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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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
King of the Universe
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus
answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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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

Saints Corner: The Church is a divine institution. Christ is the head of His Church. The members of His body, the Church, are human beings. All human beings, to varying degrees, are weak and broken. All members of the Church need healing. Unfortunately, we remember all too often the sin and brokenness when it comes to the failures of others. The Church today is undergoing a crisis. Certain members of the clergy, bishops and priests, have violated the trust of the people concerning abuse. It is scandalous and shocking, and the behavior disappoints us, angers us, and saddens us.

Throughout the history of the Church, we have had some big sins and sinners. At certain times in the Church's history, priests did not act with chastity. Bishops would sell church offices to the highest bidder. Members of religious orders were lax in their duties and lax in living their vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience. But as tempting as it is to focus on the sinners, there have been and there are many in the Church, be they lay or clergy, committed to following Christ and living out their vocation.

On this final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the saint for today is St. Catherine of Alexandria. She was born of a noble Egyptian family in the 4th century. By all accounts, she was a beautiful, young woman who was wealthy and educated. Was Catherine aware of the faults of Christians during her time? No question. But despite that, she was drawn to the Gospel and converted to the faith when she was eighteen years old. This is important since being a Christian meant death. Not only did Catherine live her faith in private, she also publicly witnessed it. She would go around her city preaching the Gospel. Catherine also denounced the Emperor for persecuting Christians. The Emperor was not amused and murdered any person who converted through Catherine's efforts. He did offer her a royal marriage if she would deny Christ. Catherine refused and she was thrown into prison. During her incarceration, Catherine brought the Emperor's wife and 200 of his soldiers to the Catholic faith. All of them were put to death. Finally, Catherine herself was condemned to death. Despite all her temptations and trials, Catherine loved Christ, the One who loved her before time began. May we find the strength to love and follow the Lord in the midst of our struggles and gain victory as she did.

Have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving weekend!

Lifetouch Directory Pictures

Please note, if you had your portrait taken for our pictorial directory, but did not order any extra pictures, then your free 8 x 10 will be delivered to the rectory office. (If you did order additional pictures, these will be delivered to your home, including the free 8 x 10.) Call before stopping by to be sure someone is available to assist you 752-7861. Thanks!

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



Upcoming Events:

11/29:	Parent Series Night: Raising Digital Kids
12/12:	Christmas Program (3k-2 nd grade @ 5:30, 3-8 @ 6:30)
12/21:	Begin Christmas Break

Spirit of the Season!

In preparation for the upcoming celebration of the birth of Jesus, Students from St. Mary's will be collecting donations throughout Advent. We are inviting St. Mary's Parishioners to help us overflow our boxes. We will be collecting baby items (diapers sizes 1-4, wipes, and sippy cups) the week of December 3rd-7th, can fruit and vegetables during the week of December 10th-14th, and pasta and sauces during the week of December 17th-20th. Boxes will be placed in the school's foyer. As always, there will also be the mitten tree for families in need through E.C.H.O.!

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.

*Thank you for supporting
your parish and school!*



MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2018-2019

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 20			
11-11-2018	12,170.05	11,300.73	869.32
YTD	\$208,247.02	233,604.99	-25,357.97

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners:

Barbara Allen, Bill, Peter Barrett,
Bill and Judy Bever, Valerie Boggs,
Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter, Jeanette Durant,
Linda Fredell, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H.,
Alice Jensen, Caroline McNally, Max Rammer,
Phyllis Rice, Madelynn Schieve,
Colleen Schroeder, 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 6th grade students.*

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If
my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be
fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But
as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always
been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus'
disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow
the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom
is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is
a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of
our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with
authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic
thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith.
In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to
a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ
the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king
of your life today?



Readings for Sunday, November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33b-37

Readings for Next Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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.

