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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

TWENTY-FIFTH
 SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY
 TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard... When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’”

– Mt 20:1, 8

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



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

A very special thank-you to our Religious Education Coordinator Kathleen Hookham, and to all the religious education teachers, school teachers and school staff.



Special Collection

\$2,964.91 was collected for the recent hurricane victims during our special collection.

The money was sent to the Diocese of Madison and forwarded to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for distribution.

Thank you for your generosity, and your continued prayers.



Rest in Peace

Richard Schuler and Marian Simonsen were recently called to eternal life.

Please remember them, and all who mourn the loss of a loved one, in your prayers.

St. Mary School



Things at St. Mary's are hopping! We have been pleased to welcome more than a half dozen new students to the school and teachers are busy facilitating group work and critical thinking skills. This last week the 6th and 7th graders had the privilege of traveling to the MacKenzie Nature Center in Poynette for 3 days and 2 nights. The students did a night hike, learned archery, tracked weather, and engaged in many other wonderful experiential learning activities.

We have also concluded our STAR 360 testing, which was completed so that our teachers can better align their curriculum and classes to individual student needs. We were excited to look at areas of growth for our students and create a space that helps students to improve.

Cross country is in full swing and is hosting a meet at Palmer Park on 9/29. The day before, Friday at 2:00, the students are having a pep rally which is also doubling up as the kick off for the annual world's finest chocolate sale. So, if you have a sweet tooth, hit up the school office or find a school family.

Moving forward, we have a couple exciting community nights happening, including a technology night (for all skill levels and ages) as well as a social activity for parents of the school and parishioners. Please look for those dates coming soon!

Significant Events -

- 9/29: St. Mary's Pep Rally and Cross Country Tournament (Palmer Park)
- 10/2: World's Finest Chocolate goes on sale
- 10/7: Steeple Chase
- 10/10: Cave of the Mounds Field Trip (Grades 3-5)

SCRIP REMINDER

SCRIP cards are available for purchase after Mass twice per month. Next, the weekend of October 7th/8th and 21st/22nd. You can also purchase SCRIP at the school Office throughout the school year.

Your support is appreciated!

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2017-2018

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 12			
9-18-2017	\$9,381.02	12,801.33	-3,420.31
YTD	\$134,343.32	149,875.54	-15,532.22

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners:

Barbara Allen, Bill, Bill Bever, Noah Cotter, Jeanette Durant, Alice Figi, Linda Fredell, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H., Geraldine Hilt, Paul Holznecht, Alice Jensen, Ellen Kotche, Nancy McCann, Robert McCann, John (Floyd) McNally, Brenda Porter, Max Rammer, Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Kelly Dooley Trewartha, Peter Weirich, Lola Williams, Avalon Widner, Lucille Willegal



Traveling Chalice

This week the Traveling Chalice will be hosted by the 8th grade at St. Mary School.

Any questions regarding our Traveling Chalice program may be directed to: Colleen at 868-6386 OR 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 Jan Bier at 752-4387 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

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

SCRIPTURE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy. Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.



**Readings for Sunday, September 24, 2017
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a

**Readings for Next Sunday, October 1, 2017
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32

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

DIocese of Madison Office of Worship

Liturgy Basics

Learn why we do what we do. A look at the Mass & Liturgical Year for liturgical ministers, liturgy committee members and anyone who wants to enter more deeply into the Church's liturgy.

Wednesday, September 27th, 7-9 PM

Holy Name Heights, 702 S. High Point Road in Madison

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop

Thursday, October 19th, 7-8:30 PM

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

602 Everglade Drive in Madison

OR

Wednesday, October 25th, 6:30-8 PM

St. Christopher Parish (at St. Andrew Church)

301 N. Main Street in Verona

*Please register at least one week prior to the workshop.

Readers & Lectors Workshop

Thursday, October 26th, 7-8:30 PM

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

602 Everglade Drive in Madison

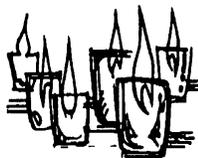
*Please register by Thursday, October 19th.

