

January 28, 2018 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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



JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3, 2018

LEARN. SERVE. LEAD. SUCCEED.

We, the Catholic family of Nativity of Mary, are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Through worship, the sacraments, fellowship, evangelization and outreach, we will share the word of Christ in our community. -Mission Statement

NEWS & NOTES

Next Ministry Schedule

We are in the process of finalizing the next Ministry Schedule. The next schedule will go from 02/15/18 thru 06/04/18.

Now is a great time to indicate any dates you are not available to minister, or if you would like to add or subtract a Ministry.

Please go to our Ministry Website to indicate your unavailability or contact Bob in the Liturgy office at 752-7861.



MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2017-2018

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 30			
1-22-2018	7,735.00	6,958.93	776.07
YTD	\$388,440.98	414,108.67	-25,667.69

"SCRIP" Reminder

SCRIP puts your regular shopping dollars to work supporting your parish and school with over fifty retailers grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, department stores, hardware stores, movie theaters, spas and more!

SCRIP cards are always available in the school office and after Mass twice per month next up, February 3rd/4th and 17th/18th..

Thank you for supporting your parish and school!

SCHOOL NEWS

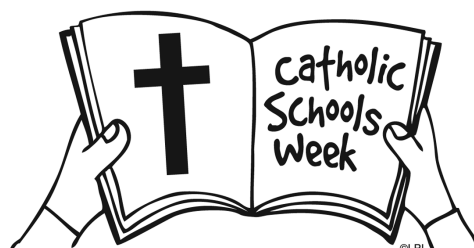
St. Mary School



"I believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic church." These words, said each Sunday at Mass as part of our Creed outline one of the fundamental elements that makes Catholicism great. Every year at the end of January, Catholic schools around the nation come together in unity, embodying that very idea. Catholic Schools Week has been a tradition for the past 44 years and is not only important to us as a school, but special to alumni and the extended community. It is a chance to reminisce and an opportunity to reflect. It reminds us of where we have been while also telling us where we are going. This year's theme: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Here is how St. Mary's will be celebrating.

The week will kick off with Hawaiian Dress Up Day. The Janesville Catholic Schools Advisory Board has organized a carnival of games for the middle school students at St. John Vianney, so our 6-8 graders will be headed over here. Tuesday will be pajama day with the traditional breakfast for lunch menu. A big thanks to Jeremy Dostal for taking this on this year! Wednesday will be a fancy dress up day with students in their finest attire. There will be an all school dance starting at 1:30 – should be tons of fun! Thursday is Color Day where the students wear the same colors as their prayer partners – a fun way to further deepen those prayer partner relationships. Friday is Spirit Day which will be accompanied by a pep rally at the end of the day. As is tradition, the Spaghetti Dinner will occur that evening from 5-8. We would love to see our entire community there to grow in fellowship and love. Additionally, the school will be engaging in penny wars the entire week. The money will go towards Rock County Canine Unit to support the wonderful work that goes on there as well as their animals.

Finally, we want to use this opportunity of CSW to thank all the supporters of our school and Catholic education in general. We truly could not do it without you! Thanks for all the ways you support us!



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,
Alice Jensen, Robert McCann, Cory Musil,
Brenda Porter, Max Rammer, Joel Rivera,
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 St. Mary School's 4th grade class.**

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new
teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean
spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere
throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught
them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those
gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never
heard anything like this before. They were used to the
preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed
something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely
interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new
vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his
listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of
Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but
nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His
teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures
that the Church has preserved and through the sacred
tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way,
Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through
the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that
Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.
As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing
authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church.
Although this structure is often misunderstood or
misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service
and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest
among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11).
This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly
search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a
position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct
others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances
are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be
astonished at what they see.



Readings for Sunday, January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

Readings for Next Sunday, February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39



Rest in Peace

Doreen Trunnelle was recently called to eternal life.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

G.I.F.T.S

"God Is Faithful Temporary Shelter"

Nativity of Mary Parish is busy gearing up to host the GIFT'S Men's Shelter, the week of February 4th.

GIFT'S was truly blessed this past year. The construction inside the new building is complete and the men moved into their new home on November 28th. What a difference it has made! No more packing everything up and setting it up again in a new location each Sunday. The men are taking ownership of their new home, and everything is going smoothly.

Help is still needed and we are asking for your support with meals, over-nights and grocery items. Look for us in the church vestibule this weekend, where you can sign up to volunteer.

*****Please note that all donations should be dropped off at the G.I.F.T.S. Men's Shelter's new permanent location at 1515 Ashland Avenue in Janesville.**

Thank you to all of you who have heard the calling and contributed to our ministry. It has been a very special ten years and our ministry can not survive without your generosity.

For more information, or If you know a specific thing you would like to help with please call us at 754-2949.

God Bless! Dave & Pat Ellis

<http://www.gifts-shelter.org>



"Dare to Dream Book Club"

The Dare to Dream Book Club will meet Monday, February 5th in the rectory parlor at 6:30 PM. We will discuss "Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love So We Can Share It With Others". It contains articles by clergy, the Pope and Religious Theologians on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 5th. Our book is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This is the story of a young African American mother who dies from breast cancer in the 1950's leaving behind four small children. We will be watching the movie of this title together and then discussing the book.

Join us! Please call Kathleen Hookham 608-752-7861 or email re@nativitymary.org or Colleen Szerlong at 608-868-6386 or cszerlong@gmail.com.



A Women's Retreat

Our annual Women's Retreat Day, co-sponsored by the Janesville Cluster Spirituality Group and the Janesville Catholic Women's Club, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are excited to have Juliana Rudnick who is the author and creator of the *Sacred Intercession Prayer Journal* and is founder of Interceding Life Ministries. Julie's topic for the day is *"I am the Vine, you are the branches," An Invitation to Intimacy & Intercession*.