*A very Happy Birthday
to lifelong St. Mary's
parishioner,
Richard Crary, who'll
be 90 years young on
November 27th!
God bless you today
and in the years to
come!*



WHAT'S HAPPENING



The Janesville Catholic Women's Club invites you to attend our Family Christmas Mass and Breakfast to be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018. We will gather at St. Mary's for 8:30 a.m. Mass and then go downstairs for a holiday breakfast, which will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausage, coffee, juice, and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. We will be taking up a special collection for the residents of St. Elizabeth's Home. RSVP Phyllis Byrne, 2001 Wesley Ave. Apt. 102, Janesville, WI, 53545 (phone 754-9462) by Monday, Nov. 26. Make checks payable to Janesville Catholic Women's Club.

Toy Collection for ECHO

Be a part of ECHO's holiday tradition by donating new, unwrapped toys to their Christmas Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toys can be placed at the front entrance of church or the elevator entrance door **by Sunday, December 16, 2018.**

WISH LIST

Learning games	Baby toys
Board games	Barbie/baby dolls
Puzzles	Cars & Trucks
Art supplies	Legos
Coloring books/crayons	Sports equipment
Books	Kids' jewelry/watches
Cool bedding/sheets	Shoes/slippers
Fleece blankets	DVD's—new releases
Stuffed animals	Store/movie gift certificates

Donate holiday wrapping paper, gift bags and bows, too. Cash donations in a marked envelope can be placed in the collection box. To donate your time, please call Fran at ECHO 754-5333.



Project 16:49 is accepting donations for Rock County's 300+ local, unaccompanied homeless youth. There are many ways to help support the program during the holiday season, including making a holiday meal, sponsoring an outing (bowling, pizza, movie night) and more. Please call 608-931-5627 for more information, or visit us on the web at www.project1649.org.

Tis (almost) the Season!

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we're ready to drop.

This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season.

Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with:

- Short inspirational videos
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

Plus, every Sunday during the program, you'll receive a thought-provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life. Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas

To sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com/Christmas

Holy Land Pilgrimage March 2019 Come on a pilgrimage to experience the sites, sounds and wonders of Christ's life in the Holy Land March 2019! St Joseph Parish of Fort Atkinson would like to invite you to join this pilgrimage as an amazing opportunity to see where it all began and to grow in faith. The spiritual leader for this journey is Fr Carmel from St Pius Church in Cambridge. Please contact the pilgrimage coordinator, Peggy Huckabee at (920)650-1076 or peggy.huckabee@gmail.com with questions. Reservations being accepted through December.

Thank You.

A very heartfelt "THANKS" to everyone who donated items for our sister parish, St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission in Reserve Wisconsin. To learn more about them, please visit www.stfrancismission.org. Watch a great video there, for a glimpse into the close Christian community they share. For more information, contact Dan or Judy Ansier 752-6575.



SSM Health-

St Mary's Hospital Janesville will be hosting its annual "Lights of Love" Christmas Event on Sunday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM. The ceremony, which begins with the lighting of the Healing Garden, features local musicians and vocalists who will highlight Christmas music from around the world. Refreshments will be served. Please join us for this special Christmas event at the Prairie View Cafe at St. Mary's Hospital-Janesville. There is no charge for this holiday event.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Join in the Song!!!

You are invited
to be part of the **Children's Choir** for the
Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass

Only 2 Practices!

Saturday, December 15th 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

and Saturday, December 22nd 10:30 am – 12 noon.

Students will be part of the choir,
which will sing before and during the 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24th.

Questions?? Contact Bob Craig (752-7861 ext 17).
No pre-enrollment is necessary, but to ensure
enough materials for all participants,
I would appreciate the call.



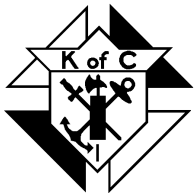
Volunteers Needed at St. Elizabeth Home

We are in search of some more volunteers for our Life Enrichment Department to help during recreation programs with our residents. If you are interested in running some fun activities with our residents please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Athena Johnson at 608-208-1426 or email her at athenaj@stelizabethhome.com.

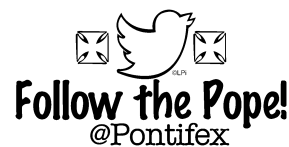


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**Nativity of Mary Parish
Janesville, Wisconsin**



At their breakfast last weekend, the **Knights of Columbus** presented representatives of Special Olympics, SMILES, ECHO and Nativity of Mary with proceeds from their annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser. Thank you for supporting their efforts, in helping those living with disabilities.



