

Catholic Community of Eight in Racine

September 21, 2025

BE THE LIGHT CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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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
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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
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:

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, SEPTEMBER 22

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2abcd, 3-6/Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-4abcd, 5/Lk 8:19-21

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Terry Biarnesen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4abefghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Joe Majowski

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Bert, Margaret, and Michael Mayerl

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

^8:30 a.m. - **SJ** - Living and Deceased Members of
the Schoff and Eaton Families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 St. Vincent de Paul

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

4 p.m. - **SJ** - Living and Deceased Members of
the Uminski Family
+ Mel Larsen and Alex Muleski killed in
action in World War II
- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Priesthood Sunday

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

^ - School Mass with students

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, **Ray Sertuche**.

WEDDING BANNS:

I - Erika Hauser-Smetana and Nicholas Eggert

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.

St. Joseph Parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of generous memorials in the name of **Madelynn Bagdasarian**.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9 a.m.-noon - Meal Program food container drop-off:
SJN Parish Office

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8 a.m.-noon - Morning of Reflection for lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers, and ushers: Sacred Heart Ch.

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

4 p.m. - Mass: SJ Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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.

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. 7, \$50

Bill/Linda Gissell #259

Monday, Sept. 8, \$25

Kayla Carvino #810

Tuesday, Sept. 9, \$25

Kristin Hantschel #1052

Wednesday, Sept. 10, \$25

Dr. Robert Jaklich #691

Thursday, Sept. 11, \$25

Anne Borland #201

Friday, Sept. 12, \$25

Mary Mooney #383

Saturday, Sept. 13, \$25

Aidan Quinn #934

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

This Sunday's Gospel presents the parable of the **dishonest steward**. Every time this passage comes up, I am puzzled by the story. Suppose you read it without great attention and prayerful reflection. The story seems to praise wrongful behavior. The steward, facing dismissal, acts shrewdly by reducing the debts of his master's debtors, hoping to secure favor and a future among them. Surprisingly, Jesus praises his prudence, not his dishonesty, but his ability to act decisively in a moment of crisis. I think the key phrase to understand the parable is this: **"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."**

This parable is not a lesson in financial cunning, but a **spiritual wake-up call**. Jesus contrasts the steward's worldly wisdom with the spiritual negligence of "the children of light." This means his disciples and followers. In this age, this is us, my brothers and sisters. We are the children of the light of Christ shared through our baptism. Jesus challenges us to reflect: Are we as concerned about our eternal well-being as we are about our material and social needs? Is the care of our souls as critical? At times, we seem to be more concerned with the "worldly stuff" than with our own souls. That's why Jesus brings the example of the dishonest steward, because when we are pressed and cornered, we get creative and solve our physical and social needs. Do we pay the same attention to the matters of our souls?

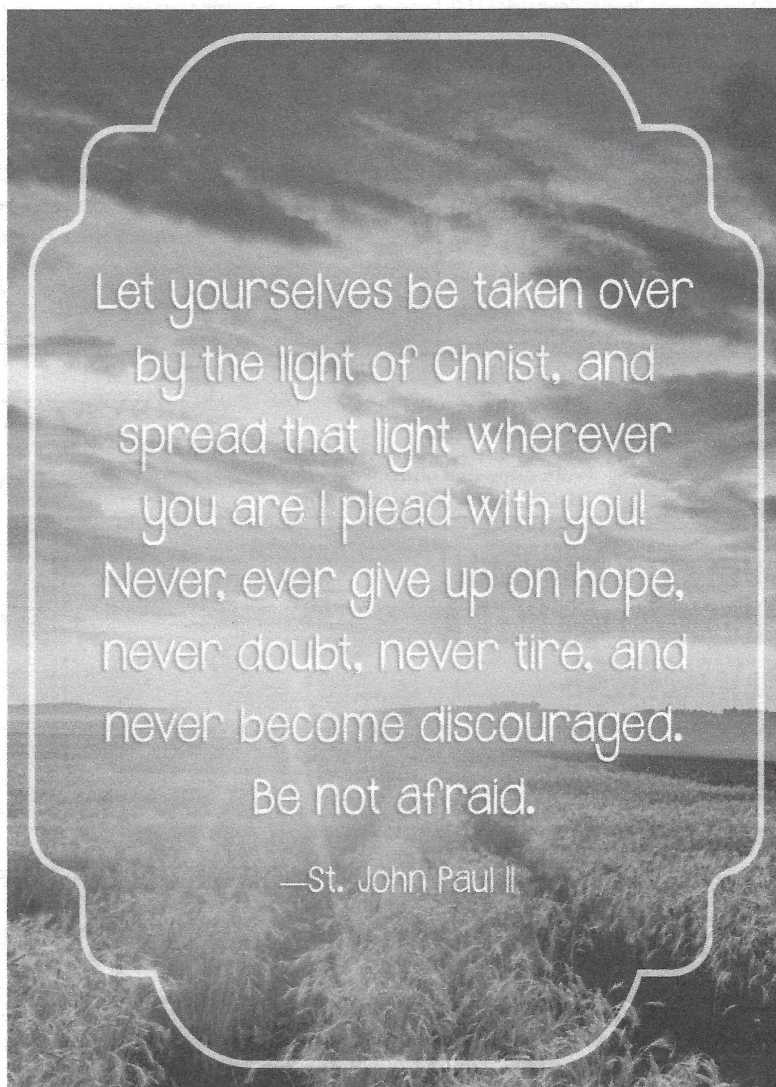
The steward's urgency in securing his future invites us to consider our own priorities. We often invest significant energy in ensuring comfort, reputation, and success, yet neglect the deeper needs of the soul. Jesus calls us to be **wise stewards of grace**, attentive to the eternal consequences of our choices. To be spiritually wise means living with **eternity in mind**. It means cultivating a life of prayer, integrity, and charity. It means being honest with ourselves and with God, recognizing where we have mismanaged the gifts entrusted to us—our time, relationships, and resources—and seeking reconciliation.

