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Nativity of Mary Sat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am

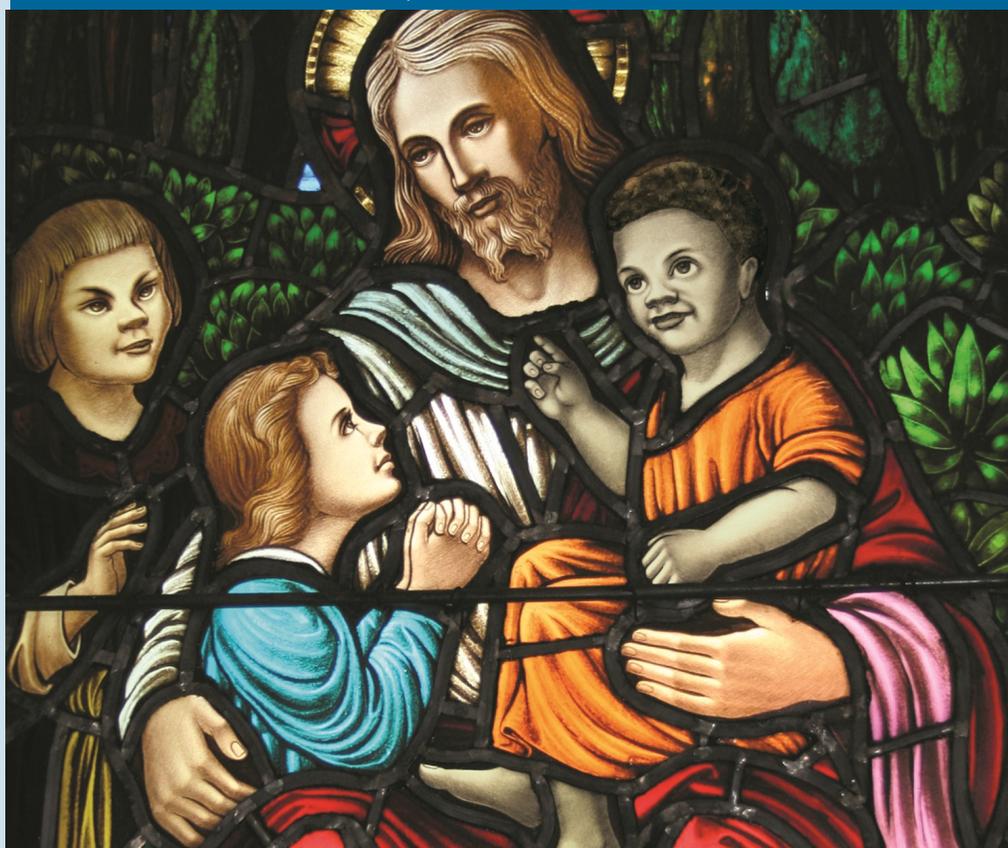
St. Patrick Sat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 7:30 & 10:00 am

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



Receive in My Name

• "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

Mk 9:35b-37a

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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

Stewardship Corner: Another successful festival is in the books. It has been amazing to behold things coming together. For example, I witnessed the school kids over the summer taking the time to paint the chairs that were presented at our festival. People donated time and talent for food, organizing the festival, setting up tables and chairs, selling the food and crafts, the take down of the tables, and countless other things. I am grateful for all who gave of their stewardship to the festival as well as stewardship of treasure toward the raffle tickets. Many good things can happen if we are willing to open our hands and hearts and present our gifts to the Lord and the world, and the parish festival is a testament of that. Thank you to all!

Saints Corner: From outside the Church, and even inside the Church, it is easy to look past the saints. At first glance, it seems that they lived uninteresting lives. Yet, this is far from the truth. One can be holy and live an exciting and rich life. This coming Thursday, the 27th, marks the remembrance of St. Vincent de Paul. He was born in France of poor parents. Vincent was ordained to the priesthood in the year 1600. While on a voyage by sea, he fell into the hands of African pirates. Vincent was carried off into slavery, and spent two years of his life as a slave in Tunisia. He would later escape and made it back to France. Vincent would travel to Rome to finish his studies and then was sent to Paris, where he resided permanently. After a number of ministries, Vincent's mission was to care for the sick and the poor. After many years of service, he died in 1660. Vincent's life was full, but it was not easy. No saint's life is. He wrote to someone who was unhappy with his/her ministry: "You say you are not happy in the Mission. That, in itself, is not a sign that God does not want you there. Perfect contentment is never to be found, in whatever place and condition one may be. This life is full of annoyances and troubles both of mind and of body. It is a state of continual agitation, which snatches peace of mind from those who think they possess it and eludes those who seek it. Did Our Lord lead an easy life?" Our lives are not easy, but God gives us what we need for the day.

