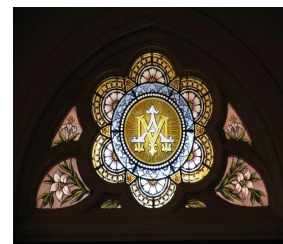
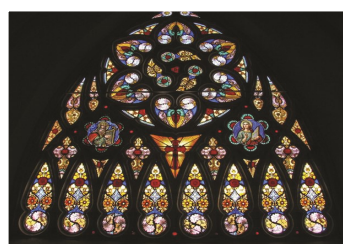


October 4, 2020 • Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

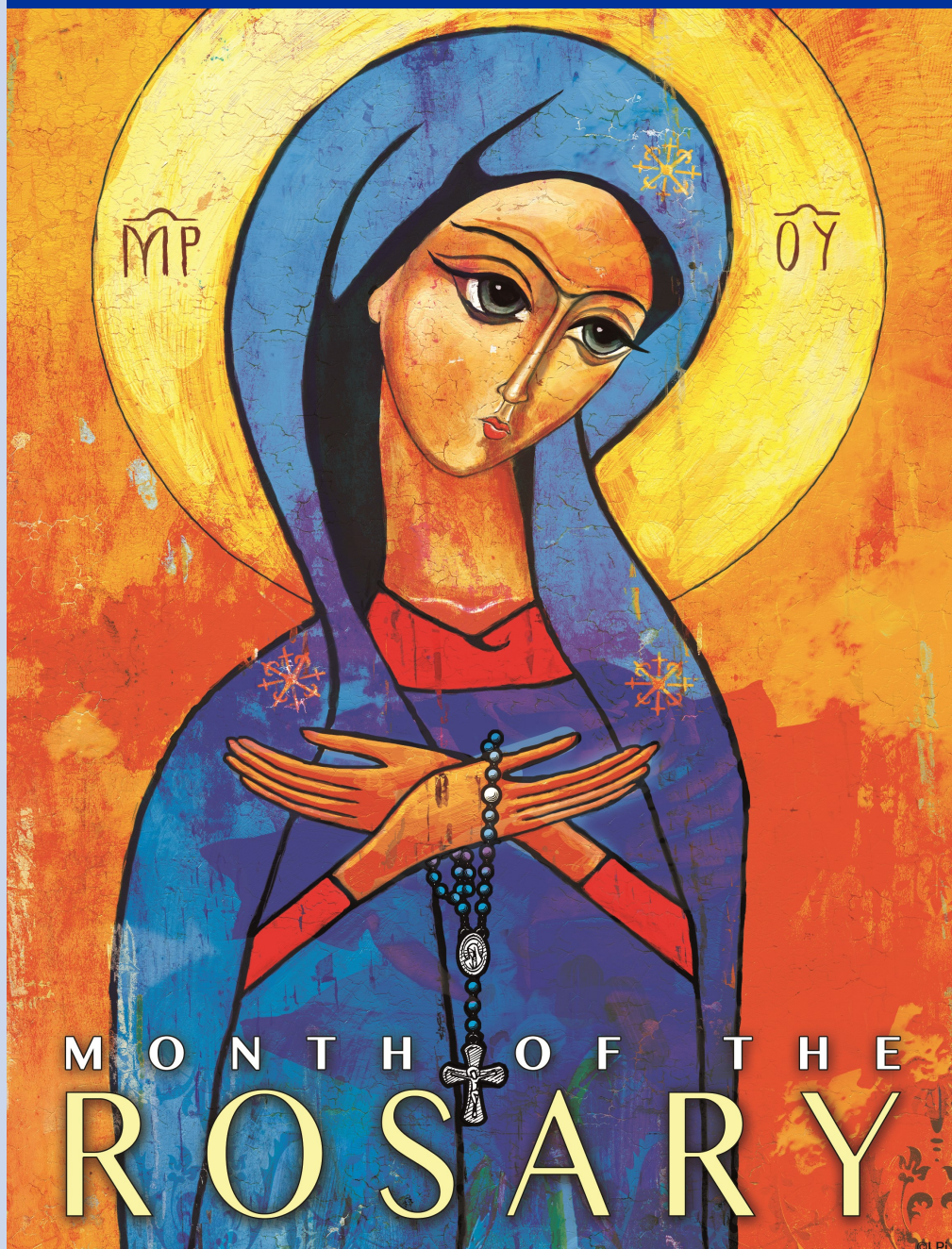
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St. William..... Sat. 4:00 pm

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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

Respect Life Sunday this October of 2020 finds us laser focused on the progress that has been made in ending the legalization of abortion in our country. Certainly, any progress is measured in light of the horrific number of human lives still ended on a daily basis through abortion in the United States.

