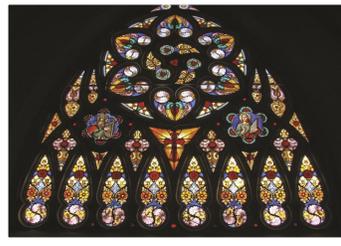


October 18, 2020 • Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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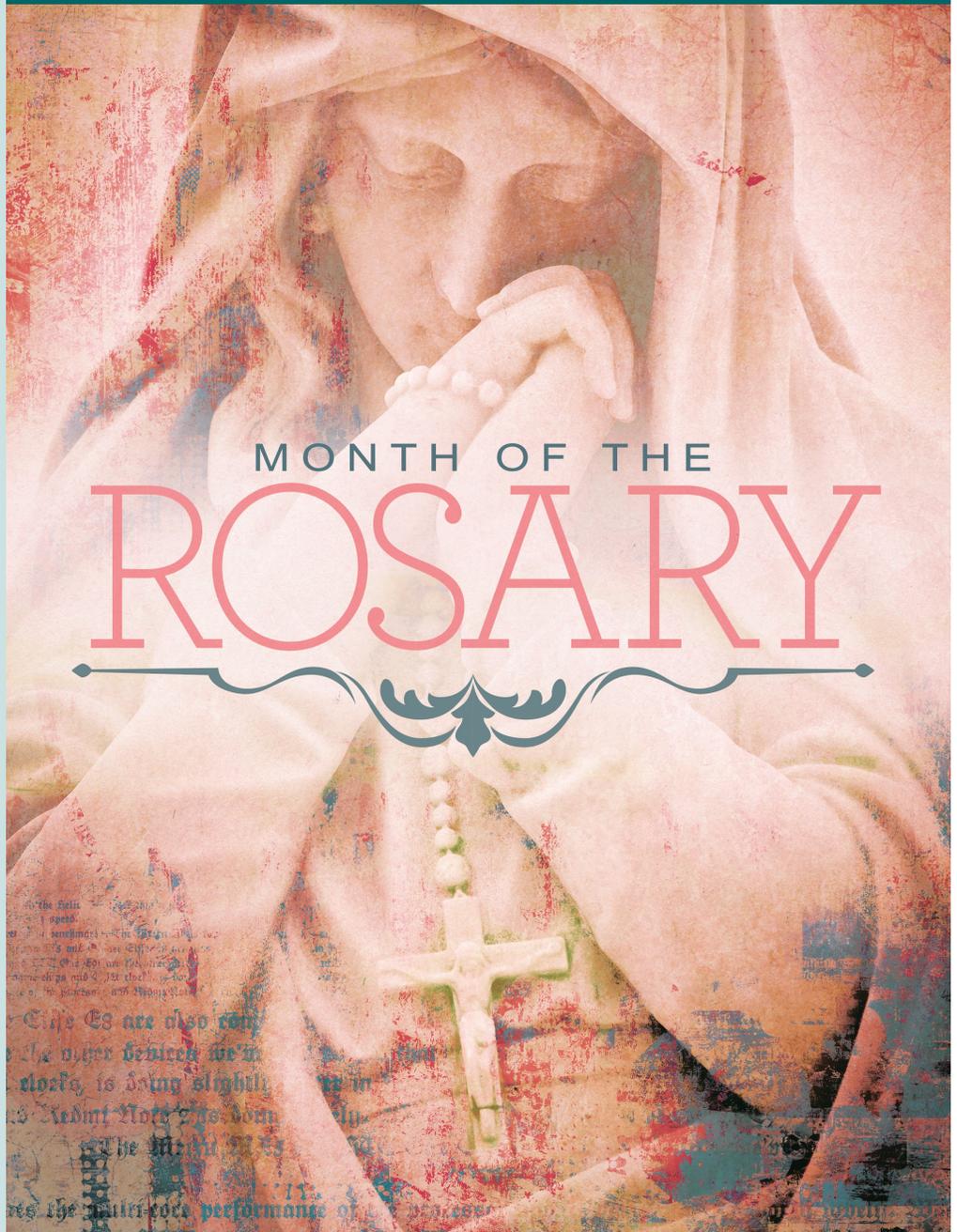
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Janesville/Milton Mass Times

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



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

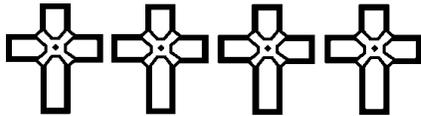
From the desk of Msgr. Dan

Congratulations to all the raffle winners of the cash prizes and gift baskets at last weekend's St. Mary's First Virtual Festival. The response was outstanding on the part of all participants and was especially meaningful. Joe Viertel had chaired this along with parish festivals here for many years. His recent death due to Covid 19 was unexpected. We mourn his passing and extend our prayers to his wife, Patti, and family. Joe was emblematic of the parishioners of our parish.

Witnessing to our Catholic faith, serving our sisters and brothers in Christ and being a builder of community is at the heart of all who make up our parish family. Joe would be the first to recognize all of you, his fellow parishioners, as the personification of commitment to what Nativity of Mary Parish is about.

Once again, thank you to all of you who contributed to this successful festival. More importantly, thank you to all of you who give of your time, energy and talents and resources as we look forward to standing on the shoulders of people like Joe, and countless others, who have and continue to lift our parish to ever greater heights of faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ.

Msgr.



“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.