Jesus concludes with a stark truth: **"You cannot serve both God and mammon."** This is not merely a warning against greed, but a call to **choose our master**. Will we serve the fleeting comforts of this world, or will we serve the eternal truth of God?

The steward acted to secure his physical and social well-being. We are invited to act with even greater urgency to ensure our **spiritual well-being**. If we were to lose everything tomorrow, what would remain? Have we built a life rooted in faith, love, and trust in God? This Gospel invites us to live wisely, not fearfully. Let us be prudent stewards, not of wealth, but of grace. Let us invest in what truly lasts and live each day with the clarity and courage that come from knowing our true home is in God.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho



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GOOD TO KNOW

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 meeting is** at St. Lucy for grades 9 and 10, **September 21**, at 6 p.m.

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

Scan the QR code at the right to register.

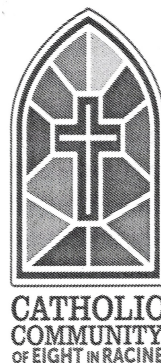


Prayer shawls for those facing illness or trying times are blessed for the intentions of the recipient. Without charge; given with our prayers. Call SJ Parish Office.

Attention, all pet lovers! Please mark your calendars for an outdoor Pet Blessing at St. Lucy's at 10 a.m., Saturday, **October 4**, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

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. Your help is vital to assist in feeding the ever growing numbers of hungry in Racine. Thank you so much!

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.

"Healing the Whole Person," an 8-week series on Fridays, 6:30-8:15 p.m., **September 26-November 21** (no session on October 24) at St. Richard. Register with 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.

Food for the Journey: Who am I Following? Mass and Adoration event on **October 1**, the Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, 6 p.m., at St. Edward.

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

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**, 9:00-10:30 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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading:

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

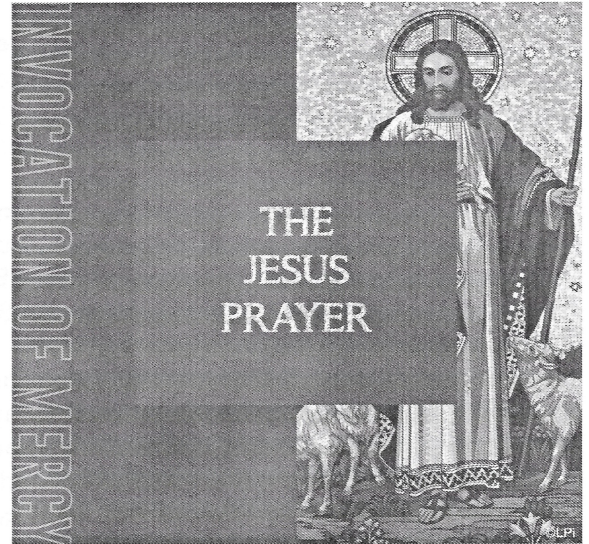
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	National Migration Week
Tuesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Friday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,
With your gentle mercy, build
my trust. Help me to believe you
when you say you want good
for me. In every season, give
me grace. In every need, be my
answer.
Amen.