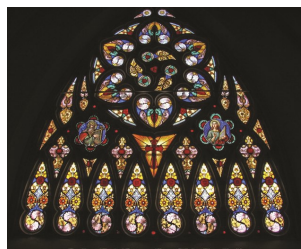


March 28, 2021 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



# NATIVITY<sup>of</sup> 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

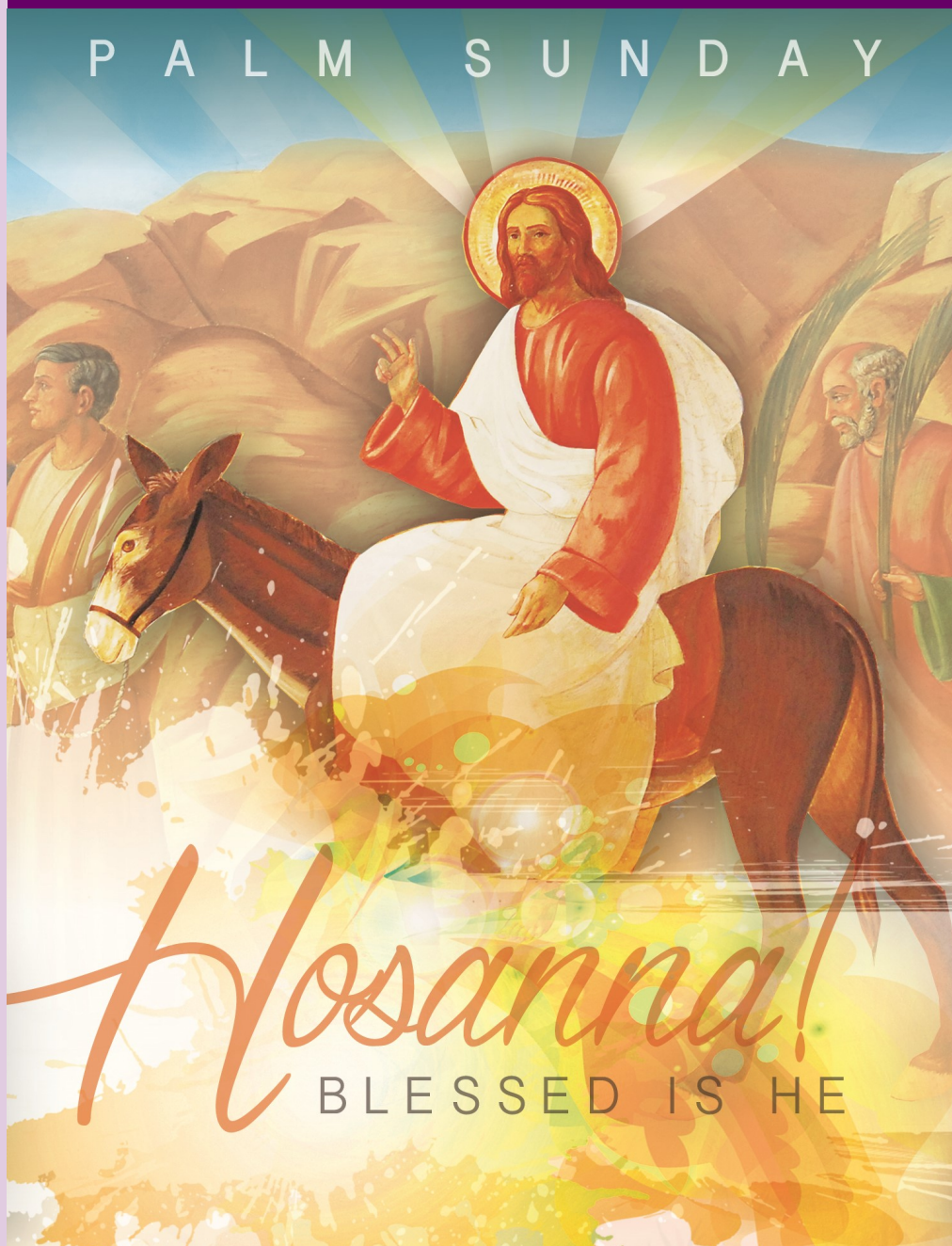
Sun. 8:15 & 10:00 am

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

Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am

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

Sun. 8:30 am



*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 .....*

Already our Lenten season is reaching its culmination in this Holy Week before us. Please consult the schedule in this bulletin for the time of our liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Monday of Holy Week is also the day technicians will arrive to install the equipment and parts to refurbish our tower bells. As a result, the Bells of St. Mary will ring anew at the 2021 Saturday evening Easter Vigil Mass and, from then on, every day.

