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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



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." - Lk 4:1-3

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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: Some of the saints have multiple vocations. Such is the case of St. Louise de Marillac. She was born in August of 1591 in France. Louise married and had a son. Her husband died after thirteen years of marriage. Louise would eventually enter religious life, and her spiritual director was the famous St. Vincent de Paul. With the help of St. Vincent, she established an order of women religious whose mission it was to be dedicated to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. She and her community ministered constantly to the poor of Paris. She died in the year 1660. You can go to her grave today in Paris, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Labore in 1830, of St. Louise's order she belonged. The Church, despite the bad we hear about, has done many great works through the care of its saints, including St. Louise de Marillac.

Facetime with Father: Each year for Lent I have offered adult education opportunities to deepen the faith. After some conversations with the staff and Parish Council, we decided to try something different this year. Rather than scheduling a night for people to come and share faith, I will have a talk after all the Masses on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. This will enable more people to participate in adult education, since everyone is already there. Since we are preparing for the sacred mysteries during Lent, the topic for "Facetime" are the Last Things... Purgatory, Hell, and Heaven. What are they, why do they exist, and how do we get there? These are things that many people, Catholic or not, ask about frequently. If you have time after Mass on one of those Sundays, please join in.

Have a blessed week!



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Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



School News: It was a very busy week at St. Mary School! On Monday the school traveled to Milton to watch the Spotlight on Kids performance of "Into the Woods," which featured two current St. Mary students. On Tuesday, the students packed away the Alleluia in preparation for Lent. The short ceremony is a nice reminder for students that we are getting ready to repent and enter into a time of fasting. On Thursday, more than a dozen students visited for our shadow day. We were pleased to see such interest in the school and many of our shadow students reported having a great day! The event was designed to attract potential new students and collaborate more with the community.

Salad Luncheon: On Friday, people poured into the gym for our annual Salad Lunch. Special thank to Sarah Hodge and Jeremy Dostal for chairing the event this year. The 8th graders also donated their time (in addition to helping with Soup for the Soul on Wednesday) to help greet and serve the community. Thanks to all who came!

Dates to Remember:

- 3/13: Student-led mass (8:15)
- 3/20: Scoopie Night at Milton Culvers
- 3/22: Live Stations of the Cross (2:00)
- 4/11: Middle School musical at JPAC (7:00)

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, or look for us after the 10:30 Mass every Sunday, or all Masses twice per month. Next up: March 16th/17th.

Thank you for supporting your parish and school!

Please note:

KWIK TRIP is discontinuing the **Milk Moola** promotion. Please turn in all caps and bag tops by March 24th. Thank you for your participation.

We will continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Prairie Farms milk caps. Look for more information at the front of the church, or call St. Mary School for full details.

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 Religious Education's 4K, K & 1st grade.

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

First Sunday of Lent

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."
 - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

Readings for Sunday, March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13



Readings for Next Sunday, March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17-4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2018-2019

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 36			
3-04-2019	14,242.15	13,248.24	993.91
3 YTD	\$404,837.01	466,285.32	-61,448.31

WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE **ADULT CATHOLIC SPIRIT CLUB** will meet at noon Wednesday, 13 March 2019, at St John Vianney's Marian Hall. A potluck dinner will be served and you are asked to bring a dish to share along with your own table service. In keeping with St. Patrick's Day, you will be entertained with "An Irish Dance Review", performed by the Veracity Dance School, directed by Julia Klubertanz. The program begins at 12:45 pm. Blood pressure screenings will be available from 11:30 am to 12 noon. Please join us for good food and wonderful, lively entertainment. For more information, call Ginny at 608-752-4442.

***Apologies to all for any inconvenience caused by cancelling the February meeting due to weather conditions. We hope to reschedule the comfort dog program when schedules permit.*

Mass Intentions are issued based on the universal law of the Church. Mass intentions are scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis. The suggested offering is \$10 per intention. Please call Sharlet in the parish office to schedule at 752-7861. A request may be made for: a person who is living, a person who is deceased, members of a family, an intention fitting to the Eucharistic celebration, vocations, dedication to life, persecuted Christians, world peace, etc.

