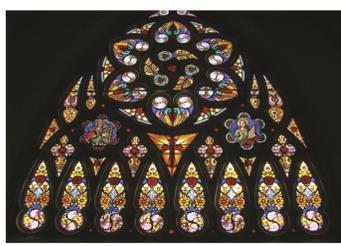


October 22, 2017 • Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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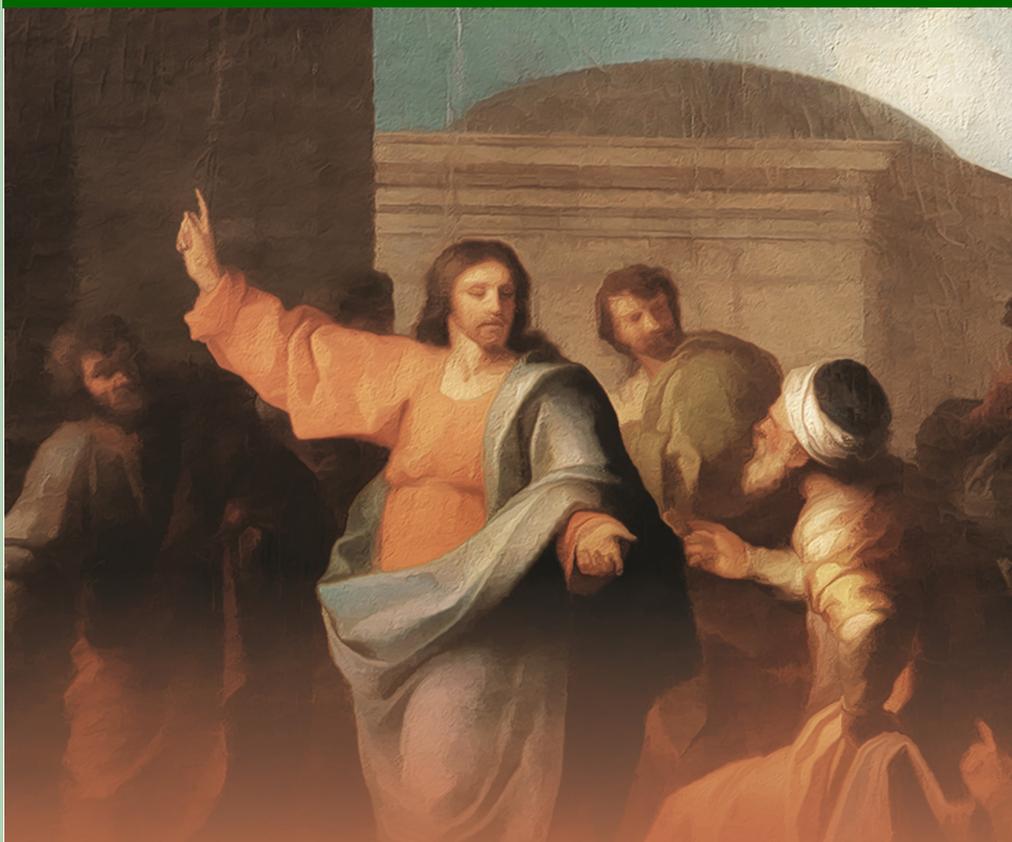
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Janesville/Milton Mass Times

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



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?”
 They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay
 to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what
 belongs to God.” - Mt 22:20-21

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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

Janesville Catholic Schools Strategic Planning

Last year the pastors of all four Janesville parishes and the four principals of the Janesville Catholic Schools worked with the diocesan Office of Catholic schools to create, conduct and analyze a survey about Catholic schools. The survey gathered people's thoughts about how best to ensure a strong future for Catholic schools in Janesville. The survey was made available to all Catholic parishioners and school families in all four Janesville parishes. Over 1,200 responses were gathered and meetings were held at each parish to review and discuss the results as well as review the school finances. After these meetings, the pastors and principals discussed the survey results with the diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools and created a team to provide recommendations for strengthening and ensuring the future of Catholic schools in Janesville.

The team will meet throughout the fall and winter, and is charged with providing recommendations to the pastors by the spring of 2018. They have been working closely with the Superintendent to identify the key indicators of a strong, vibrant Catholic school system such as: strong Catholic identity, high standards (academic, social, spiritual, behavioral etc.), financial stability, involved alumni, robust marketing, and continuously high enrollment. Additionally, the team has begun looking at successful Catholic schools to learn how those schools have engaged creative, new solutions to meet common challenges and make schools stronger and more vibrant.

The team is charged with drafting recommendations to strengthen Catholic schools in Janesville. They are considering all possible solutions including alternatives to the current funding and organizational model where each parish supports its own school. This is essential to ensure the availability of Catholic schools for the next several generations. Toward this end, the team welcomes your input.

