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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



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

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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

Dear Families of Nativity of Mary Parish:

We have undergone changes these last few months: school closures, business closures, stay-at-home measures, and many other changes that people face on a personal level as a result of the pandemic. This theme of change will involve me as well. In July, I will be transferred from Nativity of Mary to St. Christopher Parish in Verona. Your new pastor will be Msgr. Daniel Ganshert. The assignments will officially begin on July 11, 2020.

Msgr. Ganshert is not a stranger to this parish. He was previously assigned here as an associate in the late 1970s/early 1980s. I do know that some of you remember him fondly during his time here, and he is looking forward to being with you again. He is a good and experienced pastor, and he will be a good fit for our community.

Change is hard, but it is part of who we are. You all have been in my prayers during this time, and you will continue to be so. Please pray for me and for the people of St. Christopher Parish in Verona and St. Stephen Parish in Clinton as they also will undergo a time of letting-go and transition.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

-Fr. Rob

"You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and you opened wide your mercy to us. There is no misery that could exhaust You; You have called us all to this fountain of love, to this spring of God's compassion."

- Saint Faustina

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.



NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School

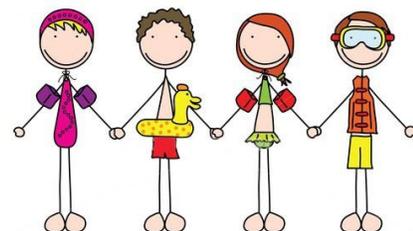


We finished the last day of school for the 2019-2020 school year. We started the day with Mass at 8:15, followed by a staff breakfast prepared by Dan Kessler, Sue Vodak, and Sue Dickman. The food was terrific and included fresh pancakes. It was the perfect way to conclude our school year. Thanks again to Dan and the Sues.

Starting next week (and for the remainder of June), the school office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

No later than next Friday, June 12, 2020, you will receive a mailing from the school that contains the progress report for the third trimester and the approved St. Mary school calendar for the 2020-21 school year. We are **not publishing a supply list** (as of yet) because what is needed may be different requirements based on evolving efforts from the CDC, DPI, and the Rock County Health Department. Like everything nowadays --- requirements are ever-changing. I hope to have the list to you no later than mid-July.

Thank you again for stepping up to the plate as surrogate teachers during our time with distance learning. You did a wonderful job with a daunting task. It was great to see some of our students this week as they brought back their devices and see their physical growth. Have a blessed and relaxing summer—you have earned it!



Enjoy a safe & happy summer!

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Sandra Barrette, Judy Bever, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter, Sue Creek, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H., Alice Jensen, Paula Kimler, Pat & Mark, Penny Patterson, Max Rammer, Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Andrew Stuehler, Tammy, Cory & Barb, Edna Thorp, Avalon Widner, Lucille Willegal



Due to the pandemic Fr. Rob and Sr. Ruth will not be making pastoral visits to the hospital, nursing homes, or to those who are homebound except for people who are end of life or are very seriously ill. If you, a family member, or someone you know fits this description, please contact the parish office at 608-752-7861.

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:55-56)

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.



Readings for Sunday, June 14, 2020
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6:51-58

Readings for Next Sunday, June 21, 2020
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Stay connected to St. Mary's Parish

Go to www.nativitymary.org for parish information, bulletins, uplifting stories, current news and other relevant Catholic content. Check in frequently to view the video series "A Moment with the Bishop". Here, Bishop Hying takes a few minutes with us, nearly every day, to reflect on the gospel, scripture, the sacraments and more, delivering worthwhile messages about our Catholic faith directly to parishioners of the Madison diocese.

A link to our Facebook page, as well as one to St. Mary School's website can be found here, too.

Fr. Rob prays the Rosary every day at 3:00 pm, with the exception of Friday, when he prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm. Both are livestreamed on Facebook.

Mass is livestreamed on Facebook—Tuesday at 12:10 pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:15 am and Sunday at 8:30 am. Watch recorded videos of the Mass at our website as well.

Other Live Stream and Televised Masses:

WISC-TV / Channel 3000 Sunday 6:00 AM
TVW and Direct TV 14 Sunday 7:00 AM
EWTN Live Weekdays at 7:00 AM
(replays during the day)
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dear Families of Nativity of Mary Parish:

After some time of being physically apart, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass publicly. This will be done, however, in a limited fashion. The following guidelines are those from the Diocese of Madison:

- First of all, those who are considered in the at-risk group (65 and older, those with health conditions) are **strongly encouraged** to stay home and participate through the internet on our livestream Mass. You can find the Mass on our website (nativitymary.org) and on our Facebook site. You can also continue to watch Mass on television. Our bulletin has a schedule for Mass times. Those who have had COVID-19, or its symptoms, or have had contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days should not enter the church.
- The Bishop has continued to put into effect the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.
- The Diocese, adhering to the regulations of the state and local authorities, has limited Mass attendance to 25% of total occupancy of a church. With distancing, we may not reach 25%. The number for Nativity of Mary is 100. Social distancing will be practiced, as people will sit in every other pew to ensure the distance of 6' apart. Those who reside in the same household are an exception to this.
- We will resume our former Mass schedule; meaning 4:30 PM on Saturday and 8:30 and 10:30 AM on Sunday. Parishioners will be entering through one entrance – the door on Wisconsin Street. This is the entrance with the elevator. We will unlock the door 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- Attendance will be first come, first seated. Ushers will help you to be seated.
- If people come after we reach the maximum number for attendance, those individuals will be encouraged to come to another weekend Mass, to come to a weekday Mass, or to watch the Mass on livestream at home.
- The usage of masks is heavily encouraged and recommended. Ushers will be wearing masks. The priest will not be wearing a mask while in the sanctuary, but Father will put a mask on for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- There will be hand sanitizer at places in the church for people's convenience.
- There will be three stationary baskets in the church. No passing of the collection basket will take place.
- For the health and well-being of parishioners, the missalettes and Mass cards have been removed from the pews. We will continue to have someone proclaim the readings. The Scripture citations for the Mass are printed in our bulletin, so that people can read them ahead of time.
- There will be **no congregational singing**. We will speak the Mass parts. There will be a musician and cantor who will sing some songs so that the assembly can listen.
- The presentation of the gifts of bread and wine will not take place.
- The sign of peace will continue to be omitted.
- It has been some time since many of you have received the Eucharist. Please remember the one hour fast before reception of communion and the importance of receiving only after confessing all grave sins.
- At this time, the priest alone will distribute the Eucharist. Father will sanitize his hands and mask up for the distribution of the Eucharist. Communion will continue to be in the form of bread only.
- There will be a different pattern for receiving Communion, which will be explained by Father. Ushers will aid in the control of directing 'traffic.'
- For those wishing to receive Communion, please do not wear gloves.
- At the conclusion of Mass, the ushers will dismiss worshippers by pew, starting from the rear of the church, to ensure that people maintain social distancing requirements.

As everyone can see, there will be many changes. The purpose of these guidelines is to balance the need for public worship and the necessity to ensure the health of individuals during this time of pandemic. All of this is a work in progress. Again, I emphasize the Bishop's desire for prudence. He has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. People should not feel obligated or awkward about not attending Mass during this time. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us and our church with wisdom in this time of uncertainty.

Sincerely in Christ,

-Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, June 15

No Mass

Tuesday, June 16

12:10 PM Tom Berner

Wednesday, June 17

8:15 AM Tom Check

Thursday, June 18

8:15 AM Joseph & Josephine Carfora

Friday, June 19

8:15 AM Patrick Ryan

Saturday, June 20

4:30 PM Hartzell Kas

Sunday, June 21

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM Howard Liston

Volunteers Needed:

With the opening up of restricted public celebration of the Mass; there are certain requirements of Diocese that must be met. One of those requirements is to sanitize the church following each Mass. Volunteers are needed to assist Father with the cleaning of the church after each Mass. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 30 minutes (assuming enough volunteers).

If you would like to volunteer, please visit the following link to register:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DABA82CABFE3-volunteers>

Please contact Sharlet Collins with any questions:
psec@nativitymary.org

“Flocknote” - We’re in the process of introducing a new method of communication. In cooperation with the Diocese of Madison and other local Catholic parishes, we’ll be implementing “Flocknote” to email parishioners and ministry members with pertinent parish information.

To help us reach **you**, please take a moment and send your current email address to Sharlet at psec@nativitymary.org. Please indicate the name associated with the email; one for each adult in your household that would like to receive communication.



Confessions

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

Mass Intentions

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 your parish secretary, Sharlet, at 608-449-7736.

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.

On Trinity Sunday, with all the love, faith and joy their journey has brought them, Andrea Meidl and Thomas Smith received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and became full members of the Catholic church. We wish them continued love of God and fortitude of faith and welcome them to our parish.

Congratulations!



Seeking Evangelization Coordinator. St. Mary in Milton and St. Joseph in Edgerton. Work 10-15 hrs/week forming disciples, with potential for increased hours in the future. Lead discussion groups and one-on-one meetings. Applicants should be Confirmed and practicing Catholics, have post-secondary education, love for scripture, church teaching, personal prayer, and evangelization; have excellent interpersonal communication skills, internet and computer skills, organizational skills for scheduling, attention to detail, and evangelization experience. If interested or have questions, contact Fr. David Wanish, 608-868-3338. Send resume to Fr. David, St. Mary Parish, 837 Parkview Drive, Milton, WI, 53563.