Go Make Disciples has been an initiative in this past year throughout our Diocese. May it continue to help us all become more aware of our responsibility to practice our Catholic faith in ways that lead others to return, explore and be drawn to it. May the sound, again, of St. Mary's bells allow everyone who hears them to be reminded of the Lord each day and be drawn to be His disciples. Have a blessed Holy Week.

Msgr. Dan



***Hosanna!  
Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord! John 12:13***

### **2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal**

Status as of March 19, 2021

Our parish goal for this year is \$56,225.00

We have currently received pledges from parishioners totaling \$29,444.00.

We have already paid in \$20,284.66.

This leaves us with a balance of approximately \$36,000.00 remaining to meet our parish goal for 2021. The number of contributors from the parish numbers 110, at this time.

Thank you to all who are helping us to meet this important financial obligation for St. Mary's.

Msgr. Dan

## NEWS & NOTES

### **St. Mary School**



**SCRIP** puts your regular shopping dollars to work supporting your parish and school with over fifty retailers. Grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, department stores, hardware stores, movie theaters, spas and more!

**SCRIP** can now be purchased digitally with MyScripWallet.com for your phone and ShopWithScrip.com for your desktop. To get set up, call the school office at (608) 754-5221 x 110.

### **LOVE BEGINS HERE**

*Local, Life Changing Mission Trips*

Love Begins Here is a local mission opportunity for our middle and high school students run by the Madison Diocese. It happens every summer, and it gives our youth an opportunity to put their faith into action.

Groups of students are sent to a parish in the diocese for a week of service, faith, and camaraderie. According to the website, "Love Begins Here" launched on June 21, 2009. That summer, we had 56 missionaries take to the streets of the Madison Diocese. After twelve years of growth and guidance from the Holy Spirit, over 600 missionaries served on LBH trips in 2019. To this date, Love Begins Here has given over 120,000 hours of service to those in need - materially and spiritually - in the Madison Diocese."

We have signed up to work with the other three parishes in Janesville. Our high school students will work here in Janesville from June 13 - 18. Our middle school students (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are in this group) will work in Edgerton from June 20 - 23.

Registration runs from January 11 to April 28. Please check out the following link for more information on registration. <https://www.madisondiocese.org/lbhregistration>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 752-7861 ext. 104 or [re@nativitymary.org](mailto:re@nativitymary.org).

Jan Bier, CRE



### *Rest in Peace*

*Lisetta Barrett* was recently called to eternal life.

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



## FOCUS ON FAITH

### Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, John Collins, Noah Cotter, Sue Creek, Gerri, LeeAnn Gilligan, Corbin Grieving, Hannah, Jackie H., Alice Jensen, Ken Kitelinger, Rosemary Ludwig, Pat & Mark, Mary McGuire, 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

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

### Readings for Sunday, March 28, 2021

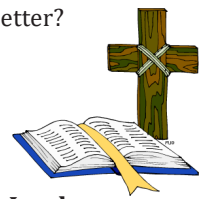
#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 / Is 50:4-7 / Mk 14:1-15:47

### Readings for Next Sunday, April 4, 2021

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

3 Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9





# Lenten Season

## LENT AT A GLANCE 2021....

### Nativity of Mary Parish

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm, and Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Donations to the **Special Collections** should be placed in a separate envelope or marked in the memo section of the check.

**March 27 & 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday**

**March 31, 2021 – Wednesday**

2:00 p.m. "Living" Stations of the Cross with School Students

**April 01, 2021 - Holy Thursday**

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – 6:15 p.m.

**April 02, 2021 - Good Friday**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:00 p.m.

**April 03, 2021 - Holy Saturday**

Mass for the Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

**April 04, 2021 - Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

**April 11, 2021 - Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

**1:30 p.m. – Reconciliation**

**3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Mass**



### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Nativity of Mary Church

Tuesdays 5-6 pm

Saturdays 9:30-10:30 am

**PLEASE NOTE THESE EXCEPTIONS:**

*\*No Confession on Tuesday, March 30*

***"I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."***

***John 13:15***

### **Living Stations of the Cross**

Each year at the end of Lent, the Middle School students put on a dramatization of the Living Stations of the Cross. This is the story of Jesus' journey from Pontius Pilate's sentencing to the final breath of the crucifixion. The 6-8th graders have gone through great preparation to make this a reverent and moving performance. We would love to have the families of St. Marys' join us for this performance and remembering the great sacrifice Jesus made for us all.

**When:** Wednesday, March 31  
**Where:** St. Mary's Church  
**Time:** 2:00-3:00 PM



### **Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence**

- Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.
- Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.