Team members are:

Nativity of Mary: Tom Gehl, Mary Murray, Ryan Spies

St. John Vianney: Nick Huber, Will Sutherland, Dan Washkoviak

St. Patrick: Kim Erhardt, Mike Flynn, Kelli Gunn

St. William: Laura Fuhrmann, Nancy Knilans, Ryan McCue

Updates of the team's work and progress will be provided periodically in parish bulletins, newsletters, and both the parish and school websites. Team members will also speak at upcoming meetings of parish councils and education commissions so that everyone is apprised of the team's progress.

Catholic schools have been serving the Janesville community for nearly 150 years. This team of dedicated individuals is working hard to find ways to modify and strengthen the current system so that Catholic schools in Janesville may thrive for another 150 years.

Thank you for your interest and support of this significant endeavor.

St. Mary School



It was another busy week over at the school! On Friday our 5th – 8th graders had the opportunity to celebrate mass with the 3000 other middle schoolers in the Diocese of Madison – what an awesome experience! Our younger students enjoyed a field trip to the Apple Barn while the older students got to meet 9 exchange students from Argentina who shared about their school and culture. The cross country season wrapped up, and St. Mary's had many excellent athletes who finished in the top 10 consistently throughout the season.

The teachers had a wonderful PD day with renowned specialist Marsha Tate and the staff continues to engage the students in exciting and meaningful way. We are using the month of October to better outline the 4 goals St. Mary's school is working on. So far we have previewed efforts to enhance our communications as well as technology use. This week we explore academic excellence.

For the second consecutive year, our students are taking the STAR 360 assessment which provides teachers with data to create learning plans tailored to each individual student. We have changed the schedule around, putting the needs of student's first and have reduced the number of times students are pulled from instructional time. Additionally, we want to provide our students with experiential learning as well, which has led to some awesome field trips.

Important Dates Coming Up

10/25: Parent teacher Conferences (4-8)

10:26: Parent Teacher Conferences (9-12)

10/27: No School

11/3: St. Mary's Tiny Tots Mommy and Me Class (9am at the school)

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2017-2018

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 16			
10-16-2017	\$13,949.19	16,788.73	-2,839.54
2 YTD	\$184,944.00	200,994.62	-16,050.62

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners:

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



Rest in Peace

Floyd McNally and Alice Figi were recently called to eternal life.

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

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21

Jesus had a brilliant way of navigating tricky situations. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech." But he outwitted them, as usual. They wanted to catch him being a political rebel; they expected him to suggest that paying taxes to Caesar was unnecessary or even unjust. But instead, he shifted the focus. He emphasized the importance of fulfilling our civic responsibilities but also the necessity of giving to God what we owe him.

So, how do we know what we should "repay" to God? Well, Jesus' response to the Pharisees gives us our answer. He looked at the Roman coin that bore the image of Caesar on it. Then he concluded that the coin belonged to Caesar because it was made in his likeness. Now, what bears the image of God? What is made in his likeness? We are! "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them" (Gn 1:27). If the coin belonged to Caesar, we belong to God. We repay God by giving him ourselves! This self-giving is what the Second Vatican Council called "the obedience of faith." Through this spiritual obedience, we freely commit ourselves to God, "offering the full submission of intellect and will to God" (Dei Verbum #5). Jesus is calling us today to use our will to choose to follow God. Indeed, the one thing we can give God in return for the gift of life is our will. He gave us the freedom to love him or not. And while the choice is always ours, today Jesus encourages us to make the right decision by giving God what is really his: ourselves!

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Readings for Sunday, October 22, 2017
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

Readings for Next Sunday, October 29, 2017
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 22: 20-26 / 1 Thes. 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40

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

Madison Diocesan Cemeteries 2017 Fall Clean Up Notice

The Madison Diocesan Cemeteries (Resurrection- Madison, Mount Olivet- Janesville, Mount Thabor and Calvary- Beloit) are getting ready to begin our annual fall clean up.

- All grave and crypt decorations that families wish to retain should be removed by October 14th 2017. The cemetery staff will remove and dispose of remaining decorations. Bronze vases will be turned down and are to remain until April 16, 2018.
- Winter decorations may be placed on graves and crypts beginning November 16, 2017.
- Flags may be placed on graves for Veteran's Day, November 10, 2017. Year round flags should be in a proper flag holder. Check with the appropriate office for assistance in acquiring the approved VA flag holders.

FundRaiser

St. Mary School eighth graders will be taking orders for delicious **Butterbraids** after each Mass the weekend of October 21st/22nd. The proceeds help students fund their Washington DC trip in the Spring. \$14 each— Apple, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Caramel Rolls, Strawberry & Cream Cheese or Four Cheese & Herb available. Perfect to have on hand for the holidays!

