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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

# Catholic Schools Week



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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:** Our faith compels us to seek out the lost. Many saints, like Francis, took this saying of the Lord to heart. This coming Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, commemorates the life of another man who took this command seriously. St. John Bosco was born in northern Italy (Turin) in 1815. He grew up on a farm with very little. John was nine years old when he expressed his desire to become a priest. He began working to save money in order to study at the seminary. When he was ordained, his work was shaped by visions that he had received when he was a boy. In his dream, he encountered a number of boys who swore as they played. Among these boys he met a majestic man and a majestic woman. The man told him that in meekness and charity, he would “conquer these your friends.” Then the lady said, “Be strong, humble, and robust. When the time comes, you will understand everything.” When the saint was ordained, he was assigned to the city of Turin. Right away, he encountered many homeless boys, who came in from the country looking for work. Not finding any jobs, the boys formed gangs and swore and stole and killed one another. St. John sought out these boys. He sheltered them, fed them, preached the Gospel to them, and helped them to find work. The saint found much opposition from political and religious leaders, yet he pushed forward. He eventually founded the religious order of the Salesians, whose mission it is to care for young boys and girls. St. John, after many labors, died in 1888. May the saints inspire us to be disciples of Jesus to those who are looking for more, especially for our young people.

**Feast of St. Blasé Next Weekend:** Each year our parish commemorates the feast of St. Blasé, patron of healers, especially of throats. The saints desire to be a part of our lives, and they are ready to help us along our earthly pilgrimage. In this blessing, the Church asks for the intercession of St. Blasé to heal us. Next weekend after each Mass, everyone will have the opportunity to come forward to receive that healing touch. A person does not have to be a Catholic to receive that sacramental. One a person receives the blessing, he or she is free to leave in silence. St. Blasé, pray for us!

**New Vestments Needed:** Parishioners over the years have commented on how nice my vestments look. I appreciate the comment about their beauty. During my priesthood, I have purchased a few of my own vestments due the fact that I am short, compared to my other brother priests. I am unable to wear vestments that Fr. Ray and Fr. Steve wore, simply because are too large for me. So, the parish will need to purchase a set of vestments that will fit those priests who share my height. Thanks to a generous gift, we have already purchased a green vestment. We are still in need of a new purple, white, and red vestment to complete the set. If you would like to contribute and make a gift in memory of someone, please call the parish office and speak to me. Thank you.

Have a blessed week!



# NEWS & NOTES

## St. Mary School



**School News:** The end of January each year brings Catholic Schools Week - an opportunity to outwardly celebrate our decision to support and/or enroll in Catholic Schools. For the students, it is an opportunity to dress up, enjoy some whole school activities, and bond with their prayer partners. But more than that, Catholic Schools Week is a glimpse into our future. Time and time again when I ask parents about why they choose to come to St. Mary's, the two themes that emerge are Academic Excellence and values of the community. In a time where division, hate, and social injustices threaten to tear our communities apart, we look to the future - kids like the ones we have at St. Mary's - to see a generation strong in values, but loving in nature. Catholic Schools Week is more than a token reminder - it is a beacon of hope, shining brightly with each student who walks these halls. A hope that is shaped by critical thinking, relationship building, and an expectation to always be your best. As a school community, we thank our Parish for the generous support you continue to give us. As an entire community united together, we hope to utilize this week to celebrate, pray, and hope together.

Mr. Parish

### Upcoming Events:

- 1/28: CSW Look-alike Day
- 1/29: CSW Pajama Day and Breakfast Day
- 1/30: Crazy Accessory Day; Student-led mass at 8:15
- 1/31: Decades Day
- 2/1: Spirit Day and all school bowling day
- 2/1: Spaghetti Dinner (5-8 PM)
- 2/7: Parent Teacher Conferences (12-8)
- 2/8: No School
- 3/8: Salad Luncheon

# MONEY MATTERS

## Money Counts for 2018-2019

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
<b>Week 29</b>			
01-13-2018	\$10,352.70	11,363.76	-1,011.06
<b>YTD</b>	\$341,847.55	388,702.75	-46,855.20

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
<b>Week 30</b>			
01-21-2018	\$5,852.90	7,897.47	-2,044.57
<b>YTD</b>	\$347,700.45	396,600.22	-48,899.77

# 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, Pat,  
 Max Rammer, Phyllis Rice, Madelynn Schieve,  
 Colleen Schroeder, Edna Thorp, Peter Weirich,  
 Lola Williams, Avalon Widner, Lucille Willegal



## Traveling Chalice

*This week the Traveling Chalice will be hosted by a homebound parishioner.*

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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because he has anointed me  
 to bring glad tidings to the poor...  
 and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."  
 - Lk 4:18a, 19

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 "He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have proceeded him to Nazareth.

Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?



## Readings for Sunday, January 27, 2019

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 / Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

## Readings for Next Sunday, February 3, 2019

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 / Lk 4:21-30

**Celebrate Sister Lauretana**— In appreciation of her 62 years of consecrated religious life and nearly 24 years of service at St. John Vianney, all are invited to Sr. Lauretana Gorman's retirement celebration. The open house reception, located in the Commons, will last from 11:00 AM until approximately 1:00 PM on January 27th.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY: THANK YOU!

Our Safe Haven Sunday was a big success!

Nativity of Mary extends a tremendous "Thank You!" to all who made Safe Haven Sunday possible and to all parishioners for their support of the education and awareness on the issues of pornography at our Sunday celebration.

Again, thanks to our parish community for your openness to the topics of internet safety and the dignity of the human person in light of the pornographic culture.

Just because Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our homes safe havens is over. Stay informed at [madisondiocese.org/safehavensunday](http://madisondiocese.org/safehavensunday) and learn more about how to protect and guide your family and friends.

Students are invited to a **Free Throw Contest** at St. Mary School, sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-- 14 (as of Jan. 1, 2019). Entry forms must be signed by a parent. The contest is free and winners in each age/gender category will advance to additional competitions. The contest will begin at 3PM on Tuesday, January 29th. If public school children are interested, please call Greg Kraft (754-5615). If you will be late, please call Greg as well. See you then!

Nativity of Mary will be hosting **GIFTS—"God is Faithful Temporary Shelter"** the week of February 3rd. Sign up after church to volunteer your time or to donate meals. If you have any questions, you can contact Dave Ellis at 754-2949. Thank you for contributing to those in need!

## *Janesville Catholic Women's Club "Women's Retreat Day"*

Ladies, you are invited to attend our next Women's Retreat Day to be held on Saturday, February 16 at St. John Vianney's Marian Hall. Our speaker for the day is Mary Vogrinc from Holy Family Catholic Church in Rockford. Mary, who has presented talks, weekend retreats, and conferences across the U.S. and Canada, uses scripture, humor, and heartwarming testimonies to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. She is calling our day "Women's Winter Warm-up." Mary will focus on God, our loving Father, a preparation for Lent, and becoming modern-day apostles. Please plan on joining us that day for a very enriching experience. The day runs from 9:15 to 2:30, and lunch will be served. Send your \$20 pre-registration fee (checks made to Janesville Catholic Women's Club) by Monday, Feb. 11 to Jan Bier, 9248 E. Co. Rd. A, Janesville, WI, 53546. If you have questions, call Jan at 752-4387.



## **A growing threat around the world and around the block.**

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. It is estimated that 21 million people are held in bondage today. Some are forced into labor. Others are sold for sex. None are able to leave their situation. Victims are held against their will through force (violence, rape and confinement), fraud (false promises of employment, wages, work), or coercion (threats of physical harm to the victim or loved one).

The tendency is to think that it doesn't happen here. The sad truth is that Wisconsin is one of the worst states in the nation for perpetuating human trafficking. In fact, Milwaukee has been identified as a key city where pimps are trained to traffic children and adults, primarily women.

### **Trafficking in Wisconsin can include:**

- Sex trafficking of immigrants and U.S. citizens.
- Domestic minor sex trafficking of teens and runaways.
- Forced labor in agriculture, restaurants and tourism.
- House slavery (domestic servitude)

*It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods! I think of the adoption of children for extraction of their organs, women deceived and obliged to prostitute themselves, of workers exploited and denied rights or a voice and so on. And this is human trafficking.*

*-Pope Francis*

## **January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

For more information visit:

[Sharedhope.org](http://Sharedhope.org)

[5-stones.org](http://5-stones.org)

[Polarisproject.org](http://Polarisproject.org)

Human Trafficking Hotline:

4 1-888-3737-888 or text INFO to BeFree (233733)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## *Saint Mary School's Spaghetti Dinner*

*Friday, February 1  
5p - 8p*

*307 East Wall St. Javesville, WI*

*6th Grade & Older \$8*

*Pre K-5th Grade \$5*

*3 & Under Free*

*Cash Bar, Beer & Wine*

*50/50 Raffle*

*Proceeds benefit the*

*Saint Mary School Athletic Fund.*

*608.754.5221 [StMaryschoolWI.com](http://StMaryschoolWI.com)*



**A Prayer for Our Catholic School  
Heavenly Father, Your light shines brightly in your children.  
You have inspired us to do good deeds in your name.  
Bless this school and all who work to make your will known in the world.  
We ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

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