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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

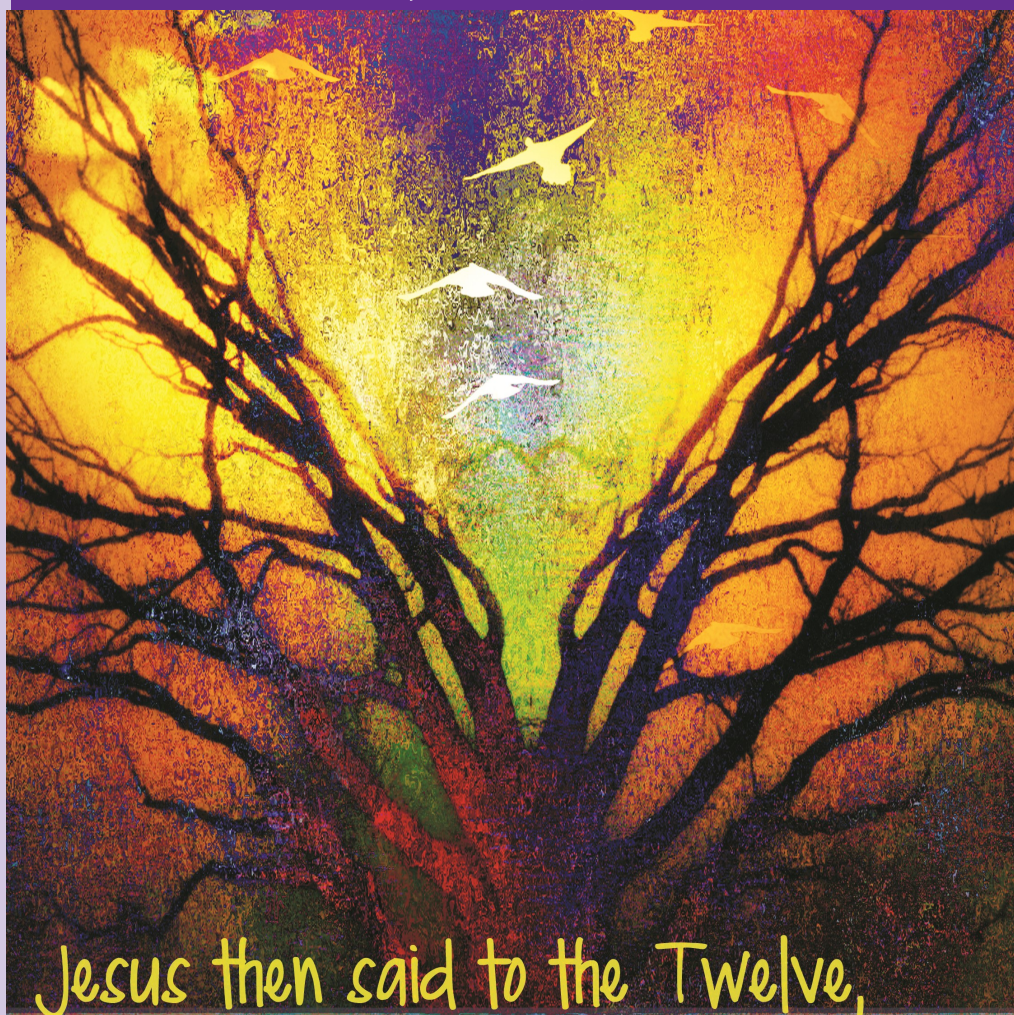
Sun. 8:15 & 9:45 am

St. William.....Sat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am

St. Mary - MiltonSat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 9:00 am



Jesus then said to the Twelve,

"Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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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

From the desk of Father Rob

School Starts This Week! It is hard to believe that the academic year is upon us already. As last week's bulletin mentioned, we have a number of changes in our school. Mrs. Diece, Hodge, Bakke, and Pursley, will be starting anew this year. Welcome to them and to all our new students, as well as all those students returning. This morning, after the 10:30 AM Mass, will be a Back to School Picnic for the students and their families. A big thanks goes toward the Knights of Columbus for providing the hot dogs and donating their time for this day. Welcome back!

