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Janesville/Milton Mass Times

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

St. PatrickSat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 9:00 am

Spanish Mass - Sun. 12:00 pm

St. John VianneySat. 8:15 am
& 5:00 pm

Sun. 8:15 & 10:00 am

St. William.....Sat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am

St. Mary - MiltonSat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 8:30 am



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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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

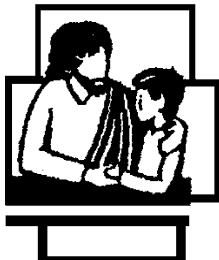
NEWS & NOTES



***Wishing everyone
a Blessed Thanksgiving !***

Annual Catholic Appeal

Please read the Annual Catholic Appeal wrap-up flyer available at the entrance of the church. This material shows participation and performance information as well as how the funds collected will be used to meet our spiritual and material needs. Thank you to all who participated in this important part of parish and diocesan life!



Confessions

Nativity of Mary

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 pm
Saturday 9:30-10:30 am

St. John Vianney

Saturday 9:00 am & 4:30 pm

St. Patrick

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm
Sunday 8:15-8:45 am

St. William

Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm
Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

****Time set aside for the Sacrament of Reconciliation must be moved or canceled occasionally. Please check an individual church's bulletin for any changes to this regular schedule.*

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



**St. Mary School's Thanksgiving Break is
November 27th through November 29th.**

Don't forget your SCRIP

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 is available at St. Mary School's office, or look for us after the 10:30 AM Mass every Sunday, and after all Masses twice per month. Next up: December 7th/8th and 21st/22nd.

Thank you for supporting your parish and school!

Attention: Lectors

The **Workbook** for lectors is now available for the next liturgical year in the church vestibule. As a gentle reminder; it is important that you prepare your reading carefully, so that you are not simply reading, but actually proclaiming the text. Being prayerful with the reading and "living with it" for several days in advance can help to familiarize you with the reading and make it your own. Thank you so much for being a part of this important ministry.

***Gather Together*—Fellowship Opportunities**

CENTERING PRAYER

Mondays 11:00-11:30 AM in the Nativity House.
For more information call Ken 608-751-8406

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Tuesdays 10:30 AM to Noon in the Nativity House.
For more information call Rose 608-754-8451.

TAIZE' PRAYER

Second Monday of each month 7:00 PM in the church.
For more information call Ann 608-862-3756.

DARE TO DREAM BOOK CLUB

Third Monday of each month 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.
For more information call Colleen 608-868-6386.

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Barbara Allen, Bill, Sandra Barrette,
Judy Bever, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis,
Noah Cotter, Linda Fredell, LeeAnn Gilligan,
Gerri, Jackie H., Alice Jensen, Pat,
Penny Patterson, Max Rammer, Tom Rice,
Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve,
Colleen Schroeder, Andrew Stuehler,
Edna Thorp, Peter Weirich, Lola Williams,
Avalon Widner, Lucille Willegal



Eucharistic Adoration

A Holy Hour is held in the church every
Friday, following the 8:15 AM Mass.

We invite you to come and pray
in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Traveling Chalice

*This week the Traveling Chalice will be hosted
by St. Mary School's 6th 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

Contact Ed Gilligan 449-6468 for more information.

Adult Catholic Spirit Club

Contact Dolores Dilley 752-2587.

Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 9:00 AM. Please contact Sharlet Collins at the
Rectory, 752-7861 or email psec@nativitymary.org.

SCRIPTURE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let
him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."
Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer
him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save
yourself." - Lk 23:35-37

*"The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the
criminals hanging there reviled Jesus." Is this the King of the
Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his
kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to
the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in
the kingly mission of Christ. First, "they exercise their
kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in
which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of
sin." In other words, before we give any thought to
transforming society, we must first allow God to transform
us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and
frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more
readily and choose love instead!*

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity *"make[s] a gift of
themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is
himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the
very least."* Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it,
requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes
beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with
Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. *"The lay
faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ...
ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity."*
Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and
resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the
world around us. This means holding the world and
everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil
policies that respect life and paying special care to the
vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means
being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love
so that one day we will together *"be with [him] in Paradise!"*

Readings for Sunday, November 24, 2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23:35-43