A long time nurse spoke of how she came to see abortion for what it is. She worked in one area of a hospital dedicated to saving premature babies while also working in another area of the same hospital where abortions were performed. She realized that the life or death of these babies in two different parts of the same hospital was being decided by whether they were wanted or not. Her realization has made her profoundly dedicated to protecting the civil rights of the unborn and working to end abortion.

Let us please continue to support legislation supporting respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

-Msgr. Dan

"We need to bring the Gospel of life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society."

*- St. John Paul the Great,
Evangelium Vitae*



The Respect Life Collection is a means by which the People of God in the Diocese of Madison seek to build a culture of life and extend the love of Jesus Christ to protect the weak, the defenseless, and those in special need both locally and internationally.

This weekend, the Respect Life Collection is being conducted across the diocese. Please consider how you can make a difference!

Respect Life Sunday Marian Procession and Rosary

St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 4th at 1:30 PM

Leaving Saint Patrick's Church, around the neighborhood and back. For those that can't make the walk, the church will be open for prayer.



NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



SCRIP cards can be purchased in the school office, or online at ShopWithScrip.com

Substitute teachers

St. Mary School is in need of substitute teachers. Please call the school at 754-5221, Ext 22 if you are interested in subbing this year.

Catechist needed for Kindergarten Religious Ed

We have two lovely young ladies in our parish who would like to come to Kindergarten religious education. We are in need of a catechist to help out. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. You don't need a deep theological knowledge at this level – they will be amazed at whatever you can share with them about Jesus! I can provide you with materials, help, and ideas. If you are interested in helping, contact Jan Bier at 752-7861 ext. 29 or re@nativitymary.org. Thank you.



FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Sandra Barrette, Judy Bever,
Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter,
Sue Creek, Gerri, LeeAnn Gilligan,
Corbin Grieving, 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken
away from you and given to a people that will produce its
fruit." (Mt 21:43)

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come
together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice,
peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short.
Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are
used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the
economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration
are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few
and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong
kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and
find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly
failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying,
"we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and
secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it
is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of
humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How
often do we defer any of our decision making to God?
Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and
using them when they advance a cause, but are they really
listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers
tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and
apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really
serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit
testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is
anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have
such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if
everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees
that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that
fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being
discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then
life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion.
By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in
abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice,
and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why
not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the
protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want,
think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change
of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since
humanity's day in the garden and have never understood
that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and
God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be
taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a
better job. Is that the fate we really want?

Readings for Sunday, October 4, 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32

Readings for Next Sunday, October 11, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14



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.

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.



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.*

*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.*



WHAT'S HAPPENING



St. Mary's Virtual Fall Festival

Next weekend!

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

This weekend!

Drive-By Brats

October 3rd & 4th

Following each Mass in the church parking lot,
Pick up your FREE Brat & Chips and, while you're here,
you can Drop off your money & ticket stubs.....

it's a WIN-WIN!

*You can also drop off your ticket stubs and money,
in the slot by the rectory door, at anytime.*

Come collect your brat, anyway!

GIFT BASKETS to be raffled are
bursting with all sorts of treats,
treasures and other surprises
fall décor, Christmas themed, toys
for tots, lovely dinnerware, another
from the Diamond Center here

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FUN!

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 5

No Mass

Tuesday, October 6

12:10 PM Edward Felten

Wednesday, October 7

8:15 AM Meno Family ♥

Thursday, October 8

8:15 AM James Dooley

Friday, October 9

8:15 AM Rita Volkmenn

Saturday, October 10

4:30 PM Hartzell Kas

Sunday, October 11

8:30 AM Marilyn Finn

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

♥ = Living

Current reminders about attending Mass

If you will be attending Mass, please note the following guidelines from Rock County and 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!

“Flocknote” - In cooperation with the Diocese of Madison, we began using “Flocknote” earlier this year, to email parishioners 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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES—Did you know that you can review available cemetery property online?

Visit madisondiocese.org/cemeteries to see what your options are. Catholic cemeteries are sacred ground where our bodies await the Resurrection together. Schedule a safe appointment to find out more.

Call 608-754-3472 or email olivet@madisondiocese.org.



Thursday, Oct 8 (ZOOM)

5-6 pm Inquirer/Catechumenate

6-7 pm Catechumenate

Colleen irishcatholic56@gmail.com

Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day—October 4



Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

The Hail Mary Prayer

*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 our death.
Amen.*

