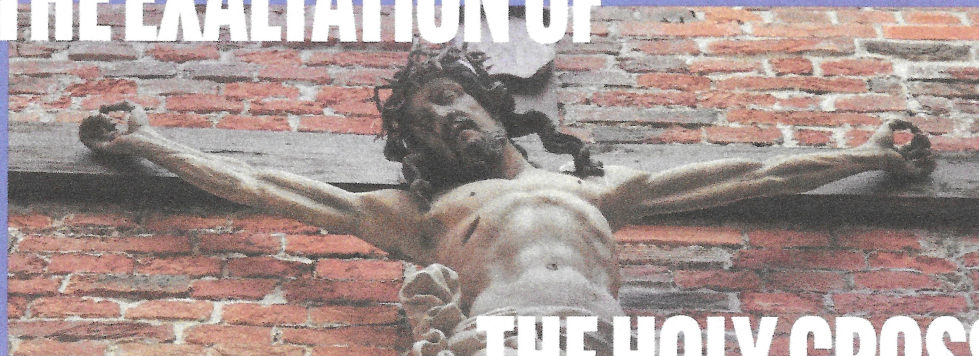


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September 14, 2025

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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

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
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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:

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, SEPTEMBER 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian/ Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2abcd, 3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Robert and Lucille McGrath
- Living and Deceased Members of
the Sus and Shimkus Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 St. Robert Bellarmine/ St. Hildegard of Bingen

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Joe Majowski, past principal of St.
Joseph School

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Betty Zahalka

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 St. Januarius

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

^8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + David A. and K. Maryellen Carlson

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Taegŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

12 p.m. - **SJ** - Chelsea Jenkins and Joseph Rizzo
wedding

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

4 p.m. - **SJ** + Albert and Elsie Leuker
- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Catechetical Sunday

9:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Ray Sertuche
- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

^ - School Mass with students



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, **Pat Steimle**.

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.

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, SJ former parishioner and SJS teacher, **Marylou Majowski**. Eternal rest, O Lord.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6 p.m. - Belle City Yg. Adults' bonfire: Sacred Heart Ch.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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



If you attend Mass at one of the Catholic Community of Eight parishes that is NOT your home parish, please either use your home parish envelope for your donation OR a Catholic Community of Eight envelope. This is for accurate donation information at your home parish.

STEWARDSHIP

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

July Financials:	July '25	July '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$ 7,545.00	\$ 7,494.10	\$ 50.90
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$ 450.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 112.00
Offertory:	\$ 446.00	\$ 470.95	\$ (24.95)
Total Contrib.:	\$ 8,441.00	\$ 8,303.05	\$ 137.95

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

July Financials:	July '25	July '24	Difference
Envelopes:	\$15,383.50	\$26,714.50	\$(11,331.00)
Capital Funds:	\$ 207.50	\$ 462.50	\$ (255.00)
NeedyFoodBask.:	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Offertory:	\$ 1,561.50	\$ 1,561.63	\$ (0.13)
Total Contrib.:	\$17,192.50	\$28,758.63	\$(11,566.13)

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

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

Sunday, August 31, \$50

Frank Michna #69

Monday, Sept. 1, \$25

Brandon Riesner #482

Tuesday, Sept. 2, \$25

Chris Rogan #143

Wednesday, Sept. 3, \$25

Frank D'Acquisto #7

Thursday, Sept. 4, \$25

Jason Samuelian #92

Friday, Sept. 5, \$25

Madison Chadwick #641

Saturday, Sept. 6, \$25

Madeline Yde #679

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

On September 14th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a day that invites us to gaze upon the Cross not as a symbol of defeat, but as the ultimate sign of God's victorious love. This year, September 14th falls on a Sunday, and hence we celebrate the feast on this weekend. This is the Christian paradox: the instrument of suffering, the cross, becomes the throne of glory, and death becomes the gateway to life. We know that after the suffering of Good Friday, we celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Suffering and death are not the end but the gateway to fullness of life.

At the heart of this feast is the mystery of divine love, a love so profound that it embraces suffering for the sake of the beloved. In Christ crucified, we see the depth of God's love for humanity, a love that does not shy away from pain, rejection, or sacrifice. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16). The Cross is the visible proof of that gift.

