# Catholic Community of Eight in Racine September 7, 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

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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

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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/Miércoles6:00pm 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 8 Nativity of the Bl. Virgin (F) Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6abc/Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 St. Peter Claver / Mother of Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19 Perpetual Help Devot. 8:30 a.m. - SJN - Living and Deceased Members of the

Christian Mothers and Altar Society

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26 8:30 a.m. - SJ + Lee and Marcella Hamilton THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-6/Lk 6:27-38

8:30 a.m. - SJN - Living and Deceased Members of the Kaskubar Families

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary / 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-8/Lk 6:39-42 Eucharistic Adoration 48:30 a.m. - SJ + Anthony Aracich, S.J.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 St. John Chrysostom

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

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

### **MASS OF ANTICIPATION**

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 4 p.m. - SJ - Living and Deceased Members of the Kenneth Orth Family

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Exultation of the Holy Cross (F)

9:30 a.m. - SJN + Pat Steimle on

the Anniversary of her Death

+ Elmer Sura

- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

^ - School Mass with students

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. please remember in faith, Terri Barranco.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, John Schroeder Jr.

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 parishioner, Madelynn Bagdasarian, who received her Christian burials through our Church and ministry. Eternal rest, 0 Lord.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Noon - Bulletin article deadline to info@st-joes.org TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5-6 p.m. - SJN Finance Council mtg.: SJN Rectory

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5-6 p.m. - SJ Finance Council mtg.: SJN Rectory 6 p.m. - All Committee Meeting Night: SJN Parish Ctr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.- Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

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

4 p.m. - Mass: SJ Church **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** 

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

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

Please join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.

#### **WEDDING BANNS:**

III - Chelsea Jenkins and Joseph Rizzo

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

June Financials:	June '25		J	une '24	Difference		
Envelopes:	\$8	3,559.00	\$	9,871.00	-\$	1,312.00	
Bldgs./Grounds:	\$	465.00	\$	909.00	-\$	444.00	
Offertory:	\$	759.50	\$	446.25	\$	313.25	
Total Contrib.:	\$ 9	9,783.50	\$1	1,226.25	-\$	1,442.75	

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

June Financials:	Jı	une '25	J	une '24	Dif	ference
Envelopes:	\$1	9,143.50	\$	21,312.00	-\$2	,168.50
Capital Funds:	\$	367.50	\$	1,630.00	-\$1	,262.50
NeedyFoodBask.	\$	0.00	\$	20.00	-\$	20.00
Offertory:	\$	1,217.28	\$	1,835.63	-\$	618.35
Total Contrib.:	\$2	20,728.28	\$	24,797.63	-\$4	,069.35

### SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 WINNERS

Sunday, August 24, \$50 Debbie Guillermo #903 Monday, August 25, \$25 Tom/Donna DeGarmo #402

Tuesday, August 26, \$25 Bernie Morrow #405

Wednesday, August 27, \$25 John Beggi #2 Thursday, August 28, \$25 Susan Sykes #604 Friday, August 29, \$25 Lisa Friedrich #783 Saturday, August 30, \$25 Tyler Morrow #877

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

This summer, we have been busy planning for next year to serve you better and more effectively. Great things are in store for you. Stay tuned. We are also launching two new initiatives that I believe will strengthen our Catholic community. We are launching a comprehensive youth ministry program to engage our high school students beyond the traditional faith formation program. We aim to involve our younger parishioners and draw them closer to Christ. Additionally, we are establishing the foundation for an Intercessory Prayer Ministry (Healing Ministry) within our parishes. We have a dedicated core team that meets and plans for this ministry for our Catholic community. Soon, we will be inviting you to participate. These two new initiatives build on the already vibrant spirit of our community. Our goal is to unify and strengthen our Catholic community across the eight parishes.

### Where are we in the merger process?

As we proceed with the merger, we are in the process of submitting the letter of intent to merge to Archbishop Grob, who will consult with various administrative bodies within the archdiocese for approval. I appreciate all your support and strong dedication to building a vibrant Catholic community in Racine, which will help shape our city's future.

### How are we doing on our journey?

We started by focusing on building a strong and vibrant community. All of you have experienced this vibrancy and sense of community. We also adjusted the Mass schedule to make Sunday Masses more vibrant. This change helped us increase overall attendance at weekend Masses. We went from 2800 people attending 21 Masses to 3200 attending the 16 Masses we now have on the weekend for the eight parishes. Currently, we are working on establishing a solid administrative structure that will support our efforts in evangelization and help us keep our vibrancy. Following our merger, the proper administrative framework will be in place to ensure we remain a strong community.

