

# 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

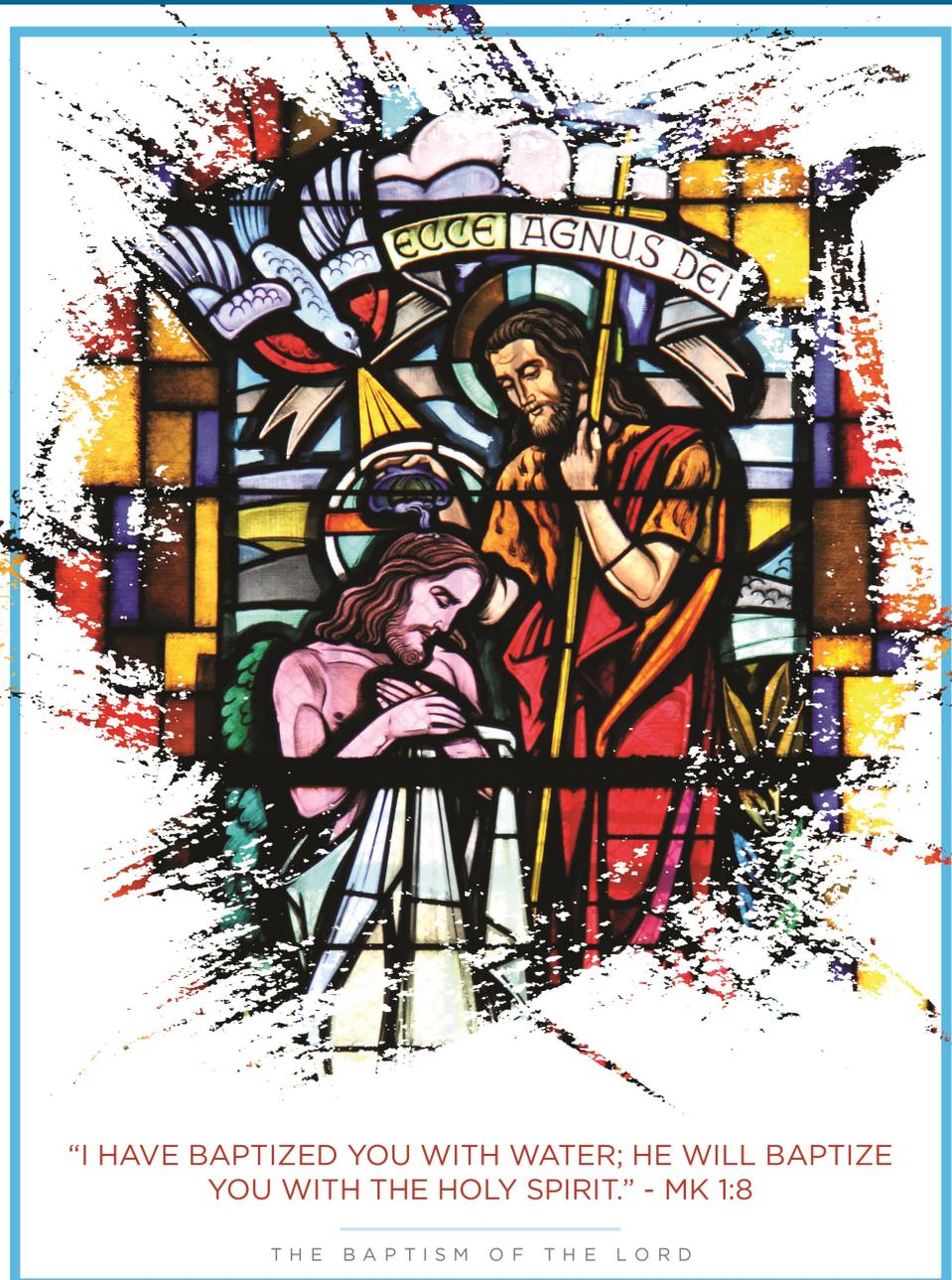
Sun. 8:15 & 10:00 am

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

Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am

St. Mary - Milton .....Sat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 8:30 am



"I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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 .....

