritual care. In those moments, it is precisely that we are called to **open our hearts more deeply to God's grace**. Prayer and life are not about motivation; they are about persistence and endurance. If we pray only when we are motivated, chances are that our prayer life is minimal. But if we commit to pray whether we want to or not, then we deeply open our hearts to that grace of God.

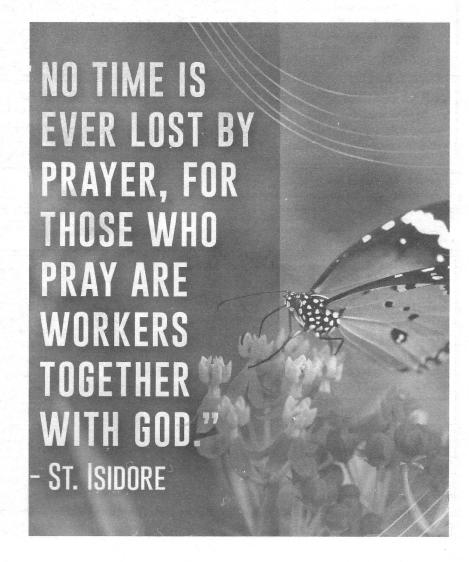
Perseverance in prayer is not about repeating words until we get what we want. It is about **remaining in a relationship with God**, trusting that he is present even when we feel abandoned. Like the widow, we are invited to approach God with boldness, honesty, and faith. And like the judge in the parable, our hearts, often hardened by fear or fatigue, can be softened by the persistent whisper of Grace.

I invite you, my brothers and sisters, always to remember that God is listening, even if we feel he is silent. In the silence of our hearts, God whispers his love for us. If we open our hearts to the Lord in prayer, his beautiful Grace works in us in a subtle yet powerful way to transform us. If you are struggling right now in your prayer, do not give up. Keep going because your faith is growing, the Lord is listening, and his Grace is transforming you in ways you cannot imagine.

Let us ask the Lord this week for the strength to persevere, the humility to receive, and the openness to be transformed. May our prayer be not just words, but a living encounter with the One who never gives up on us.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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GOOD TO KNOW

Come and see what OCIA is all about. Thinking about becoming Catholic? Maybe you're considering baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation. Perhaps you're a parent wanting to share in your child's Catholic education. Discover the path through OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). It's a welcoming process; our program kicks off Thursday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lucy's. Ready to explore? Connect with Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org to learn more or sign up.

The Solemnity of All Saints is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year, as it occurs on a Saturday.

The faithful are still strongly encouraged to attend Mass to honor all the saints.

All Souls' Masses of Remembrance are:

Saturday, November 1, 4 p.m., at SJ Sunday, November 2, 9:30 a.m., at SJN

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.



Cold weather is coming soon! The Mitten Baskets need new or handmade child-sized mittens, gloves and scarves. Baskets are at the back of SJ Church and at the side entrance of SJN Church. Thank you for helping to keep little hands warm!

Let the colors of fall remind you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage! Worldwide Marriage Encounter has all the tools you need for a great marriage. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience in Wisconsin on November 8 and 9 in Neenah or December 6 and 7 in Stoughton. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, please visit their website at alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

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 August, we fed 748 people including 303 children! Non-perishable needs: tuna in water or canned meat; canned chili, 15 oz.; canned fruit, 15.4 oz.; soup; peanut butter, 16 oz.; instant oatmeal packets.; mac 'n' cheese; Pasta-Roni; pasta sides. Your help is vital to assist in feeding the growing number of Racine's hungry. Thank you for your help!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF EIGHT

Sign up for the Catholic Community of Eight newsletter:



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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.

There are training classes for ALL parishioners who take communion to family members at home, neighbors, or residents in assisted living or nursing homes. ALL engaged in this ministry are expected to participate to learn the proper etiquette, receive recommended prayers, and have their questions answered. Please be sure to bring your pyx if you have one. Attend the class most convenient for you:

- Thursday, October 23, 6-7:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart;
- Friday, October 24, 10-11:30 a.m., at Sacred Heart; or
- Saturday, **October 25**, 9-10:30 a.m., at St. Lucy Please RSVP to Lena Martin, shracine@shracine.org or 262-634-5526 OR to Laurie Feiler, 262-554-1801 or parishoffice@stlucychurch.org

Get All Shook Up when you join us for Memphis BBQ, Rock and Roll, and ELVIS portrayed by Mike Bishop. Saturday, November 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Cost: \$25 ea. (BYOB). Childcare available: \$20/child, incl. activities, dinner. Freewill donations encouraged for Cystic Fibrosis research. Register at https:/tickets.signupgenius.com/#/wizard/org/org_i9events/evt_vp

The Monthly Marriage Gathering, strengthening your marriage together is Thursday, November 20, 6 p.m., at St. Sebastian. Childcare available on site. Contact Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org.

Belle City Catholic Young Adults (21-35-year-olds)
Holy Happy Hour
Tuesday, November 4

Come, relax, make some new friends. Hear a message.

7 p.m. gathering at Pepi's Bar and Grill, 618 Sixth Street Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest. Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Mission Sunday

Monday:

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday:

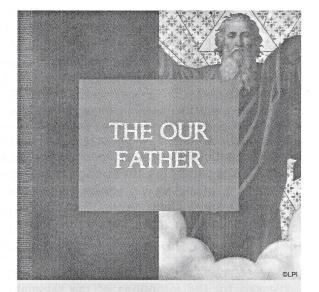
St. John Paul II, Pope

Thursday: Friday:

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,

You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face,

knowing You will never leave us alone. Amen.