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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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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

Sharing our Catholic faith is meant to be a gift only you and I can offer to others. We cannot hire it out. No one can do it for us. This is exactly what makes it a unique act on our part. It does not require having a broad knowledge of religion or scholarship in sacred scripture or even the ability to speak with theological language. Sharing our faith is about letting others know who Jesus Christ is for us, what He has done for us and what He means to us.

Those times in our lives when we have been afraid, suffering some kind of loss, on the verge of giving up hope, deeply hurt due to injustice or betrayal or a great blessing that happened to you and other such significant moments can bring us to our knees and into the embrace of the Lord's love and mercy. Sharing this kind of lived, personal, human experience of how faith in God made all the difference can happen one on one in our various formal and informal relationships when the opportunity presents itself. It can be telling another person about Jesus Christ after experiencing His presence in your moment of need and how He continues to bring meaning and purpose to your life through the gift of faith.

We will be discussing sharing our faith at the 5:30 pm Mass this coming Tuesday here at St. Mary's. You may wish to be part of our parish Go Make Disciples team. Please join us.

- Msgr. Dan



Rest in Peace

Donald Quarterman and Leo Marklein were recently called to eternal life.

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

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



It has been another great week here at St. Mary's School. Today marks the end of eight weeks of face to face learning—what a blessing. As you may know there is significant concern as COVID-19 spreads among children. Rock County epidemiologist, Nick Zupan stated that “cases **are not spreading through schools and classrooms**, but rather kids are often contracting the virus outside of school and then exposing small numbers of classmates. The events that children are contracting the virus are **gatherings and parties outside of the school setting.**” Positive results of school age Rock County children were traced to family get-togethers, weddings, parties, restaurants, bars and other places of gatherings, Zupan said. Please continue to be vigilant with the necessary safety practices in place to prevent the spread of the virus and refrain from the risky behaviors listed by Dr. Zupan.

The 39th Annual St. Mary School Steeple Chase held on Sunday, October 18, 2020, was another big hit with a huge list of winners. As with all events, the health and safety of all people is the top priority. A special advance thank you to the event Co-Chairs--Matt and Janet Dabson.

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 (Mr. Christopher Smith) and our very own Ms. Pursley to share their vocal talents at the school Masses. 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.

Since all field trips are curtailed this year a group of our teachers and parents decided to create their own version of an annual fall field trip. This year we have created our own St. Mary's Pumpkin Patch for the students. A special thank you to Dr. Jeff Whitehead for his efforts in supporting this project.

Thank you to Kari-Anne Buehl for the balloons displayed on our front sign in honor of our seventh week of school. Watch for Facebook pictures.

Dr. Kim Ehrhardt
Principal

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

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2020-2021

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
Week 16			
10-18-2020	\$9,155.50	11,692.45	-2,536.95
YTD	\$152,397.75	163,949.28	-11,551.53

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:37-39)

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.



Readings for Sunday, October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Readings for Next Sunday, November 1, 2020

All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

WHAT'S HAPPENING

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT ATTENDING MASS

Brothers and Sisters;

We continue to see an increase in the rate of Covid cases throughout Wisconsin and in particular here in Rock County. We have recently experienced the loss of a faithful friend due to this virus. We currently have brothers and sisters whose health is compromised as they battle this illness. We, as brothers and sisters, we as followers of Christ; must do all we can to help mitigate the spread of Covid.

As Paul wrote to the Philippians, 2:3-4: Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

We are asking that you wear a mask when you come to church. If due to health reasons, you are unable to wear a mask, attendance at a less populated weekday Mass is preferable. Even then, you should enter the building wearing a mask and only remove it as needed when seated distanced from others.

Those assisting with Mass in any ministerial position such as Usher, Lector, Cantor etc., should wear a mask as a sign of the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5). The mask should remain on while conducting their ministerial duty. As such, Lectors should lector with their mask on, Cantors should cantor with their mask on and Ushers should usher with their mask on. Our Rock County Health Department liaison has recently reminded us the risk of infecting others doubles if not wearing mask.