***"May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God, made man."***

***- Pope Francis***

### **LENTEN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for generously supporting those in need in our community during this season of Lent.

***"Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to him."***

***-Proverbs 3:27***

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



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## A Reflection on Palm Sunday: A panoramic view of the Paschal Mysteries

On Palm Sunday the liturgy offers a panoramic view of the mysteries that we will contemplate during Holy Week or Paschal Triduum: the institution of the Eucharist, the passion and death of the Lord, and the prediction of His Resurrection.

These rich Sunday readings include numerous phrases and expressions that have become part of the Sunday liturgy and other devotions. But, most of all, they reveal how each event of the Passion of Christ had been announced by the prophets in the Scriptures and by Christ himself, thus confirming that he was the One “who was to come.”

The reading during the Procession with Palms offers a stark contrast to the readings at Mass. Upon arriving at Jerusalem, Jesus is received with cries of joy and praise by the crowd that had come to believe and to have faith in Him as a prophet from God: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee!” explain some to those who ask why the commotion. We can imagine the Twelve somehow confused and bewildered. The Master has been saying that his time of suffering is near, and is the reason for His coming to Jerusalem. However, for the moment, all is praise and welcome with cloaks and branches spread on his path where he rides a humble donkey.

But all of this stays behind as inside the Mass we focus on the moment when Christ will celebrate the Passover with his closest friends.

First, Jesus leaves us the treasure of the Eucharist, how he wants us to remember him and make himself present to us. Then, we witness Judas’s betrayal, as he sells Jesus for money though he later regrets it. We see betrayal by Peter, who rejects Jesus three times lest he suffer the same fate. The weakness of Peter and the other apostles is again exposed when they cannot stay awake and accompany Jesus in prayer in the Garden of Olives, despite his plea that they do so. Thus, it becomes clear that it is not out of merit or strength that Jesus has chosen them for the mission and that without Him and His Spirit they can do nothing.

In the garden, as on the cross, Jesus feels alone. His suffering is well reflected in the phrase of the psalm that he will shout later from the Cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” In his humanity, Jesus is tempted by doubt: You too, my God, have forsaken me? Does all of this suffering truly make sense? But Jesus draws strength from weakness and, in his final act of faith, he again gives himself to the Father: “Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

The readings leave us in a suspense that will only be resolved at the Easter Vigil. What is going to happen now? Christ is dead and buried. Nevertheless, they still offer us additional teachings. The first is that among all of Jesus’ followers, the only ones that have accompanied Jesus from beginning to end are a group of women very close to Him. They accompanied and served him during his preaching and on the way to Mount Calvary with the cross on His shoulders. They accompanied His grieving mother at the foot of the cross and now mourn His death in front of the tomb. Scripture’s noting of the fidelity of these women toward Jesus is not gratuitous. And, as we know, Jesus will reward this loyalty by allowing that a woman be the first to see him and testify to his Resurrection.

Finally, the Gospel points out that the story does not end here. The priests and Pharisees, knowing that he had said he would rise from the dead in three days, take every precaution to prevent anyone from stealing the body and claiming that Jesus has risen. Not only do they request guards, but they seal the entrance to the tomb. With this, the readings prepare us to realize on Easter Sunday that if the tomb is empty, it has not been the work of men.

May the Lord allow us to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and may we emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and clarity. Amen.

*By Mar Munoz-Visoso, executive director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops / [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)*

## Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

**Monday, March 29**

No Mass

**Tuesday, March 30**

8:15 AM Jim & Mary Jo Fox

**Wednesday, March 31**

8:15 AM Robert & Cecilia Warner

**Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday**

6:15 PM Richard & Dorothy Kauffman

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday**

1:00 PM (Service)

**Saturday, April 3 Easter Vigil**

8:00 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday**

8:30 AM Alan & Geraldine Johnson

10:30 AM Cole Ansier

*Please note that the March 30th Mass will be at 8:15 AM.*

### HOLY WEEK

**Holy Thursday 6:15 PM Mass**

**Good Friday 1:00 PM Service**

**Easter Vigil 8:00 PM Mass**

**Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM Mass**

### 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!

### 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.

## 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.



Igniting Faith in Catholic Youth

### In Search of Young Adults!

**SPIRITUS** is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year!

Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith.

Visit [www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary](http://www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary), contact Rachel at [recruiter@spiritusministries.org](mailto:recruiter@spiritusministries.org), or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.

***"Unless there is Good Friday in your life,  
there can be no Easter Sunday."***

**- Fulton J. Sheen**

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 9-11 in Brookfield, WI or June 25-27 in Geneva, IL. For more info go to:

**[alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org)**  
or call (888) 574-5653.