“The Kingdom of God Is At Hand” is the theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. It is primarily conducted during Lent. This financial campaign for the Diocese of Madison is similar to what the other Dioceses do each year in the Province of Wisconsin. There will be an update on what programs and services are currently supported by the ACA and how they impact the 106 parishes of our Diocese.

Preparations are now under way here at St. Mary’s to encourage a good understanding of the importance of the ACA. Our parish family deserves helpful information about how and why we are asked to consider contributing to its financial success by reaching our parish goal. I am happy for the leadership of our parish ACA chair for 2021, Bob Kennedy, whose involvement brings encouragement and commitment to benefit St. Mary’s and our Diocese.

Thank you for your financial support of the ACA all these many years. The Kingdom of God is at hand. We have a wonderful Parish and Diocese because we are blessed to have God’s kingdom among and within us. Your unfailing spiritual, material and financial support year after year make it happen here and in the lives of our diocesan brothers and sisters. Please pray for the success of our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Msgr. Dan

### PARISH CALENDARS

The theme of our parish calendar this year is "Devotions to our Lady". It has been a challenging year, but we have so many reasons to look forward with great hope and prayer to our Blessed Mother for her protection and intercession to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to the McDonald Law Office for generously donating the calendars once again this year. If you would like a calendar please call the parish office at 608-752-7861 extension 100, and arrange for curbside pickup.



## Rest in Peace

Mary Jo Fox, Vincent McKeown and Rollin Royce 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



### 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.



**SCRIP cards can be purchased in the school office, or online at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com)**

**Parish Office**—We have recently moved our parish offices from the Rectory to the Nativity House, which is the building directly behind the parking lot of the church (entrance is on the right). Going forward, please continue to use the slot at the Rectory door (old location on Wall Street) to drop off your envelopes and such, if necessary.

In light of the pandemic, we're keeping contact to a minimum, so calling the office to schedule a Mass, or to make an appointment for other church business is appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you freely into our new space once the community spread has minimized. We believe the new offices will better serve you, our parish family.

Our phone number is still the same, so dial 608-752-7861 to speak with a member of our staff. We are here for you! Stay safe and thank you for supporting St. Mary’s.

# MONEY MATTERS

## Money Counts for 2020-2021

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
<b>Week 26</b>			
12-27-2020	\$15,580.52	37,605.50	-22,024.98
<b>2 YTD</b>	\$267,824.59	322,210.14	-54,385.55

# FOCUS ON FAITH

## Please Pray For Our Parishioners

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



**A word about home visits:** 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 Jim Mullen at 608-201-9860 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

## Baptism of the Lord

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11)

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We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

## Readings for Sunday, January 10, 2021

### Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11 / 1 Jn 5:1-9 / Mk 1:7-11

## Readings for Next Sunday, January 17, 2021

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Silent Preached Retreat  
**Theme: "Living in a Time of Plentiful Redemption"**  
Presented by the Redemptorist Retreat Team  
Redemptorist Retreat Center  
1800 N Timber Trail Lane in Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
[www.redemptoristretreat.org](http://www.redemptoristretreat.org) / 262-567-6900

The Redemptorist Retreat Center is happy to welcome members of Nativity of Mary Parish on the weekend of February 5-7, 2021. We will explore how we can provide hope even during days of worry and concern because of what is going on around us.

Come and enjoy a time of well-deserved rest and quiet at the beautiful Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc Wisconsin. Join men from our community for renewal, reflection, fellowship, peace, and quiet time with our Lord. The Silent Retreat consists of conferences, daily Mass, Reconciliation, Devotion to Mary, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Carpooling is available leaving from Nativity of Mary, Janesville, upper parking lot @ 4:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 5th.

