

July 9, 2017 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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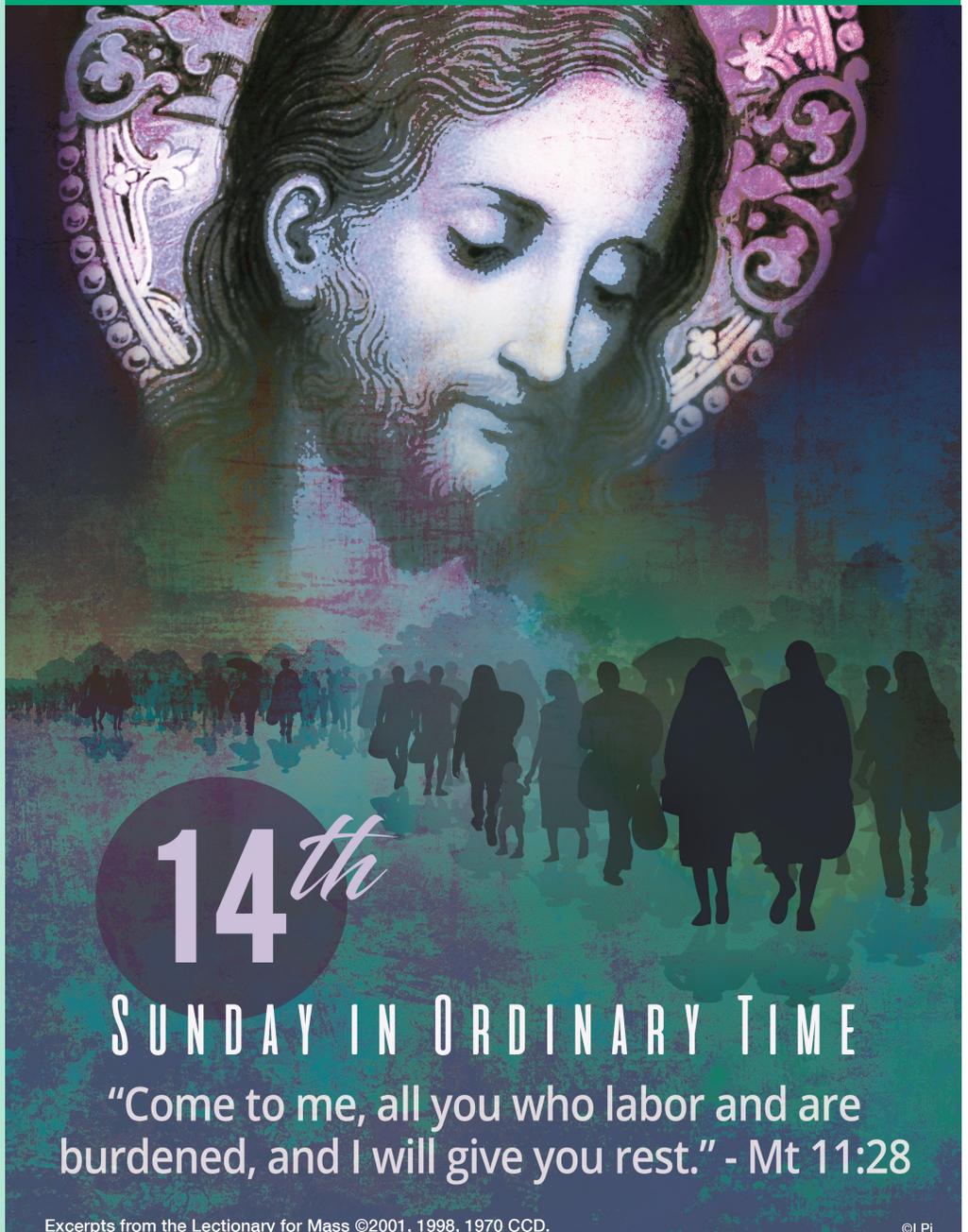
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## Janesville/Milton Mass Times

Nativity of Mary ..... Sat. 4:30 pm  
 Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am  
 St. Patrick..... Sat. 4:00 pm  
 Sun. 7:30 & 10:00 am  
*Spanish Mass* - Sun. 5:00 pm  
 St. John Vianney ..... Sat. 5:00 pm  
 Sun. 8:15 & 9:45 am  
 St. William ..... Sat. 4:00 pm  
 Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am  
 St. Mary - Milton ..... Sat. 4:00 pm  
 Sun. 9:00 am



# 14<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28

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*Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the Gospel as good stewards, sharing God's love. -Mission Statement*

# NEWS & NOTES

## **SCRIP**

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SCRIP will be for sale after Mass on July 15th/16th. You can also purchase SCRIP at the rectory during the summer months, Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

*Please call 752-7861 in advance to be sure we are available to assist you.*

*Your support is appreciated!*

**Texas Roadhouse** in Janesville would like to invite you in every Sunday for a special offer. Present a copy of the church bulletin to your server. **10% of your bill will be donated to Nativity of Mary!**

## **Catholicism: The Pivotal Players**

Nativity of Mary has been granted exclusive access to stream an episode from CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players directly on the parish website!