### What would happen to our money?

Regarding the funds, all Love One Another donations given to each parish will be used for the specific purpose you donated. These monies are restricted for each building and site. Additionally, all restricted donations and funds allocated for buildings at each location will remain restricted to that location. The funds designated for programs such as serving the poor, education, faith formation, and evangelization will be combined to create a more substantial impact in our efforts to reach out to those in need and bring people closer to Christ. Of course, the regular monthly donations will be used to keep all our programs and services running smoothly and effectively, serving you better.

### How will we keep track of your money?

We will implement a division-based accounting system to track which sites generate specific revenues and which expenses are incurred at each location. This type of accounting will help us be responsible stewards of all your gifts. We recognize your generosity and aim to maximize your stewardship. Our goal is to stay faithful to the mission entrusted to us by the Lord: *Make disciples of all nations* (*Mt. 28 19-20*). Your generosity will enable us to maintain our strong Catholic presence in Racine.

### Who will decide?

The parish structure is overseen by two trustees who represent the community and assist the pastor with managing the parish. There are two consultative bodies: the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. The Pastoral Council assists the pastor in the evangelization effort and provides guidance on pastoral care matters for the community. It has several committees that support all evangelization initiatives. The Finance Council advises the pastor on financial decisions and assists in managing the parish's temporal goods. It also includes a Buildings and Grounds Committee that guides decisions about the parish's infrastructure needs. This team will advise me and support me in making informed decisions about our future. After we merge, we will ensure fair representation of all sites among this group of faithful servants. I assure you we will be diligent stewards of your gifts and make the best decisions for the sustainability of our Catholic community in Racine, maintaining its vibrancy.

Once again, my main task and priority as your pastor is to care for your souls and guide you on our journey to Heaven. Therefore, all decisions will be made with this in mind: **the salvation of your souls.**Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho

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### GOOD TO KNOW

A free, six-week grief group, open to all denominations, meets Thursdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 9, at St. Paul the Apostle. Register: parish office, 262-886-0530.

All high school students are invited to a "Kick Off the Year" group pizza party Sunday, September 7, after St. Lucy's 5 p.m. Mass. Discuss this year's events and programs. Info: Eric Antrim, eantrim@stlucychurch.org

### Faith Formation 2025-'26 classes 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. Ouestions: Faith Formation Coordinator Amber Fay, 262-989-8686 cell

Scan the QR code at the right to register.



Please help! Adults are needed at SJ's Eucharistic Adoration, Friday, Sept. 12, 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., during school lunch.

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.

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.

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 July, we fed 964 people including 388 children! Non-perishable needs: tuna in water or canned meat; canned chili; Chef Boyardee (no spaghetti); canned fruit, 15.4 oz.; peanut butter, 28 oz.; boxed cereal, 13-17 oz.; mac 'n' cheese; bagged rotini, penne, or shells pasta; boxed spaghetti; pasta sides.

### 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.

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.

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future. Class starts Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart's Haban Hall. For sign-up KristinGibson@UWAlumni.com. information, email This is for any age and any stage of financial planning.

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

St. Joseph Parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of generous memorials in the names of Tony Ferraro and Barbara Lowney.

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

Friday, September 19

6 p.m., Sacred Heart

Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

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## Weekly Prayer

### **Sunday's Readings**

### First Reading:

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

#### Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

#### Gospel:

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we should have — with our Lord?

### Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Grandparents' Day

Monday:

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday:

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday:

Patriot Day

Friday:

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday:

St. John Crysostom,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



### Devotions, Explained!

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is an ancient practice of praying through the reading of Scripture. It includes four steps: read (lectio), meditate (meditatio), pray (oratio) and contemplate (contemplatio).

### **Prayer of Simplicity**

Dear God.

In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that. Amen.



Join us as we start an 8-week series that provides the framework for understanding and receiving Christ's healing and peace in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Video sessions featuring

Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T.

present 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.

Join us on Fridays, September 26-November 21, from 6:30-8:15 p.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church, 1509 Grand Ave. No class October 24.

Cost: \$20, includes Workbook Journal

No one will be denied participation due to financial circumstances. Please let us know if you need scholarship assistance.

Contact Eric Antrim to get signed up at eantrim@stlucychurch.org