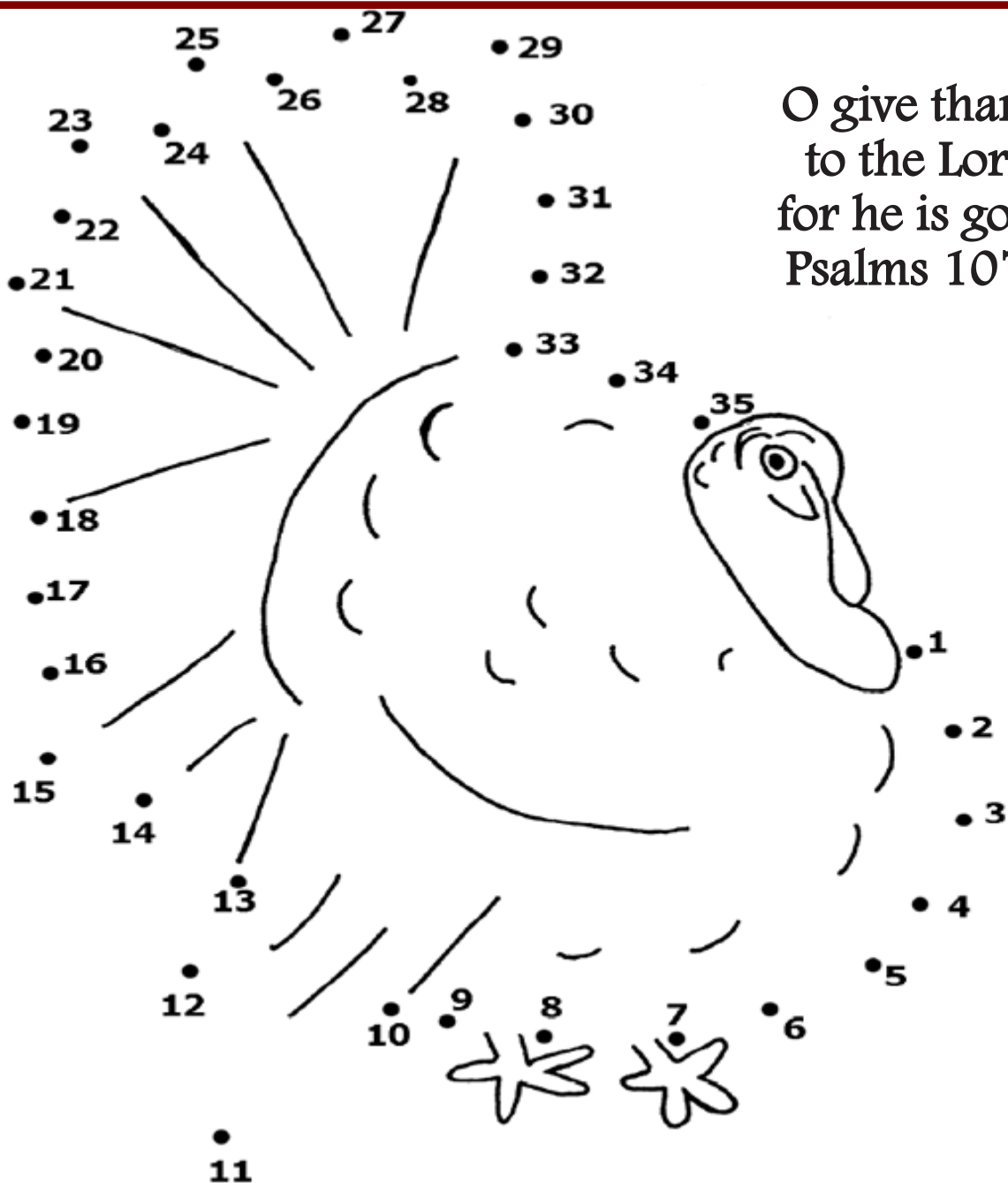


Readings for Next Sunday, December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

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



O give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good.
Psalms 107:1

Lighting the Way for Women

Escape from the busy-ness of life by spending a peaceful evening focusing on the real meaning of Advent. Visit with friends and make some new ones as you enjoy beautifully decorated tables, delicious desserts, and seasonal prayers and music—all in the warm glow of candlelight. Invite a friend, neighbor, family member or any woman you think could use an evening of peace and preparation for Christ.

Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm at St. John Vianney

Reserve your seat by calling 608-755-1476 or emailing Kris at kkranenburg@sjv.org.

Holiday Express

Sunday, December 1 from 2-5 PM
Pontiac Convention Center

Feature Movie Starting at 2:30 PM:
ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

Available for purchase: Photos with Santa, Holiday Books, Arts & Craft Projects, Refreshments, Raffles

Bring a new toy for the ECHO Toy Distribution!



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Children and Teens are invited
to be part of the young voices choir for the
Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass

Only 2 Practices!

Saturday, December 14th 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

and Sunday, December 22nd 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
(following Mass)

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.



Family Christmas Mass and Breakfast

The **Janesville Catholic Women's Club** invites you to
attend our **Family Christmas Mass and Breakfast** to be
held on **Sunday, December 1, 2019**. It will be a wonderful
start to the Advent season. We will gather at St. Mary's
for 8:30 a.m. Mass. After Mass, we will join with the
Knights of Columbus at the front of church to recite the
rosary. Then we will go downstairs for a holiday
breakfast, which will include scrambled eggs, pancakes,
hash browns, sausage, coffee, juice, and dessert.
Breakfast will start being served around 10 a.m. The cost
is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. RSVP
Phyllis Byrne, 2001 Wesley Ave. Apt. 102, Janesville, WI,
53545 (phone 754-9462) by Monday, Nov. 25. Make
checks payable to Janesville Catholic Women's Club. Call
Jan at 752-4387 if you have questions.