Pope Francis has said, "we can heal the world if we work together for the common good." Let each of us be a part of the healing. Let each of us be a part of the prayer. And let each of us be a part of the Body of Christ.

Msgr. Dan Ganshert, Pastor
Bob Craig, Dir. of Liturgy

Did You Know?

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say "I".
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say "MY".
Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer
and not pray for one another.
For when you ask for daily bread,
you must include your brother.
For others are included
in each and every plea.
From beginning to the end of it,
it does not once say "ME".
- Unknown



RED CROSS

Janesville Community Blood Drive

Faith Lutheran Church
2116 Mineral Point Ave.

Monday, October 26

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

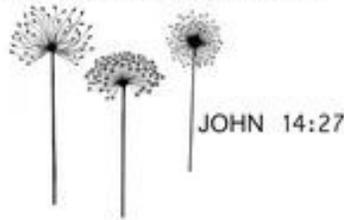
Tuesday October 27

1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit
redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code: Janesville

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PEACE
I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.



The Church has used three sets of mysteries for many centuries. In 2002 Pope John Paul II proposed a fourth set of mysteries—the Mysteries of Light, or Luminous Mysteries. According to his suggestion, the four sets of mysteries might be prayed on the following days: the Joyful Mysteries on Monday and Saturday, the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Friday, the Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday, and the Luminous Mysteries on Thursday.

The Joyful Mysteries

1. **The Annunciation** Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.
2. **The Visitation** Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.
3. **The Nativity** Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
4. **The Presentation** Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.
5. **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple** Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.

The Mysteries of Light

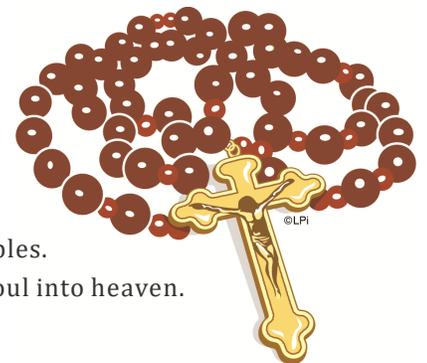
1. **The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan** God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son.
2. **The Wedding Feast at Cana** At Mary's request, Jesus performs his first miracle.
3. **The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God** Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.
4. **The Transfiguration of Jesus** Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.
5. **The Institution of the Eucharist** Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. **The Agony in the Garden** Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.
2. **The Scourging at the Pillar** Jesus is lashed with whips.
3. **The Crowning With Thorns** Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns.
4. **The Carrying of the Cross** Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify him.
5. **The Crucifixion** Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.

The Glorious Mysteries

1. **The Resurrection** God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.
2. **The Ascension** Jesus returns to his Father in heaven.
3. **The Coming of the Holy Spirit** The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.
4. **The Assumption of Mary** At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.
5. **The Coronation of Mary** Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.



Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, October 26

No Mass

Tuesday, October 27

5:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Wednesday, October 28

8:15 AM Gordon Wolf Families ♥

Thursday, October 29

8:15 AM Stuesser Families ♥

Friday, October 30

8:15 AM Sr. Ludmilla

Saturday, October 31

4:30 PM Louis J. Berner—7 Years

Sunday, November 1

8:30 AM Nell McGinniss

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

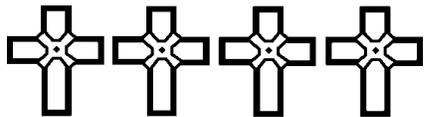
Tuesday, October 27th

Mass at 5:30 pm

(no Mass at 12:10 pm)

Go Make Disciples Discussion

No Confessions Tuesday evening



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!



Thursday, Oct 29 (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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend the International Combined Collection is being conducted across the diocese. This collection is combining the following individual collections:

- World Mission Support
- Catholic Relief Services
- Church in Central & Eastern Europe
- Church in Latin America
- Peter's Pence
- Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa

Your help in supporting these collections is critical. Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of so many.

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/>