Courtesy of a partnership between eCatholic and Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire ministry, you are encouraged to visit [www.nativitymary.org](http://www.nativitymary.org) to view the free hour-long film on St. Francis of Assisi.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that delves into the lives of figures who shaped the Church and changed the world. Check out the free episode today!



It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

## **Make a Difference!**

The Religious Education Committee is in need of new members to serve a two-year term. The Committee meets from August to May and provides assistance to the Religious Education Coordinator.

Over the last two years the Committee has hosted the Ash Wednesday Soup for the Soul, Walking Tacos supper the last evening of class after Mass, and inspired the children when explaining the Gospel for the upcoming week.

Wednesday evening Religious Education classes from 5:45 to 7:00 is in need of teachers for the elementary classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with the youth in our church.

Please contact Kathy Hookham at 752-7861 ext. 29 if you are interested.



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## **New Catholic Television Program**

Be inspired by a new Catholic television program for every day living that will motivate you to achieve your hopes and dreams as you live a life of power, impact, freedom and purpose. It provides practical ways of living life to the fullest and helping you make faith a part of your daily life. Bruce Downs The Catholic Guy Television program is seen by millions of people whose lives have been changed by his down-to-earth approach. Watch here: DIRECTV Ch 371, DISH Ch 258, AT&T U-Verse CH 565, VERIZON FIOS Ch 288 EVERY DAY 7:30 AM CST Or, for more information go to [BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com](http://BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com), where you can watch the program daily.



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**Nativity of Mary Parish— Janesville, WI**

## FOCUS ON FAITH

### Please Pray For Our Parishioners:

Barbara Allen, Bill, Peter Barrett, Bill Bever, Noah Cotter, Alice Figi, Linda Fredell, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H., Geraldine Hilt, Paul Holznecht, Alice Jensen, Ellen Kotche, Nancy McCann, John (Floyd) McNally, Shirley R., Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Richard Schuler, Kelly Dooley Trewartha, Peter Weirich, Lola Williams, Avalon Widner, Lucille Willegal



### Traveling Chalice Full Year of Prayer Planned

This week the Traveling Chalice will be hosted by  
**Judy Cowan.**

Any questions regarding our Traveling Chalice program may be directed to: Colleen at 868-6386 OR [irishcatholic56@gmail.com](mailto:irishcatholic56@gmail.com).

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday evening from 5:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturday morning from 9:30-10:30 am.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call us at 752-7861 when a loved one has a serious illness.

**Weddings:** Please contact the rectory six months in advance. One party must be a parish member in good standing.

**Infant Baptism:** Registered members of the parish are welcome to arrange for their baby's baptism by signing up for the necessary preparation program for parents.

## RCIA

Please call anytime if you would like to discuss Catholicism and see how joining the Church may offer you a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Catholic Women's Club

Contact Jennifer McBride at 741-8909 or Beth Konkol at 754-1304 for more information.

## Knights of Columbus

Meetings held 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact Greg Kraft at 754-5615 for more information.

## Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 12:00 noon. Please contact the Rectory at 752-7861.

## SCRIPTURE

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Mt 11:28-30

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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work-with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God. Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.

### Readings for Sunday, July 9, 2017

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

### Readings for Next Sunday, July 16, 2017

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23



## Would You Like A Pastoral Visit?

**REMINDER:** If you, a family member or someone you know is confined or hospitalized and would benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact your parish office and let them know. Staff does not always know of hospital admissions for a variety of reasons and often has no way of knowing of other situations in which a parish contact would be beneficial.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Prayer for our Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect our soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*If you have a family member or close friend in the Armed Forces, we welcome you to submit their name, branch of military and place where they are stationed to the parish office and we'll add them to our list of honored military men and women to be prayed for. Contact Sharlet Collins at 752-7861, extension 10.*

## Healing After Abortion

No matter how much time as passed, recent or long ago, Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer compassionate and individual care for anyone hurting from abortion.

Upcoming healing retreat: Nov 10 - 12, 2017.

To talk with someone at anytime throughout the year, you're welcome to contact Mary at (608) 221-9593 or [rachel@straphael.org](mailto:rachel@straphael.org).

Visit us at [ww.madisondiocese.org/Rachel](http://ww.madisondiocese.org/Rachel)

## Diocese of Madison Natural Family Planning *NFP: It's supernatural.*

Nature cycles for a reason and so does your body, try Natural Family Planning ..... it works.

