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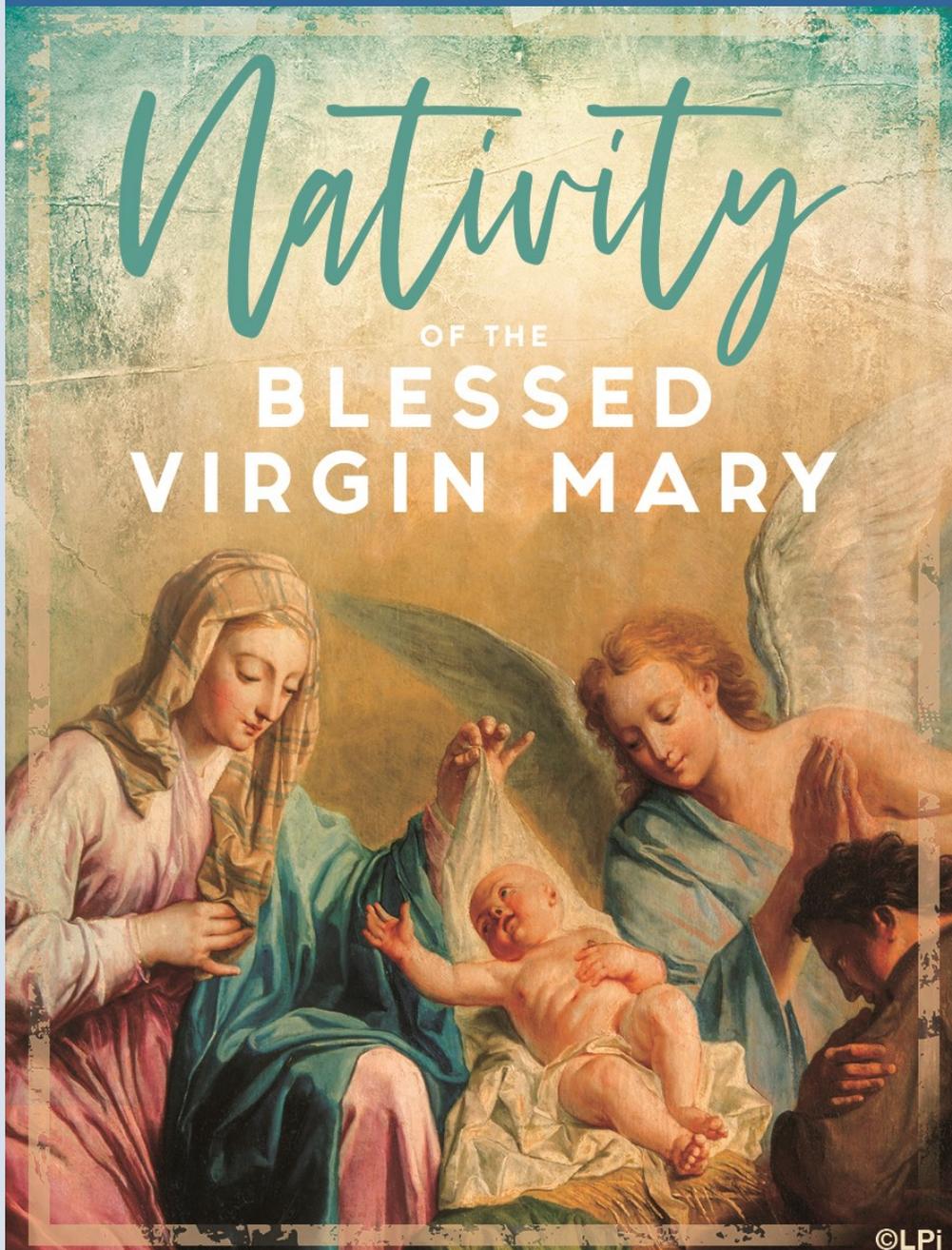
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Janesville/Milton Mass Times

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



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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 Msgr. Dan

Labor Day weekend at St. Mary's this year finds us having already completed the first week of our students and their families having returned to school after much preparation by our principal, Dr. Ehrhardt, along with his faculty and staff. A big well done goes out to them all with our support and prayers for a great year ahead.

Our parish wide food drive is also in high gear this weekend with the help of our Knights of Columbus and the excellent logistical assistance of our friends for over fifty years at ECHO. Hats off to all in our parish family who have supported this work in the past and are, once again, giving of your time and resources to support our neighboring families and individuals in need.

Those who labor in these days of Covid-19 are coping with unusual and stressful working conditions. Too, too many are the victims of the loss of jobs which has sky rocketed. We pray that our national economy will rebound to the essential benefit for those who are unemployed and under employed. May justice and dignity guide the rights of all who labor in every work place. On this Labor Day we say thanks to all whose work contributes to our well being today, tomorrow and beyond.

Msgr. Dan

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy **Mary**, Mother of God, **pray** for us sinners

now, and at the hour of death. Amen.



Rest in Peace

James Dooley was recently called to eternal life.

