

# NATIVITY of MARY

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## Janesville/Milton Mass Times

Nativity of Mary .....Sat. 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 Vianney .....Sat. 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 - Milton .....Sat. 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

## From the desk of Msgr. Dan .....

Except for you.

Trying to imagine the countless activities, events, services, businesses, public works, places and on and on that have been restricted, limited, closed, removed and or destroyed as the result of COVID-19 is not just unprecedented. It is depressing and saddening in the extreme.

Except for you.

Maintaining strong financial support of our parish in these times of distancing and isolation, mounting a food drive for the hungry people around us, supporting a place of shelter for vulnerable people at G.I.F.T.S., creating a fun virtual festival, staffing our school and faith formation with dedicated professionals and volunteers, and so much more could easily succumb to the fear and ferocity of pandemic.

Except for you.

With concerted effort it might have been possible to wonder what faith in Jesus Christ would mean in the face of such an invisible enemy's attack or what courage and perseverance and sacrifice could be expected to surface in its confrontation when family and friends and unknown people would open their hands and hearts to the sick and suffering and lonely.

Except for you.

Thank you good people of St. Mary's for your generous and loving hearts these past several months. Yours continues to be the example of Christ among us.

Msgr. Dan



**Lucia Diane Gregerson**  
Daughter of Zachary & Kaitlin  
August 22, 2020

**Ivy Marie Hanson**  
Daughter of Matthew & Kathryn  
August 23, 2020

**Kylie Clare Kafka**  
Daughter of Craig & Sheila  
August 23, 2020

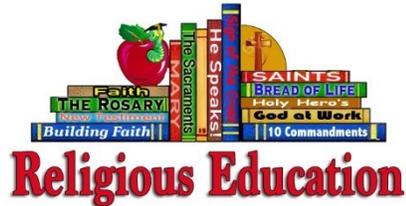
# NEWS & NOTES

## St. Mary School



## WELCOME BACK

St. Mary School is back in session,  
Tuesday, September 1st.  
May God bless our students, teachers, staff,  
and their families in the year ahead.



Hello, parents,

We are gearing up for another year of Religious Education. Kathy Hookham had to leave the position of CRE over the summer, and I stepped in as interim CRE. I am getting acclimated to the position once again.

We have scheduled Wednesday, September 9, as our official registration/orientation evening. Right now, it's scheduled for K-8 from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. and Confirmation (grades 9 - 10) from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

If anyone has questions or would like to help in any capacity (catechist, aide, etc.), please contact me at 752-7861 ext. 29 or [re@nativitymary.org](mailto:re@nativitymary.org).

Thank you!

Jan Bier

## MONEY MATTERS

### Money Counts for 2020-2021

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
<b>Week 8</b>			
08-23-2020	\$6,186.00	7,587.12	-1,401.12
<b>2 YTD</b>	<b>\$79,360.85</b>	<b>83,711.76</b>	<b>-4,350.91</b>

# 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,  
 Patricia Mosher, Penny Patterson,  
 Joseph Putsch, Max Rammer,  
 Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve,  
 Colleen Schroeder, Doug Soat,  
 Andrew Stuehler, Tammy, Cory & Barb,  
 Edna Thorp, Mary Tullis, Avalon Widner



Due to the pandemic  
 Msgr. Ganshert 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

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me  
 must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

(Mt 16:24)

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Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfac-  
 tion and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving  
 worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and  
 self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are  
 dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness.  
 We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless  
 we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with  
 specific measurable requirements, our value and worth  
 becomes questionable. Corporations, educational  
 institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely  
 consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a  
 person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are  
 making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this  
 question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the  
 whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this  
 very challenging question to people who are considering his  
 message, many in our world are in a quite different place.  
 Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much  
 different question. Why would you not want to gain the  
 whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot  
 of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it  
 becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of  
 our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human  
 heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that  
 humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and  
 offering compassion for those most in need becomes a  
 political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize  
 that our hearts need to be centered on something and  
 someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and  
 battle with naming the source of that call. God places the  
 desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul.  
 We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we  
 can easily get confused. We know that when we extend  
 ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is  
 just and right. We know that we can work through suffering  
 and loss and come out better and more whole on the other  
 side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to  
 understand that there is much more to who we are, and that  
 faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlast-  
 ing goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring  
 us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it  
 will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper  
 perspective and consider being a disciple.

**Readings for Sunday, August 30, 2020**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27

**Readings for Next Sunday, September 6, 2020**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20



## For those worshipping with us from home:

### Stay connected to St. Mary's Parish

Go to [www.nativitymary.org](http://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.

### Mass is livestreamed on Facebook Sunday at 8:30 am. Watch a recording of this 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>

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*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.

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### 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



Pregnancy Helpline and Resource Center of Janesville  
21 S Jackson St., Suite C / 608-755-9739  
www.pregnancy-helpline.org

Donations are appreciated and meet the immediate needs of our clients.