### Now Online!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) can now be learned in the comfort of your home via the internet on your own time. Two self-paced methods for learning symptom-thermal NFP are available—one text based, one video based.

To learn more and to register go to [www.madisondiocese.org/Ministry/MarriageandFamily/NaturalFamilyPlanning/ClassesRegistration.aspx](http://www.madisondiocese.org/Ministry/MarriageandFamily/NaturalFamilyPlanning/ClassesRegistration.aspx) and scroll down the page, or contact the Office of Natural Family Planning at (608) 821-3134 or [nfp@straphael.org](mailto:nfp@straphael.org)

## Wellness Class for Seniors in Janesville

Stepping On—A class to reduce falls, focused on improving balance and strength \$10  
Wednesdays, 7/12-8/23 2-4 pm  
Riverview Heights Apartments in Janesville  
Fridays, 8/11-9/22 10-Noon  
St. Mary's Hospital in Janesville

For more information, including classes in the surrounding area, call 757-5309 or 757-5472 or visit us at [www.co.rock.wi.us/aging](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/aging)



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Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville current needs .....  
Baby bottles, sippy cups, baby towels, boys & girls clothing 18 months—2 T.

Visit us at [www.pregnancy-helpline.net](http://www.pregnancy-helpline.net)

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for something to liven up your relationship this summer? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on July 14-16 in Madison, WI; Sept. 8-10 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 27-29 in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Save the Date! St. Mary's Fall Festival

Sunday, September 17th 2017  
9:30 AM-1:30 PM

**Taste of St. Mary's**—Food vendors galore, as well as the KC's grilled hamburgers and brats. Beer available, too!  
**Farmer's Market**—Fresh produce, plants, fall décor, arts & crafts, including a Christmas tree full of ornaments.  
**Art Auction**—Personally designed and hand-painted pieces that you'll want to take home. Loads of fun!  
**Kid's Activities**—Bouncy house, face painting, arts & crafts.  
**Music**—Lineup to be announced.  
**More to come! Stay tuned .....**

*New, designated drop-off/pick-up area this year, for your convenience.*

Do you have a flair for the creative? We've begun collecting baskets, containers, crafts, etc. for the fall festival. Please place your donation in the big wooden chest, located in the church vestibule. Thank you!

Think about how you might participate in this fun-filled, community building event put on by our parish every year. Call Joe Viertel with any questions at 754-2144.

**Caregiving Strategies & Tips** presented by the **Rock County Council on Aging**, 3328 Hwy 51 North in Janesville. There is no cost to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please call 758-8455 for more information.

**July 17 at 2:00 pm**

A caregiver's connection to challenging behaviors.

**August 4 at 2:00 pm**

Find the fun! Approaching activities in the community.



Helping  
HAND

**St. Elizabeth's Nursing Home** is in need of volunteers. We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals to be a part of the St. Elizabeth Home Family.

While answering phones, greeting visitors and visiting with our residents you are able to be a positive presence in our Home and a ray of sunshine to brighten our resident's

days. You can volunteer with a friend or by yourself, weekly or monthly, whatever fits your schedule. Please contact Emily Linsley at (608) 752-6709 to set up your orientation. We thank you for your service and look forward to welcoming you to our family!

## Taize' Prayer



*"Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, changing their hearts, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the innocent of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles, to transform the human condition, and to make the earth a place fit to live in."*

*---Brother Roger of Taize'*

Taize' Prayer began in the little community of Taize', France during the 1940s following the destruction of World War II. A group of religious men sought to create an ecumenical form of prayer that would foster reconciliation and peace among all people.

Today, Taize' Prayer is celebrated throughout the world, bringing Christians of all traditions together to sing, to hear God's words in Scripture, and to listen in silence for God's voice in their hearts.

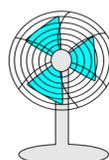
In that spirit, we gather at St. Mary's as we have for more than a decade, to offer this prayer. You are invited to experience Taize' Prayer here on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. You will find it an opportunity to take a few moments from the busyness of your life and simply be in God's presence.

Come, experience Taize' Prayer on **Monday, July 10, at 7:00 PM** at St. Mary's. Our time together will offer a chance to un-crowd our hearts and minds and simply *be* in God's presence. Come and bask in the light of candles, raise your voice in simple and prayerful songs, and listen in silence for God's voice. Taize' Prayer is offered on the second Monday evening of each month, year-round.

### E.C.H.O. Needs:

**Life is an echo—what you send out, you get back!**

Canned fruit, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, whole grain pasta, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, rice, diapers (sizes 4-6), toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, shampoo.



**Fans are needed to give relief to those in need. Please drop off fans at ECHO, 65 S. High Street in Janesville.**