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2020-2021

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 15			
10-11-2020	\$6,902.00	8,631.05	-1,729.05
YTD	\$143,242.25	152,256.84	-9,014.59

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



A message from Principal Ehrhardt:

It has been another great week here at St. Mary's School. Today marks the end of the first six weeks of school— what a blessing. Honestly, I wasn't sure we would still have face to face learning at this point, but our fidelity to our safety plan by parents, staff and students is showing dividends. It was great this week to welcome back Alex and Nicholas Villalpando to face to face learning.

Next week we will begin the process of scheduling the upcoming Parent Conferences on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. You will receive a more detailed communication about the scheduling process and other particulars associated with this activity. You will be asked to schedule a specific time this year for your teacher conference due to COVID 19.

It has been great to see families join us for the school Mass on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. Since the students and congregation are not allowed to sing due to COVID 19, I have invited some of my musical friends and our very own Ms Pursley to share their gifts of music at the school mass. The kids are doing a great job with the readings and petitions. Please consider starting your day on Wednesday's with us as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Speaking of music, you may have noticed (like last year) we have played some popular music on Fridays. The kids love it—and we will be sharing a few videos of the kids dancing at lunch recess on our Facebook page.

A special thanks to Mr. Michael Pierce (Lunch Coordinator) and our parent helpers for this year's hot lunch program. The meals are very nutritious and popular with the students and the principal!

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to our teachers and staff who continue to be on the front line of our learning during the COVID-19 health event. They are working very hard to make St. Mary's School a place that continues to legacy of high quality teaching and learning for all our students.

Enjoy this beautiful weekend.

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

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Judy Bever, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis,
 Noah Cotter, Sue Creek, Gerri,
 LeeAnn Gilligan, Corbin Grieving, Jackie H.,
 Alice Jensen, Paula Kimler, Rosemary Ludwig,
 Pat & Mark, Patricia Mosher,
 Penny Patterson, Max Rammer,
 Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve,
 Colleen Schroeder, Andrew Stuehler,
 Tammy, Cory & Barb, Edna Thorp,
 Mary Tullis, Patti Viertel, Avalon Widner



Please note: 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. Contact Colleen Szerlong at 868-6386 or irishcatholic56@gmail.com.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At that Jesus said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
 (Mt 22:21b)

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.



Readings for Sunday, October 18, 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thes 1:1-5b / Mt 22:15-21

Readings for Next Sunday, October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40

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.

*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

Prayer to St. Joseph

This prayer to Saint Joseph—spouse of the Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the universal Church—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*. He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary, especially during the month of October, which is dedicated to the Rosary. The prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence (*Handbook of Indulgences*, conc. 19), and may be said after the customary *Salve Regina* and concluding prayer. It may also be used to conclude other Marian devotions.—*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE VIRTUAL FOR THE REST OF 2020.

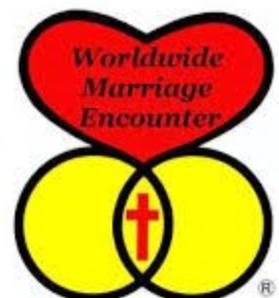
Experience the weekend from the comfort of your home.

◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day.

◆ Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married.

◆ Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Nov. 13-15 or Dec. 4-6.

◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, October 19

No Mass

Tuesday, October 20

12:10 PM Bill Wolf Families



Wednesday, October 21

8:15 AM Sr. Teresita

Thursday, October 22

8:15 AM Rita Volkmenn

Friday, October 23

8:15 AM Sr. Henry Sousa

Saturday, October 24

4:30 PM Nancy McCann

Sunday, October 25

8:30 AM Robert Warner, Jr. & Family



10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary



Rest in Peace

Joe Viertel, Bob Shea, Joseph Putsch and Evelyn Kingsley were recently called to eternal life.

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

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.

St. Mary in Milton Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 18 11 am-2:30 pm

Pork Roast Drive-Thru/Carry-Out Meal \$10

Call Vicki with questions 608-449-6530

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!

Cemetery Announcements:

- Fall Clean-Up at Mount Olivet begins October 15. If you have placed decorations that you wish to retain, please remove them prior to that date.
- The Catholic Church teaches that cremated remains should be laid to rest in a cemetery soon after cremation, and not retained in private residences. If you are in possession of cremated remains. You may lay them to rest at Mount Olivet Cemetery on
- November 7, free of charge. To participate, register before October 31 at www.madisondiocese.org/rest.
- Memorial Christmas wreaths for placement graveside may be ordered now, at www.madisondiocese.org/wreath



Thursday, Oct 22 (ZOOM)

6-7 pm Catechumenate

7-8 pm Inquirer/Catechumenate

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Explore Catholicism and discover a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, by joining the Church. Contact Colleen Szerlong at 868-6386 or irishcatholic56@gmail.com.

Seeking God Online Women's Retreat

"Speak, for your servant is listening."

Young adult women are invited to a day of retreat with religious women from the Dubuque Area Vocation Association (DAVA) on Saturday, November 7th from 10:00am - 4:00pm for a virtual opportunity to experience community, prayer and conversation.



We will explore together how silence and listening create a discerning heart. The day will include prayer, talks, breaks for personal reflection, and small group conversations.

Register at bit.ly/Seeking_God by November 1, 2020.

For more information, please contact:

Michelle Horton Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, WI by email ma.horton6@gmail.com or phone (608)695-6060, or visit <http://discernyourvocation.org/event/seeking-god-womens-retreat/>