Check in Friday 6:15 pm – 7:15pm (No evening meal is served on Friday)

Orientation 7:30 pm

Mass 8:00 pm

Concludes after Mass and lunch about 1:00 p.m. on Sunday

Offering: \$220.00 includes private room with bath, meals, and materials. To register call Santo Carfora @ 756-1815 or contact the retreat center at the above contact information.

There are other retreats throughout the year. If this weekend doesn't work for you plan on attending another one: Feb. 19-21, Feb. 26-28, March 5-7, March 12-14 & April 30th -May-2nd.

### LEARN FROM POPE FRANCIS

1. Don't gossip
2. Finish your meals
3. Make time for others
4. Choose 'the more humble' purchase
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'
6. Stop judging others
7. Befriend those who disagree
8. Make commitments, such as marriage
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'
10. Be happy

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### AGRACE HOSPICE VIRTUAL GRIEF GROUPS

From January to May, Agrace will host free, bi-weekly online family grief support groups. For details or to register, visit [agrace.org/supportgroup](http://agrace.org/supportgroup) or call (608) 327-7135.

**Child/Teen Loss Support Group**, for adults with school-aged children/teens, meets every other Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Spouse/Partner Loss Support Group**, for adults with school-aged children/teens, meets every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Sibling Loss Support Group**, for children 9 to 18 who have lost a sibling, meets every other Monday, 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Parent/Primary Caregiver Loss Group**, for children 5 to 18 whose parent or primary caregiver has died, meets every other Thursday, 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you to ALL the parishioners who donated so generously toward our Christmas decorations.



Those who gave in memory or in honor of a loved one are listed below.

**FROM:**

Ms. Carol Ambrose  
  
Mr./Mrs. Daniel Ansier  
Mrs. Marsha Austin  
Mrs. Lisetta Barrett  
  
Mr./Mrs. Dennis Berlowski  
  
Mr./Mrs. Donald Birschbach  
  
Mrs. Maria Caya  
  
Mr./Mrs. John Collins  
  
Mrs. Sharlet Collins  
Mrs. Dolores M. Dilley  
  
Mrs. Rose Donagan  
  
Ms. Laurie Dooley  
Miss Tricia Dooley  
  
Mr./Mrs. Mario Galassini  
  
Mrs. Frances Groene  
  
Mr. Randall Hanssen  
& Mr. Robert Urquhart  
  
Mrs. Mary Jo Helbing  
Mrs. Rose Husen  
  
Mr./Mrs. Charles Isackson  
  
Mr. Robert E. Jenson  
  
Ms. Elizabeth Jordan  
Mrs. Betty Klukas

**FOR:**

Elmer Ambrose,  
Dorothy Ambrose  
Cole Ansier  
Robert Austin  
Peter Barrett,  
Laurie Barrett  
Ed Kriha Family,  
Martin Berlowski Family  
Joe Viertel,  
Bill Bever  
Charles Steed,  
Paul & Eva McNally,  
Ed & Althea Steed  
Tom Moccero Family,  
Warren Collins Family  
Robert Warner, Jr.  
Gerald Dilley,  
Ray & Josie Lippens  
John T. Donagan,  
Robert & Mary Neeson  
James Dooley  
Alice C. Dooley,  
John F. Dooley,  
Vera Dooley,  
Veronica McBride  
Joe Viertel,  
Jim Dooley,  
Pauline Pinnow,  
Peggy Cullen  
LeRoy Groene,  
Bob & Doreen Trunnelle  
Don Urquhart,  
May Urquhart,  
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Wonka,  
Dan Buckner  
Butch Helbing  
James Husen,  
Margaret Obligato  
Charlie Smith,  
Ruth, Rolf, Ralph and Jerry  
Isackson,  
Dorothy Smith,  
All First  
Responders, Doctors, Nurses,  
and Healthcare Workers  
Helen M. Jenson,  
George M. Jenson,  
Lois A. Frank,  
Dorothy M. McDermott  
Nick & Betty Quint  
Don Klukas,  
Alma Butler