DIOCESE OF MADISON OFFICE OF WORSHIP

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop

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



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Mary's and St. Pat's Knights of Columbus would like to remind our parishioners that we continue to celebrate the Rosary immediately after the 8:30AM mass at St. Mary's on the first Sunday of each month.

Our next Rosary will be on Sunday, Nov. 5. Please consider joining us.

ECHO is preparing to fill Thanksgiving baskets, as we do each year. As a special treat, we would like to include a can of cranberries with each of the 1,200 baskets. Nativity of Mary would like to help **ECHO** by providing some of these cans of cranberries. We will have a barrel to collect cans of whole or jellied cranberries in the church vestibule.

Please help!



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Traveling Chalice



As you all know, we have a thriving Traveling Chalice program here at Nativity of Mary and it is entirely due to all of our parishioners and their dedication to praying for vocations. Let's all continue to keep each day filled with those prayers!! We have also seen our program expand to

include our school and RE students learning about their own vocation in life, and exactly what that means, as well as our homebound parishioners who truly appreciate being a part of parish life. All that said, to keep the program thriving, vocations growing, and our students vocation program expanding, all takes time and effort. So, to continue with all those precious goals, we are seeking an "assistant" who would be willing to help with phone calls and perhaps delivering the Chalice occasionally to a homebound host. Our Traveling Chalice program is a wonderful ministry, please consider helping. If you are able to, please call Colleen at 868-6386 or irishcatholic56@gmail.com. Thank you!

EMPTY BOWLS

Fundraiser to support **ECHO**—
Fighting to end hunger in Janesville.
With handmade soups from local restaurants,
along with artisan breads.
Saturday, October 28, 2017 11 am-2 pm
Parker High School (3125 Mineral Point Ave in Janesville)
Soup, Bread, Beverage & Dessert \$8 (\$10 at door)
Add Reserved Seating with Servers \$35
Tickets are available at www.echojanesville.org,
For more information call Jessica (608) 754-5333

SCRIP REMINDER

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

Your support is appreciated!

Memorial Service

Throughout the month of November we remember those who have gone before us, especially those from our own parish who have passed within the last year.

In the month of November we will place the Book of the Dead in the church. All parishioners are invited to write the names of those who have died in this book and we will include them in our prayers.

The **Memorial Service** to honor all Parishioners of Nativity of Mary who have died during the past year will be on **Thursday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm** in the Church.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this event. Parishioners are welcome to bring photos of loved ones to be placed by the altar.

Refreshments will be served following the service.



Traveling Chalice



This week the Traveling Chalice will be hosted by Matt McDonald.

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

Did you know?

Average Teacher/Student Ratio:
Janesville Public
Elementary Schools.....19.3
Janesville Catholic Schools.....16.0

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Sunday, October 22

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary
10:30 AM Michael Joseph Mallari

Monday, October 23

No Mass

Tuesday, October 24

12:10 PM No Mass

Wednesday, October 25

8:15 AM No Mass

Thursday, October 26

8:15 AM

Friday, October 27

8:15 AM

Saturday, October 28

4:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Sunday, October 29

8:30 AM Alfred and Mary Ann Bier
10:30 AM Timothy Parker

CLUSTER CORNER

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

October 23 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

October 24 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing, Nativity of Mary, Church Hall

October 24 Noon—5 PM

Adoration, St William

October 24 6—7 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

October 25 5:30—7 AM

“That Man Is You”, St. John Vianney, Marian Hall

October 25 9—10 AM

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

October 26 8:30—10:30 AM

Bible Study, St. William, Chapel

October 27 8:45—9:45 AM

Holy Hour, Nativity of Mary

October 27 9 AM—Noon

Adoration, St. John Vianney,

October 28 5—7 PM

Bingo, St. Patrick

November 1

All Saints Day — Holy Day of Obligation

November 2 3:30 PM

All Souls Day—Rosary at 3:30 PM, Mass at 4:00 PM at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, bring your own chair. In case of inclement weather; it will be moved to St. John Vianney Church

November 2 6:30 PM

All Souls Day Memorial Service, Nativity of Mary

Parish Event Calendar

Monday, October 23

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

Tuesday, October 24

10:30 Faith Sharing Group, Church Hall

Wednesday, October 25

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

7:00 Choir Practice

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

Thursday, October 26

Friday, October 27

8:45 Holy Hour (Adoration)

Saturday, October 28

9:30-10:30 AM Reconciliation, Church

Sunday, October 29

	<u>Monday</u> 10/23	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> 10/29
Nativity of Mary				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	8:15 am 5:00 pm	8:15 & 9:45 am
St. Patrick						4:00 pm	7:30 & 10:00 am 1:00 pm <i>en Español</i>
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