Have a blessed week!



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.

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



School News: It was another busy week at St. Mary School. KC Computers began their security work in accordance with the state funded school safety initiative. Eight cameras were installed throughout the campus and a PA system was put into the Nativity House. Additionally, the installation of Securly, a new computer web filter specifically designed for schools and digital safety was pushed out to the majority of devices, marking a big step forward in St. Mary's technology and internet security. On Thursday night, parents were invited to St. Mary's Back to School Night where they had a chance to explore ways to support their students in depth. Finally, the St. Mary's Cross Country Team continues to perform well and we encourage anyone to come support the team at our home meet September 28 at Palmer Park.

Upcoming Events:

- 9/26: Student led mass (8:15)
- 9/28: Home Cross Country Meet at Palmer Park (4:30 start)
- 10/12: Teacher Work Day (no school)
- 10/14: Steeple Chase

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 October 6th/7th and 20th/21st.

Thank you for supporting your parish and school!

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2018-2019

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 12			
09-16-2018	8,001.67	9,578.07	-1,576.40
2 YTD	\$120,109.71	137,165.71	-17,055.51

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners:

Barbara Allen, Bill, Bill Bever, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter, Jeanette Durant, Linda Fredell, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H., 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 St. Mary School's 8th 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 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." - Mk 9:36-37

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.



Readings for Sunday, September 23, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

Readings for Next Sunday, September 30, 2018

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

WHAT'S HAPPENING



St. Mary's Fall Festival

**Sunday, September 23rd
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! **See you there!**

Coming Soon

Nativity of Mary Parish Picture Directory

For participating, each family receives a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free directory.

Dates/Times:

October 16-20 and 23-27

Tues 2-8 pm, Wed-Fri 1-8 pm and Sat 9 am-4 pm

November 19-20 and 23-24

Mon 2-8 pm Tues/Fri 1-8 pm and Sat 9 am-4 pm

Please register at www.nativitymary.org or see one of our volunteers to sign up after Mass.

LifeTouch



Project 16:49 **BINGO Fundraiser** at Barkley's Burgers, Brews & Dawgs (2710 W Court St in JVL) on Sunday, September 29th from 12-3 pm. All proceeds will go directly to help serve unaccompanied homeless youth in Rock County.

G.I.F.T.S. God Is Faithful Temporary Shelter

Volunteer to help with donations for the G.I. F.T.S. Men's Shelter. Look for a chance to sign-up after Mass.



"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."
Hebrews 13:16

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Norms for the Use of Extraordinary Ministers in the Diocese of Madison, has emphasized the need for ongoing education and formation of Extraordinary Ministers. The Diocesan Office of Worship is holding workshops so that all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may take advantage of this time of formation. Attending, or having attended, this workshop is a diocesan requirement of all Ministers of Holy Communion. If you have previously attended this workshop; there is no requirement to attend again. There is no fee.

**Upcoming Local Workshop
Saturday, October 6, 2018**

Nativity of Mary Parish in Janesville
313 East Wall Street
9-10:30 a.m.

You may register on the Diocesan Website www.madisondiocese.org or by calling Bob at the Nativity of Mary rectory (608-752-7861), to ensure enough materials for participants.

The Office of Worship is hosting a series of workshops called—***This Sacred Council: An In-Depth Study of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.***

All sessions are led by renowned liturgical scholar Abbot Marcel Rooney, OSB. His informative and enjoyable presentations make these sessions appropriate for anyone who participates in the Church's liturgies. The workshop is especially geared toward parishioners who simply want to know how to celebrate the liturgy more fully so that their lives may bear abundant fruit!

The sessions will be held on Saturdays, September 29, November 17, January 19, February 16 and March 16, all from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Holy Name Heights (702 S. High Point Road in Madison). You may come to one or to all five! The sessions are free (a voluntary offering will be accepted at each session).

To learn more or to register, go to www.madisondiocese.org/Rooney or call (608) 821-3080.