You are invited to spend the day with us as we refresh our prayer lives, deepen our connection to God, and learn to pray more effectively for loved ones. Julie will have her prayer journal available for sale.

The event will be held at St. John Vianney's Marian Hall, 1250 E. Racine St., Janesville, and doors will open at 9:15 a.m.

Mail your \$25 registration, which includes a morning snack and lunch, to Jan Bier, 9248 E. Co. Rd. A, Janesville, WI, 53546, by Tues., Feb. 6.

If you have questions, call Jan at 752-4387.



Do you hear a call to increase your life of prayer and deepen your spirituality?

We are Secular Carmelites. We are men, women, single, and married. We respond to God's call. Our charism is to pray for the church. We study the Carmelite saints. We meet monthly at St. John Vianney Parish, in Janesville, Wisconsin. For additional information please send an email to OurLadyStarSea@gmail.com

FISH FRY

Our Lady of the Assumption (2222 Shopiere Road in Beloit) will have a Fish Fry this Friday, February 2nd. Serving takes place from 5:00-7:00 PM in Assumption Hall. All you can eat baked and fried cod, baked potatoes, fries, coleslaw, applesauce, bread and beverage. Adults: \$11.00; Children 6-12: \$5.00; 5 & under FREE. Carry outs available. Desserts & soda offered at an additional charge.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

St. Mary's Athletic Association's Annual SPAGHETTI DINNER



Friday, February 2nd 5-8pm
St. Mary's School Gym

Enjoy all-you-can-eat spaghetti,
along with salad, bread, beverage,
and ice-cream!

Cost: 6th grade and older - \$8.00

Pre-K thru 5th grade - \$5.00

*No charge for children 3 and under

Coffee & Donuts

Following Wednesday's Mass on February 7th, coffee and donuts will be available in the school. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend! This is a wonderful opportunity for school and Parish families to come together and a chance for Parish families to get into the school here. Please stop by the school after Mass!

"Joy adapts and changes, but it
always endures, even as a flicker of
light born of our personal certainty
that, when everything is said and
done, we are infinitely loved."

- Pope Francis



We are Carriers of the Dream

As educator, we are carriers of Jesus' dream
That all may be one
Loved and accepted
As persons of immeasurable value.
Being is the measure of one's worth.

We are carriers of the dream

We are called to be educators of the Gospel
Identifying with Christ in the many passages of life
Committed to conversion
In our effort to become a community of disciples
Who live simply
Love tenderly
Act justly

We are carriers of the dream

We are called to be educators of the Church
Faithful to who we are,
Our identity and graced history
Choosing to live the present
With an awareness of the past
And an openness to the future.
Committed to an ongoing dialogue and collaboration.

We are carriers of the dream

As educators, we are entrusted with the responsibility and
privilege;
Of carrying a new vision for humanity
As collaborators
As stewards of the earth and its resources
As life givers
As co-creators
As mutual partners in expressing the depth and wonder
Of the feminine and masculine dimensions of reality
As peacemakers living in harmony with one another,
The earth, the universe.

We are carriers of the dream.

Catholic Principals' Council, Ontario

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Sunday, January 28

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM Beverly White

Monday, January 29

No Mass

Tuesday, January 30

12:10 PM

Wednesday, January 31

8:15 AM Jim Martelle

Thursday, February 1

8:15 AM Alfred and Mary Ann Bier

Friday, February 2

8:15 AM Rick Stowe

Saturday, February 3

4:30 PM Martin Conway

Sunday, February 4

8:30 AM Edward Campion

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Parish Event Calendar

Monday, January 29

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

Tuesday, January 30

10:30 AM Faith Sharing Group, Church Hall

5:00-6:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

Wednesday, January 31

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

7:00 PM Choir Practice, Church

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

Friday, February 2

8:45-9:45 AM Holy Hour (Adoration), Church

Saturday, February 3

9:30-10:30 AM Reconciliation, Church

Sunday, February 4

9:30 AM Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church

Feast of St. Blaise—Blessing of Throats after each Mass the weekend of February 3rd/4th.

CLUSTER CORNER

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

January 28-February 3 Catholic Schools Week

January 29 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

January 30 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing, Nativity of Mary, Church Hall

January 30 Noon-5 PM

Adoration, St. William, 5 PM Benediction

January 30 6-7 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

January 31 5:30-7:00 AM

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

Contact Rick at 608-757-2229 for more information

January 31 9:00 AM

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

January 31 6:10-7:10 PM

Bible Study, St. John Vianney, Commons

February 1 8:15-10:30 AM

Bible Study, St. William, Chapel

February 2 8:45-9:45 AM

Holy Hour, Nativity of Mary

February 2 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Adoration, St. John Vianney

February 2 5:00-8:00 PM

Spaghetti Dinner, St. Mary School, Gym

February 4 11:30 AM-2 PM

Catholic Charities/Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, St. John

Vianney 11:30-12:30 Registration, 12:30-2 Food Distribution

All in need are welcome.

February 9 6:00 PM

"Polkafest!", St. John Vianney School Fundraiser, The Armory

Tickets available at the school office.

February 10 10 AM-2 PM

Women's Day Retreat, St. John Vianney, Marian Hall

Contact Jan at 752-4387 for registration information.

	<u>Monday</u> 1/29	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> 2/4
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	8:15 am 5:00 pm	8:15 & 9:45 am
St. Patrick						4:00 pm	7:30 & 10:00 am 1:00 pm en Español
St. William		5:15 pm	8:30 am	7:30 am	7:30 am	4:00 pm	8:00 & 10:30 am
St. Mary's Hospital Janesville							
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