But this feast is not only about what Christ has done; it is also a call to imitate his love. Love, if it is true, always involves sacrifice. To love as Christ loves means to carry our own crosses: the daily burdens, the acts of self-denial, the forgiveness we offer even when it hurts, the patience we extend when we are tired, and the courage to stand for truth when it is unpopular.

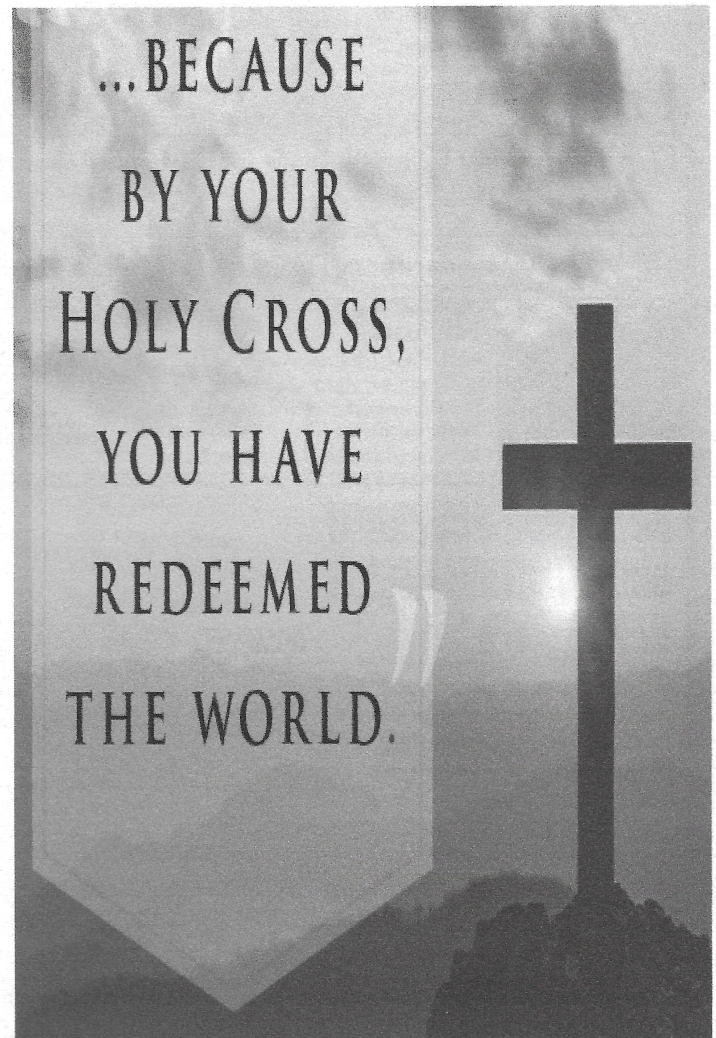
The Cross teaches us that love is not always easy, but it is always worth it. It is in the giving of ourselves, sometimes in small hidden ways, sometimes in great heroic acts, that we participate in the redemptive work of Christ. This is the way to holiness. We embrace the Cross not as a punishment, but as a path to more profound union with God and greater love for others.

So today, as we exalt the Cross, let us not only venerate it with our lips but also embrace it with our lives. Let us ask for the grace to love sacrificially, to give generously, and to trust that in every cross we carry, God's love is at work, transforming suffering into salvation, and death into resurrection.

When I became your pastor, I shared that we have several priorities. One of them was the work in the Nursing Homes and Care Facilities. Our team of deacons has been working hard alongside Fr. Michael to establish a ministry that serves our brothers and sisters. We also have a great group of lay leaders who serve in those facilities. Each month, there are 23 communion services in 11 facilities in the Racine area. We care for 135 Catholics living in those facilities. This means these brothers and sisters get to receive the Body of Christ in their current situation. This brings me joy to know that in the Racine area, our Catholic family members are cared for and not forgotten. My dream is that we can continue to grow that ministry and expand that care to those who are homebound. I know many of you may have family members and loved ones who may benefit from the love and care of their family in Christ, the Church. Let us pray for all of us that we can grow in love and care for one another.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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GOOD TO KNOW

You are invited to a seminar on hospice and funeral pre-planning presented by Deacon Eloy Contreras and Keith Hansen on Sunday, **Sept. 14**, 2 p.m., at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Free, but RSVP to 262-884-8052.