Register online at

www.madisondiocese.org/worship

Email worship@straphael.org

Telephone (608) 821-3080



Looking for Friendly Faces - and Serving Hands

We are in the process of updating our worker files for funeral lunches. This is a service that our parish provides for our fellow parishioners if they ask. We need men and women who can work on the day of the funeral with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Sometimes people are willing and able to work for the whole luncheon; other times, they come for a specific time slot. People who are busy during weekdays can also help by preparing food. We need people who can donate desserts, fruit/jello salads, and pasta/veggie/lettuce salads. If you are interested in joining our friendly group, have updated contact information, or have questions, please contact Jan Bier (752-4387; tbierfam@gmail.com) or Barb Berlowski (756-9173). Also, dishes from food donations are located in the cupboard at the top of the stairs leading to the Ladies' Restroom in the church basement. Be sure to pick up your dishes. Thank you.

Centering Prayer

A Centering Prayer Group meets each Monday morning at 11 am in the Nativity House of St. Mary Nativity Church. We invite you to come and join us for this half hour of prayer. Centering Prayer is silent prayer which facilitates the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our body, mind and spirit to cooperate with this gift. It is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; it simply puts other kinds of prayer into a new and fuller perspective. During this time of prayer, we consent to God's Presence and Action within. We invite you to come and check out the process and see if this kind of prayer helps you to become more deeply engaged with the Mystery of God's Presence. For more information call Sr. Connie – 608-563-0783.

Knights of Columbus

On Sunday, September 24th from 9:00 to 11:00.

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, potatoes, toast, juice & coffee.

All you care to eat, just \$5.00. Please join us!



You are invited to Life Chat sponsored by the Rock County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life on Monday, October 2nd from 5:30 - 7:00 PM at The Bodacious Brew, 119 N. Main Street in Janesville.

Join us for a casual gathering where you can meet the new leaders of Wisconsin Right to Life and share your thoughts on critical life issues. We'll chat about:

- Five reasons abortion numbers are declining in Wisconsin
- The biggest threats currently facing the pro-life movement
- News from Wisconsin Right to Life's Veritas Society
- Easy ways YOU can save lives now

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nativity of Mary Fall Fun and Fellowship!

**Saturday, September 30th 2-4 pm at Skelly's Farm
2713 S. Hayner Road in Janesville
skellysfarmmarket.com**

**Followed by 4:30 Mass at Nativity of Mary
Something fun for everyone!**

Corn Maze \$7

Wagon Rides \$4

Corn Maze & Wagon Ride Package \$9

Cost includes unlimited maze/wagon rides

Kids under 3 are free

Play area for kids

Pumpkin picking



September is Suicide Prevention Month

Often people believe that suicide is a mortal sin, and that people who die by suicide cannot receive a Catholic burial. However, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#2280, 2281, 2882 and 2883) while upholding the sacredness of life and the gravity of suicide, acknowledges at the same time that certain conditions can diminish responsibility:

“Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of.” (2280)

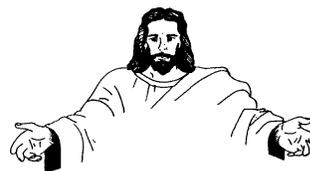
“Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the living God.” (2281)

“If suicide is committed with the intention of setting an example, especially to the young, it also takes on the gravity of scandal. Voluntary co-operation in suicide is contrary to the moral law.” (2282)

“Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide.” (2282)

“We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives.” (2283)

Dear God, grant mercy
to all those affected by mental illness,
who have died by suicide.
Grant them eternal peace
so they may rest in your love.
Bring comfort to the parents, families and friends
who suffer the loss of a loved one.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (a program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago)
<http://www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp/>

Our Lady of Fatima

Let us join together and pray the rosary for peace on the 100th anniversary of Fatima.

Where: Marvin Roth Pavilion 51 S Main St, Janesville in Courthouse Park

When: October 14th at 12:00 Noon

Rosary and hymns to our Lady will bring us together in unity across the nation on this special day.