Mass Intentions: In the bulletin, you will typically see a list of intentions for the coming week. What is the purpose of that? In our Catholic faith, the Mass is the most powerful prayer. It is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that is re-presented. At each Mass, Christ offers Himself to the Father for the salvation of the world. At each Mass we ask Christ for His mercy and to hear our prayers. Specifically, in the Church's tradition, Mass has been celebrated for our dead. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Our prayer for them (the dead) is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective." One such person who knew the effectiveness of Mass and souls of the dead is St. Margaret Mary. She wrote: "How grateful should I be if you would help me by your prayers to relieve my 'dear suffering friends', for so I call them. There is nothing I would not do or suffer to help them. I assure you they are not ungrateful." As the years pass, many of the newer Catholics and those who are not familiar with our tradition do not realize the power of the Mass for the deceased. Because of this lack of understanding, the number of Mass intentions has been slowly dropping. I write this to reinforce the practice of offering Masses for the dead, whether they have recently died or died some time ago. Also, Masses are celebrated for the living as well. Consider putting this practice part of your faith. To schedule a Mass intention, please call Sharlet at our parish office.

Have a blessed week!

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2018-2019

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 8			
08-20-2018	11,218.53	9,938.76	1,279.77
YTD	\$77,276.42	95,766.90	-18,490.48

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



Important Dates to Know:

8/26 (after 10:30 mass): Back to School Picnic
 8/27 (9-11; 1-3; 5-7): Supply Drop Off Day
 8/28: First Day of School
 9/18: Parent Night Series 1 - Welcome Back Night
 10/14: STEEPLECHASE

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 available for purchase in the school office and after Mass twice per month next up, the weekend of September 1st/2nd and 15th/16th.

Thank you for supporting your parish and school!

Dear Parishioners of Nativity of Mary,

I wish to thank you and Father Butz and the entire parish staff for your gracious hospitality and kindness to me during my stay in Janesville for the annual mission collection. I truly understand the financial burdens that come with maintaining a large parish plant and school. Believe me, it is not easy to ask for money and yet the work of our missionaries depends on the donations we receive from Catholics in the parishes we have been assigned by the Catholic bishops. I wish to thank you in advance for your help and prayers.

I pray that you will be blessed in the days ahead. I pray that your school and all your parish ministries will flourish. I pray that your festival will be successful and help create memories for a lifetime.

In the name of all Servites and our missionaries in particular, thank you and God bless you!

Fr. Frank Falco, O.S.M.

\$2,019.00 was collected for the Servite Missions in South Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners:

Barbara Allen, Bill, Bill Bever, Valerie Boggs, Noah Cotter, Jeanette Durant, Linda Fredell, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H., Geraldine Hilt, Alice Jensen, Caroline McNally, Cory Musil, Max Rammer, Phyllis Rice, Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Ray Stuttgen, Edna Thorp Kelly Dooley Trewartha, Peter Weirich, Lola Williams, Avalon Widner, Lucille Willegal



Traveling Chalice

This week the Traveling Chalice will be hosted by Bob & Sue Schleis.

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 Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact Ed Gilligan 449-6468 for more information.

Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 9:00 AM. Please contact the Rectory at 752-7861.

SCRIPTURE

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. - Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them. In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?



Readings for Sunday, August 26, 2018 Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Eph 5:21-32 / Jn 6:60-69

Readings for Next Sunday, September 2, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

ADULT CATHOLIC SPIRIT CLUB

On the second Wednesday of each month, September to May, all men and women in the area are invited to meet for a social event. A potluck dinner is served at noon and programs begin at 12:45 pm. The event is held in St. John Vianney's Marian Hall. There are no membership dues; free will offerings are accepted. The Spirit Club Board gives a great deal of time and thought to select programs that are both interesting and entertaining...and we are open to suggestions for future programs. It really is a good time. Give us a try. Please help us kick off the program year by joining us in September. You can't beat the friendship, good food and entertainment!

12 September 2018 "Get to know Fr. Paul...as a priest, as a tennis official, and as a native of Nigeria"

10 October 2018 Nathan Burkart, JPAC Executive Director, will discuss the future direction of JPAC and how they strive for creative programs for a diverse community

14 November 2018 "Beer Barons on Geneva Lake & Their Milwaukee Neighbors", presented by Michael Rehberg of Black Point Estate

12 December 2018 "Christmas in Song" – St. John Vianney school children choir, directed by Claire Spiegelhoff

9 January 2019 Dale Hicks of the Tenant/Landlord Association: "Housing in Janesville"

13 February 2019 Cheryl Skelly..."Comfort Dog" purchased by St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

13 March 2019 "An Irish Dance Revue", Veracity Dance School, directed by Julia Klubertanz

10 April 2019 "Container Gardens" ... Oak Village Garden Center

8 May 2019 "All About Eagles" ... presented by Kurt VanGalder

If you would like to know more about the Adult Catholic Spirit Club and their programs, please contact Dolores Dilley at 752-2587 or Joan Wanninger at 563-2646.

Help us stay in Touch!