St. Joseph Parish provides cold salads and desserts for the September 25 St. Patrick's Meal Program.

Pick up a food container at the back of church and drop off filled containers at the **SJN Parish Center**, 700 English St., Thursday, **September 25**, 9 a.m.-noon. Please ring the doorbell. Thank you for your help! Sponsored by St. Joseph Human Concerns Committee



St. Patrick's Meal Program needs two volunteers to help serve food, 2:30-4 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 25. Please phone Dee Dee Koleske, 262-930-3914.

Faith Formation 2025-'26 has THREE options:

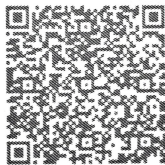
- Family Style for Students/Parents: Sundays, Sacred Heart, K-gr. 8, 10-11:30 a.m. begins September 28;
- Traditional Style for Students: Wednesdays at St. Lucy for K-gr. 8, 6-7 p.m., begins October 1; and
- Bilingual Option for Students: Saturdays at St. Patrick for K-gr. 8, 9-11 a.m., beginning TBD.

Confirmation preparation has TWO options:

A three-year program for grades 9-11, is through St. Lucy and St. Patrick Churches. **Confirmation parent meetings** at St. Lucy: gr. 9 and 10, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. and gr. 11, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.

Questions: Faith Formation Coordinator Amber Fay, 262-989-8686 cell

Scan the QR code at the right to register.



St. Vincent de Paul Society's Food Pantry needs are increasing. Since October 2024, their client database added 322 families (724 people.) Your support is vital to assist feeding the hungry in Racine. Thank you.

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.; and Pasta-Roni sides. Thank you!

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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.

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.

Marriage Gatherings are starting up again! Married or newly engaged? You're invited to the first of our monthly marriage gatherings! Join us at St. Lucy Parish after the **4 p.m. Mass** on **Saturday, September 20**. We'll have free childcare available on-site. If you have any questions, feel free to email Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org.

All current and aspiring Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, and lectors from our Catholic Community of Eight parishes are invited to a Morning of Reflection Saturday, **September 27**, 8:00 a.m.-noon, at Sacred Heart Parish. Presented by our priests and deacons, this formation event is a time of prayer, learning, and community. Your dedication brings our liturgies to life.

Join a Holy Hill Pilgrimage on Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m., for round-trip bus transportation to tour the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, plenary indulgence opportunities, boxed lunch. Cost: \$60. Info. or registration: Dawn, 262-598-0369

SJN Alumni Family and Friends host their annual Wine and Beer Tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, 6-8:30 p.m. This is a wonderful evening out with delicious appetizers, buffet, and desserts. Tickets are available at the SJN Scrip table after Mass and at parish office.

Belle City Catholic Young Adults (21-35-year-olds) Bonfire - Enjoy a Night Out With Others
Friday, September 19

6 p.m., Sacred Heart Bring a chair and fav snacks
Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD
and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

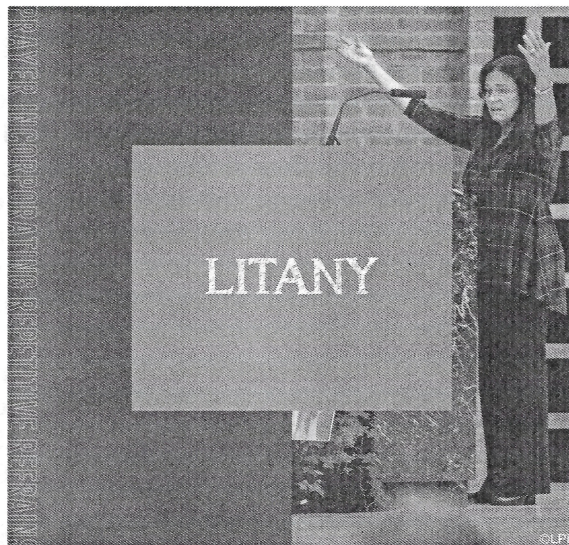
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it.
The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is
what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we
bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we
live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways
today,
to understand the love You have
for me,
to take that love deeply into
myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.