“Open” Al-Anon Speaker Meeting

Does someone’s drinking bother you?

A spouse, son, daughter, parent or friend?

Come learn how Al-Anon and Alateen can help.

An Al-Anon member shares her experience, strength and hope. All Al-Anon Family Group meetings welcome anyone who believes that his/her life has been affected by someone else’s drinking, either today or in the past.

“Open” meetings allow attendance by people who are not families and friends of alcoholics, but who are interested in learning about Al-Anon Family Groups. Friday October 13 from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Cargill United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall, 2000 Wesley Avenue in Janesville.

No reservation needed. Free.

Visit www.scentralwial-anon.org for meeting list and upcoming events. Helpline (608) 756-1720.

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Sunday, September 24

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM Robert Otto

Monday, September 25

No Mass

Tuesday, September 26

12:10 PM

Wednesday, September 27

8:15 AM Sr. Mary Krantz

Thursday, September 28

8:15 AM Tom and Jim Ryan

Friday, September 29

8:15 AM Donald & Mary Jane Condon

Saturday, September 30

4:30 PM Catherine Cooper—8 Years

Sunday, October 1

8:30 AM Richard Showers Sr.—18 Years

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

CLUSTER CORNER

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ANY PARISH IN THE CLUSTER

September 25 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

September 26 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing, Nativity of Mary, Church Hall

September 26 Noon-5 PM

Adoration, St. William, Benediction at 5 PM

September 26 6-7 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

September 27 5:30-7 AM

"That Man Is You", St. John Vianney, Marian Hall

New semester beginning now, contact Rick Cummings 757-2229 or Mark Lessner 290-9170 for more information.

September 27 9-10 AM

Women's Scripture Study, St. John Vianney, Marian Hall

September 28 8:30-10:30 AM

Bible Study, St. William, Chapel

September 28 9 AM-3 PM

Adoration, St. Patrick

September 29 8:45-9:45 AM

Holy Hour, Nativity of Mary

September 29 9 AM-2:30 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney, Benediction at 2:40 PM

September 30 5-7 PM

Bingo, St. Patrick

October 1 9 AM-3 PM

Fall Festival, St. John Vianney, Dinner served 11 AM-1:30 PM

October 2 11:30 AM-2 PM

Catholic Charities/Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, St. John Vianney, 11:30-12:30 Registration, 12:30-2 PM Food Distribution. All in need are welcome.

Parish Event Calendar

Sunday, September 24

9:00-11:00 AM KC Breakfast, Church Hall

Monday, September 25

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

Tuesday, September 26

10:30 Faith Sharing Group, Church Hall

5:00-6:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, September 27

5:45-7:00 PM Elementary Religious Education, School

7:00 Choir Practice

7:15-8:30 PM High School Religious Education, School

Friday, September 29

8:45 Holy Hour (Adoration)

Saturday, September 30

9:30-10:30 AM Reconciliation, Church

2:00-4:00 PM Fall Fun and Fellowship at Skelly's Farm

Sunday, October 1

9:30 AM KC Rosary, Church

SEPTEMBER

	<u>Monday</u> 9/25	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> 10/1
Nativity of Mary		12:10 pm	8:15 am	8:15 am	8:15 am	4:30 pm	8:30 & 10:30 am
St. John Vianney	8:15 am	5:15 pm	8:15 am	8:15 am	8:15 am	5:00 pm	8:15 & 9:45 am
St. Patrick		5:15 pm	8:05 am	8:05 am	8:05 am	4:00 pm	7:30 & 10:00 am 5:00 pm en Español
St. William		5:15 pm	8:30 am	7:30 am	7:30 am	8:00 am 4:00 pm	8:00 & 10:30 am
St. Mary's Hospital -Jsvl.		2:00 pm					
St. Elizabeth Nursing Home		3:30 pm	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am		9:15 am
St. Elizabeth Manor-Footville		9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am		11:00 am