Please contact Sharlet in the parish office if you've recently moved, changed your telephone number or your email address. Thank you - (608) 449-7736 or psec@nativitymary.org

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

Religious Education Teacher Needed

The Wednesday night Religious education program is in need of volunteers. Please look into your heart and see if you would be willing to give a little time each week to spend with children, sharing your faith. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Hookham at 608-752-7862 extension 29.

CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED: Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar, Sept. 28 - 30, 2018** for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering Short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago. Working in partnership with Loyola Stritch Medical School, medical professionals will also have the opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend. Visit the website: www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola or call the office for more information (213) 368-1872.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bible Study "The Mass" by Bishop Robert Barron

Starting Thursday, September 13, 2018

8:30 AM at St. William chapel

AND an evening session to be determined

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron... *and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.*

There will be 6 Sessions:

1. A Privileged Encounter
2. Called Out of the World
3. God Speaks our Story
4. Responding to Our God
5. Preparing for Sacrifice
6. The Real Presence Creates Communion

There is a Study Guide for \$25.00 plus shipping. If you are interested in joining this study please contact Barb Devine at bdevine72@gmail.com or 608-314-5093.

If you are interested, but unable to meet during the morning, we are considering offering an evening session if there is enough interest. Please contact Barb Devine if interested.

WORD OF GOD



Saint Monica

Feast Day—August 27

"Nothing is far from God." - St. Monica

Saint Augustine

Feast Day—August 28

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." - St. Augustine



This week we celebrate two saints, a mother and son: St. Monica and St. Augustine. As a young Christian woman, St. Monica was married to a pagan. Early in their marriage, he was bitter and critical. After nearly 20 years, Monica's holy example led to his conversion to Christianity. In the meantime, Augustine was a teenager beginning to live a wild life of self-indulgent excess. This lifestyle would continue into his adulthood. Like with her husband, Monica prayed and fasted for the conversion of her son. Augustine met another future saint, the bishop Ambrose of Milan, who greatly influenced his perspective on life. Augustine was baptized a Christian! Augustine later became a bishop and one of the most influential thinkers in Christian history. How's that for the power of patience and intercessory prayer?



St. Mary's Fall Festival

Sunday, September 23rd 2018

9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Join in the fun and fellowship!

St. Mary's annual fall festival is Sunday, September 23rd from 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

Be there to experience the great "Taste of St. Mary's", our very own farmer's market, crafts, bakery, kids' activities, musical entertainment, raffle and much, much more!

We'll be holding our garden art auction for the third year now, at 12 noon on festival day.

This year, our planned kids' activities are a bounce house, cookie frosting, mini-pumpkin painting, chalk art, big pumpkin weight contest and our "grateful pumpkin".

We have a line-up of parishioners ready to share their musical talent on festival day. Don't miss it!

Take a moment to check out the entryway at the front of the church. Here you can see some of the items that will be for sale or auction at the festival.

Volunteers are still needed. Please sign-up here to give of your time or to donate produce, baked goods, crafts, etc. or call Joe for more information at 754-2144.

Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the rosary, next weekend, and the first Sunday of every month, immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass.



Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Sunday, August 26

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM Claire Damrow

Monday, August 27

No Mass

Tuesday, August 28

12:10 PM Gertrude Cloak & Catherine Negus

Wednesday, August 29

8:15 AM

Thursday, August 30

8:15 AM Nancy Lucey—3 Years

Friday, August 31

8:15 AM

Saturday, September 1

4:30 PM Tom & Jim Ryan

Sunday, September 2

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM

Parish Event Calendar

Monday, August 27

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

Tuesday, August 28

10:30 AM Faith Sharing Group, Nativity House

5:30-6:30 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, August 29

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, August 31

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

Saturday, August 25

9:30-10:30 AM Reconciliation, Church

Sunday, September 2

9:30 AM Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church

CLUSTER CORNER

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

August 27 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

August 28 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing Group, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

August 28 Noon-5:00 PM

Adoration, St. William, Benediction at 5 PM

August 28 6:00-7:00 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

August 30 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Adoration, St. Patrick

August 31 8:45-9:45 AM

Adoration, Nativity of Mary

August 31 9:00-Noon

Adoration, St. John Vianney

August 31-

September 3 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

Visit St. John Vianney's Athletic Association's Food Stand at Thresherman's Park in Edgerton!



***Religious Education for elementary and high school students
begins with orientation on Wednesday, September 12th.
To register, please contact our Religious Education Coordinator,
Kathy Hookham at 608-752-7861 at extension #29.***

	<u>Monday</u> 8/20	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> 8/26
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		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		5:15 pm	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	4:00 pm	9:00 am 12:00 Noon en Español
St. William		8:30 am	7:30 am	7:30 am	7:30 am	4:00 pm	8:00 & 10:30 am
St. Mary's Hospital		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