

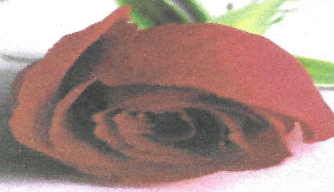
Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

October 5, 2025

*Truly you have formed my inmost being;
You knit me in my mother's womb.
I give you thanks that I am
fearfully, wonderfully made.*

—Psalm 139:13-14a NAB

*Respect
Life*



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Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
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**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
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/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

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:

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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, OCTOBER 6 St. Bruno / Bl. Marie Rose

Durocher

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 Our Lady of the Rosary /

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Jose Gonzales

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Hildegard Walsh

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 St. Denis and Companions /

St. John Leonardi

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Diane Lui Giamba Hisa

+ Norm and Carol Seeger

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26

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

2:30 p.m. - **SJ** - Wedding of Erika Hauser-Smetana
and Nicholas Eggert

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 Pope St. John XXIII

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

4 p.m. - **SJ** + Leroy Jerger

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

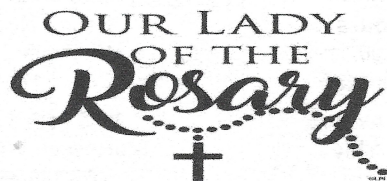
9:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Phyllis Somers

+ Laura Koleske

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

^ - School Mass with students

Please join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.



WEDDING BANNES:

III - Erika Hauser-Smetana and Nicholas Eggert

II - Rose Cihler and Rigoberto Valladares Martinez

The SJ and SJN 2026 Mass Intention calendars are now open. 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, OCTOBER 6

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

4 p.m. - Mass: SJ Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

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



Eucharistic Adoration during the school year is for the school students and staff only. Please avail yourself of other church sites' times of Eucharistic Adoration. Thank you.

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." Pope St. John XXIII

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

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

August Financials	Aug. '25	Aug. '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$ 8,870.00	\$ 6,388.00	\$ 2,482.00
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$ 660.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 290.00
Offertory:	\$ 673.00	\$ 446.25	\$ 226.75
Total Contrib.:	\$10,203.00	\$ 7,204.25	\$ 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.:	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	\$ (20.00)
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, Sept. 21, \$50

John Perugini #1065

Monday, Sept. 22, \$25

Bob Hotle #798

Tuesday, Sept. 23, \$25

LaVerne Phillips #830

Wednesday, Sept. 24, \$25

Sandra Verhaeghe #737

Thursday, Sept. 25, \$25

Emma Vukodinovich #523

Friday, Sept. 26, \$25

Cassie Englund #935

Saturday, Sept. 27, \$25

Emily Stevens #572

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Many things in life begin as dreams, their realization far from our present situation, yet worthy of the effort necessary to bring them to life. When I became the pastor of the Catholic Community of Eight, I thought that it would be great for the city of Racine if we were to have a Catholic festival in Festival Park downtown. The dream was to go into the heart of Racine and show everyone that we Catholics are here and can be the salt and the light of this city. It was a dream. It was a vision to establish our presence in the city. Of course, dreams need to be confronted with reality.

There are 13,700 of us Catholics within the boundaries of the Catholic Community of Eight in Racine. That's a considerable portion of the population of the Racine area. The reality in 2024 and 2025 has been that we are eight independent parishes. Of these eight parishes, two have festivals: Saint Lucy and Saint Patrick. In 2024 and 2025, both parishes had very successful festivals. I am grateful to all the leaders and volunteers who poured their hearts and passion into making those festivals a great success for us.

As we now advance in our collaboration process towards the merger of our eight wonderful parishes, the Catholic festival dream can come to fruition. I am pleased to announce that we are planning a large and beautiful festival for the Community of Eight in Festival Park next year. This will be an excellent opportunity for all of us to come together and work together. There will no longer be individual Catholic festivals in Racine, but one great Catholic festival, which will take place on June 26, 27, and 28, 2026. Please save those dates.

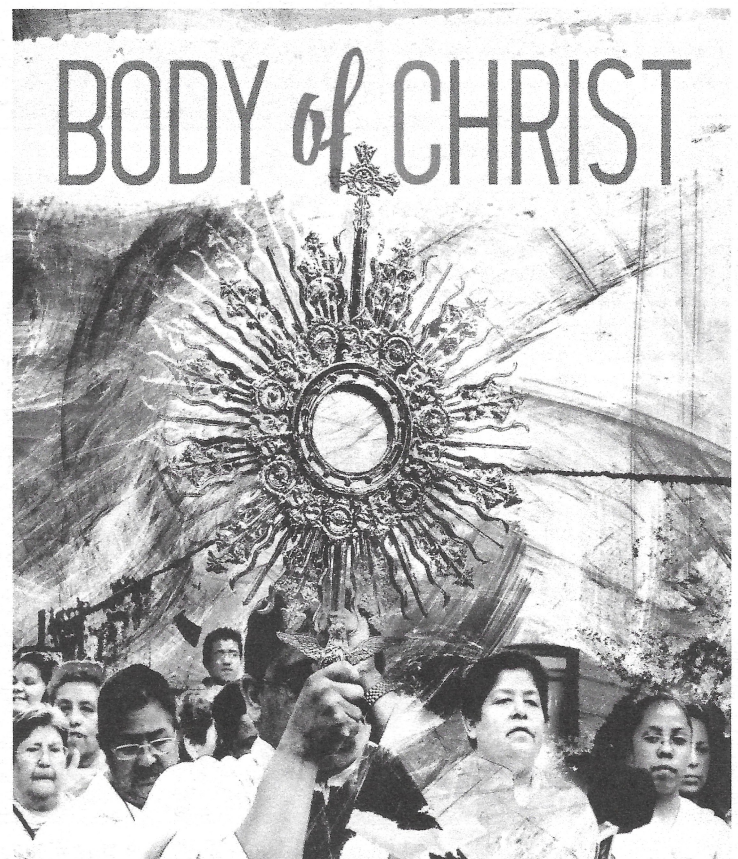
Now, the success of the festival will depend on the participation of each of the communities within our family of eight. There will be more details to come, but I dream that each community takes a parcel/area of the festival and provides the leadership and volunteers to make that area a success. This is an excellent opportunity for all to build the Body of Christ here in Racine. In our Catholic Community of Eight, we are no longer passive participants or spectators, but we are the leaven and ferment of the Community. We will all make this dream a reality with our sweat, passion, time, and energy. On Sunday, June 28, we will have a Mass on the Festival Park grounds to highlight that what we do, we do for Christ and His Body, the Church. The Mass will be a testament to our faith in the city.

