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Janesville/Milton Mass Times

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

St. Patrick.....Sat. 7:30 am & 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



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

Thank You. 


A huge thank you to all who helped make the ECHO Community Meal a big success on Feb. 29th. Laura Worachek made the tasty entrée, Sally Churchill and Marge Reed provided the delicious cakes served as dessert. Greg and Sandy Kraft along with many efficient volunteers helped set-up, serve, and clean-up after the meal.

Texas Road House donated lettuce, dressing for salad, rolls, and butter. Many parishioners donated – milk, lemonade, parmesan cheese, and money.

Great job, everyone!

Please Note:

Incense will be used during the Sunday 10:30 am Mass, continuing all through Lent. The Saturday 4:30 pm and the Sunday 8:30 am Masses will remain incense-free.



Harper Kathryn Schwenkner
Daughter of Justin & Brianna
February 23, 2020

Stella Marie Schimke
Daughter of Tyler & Jeannette
February 23, 2020

Ellie Lenae Harp
Daughter of Aaron & Jill
February 23, 2020

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



**St. Mary School Fundraisers
Thank you for your Support!**

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops is one of America’s largest school earnings loyalty programs. St. Mary’s receives 10 cents for each box top. Please make sure the box top is NOT EXPIRED, and trim carefully on the dotted lines. There is an expiration date on each label. Examples are certain products from Nabisco, General Mills, Reynolds, Kimberly-Clark and more. Visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> for a complete list of specific products to look for.



Our Caps, Your Cause

Prairie Farm offers this program. Buy their white or flavored milk in gallon or half-gallon sizes and turn in the entire cap to the school. We will peel the label to reveal the code (if not peeled correctly, the label is destroyed.) Prairie Farms will give St. Mary’s five cents for each code submitted.

Please deposit your box tops or caps in the church where indicated.

Shop with SCRIP—

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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: March 7th/8th and 21st/22nd. SCRIP can now be purchased digitally with MyScripWallet.com for your phone and ShopWithScrip.com for your desktop. To get set up, call the school office at (608) 754-5221 x 22.

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2019-2020

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 35			
03-01-2020	15,985.25	15,651.65	333.60
YTD	\$428,258.14	427,181.31	1076.83

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Sandra Barrette, Judy Bever, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H., Alice Jensen, Pat & Mark, Penny Patterson, Max Rammer, Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Andrew Stuehler, Edna Thorp, 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 2nd 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

First Sunday of Lent

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?



Readings for Sunday, March 8, 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tim 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Readings for Next Sunday, March 15, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42



Rest in Peace

Dorothy Fellows was recently called to eternal life.

Please remember her, and all who mourn the loss of a loved one, in your prayers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Theology on Tap—Janesville

Friday, March 13 at 7:00PM
Riley's Sports Bar & Grill

Speaker: Dr. Connie Nielsen

Topic: What is Catholic Social Teaching?

Theology on Tap is a Catholic speaker series designed for single and married adults in their 20s and 30s. It provides an opportunity for young adults to gather for food, drinks, fellowship, and discussion on topics related to faith and life—all in a relaxed, casual environment. Bring a friend. Grab a drink. Join the conversation. And have a great time exploring the faith and meeting others with similar interests and values. Hosted by the Janesville Catholic Churches. Email Kris for more info kkranenburg@sjv.org.

High School Students!
Special Lenten Youth Series

LENTEN LATE NIGHTS

Mondays at 6:30 PM
Saint Patrick Catholic School Building,
305 S Lincoln Street in Janesville—608-754-8193.



Made for More - Visions of the Promised Land

An inspired blend of live music, art, and presentation that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

March 19, 2020 / 7:00-9:30 PM

Hosted by St. John Vianney Church in Janesville / Co-Hosts are Nativity of Mary, St. William and St. Patrick

Tickets are \$25—To purchase, visit corproject.com/janesville, or contact your parish office. For more information, call Kris Kranenburg 608-755-1476 or kkranenburg@sjv.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sewing for Africa Event—

Seamstresses are welcome to attend “Sewing for Africa” at St. John Vianney Marian Hall at 1236 E. Racine Street Janesville. The event is sponsored by St. John Vianney CCW on the following days:

Thursday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and

Saturday March 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

We will be creating dresses, shorts and baby quilts.

Materials, threads and supplies are provided. Come and sew with us and bring along your sewing machine and your regular sewing supplies (pins, bobbins, machine needles, hem gauges, measuring tapes, scissors, etc.). Patterns, cotton fabrics, elastic, seam binding, sewing threads, rick rack and lace, etc. will be provided.

You do not have to stay the entire day though we would love to have you so much so that we will provide lunch and beverages. Please call Sheryl Oberle at 756-9182 with any questions regarding helping with this project.

Stations of the Cross

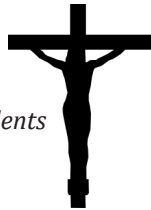
Friday, March 13th at 12:00 pm

Friday, March 20th at 2:00 pm—

Living Stations, with St. Mary School students

Friday, March 27 at 12:00 pm

Friday, April 3rd at 12:00 pm



“Ring in the Spirit of Community”

Come join us for a FREE Handbell Concert on Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm at the First Congregational United Church of Christ (54 S Jackson St in JVL). Four Handbell Choirs will be featured. Sponsored by McDowell Music Club of Janesville.

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 9 at 7:00 PM** for a peaceful and enriching Lenten prayer experience.

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 **House of Mercy**. The House of Mercy is a homeless center in Janesville that provides short-term emergency shelter to single women and families along with access to housing, job placement, and child care resources. Since 1996, the Center has served over 6,300 individuals, half of whom are children. It is usually filled to capacity, with a waiting list.

Learn more at MercyHealthSystem.org

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent!

SO... WHAT IS BEST LENT EVER?

It's a totally free and totally awesome daily Lenten video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you unlock your God-given potential.

Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever> to sign up. It's free!

The **ADULT CATHOLIC SPIRIT CLUB** will meet at noon, Wednesday 11 March 2020, 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. At 12:45 pm David Wiedenkeller will present a program on General Patton, 4 Star General of the 3rd Army in WWII. This presentation will be “in the first person, in full period dress.” This is a bit of history most of us were a part of. Blood pressure screenings will be available from 11:30 am to 12 noon.

For more information, call Ginny at 608-752-4442.

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.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, March 15th
9:00-11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes,
Toast, Coffee & Juice
\$5.00—All proceeds to charity