High School Youth Group

Saturdays - November 30th, December 14th & the 21st
from 6:30-9:00 pm Nativity of Mary Parish, Nativity House
Come for faith, food, fun, and friends!
Call Matt McDonald with questions at
608-449-6406 or 0229mcdonam@gmail.com

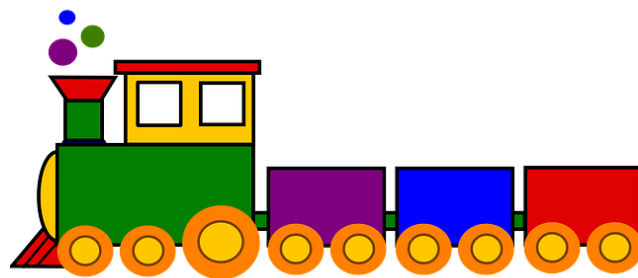
November Is Homeless Youth Awareness Month

*Approximately 1,000 students are identified
as homeless in Rock County each school year.*

Project 16:49 is a local, non-profit organization serving
Rock County's unaccompanied homeless teens. 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.

One way you can help is to consider bringing a \$10 gift
card (think lunch, other incidentals) to church with you
this month, or drop one by any day at the rectory. We'll
pass them on to Project 16:49 in support of these teens.
*Please note SCRIP gift cards can be purchased in church,
following the 10:30 Mass Nov. 24 or at the school office
(754-5221) Office closed 11/27, 28 & 29.*

For more information about what you can do to assist
the homeless youth in our community, contact Cassidy
Ascherl at 608-201-3239 or visit www.project1649.org.



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 15, 2019.**

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.



Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, November 25

No Mass

Tuesday, November 26

12:10 PM Edwin & Lillian Allen

Wednesday, November 27

5:15 PM Hartzell Kas

Thursday, November 28

No Mass

Friday, November 29

No Mass

Saturday, November 30

4:30 PM Genevieve O'Connor

Sunday, December 1

8:30 AM Dan Zahn

10:30 AM E.V. & Mary Thomas

Parish Event Calendar

Monday, November 25

11:00 AM Centering Prayer, Nativity House

Tuesday, November 26

10:30 AM Faith Sharing Group, Nativity House

5:00-6:00 PM Reconciliation, Church

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, November 30

9:30-10:30 AM Reconciliation, Church

6:30 PM High School Youth Group, Nativity House

Sunday, December 1

8:30 AM CWC Family Mass & Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving Eve Mass

Wednesday at 5:15 PM

No Mass Thursday & Friday

No Adoration on Friday

**The parish office is closed on Thanksgiving Day
and on Friday, November 29th.**

CLUSTER CORNER

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

November 25 11:00 AM

Centering Prayer, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

November 26 10:30 AM

Faith Sharing Group, Nativity of Mary, Nativity House

November 26 Noon-5:00 PM

Adoration, St. William, 5:00 PM Benediction

November 26 6:00-7:00 PM

Adoration, St. John Vianney

November 26 6:30-7:30 PM

Adoration and Devotions in Spanish, St. Patrick

November 27 5:30 AM-7:00 AM

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

November 27 9:00-10:00 AM

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

November 30 6:30 PM

City-Wide High School Youth Group, Nativity of Mary,
Nativity House

December 1 8:30 AM

Catholic Women's Club Family Mass & Breakfast,
Nativity of Mary, Fellowship Hall

December 2 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

Catholic Charities/Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry,
St. John Vianney—Registration 11:30-12:30, Food distribution
12:30-2:00 PM—All are welcome.

December 4 6:00 PM

Communal Penance followed by Private Reconciliation,
St. Patrick



***KING OF KINGS,
LORD OF LORDS.***

	<u>Monday</u> 11/25	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> 12/1
Nativity of Mary		12:10 pm	5:15 pm			4:30 pm	8:30 & 10:30 am <i>Choir</i>
St. John Vianney	8:15 am	5:15 pm	8:15 am	8:15 am		8:15 am & 5:00 pm	8:15 & 10:00 am
St. Patrick	5:30 pm	5:30 pm	5:30 pm	9:00 am		4:00 pm	9:00 am & 12:00 Noon <i>en Español</i>
St. William		7:14 am	8:30 am	8:00 am		4:00 pm	8:00 & 10:30 am
St. Mary's Hospital		2:00 pm					
St. Elizabeth Nursing Home							9:15 am
St. Elizabeth Manor Footville		9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am		9:15 am	11:00 am