**..... for those who are Homebound
Tune in for Sunday Mass
6 AM on WISC-TV Channel 3
7 AM on TVW Channel 3000.com
7 AM on Direct TV14**

Rock County Caregivers Events

The Caregiver's Approach to Memory & Merriment

Tuesday, December 4 at 11 am OR 12:30 pm—No Cost
Contact Council on Aging 758-8455

Rock County Caregivers Support Groups— Janesville

1st Tuesday of each month from 6-7:15 pm

Council on Aging (Meeting Room) 3328 Hwy 51 North
Contact Cori Marsh 608-741-3615
marsh@co.rock.wi.us

2nd Wednesday of each month from 1:30-2:30 pm

Cedar Crest (Social Room) 1702 S River Road
Contact Bonnie Nuttkinson 608-203-8500
bnuttkinson@alz.org

2nd Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm

Hedberg Public Library South Main Street
Contact Julie Seeman 608-758-8455
caregiving@co.rock.wi.us

The Liturgical Year with Abbot Marcel Rooney, OSB
Christmas: The Church Celebrates the Glory of the Lord
Saturday, December 1st at 9:00 AM
Holy Name Heights 702 S High Point Road in Madison
Learn more and register: www.madisondiocese.org/seatofwisdom or call 608-821-3160



Hurting from Abortion Help is available

Are you or a loved one carrying the sorrow and regret of an abortion? Whether recent or long ago.... God is waiting Healing is possible. For confidential help. Please contact Mary at 608-221-9593 or rachel@straphael.org
www.madisondiocese.org/rachel

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Sunday, November 25

8:30 AM Janet Lucey

10:30 AM Jessica Lynn Szerlong

Monday, November 26

No Mass

Tuesday, November 27

12:10 PM

Wednesday, November 28

8:15 AM Roy & Alice Murphy

Thursday, November 29

8:15 AM Mr. & Mrs. Felix Zukaitis

Friday, November 30

8:15 AM Gene Wagner—7 Years

Saturday, December 1

4:30 PM Dan Zahn

Sunday, December 2

8:30 AM Robert Austin

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Parish Event Calendar

Monday, November 26

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

Tuesday, November 27

10:30 AM Faith Sharing Group, Nativity House

5:00-6:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

Wednesday, November 28

5:45 PM Elementary Religious Ed, School

7:00 PM Choir Practice, Church

7:15 PM High School Religious Ed, Nativity House

Friday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 1

9:30-10:30 AM Reconciliation, Church

Sunday, December 2

8:30 AM Catholic Women's Club

Christmas Mass/Breakfast, Church/Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church

Saturday & Sunday, December 1st & 2nd—

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

CLUSTER CORNER

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

November 26 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

November 26 2:00 PM or 6:00 PM

Rejoice! Advent Study, St. John Vianney, Marian Hall, thru Dec17

November 27 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing Group, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

November 27 Noon-5:00 PM

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

November 27 6:15 PM—7:00 PM

Adoration and Devotions in Spanish, St. Patrick

November 27 6:00-7:00 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

November 28 5:30-7:00 AM

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

November 28 9:00-10:00 AM

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

November 29 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Adoration, St. Patrick

November 30 8:45-9:45 AM

Holy Hour, Nativity of Mary

November 30 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

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

December 1&2 After Mass

"Come to the Commons", St. John Vianney—Refreshments, bake sale, religious cards, Christmas items, coffee/candy sales & more!

December 2 8:30 AM

Family Mass & Christmas Breakfast, Nativity of Mary, Fellowship Hall—RSVP Catholic Women's Club 754-9462

2019 Calendars—Please pick up a "Feasts and Saints" 2019 calendar, located at each entrance to the church.

A very special **"THANK YOU"** to McDonald Law Office for generously donating these calendars to our congregation again this year.

	<u>Monday</u> 11/26	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> 12/2
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		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