**FROM:**

Mrs. Maryann Latham  
Mrs. Beverly Liston  
  
Mrs. Anne Lucey  
  
Mr./Mrs. Bradley Mair  
  
Mrs. Marlys Martelle  
  
Mrs. Jennifer McBride  
  
Mr./Mrs. Robert Monson  
  
Mr./Mrs. Thomas E. Murray  
Mrs. Gladys Nally  
  
Mr./Mrs. James Peterson  
  
Mr./Mrs. Ryan Spies  
Mrs. Kathleen Steed  
Mr./Mrs. James Stelter  
Mr./Mrs. David Sudmeier  
  
Mr./Mrs. Steve Thompson  
  
Mr./Mrs. David Voegeli  
  
Mrs. Patricia Wagner  
  
Mr./Mrs. William Waterbury  
  
Mr./Mrs. Robert C. Wirth  
  
Mrs. Beverly Zahn

**FOR:**

Ed Latham  
Howard Liston,  
Gladys & Leo Francis  
Family,  
Connie & Chuck,  
Mary Lou  
Thomas G. Mair,  
Ferdinand Wellnitz,  
John & Janet Prusansky  
Jim Martelle,  
Alice & Roy Murphy  
Fred & Helen Wehler,  
James & Helen McBride,  
Thomas & Mary Moccero,  
Warren & Georgia Collins  
Lawrence & Elizabeth  
Cavanaugh,  
Ted & Ona Monson  
Jack & Claire Damrow  
James Nally,  
Linda Nally Mikkelson  
Robert & Dolores Coyne,  
Mel & Jean Peterson  
Phil Eiden  
Charles Steed  
John & Mathilda Schultes  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sudmeier,  
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Weix,  
Gary & Connie Lazachek,  
Leo Weix  
Franklin & Mary Babcock,  
Mary Pat Babcock,  
Herbert & Loretta Babcock,  
William & Marie Tobin  
Mary Heitsman,  
Brenda Kreger,  
Cheryl Kreger,  
Willis Kreger  
Gene Wagner,  
Margie Krause,  
Anne Lucey,  
Mary Lou Hainstock  
Donald Clifford,  
Patricia Brookman,  
Ruth Clifford  
Frusher Family,  
Wirth Family  
Dan Zahn,  
Bob & Janette Zahn,  
Damien & Clay Bienash

## Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

**Monday, January 11**

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 12**

12:10 PM

**Wednesday, January 13**

8:15 AM

**Thursday, January 14**

8:15 AM

**Friday, January 15**

8:15 AM

**Saturday, January 16**

4:30 PM Charles Steed

**Sunday, January 17**

8:30 AM Joseph Langer

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

## 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.

## 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 at all times is required in the church & school, including during Mass.***

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 future starts today, not tomorrow."***

**- ST. JOHN PAUL II**

## Wearing Masks in the Communion Line

Parishioners, please continue to wear your masks while in the communion line at Mass. The Vicar General of the Diocese of Madison advises, "A communicant should only remove one's mask in preparation to receive Holy Communion as the person immediately in front of the communicant is receiving Holy Communion. So, the communicant should keep one's mask on in the communion line prior to that point in time. The communicant should shortly thereafter resume the wearing of the mask after receiving Holy Communion."

Also, please remember to maintain a distance of 6 feet between you and the person in front of you in line.

Thank you for your cooperation. We wish to keep all of our parishioners and guests safe.



The Wisconsin Right to Life Rock County Chapter billboard ad will be on Milton Avenue, Janesville (facing Culver's drive-up window side). The billboard will be up starting on 1/11/21 (weather allowing) and will remain up until 3/7/21.

It's a photo of a cute baby with the statement: "One chance at life. Let me live it" along with "123givelifelife.com" which connects to phone number of local pregnancy helpline.

To donate for this project, please send your donation to Wisconsin Right to Life, PO Box 1386, Janesville, WI 53547-1386.

**"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.



**Thursday, January 14 (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.