Little Flowers Girls' Club

A new faith filled program for girls ages 5 years and up, is based on learning Catholic virtues through the lives of the saints by reading, activities and prayer. We will meet once per month. If interested, contact Katie Bier at (608) 774-5917. Dates and times to be determined once enough girls have signed up. Input on best days and times is greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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)

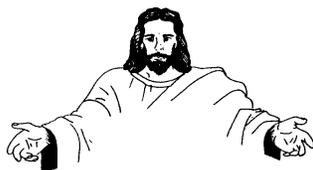
“Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue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

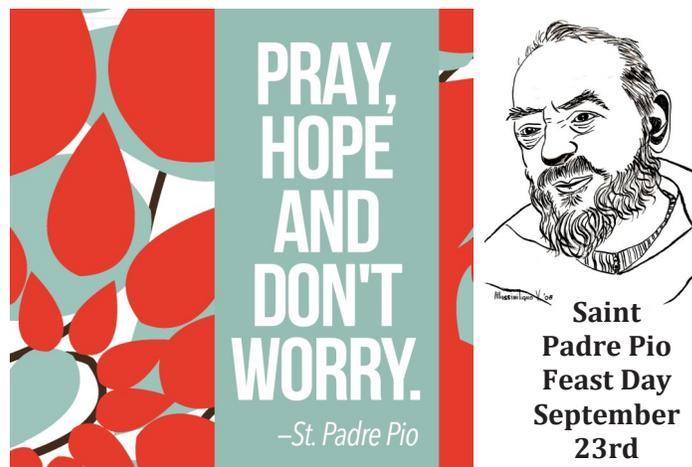
“Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide.” (2282)

“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/OurServices/Counseling/Loss.aspx>



FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE is coming to St. Peter Church, 325 Oak Grove Avenue in South Beloit on Thursday, October 4th from 8:00AM to 9:00PM. There will be a Mass at 8:15AM and scapular enrollment. Patrick Sabat, the custodian of the statue, will speak after Mass, and St. Peter School students will pray the Rosary. A Rosary will be prayed on the hour from 10:00AM—8:00PM. Please join us in praying the Rosary. The Statue of Our Lady will be on view throughout the entire day. Confessions will be offered from 7:30AM - 8:00AM, 12:00PM - 12:33PM, 3:00PM - 3:33PM and 6:00PM - 6:33PM. Exposition and Benediction at 7:30PM. Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures and countless conversions are associated with the image.



High School City-Wide Youth Group Saturday, Sept 29 Kickoff 6:30-9:00 at the Nativity House

All students in grades 9-12 from all of the parishes are invited to come for a free pizza dinner, meet other Catholic high school students, learn about the faith, and play games!!

Email or call Matt McDonald with questions:
0229mcdonam@gmail.com 608-449-6406

Adults are welcome to come and help as well!!

MJM7 IN CONCERT - St. Mary's in Milton Sunday, September 23rd 3:00 PM

Michael James Mette is a Catholic performing artist who travels the country with his wife of 18 years and their seven young children. His music is a modern reflection of his faith, blending alternative rock with faith based lyrics. The concert is 90 minutes in length and will include performances from his whole family, lights, video, music and testimonies. A free-will offering will be collected.

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Sunday, September 23

8:30 AM Pamela Henry—15 Years

10:30 AM Paul & Eva McNally

Monday, September 24

No Mass

Tuesday, September 25

No Mass

Wednesday, September 26

8:15 AM Jim Martelle

Thursday, September 27

8:15 AM Patrick Finn

Friday, September 28

8:15 AM Donald & Mary Jane Condon

Saturday, September 29

4:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Sunday, September 30

8:30 AM Dan Zahn

10:30 AM Margaret Hein—6 Years

Parish Event Calendar

Monday, September 24

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

Tuesday, September 25

10:30 AM Faith Sharing Group, Nativity House

6:30 PM Parish Council, Nativity House

Wednesday, September 26

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

6:00 PM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, Church

7:00 PM Choir Practice

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

Friday, September 28

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

Saturday, September 29

9:30-10:30 AM Reconciliation, Church

6:30-9:30 PM Youth Group, Nativity House

No Mass or Reconciliation Tuesday

CLUSTER CORNER

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

September 24 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

September 25 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing Group, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

September 25 Noon-5:00 PM

Adoration, St. William, Benediction at 5:00 PM

September 25 6:15 PM

Adoration and Devotions in Spanish, St. Patrick

September 25 6:00-7:00 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

September 26 5:30-7:00 AM

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

September 26 9:00-10:00 AM

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

September 27 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Adoration, St. Patrick

September 28 8:45-9:45 AM

Adoration, Nativity of Mary

September 28 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

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

September 29 6:30-9:00 PM

Youth Group-High School Catholics, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House—Free Pizza and Fun—Janesville & Milton parishes

October 1 11:30-2:00 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.

October 7 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Fall Fest, St. John Vianney—Games, Raffles, Silent Auction, Turkey Dinner & More!



	Monday 9/24	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday 9/30
Nativity of Mary			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		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		5:15 pm	8:30 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	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