Gracyalny Family Concert

The Gracyalny Family, will present a concert, "If You Sing It, They Will Come" at the three parishes where they are active in music ministry. Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's in Stoughton (Free-will offering), Sat., March 30, 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption in Beloit and Sunday, March 31 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ann's St. Mary's in Portage. (Free-will offering). The Beloit concert includes a wide array of home-made desserts and beverages. Cost for this concert is \$15 per person and benefits their Silent Auction. To reserve a spot at any of the concerts or purchase tickets for Beloit, contact Randy Gracyalny at 608-362-9066 ext. 111 or randyg@olabeloit.com.



Our Lady of the Assumption in Beloit, will have a **Fish Fry** every Friday during Lent. Serving takes place from 5:00-7:00 p.m. 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. Soda & desserts offered at an additional charge. Carry outs available.

Taize' Prayer



Lent is a time of "retreat" before the Easter celebrations. During these forty days, in communion with Christ in the desert, each Christian is called to conversion, to turn our entire being towards God. This quiet and beautiful season offers an invitation to take "time apart" to reflect and draw closer to God. And, Taize' Prayer is a wonderful response to that invitation. This lovely, meditative prayer style combines simple and accessible music, reflective readings, and silence. Plan to be with us on **Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM** for a peaceful and enriching Lenten prayer experience.

Chamber Singers 2019 Tour

Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM

Holy Name Heights Chapel in Madison

Ripon College Chamber Singers, John C. Hughes, conductor with The Madison Diocesan Choir, Patrick Gorman, director, Glenn Schuster, assistant director and Diocesan Organist. **Free Admission; free-will offering accepted.**

Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World MARCH 16 & 17

Learn the stories of more than 150 Church-recognized miracles. Event is free and open to the public. For schedule and more information, visit sjv.org/exhibit
St. John Vianney Church
1250 E. Racine Street, Janesville
608-755-1476 or kkranenburg@sjv.org

Lenten Special Collection

It has been the custom at Nativity of Mary Parish to take a second collection each Sunday during Lent. Please consider giving toward these as a concrete way of showing love and care for others.

Next weekend, we will be collecting for **Project 16:49**. Project 16:49 is a local non-profit organization serving Rock County's unaccompanied homeless teens. We believe every child deserves an opportunity to succeed. To that end, Project 16:49 ensures access to the services and support these students need to remain in school, graduate and become self-sufficient adults.

For more information, please visit www.project1649.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

March Youth Group

WHO? SMS and RE students,
6th-8th grade

WHERE? St. Mary School Gym

WHEN? Friday, March 15th
from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

ACTIVITIES: Prayer, Service, Fun!



**We will begin a new interactive project
on spreading kindness!**

Our Youth Group is in need of help with supervising and organizing our monthly events. Whether you can help out one time or each month, we would love for you to join us!

Also, if any parent is able to donate a snack or beverage, please contact Jennifer McBride at 608 741-8909. Thank you!



Prayer for a New Bishop

Loving God,
you fill heaven and earth with your glory,
yet you are near to all who call upon you.
Grant our diocese a new bishop
who, in your grace, is a Shepherd after your own heart:
one who is filled with zeal for the Faith
and the spread of the Gospel,
who is gentle and wise,
merciful and just,
and devoted in love for your people.

May he strive each day
to be configured to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and unite your people
to become stronger in faith,
more earnest in our love of you,
and generous with our care for others.

Grant your people the grace
to accept our new bishop as your own,
and may he lead us toward your Son,
the unfailing light,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Raphael, patron of our Diocese, pray for us.

Faith Sharing Group

Are you often wondering how the Gospel relates to you? Do you like discussing the Bible and what it means in your life, with others? If so, you would enjoy Faith Sharing at Nativity of Mary parish.