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

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



Thank you everyone for your prayers and support as we have prepared for the start of this school year. New teachers joining us include: Mrs. Brianna Williamson, Three Year Old Kindergarten/Extended Day; Ms. Gabbie Olson, Second/Third Grade; Mr. Pat Anderson, Music; and Edna Feldman-Schultz and Mrs. Anna McMahon, Spanish.

Students in Grade 4-8 will attend Mass (in person) on Tuesday, September 8 at 12:10 p.m. for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary. Students will be involved in the Mass and special music to our Blessed Mother is being planned. Please consider joining us at Mass for Mary's special day. Students in grades K-3 will watch the Mass virtually.

We also invite you to join the school in the following prayer that we are praying each day.

Lord Jesus,

Protect all our students and staff of St. Mary's School, from any sickness or virus like Covid-19. Send us the Holy Spirit as our shield from all adversity. You Heavenly Father, are greater than any disease!

We also ask for the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of Mercy, to pray for us and protect us against any illness or sickness that might come on our way.

Thank you for taking care of our whole school so that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. We love you and we need you every day!

AMEN

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2020-2021

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 9			
08-30-2020	\$7,604.28	8,718.34	-1,114.06
2 YTD	\$86,965.13	92,430.10	-5,464.97

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Sandra Barrette, Judy Bever,
 Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter,
 Sue Creek, Jim Dooley, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they
 are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly
 Father." (Mt 18:19)

 It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment.
 Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts
 that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are
 meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others
 is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one
 hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations,
 they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all
 need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not
 only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep
 hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be
 reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding
 our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to
 share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the
 mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily
 find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good.
 Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those
 involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue
 and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong
 someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can
 and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to
 ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to
 avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn
 how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find
 reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or
 wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful
 person who deserves only punishment and excommunication.
 Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who
 can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can
 restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected
 and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no
 purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All
 broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation.
 Every person has room for growth and a need for
 conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and
 not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to
 say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a
 relationship, both personally or with the church community
 as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only
 pursued when all else has failed.



Readings for Sunday, September 6, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20

Readings for Next Sunday, September 13, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sir 27:30-28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35

For those worshipping with us from home:

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.

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>

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.

*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.*

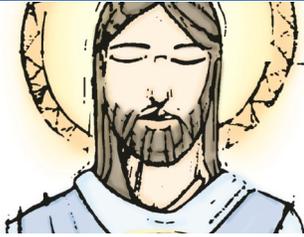
*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test –
and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed
Virgin.*



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



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

(Due to the pandemic, the collection was moved from Holy Week, to the weekend of September 12/13).

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Mark your donation "Christians in the Holy Land". Please be generous.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

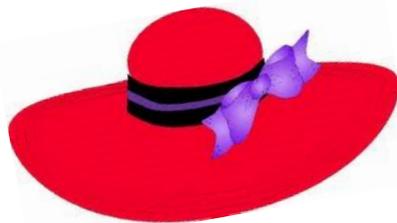
Style Show for Charity

All women of the diocese and their guests are invited to view Madison Catholic Woman's Club (MCWC) virtual fundraiser

"Change is in the Air," on Monday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Featuring fashions from Chico's, and many extras, it will raise your spirits while raising funds to support charities helping the community through the pandemic.

To register, send a \$5.00 check payable to MCWC for each attendee, plus any extra donation for charity, to Gail Yellen-Shiring, 2222 Hillington Green, Madison, WI 53726 by September 16. Please include the name, address, phone and e-mail for each person to receive individual access codes via e-mail. Also note if you would like a tutoring session or if you would prefer a safe, socially distanced viewing option. You may register on-line at www.madisoncatholicwomensclub.org



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.

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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Couples who pray together, stay together. Put God in your marriage by participating on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Sept. 11-13 Virtual; Oct. 16-18 in Brookfield, WI or Nov. 13-15 in Rockford, IL.

Visit our website at - alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653. Check our website for additional opportunities. The Weekend experience will be moved online if needed for the health and safety of our attendees and volunteers.

Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250.

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, September 7

No Mass

Tuesday, September 8

12:10 PM Edwin & Lillian Allen

Wednesday, September 9

8:15 AM Rita Volkmenn

Thursday, September 10

8:15 AM Denise & Roger Salomez

Friday, September 11

8:15 AM Mary Lou Hainstock

Saturday, September 12

4:30 PM Mary Bickle

Sunday, September 13

8:30 AM Pat & Jane Cassidy

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

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



If you do not have your tickets, please call the rectory and arrange for curbside pickup.

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!

THE
Nativity
OF THE
Blessed Virgin
Mary
September 8th



Thursday, Sept 10th (ZOOM)

5-6 pm Inquirer/Catechuminate

6-7 pm Catechuminate

Colleen irishcatholic56@gmail.com

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.

This prayer is included in the Liturgy of the Hours. It is attributed to Hermann the Lame, a German monk who died in 1054.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, Gate of heaven, star of the sea, Assist your people of have fallen, yet strive to rise again.

To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before.

You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

Amen.

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.