#### WISH LIST:

Diapers, Size 4, 5, and 6  
Pack-n-play sheets  
Boppy pillows  
Sippy cups

#### Volunteer Training Now Available

Learn how to walk along-side someone who just found out she is pregnant and who needs a listening ear, non-judgmental counsel, and an understanding heart. It's not as hard as you may think. People need to know somebody cares. We can ALL do that! The specifics of counsel we will teach you. Ready to put your Christian faith into action? Call 608-755-0285 to sign up.

**"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."**

**-Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta  
Feast Day September 5th*



**"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."**

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta**



## ECHO Food Drive

As Monsignor Ganshert has reminded us, the past several months have been stressful for everyone, but especially for clients of our local, church sponsored social service agency, ECHO. Over the years, Nativity of Mary parishioners have graciously donated 2,000 pounds of food annually through the ECHO baskets at our church. Each week, we normally donate 30-50 pounds of food for our needy families; however, with the COVID19 virus and quarantines from Mass, our donations have been drastically reduced.

The Knights of Columbus would like to help our ECHO families by sponsoring a Food Drive beginning the weekend of August 22/23 and concluding with a drive-through event on Labor Day weekend September 5/6.

Our "Drive-through Drop-off" for donations will be on Saturday September 5 from 1PM to 5:30 PM and Sunday, September 6 before and after Masses. The ECHO truck will be at the Nativity House to accept your donations.

The national organization of the Knights of Columbus has will be donating as well. For every 1,000 pounds or \$500 of donations, the KC will add \$100 up to a maximum of \$500, if we receive 5,000 pounds or \$2,500 in donations.

Thank you for helping the families in need in our community, by supporting ECHO.



Monsignor Beck  
Father Olson  
Council 10363 Knights of Columbus



### **Deepen your faith with the Catholic Herald!**

Do you receive the Diocese of Madison Catholic Herald newspaper? If you don't and you would like to, please call the parish office at 752-7861 and we'll see that it gets delivered to your home every week. The cost of a one-year subscription is \$22. Please submit your payment directly to Nativity of Mary parish, with a note requesting a new subscription. If you already receive the Catholic Herald, but no longer wish to, please let us know that and we'll cancel your subscription. Thank you.

## Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

**Monday, August 31**

*No Mass*

**Tuesday, September 1**

12:10 PM Edward Felten

**Wednesday, September 2**

8:15 AM Paul Powers

**Thursday, September 3**

8:15 AM Jessica Lynn Szerlong

**Friday, September 4**

8:15 AM Mary Bickle

**Saturday, September 5**

4:30 PM Max Rolland

**Sunday, September 6**

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM Henry & Carol Shoeberle



**God Is Faithful**

**Temporary Shelter**

Nativity of Mary will be hosting the G.I.F.T.S. Men's Shelter the week beginning August 30<sup>th</sup> at their facility, 1025 N Washington Street in Janesville. Please consider contributing in some way. You can prepare a meal and drop it off, or donate money and they will do the shopping and the cooking. Either way, your generosity is greatly appreciated. The other need they have is for volunteers to serve as overnight watchmen. If you'd like to help out, please contact Dave Ellis [fourjellis@hotmail.com](mailto:fourjellis@hotmail.com) or call 754-2949. Visit their website at <https://www.giftsshelter.org/> to learn more about this Christian ministry, providing shelter, spirituality and hope to our community. Thank you for your generous support.

## Current reminders about attending Mass

The Bishop has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

If you would like to attend Mass, please note the following guidelines from the Diocese of Madison:

Those parishioners at risk (over 65 or anyone with a health condition) are strongly encouraged to stay home.

Attendance will be first come, first seated. Our maximum occupancy, observing social distancing, is 100 people.

***Wearing a face covering is required by the State of Wisconsin, for public health safety.***

As always, if you or a family member are not feeling well, please stay home and rest.

Together we can do our part to help everyone in our community stay healthy!

## WANT TO GROW CLOSER TO GOD?

(There is no limit to spiritual growth.)

If you are a practicing Catholic, man or woman, single or married, between the ages of 18 and 65, you may be called to deepen your prayer life as a member of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. We are a local community that follows the teaching and charism of the Carmelite Order. Our group meets once a month in Janesville. For more information, call Mary Jane Bennett 608-295-6674 or email [ourladystarsea@gmail.com](mailto:ourladystarsea@gmail.com).

**ADULT CATHOLIC SPIRIT CLUB**—Due to the uncertainty of the times, the Board of Directors of the Adult Catholic Spirit Club has voted to temporarily suspend monthly meetings for the upcoming program year. This decision will be re-evaluated at a later date. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

***"What can you do to promote world peace?  
Go home and love your family."***

***-Saint Teresa of Calcutta***

## JOIN US!

**St. Mary's Virtual Fall Festival**

**Sunday, October 11th**

**11:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**LIVE on Facebook**

## Raffle Prizes:

Grand Prize \$3000

Second Prize \$500 (three drawn)

Third Prize \$100 (five drawn)

BONUS drawings for Gift Baskets



**Pick up** your raffle tickets August 22/23 & 29/30, following any Mass. You'll find us in the church parking lot.



**Thursday, Sept 10th (ZOOM)**

5-6 pm Inquirer/Catechumenate

6-7 pm Catechumenate

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