Faith Sharing is a group that meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel...what it means and how it relates to life, and to each of them.

Faith Sharing is open to all ages and all parishes. They meet each Tuesday morning at 10:30am in the Nativity House, across the parking lot from Nativity of Mary church. If you are interested in seeing what Faith Sharing is all about, join us any Tuesday. We'd love to see you all!



Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Each weekday, from 9-11:30 there is Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations held in the Chapel at Holy Name Heights. As you all know, praying for vocations is a great cause as we continue to need priests to fill the places of those retiring. Currently, they are having a very difficult time filling the hours for this Adoration and are seeking parishioners willing to spend an hour or two whenever you can with the Lord in prayer for vocations. Please consider this ministry. It is a ministry from your heart to the hearts of people being called to religious life or the priesthood. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the Vocations Office to arrange a time. 608-821-3089

**St. Elizabeth Campus
(St. Elizabeth Home & St. Elizabeth Manor)**

& Culver's

*on Milton Avenue,
present a Scoopie Lunch!*

Sunday, March 10th, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**10% of the sales will be donated
for the benefit of all our beloved residents.**

**We pray that we will see you there and
may the Good Lord continue to bless you all!**

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Sunday, March 10

8:30 AM Richard & Florence Holznecht

10:30 AM Special Intention ♥

Monday, March 11

No Mass

Tuesday, March 12

12:10 PM Bob Reuter Family ♥

Wednesday, March 13

8:15 AM Hartzell Kas

Thursday, March 14

8:15 AM Jessica Lynn Szerlong

Friday, March 15

8:15 AM Emma Kloes ♥

Saturday, March 16

4:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Sunday, March 17

8:30 AM John Donagan

10:30 AM Richard McCann

Parish Event Calendar

Monday, March 11

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

7:00 PM Lenten Taize' Prayer, Church

Tuesday, March 12

10:30 AM Faith Sharing Group, Nativity House

5:00-6:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

Wednesday, March 13

5:45 PM Elementary Religious Ed, School

7:00 PM Choir Practice, Church

7:15 PM High School Religious Ed, Nativity House

Friday, March 15

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

12:00-12:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

Sunday, March 17

9:00-10:30 AM KC Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

No Reconciliation here on Saturday—Communal Penance and Private Reconciliation at St. John Vianney, Saturday 9:00 AM

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

March 11 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

March 11 7:00 PM

Taize' Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Church

March 12 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing Group, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

March 12 Noon—5:00 PM

Adoration, St. William, 5:00 PM Benediction

March 12 6:00-7:00 PM

Adoration & Devotions in Spanish, St. Patrick

March 12 6:00-7:00 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

March 13 5:30 - 7:00 AM

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

March 13 9:00 AM

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

March 13 Noon-2:00 PM

Adult Catholic Spirit Club, St. John Vianney, Marian Hall

All are welcome Bring a dish to share.

March 14 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

Adoration, St. Patrick

March 14 8:30-10:00 AM

Bible Study, St. William

March 15 8:45-9:45 AM

Adoration, Nativity of Mary

March 15 9:00 AM-2:15 PM

Adoration, 2:20 PM Stations of the Cross

and Benediction, St. John Vianney

March 15 12:00-12:30 PM

Stations of the Cross, Nativity of Mary

March 15 5:30 PM

Stations of the Cross, St. John Vianney

March 16 9:00 AM

Communal Penance/Private Reconciliation, St. John Vianney

March 16 9 AM-8 PM & March 17 9 AM-3 PM

The Vatican's Eucharistic Miracles Display, St. John Vianney,

No charge—Please visit www.sjv.org for details!

CLUSTER CORNER

	<u>Monday</u> 3/11	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> 3/17
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 & 10:00 am
St. Patrick		5:15 pm	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	4:00 pm	9:00 am 12:00 Noon <i>en Español</i>
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			7:00 am				9:15 am
St. Elizabeth Manor Footville							