In this weekend's Gospel, the disciples ask the Lord to help them "increase their faith". They are scared by the monumental task of being his disciples and followers, helping him make the Kingdom of God a reality. They think that what they have is not enough and that they need more. Jesus, instead of entertaining their request, replies with a story that invites them to reflect on what they have and gain the confidence that they need to fulfill the task. Their faith is the presence of God's incredible power in their hearts. That's enough for them to work wonders. They need to believe in themselves and tap into the powerful gift of faith. If they do that, they will be able to be good and faithful servants.

I know that a large Catholic festival may seem to be a monumental task, but we are a great group of faithful disciples of the Lord. In God, there is nothing we can't do if we open our hearts to the creative, redemptive, transformational power of God.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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GOOD TO KNOW

"Healing the Whole Person: Engaging Your Story," an 8-week series, meets on Fridays, 6:30-8:15 p.m., **Sept. 26 -Nov. 21** (no session on Oct. 24) at St. Richard Church. Using videos featuring Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland presenting the John Paul II Healing Center's Healing the Whole Person teachings, each session includes a guided prayer experience and a workbook journaling activity for private reflection and prayer. Wherever you find yourself now is not the end of your story. God is here. God has more for you. "Engaging Your Story" is time set aside for God to guide you through. Cost: \$20, includes Workbook Journal. *No one will be denied participation due to financial circumstances. Scholarships available.* Register: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

St. Richard's is having a Senior Social on Tuesday, October 7, at noon in Vogel Hall. All are welcome. Bring a dish to pass and a game to play after lunch.

Join a Wellness Walk at St. Richard on Saturday, October 11, at 7 a.m. for a 45-minute walk to the lakefront (alternate routes available for those unable to walk long), then return for a talk on the benefits of exercise on mental health by Joe Pitts, MAC, distance runner/marathoner. Coffee, juice, snacks following.

St. John Nepomuk Parish Calendar Raffles 2026 are on sale until December 31 at both SJN and SJ parish offices and provide 365 chances to win because winners are re-entered. Prizes: weekdays, \$25; Sundays, \$50; New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, \$100; Christmas, \$500. SJN parishioners, please pick up your Calendar Raffle 2026 packets at church. As SJN's major fundraiser, we appreciate your purchase.

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.

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 769 people including 305 children! Non-perishable needs:** tuna in water or canned meat; canned chili; canned fruit, 15.4 oz.; peanut butter, 16 oz.; boxed cereal, 13-17 oz.; mac 'n' cheese; boxed spaghetti, angel hair, fettuccine, linguine, 1 lb.; Pasta-Roni. Your help is vital to assist in feeding the growing number of Racine's hungry.

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.

Fr. Jose Mario Nieto presents, "The Role of Faith And Reason in Modern Society," which includes a quick review of the evolution of the relationship between religion and science in recent years and a discussion on the need of convergence of both in response to self-absorbed and anti-intellectual modern societies. **Tuesday, October 14, 6:45-8 p.m.** at Sacred Heart.

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

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

Holy Happy Hour

Tuesday, October 7

6 p.m. Mass, Sacred Heart 7 p.m. social Pepi's Bar/Grill
Come, relax, and make some new friends.

A Day of Retreat at Holy Hill

Saturday, October 11

Join us for a peaceful day of prayer, reflection, and connecting with other young adults. Carpooling from Racine at 7:15 a.m. and returning around 3 p.m.

Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith,
but they don't really want faith. They want a
magical feeling of certainty that requires no
effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots
in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and
work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

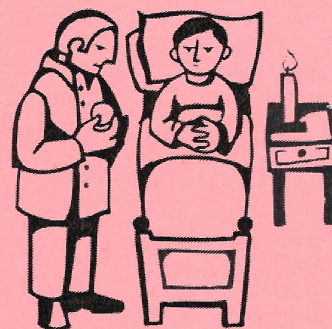
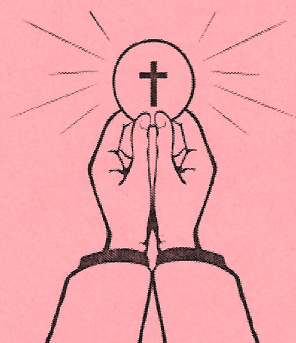


Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an
affirmation of God's faithfulness
amidst the trials of life, a theme
that is presented again and again
in Scripture: come what may, God
will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.



Visiting Eucharistic Minister Training

For all those who take communion to the homebound: There will be 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 to have their questions answered. Please be sure to bring your pyx if you have one.

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Please RSVP to Lena Martin of Sacred Heart at shracine@shracine.org / (262) 634-5526 or to Laurie Feiler at parishoffice@stlucychurch.org / (262)554-1801.