

# NATIVITY of MARY

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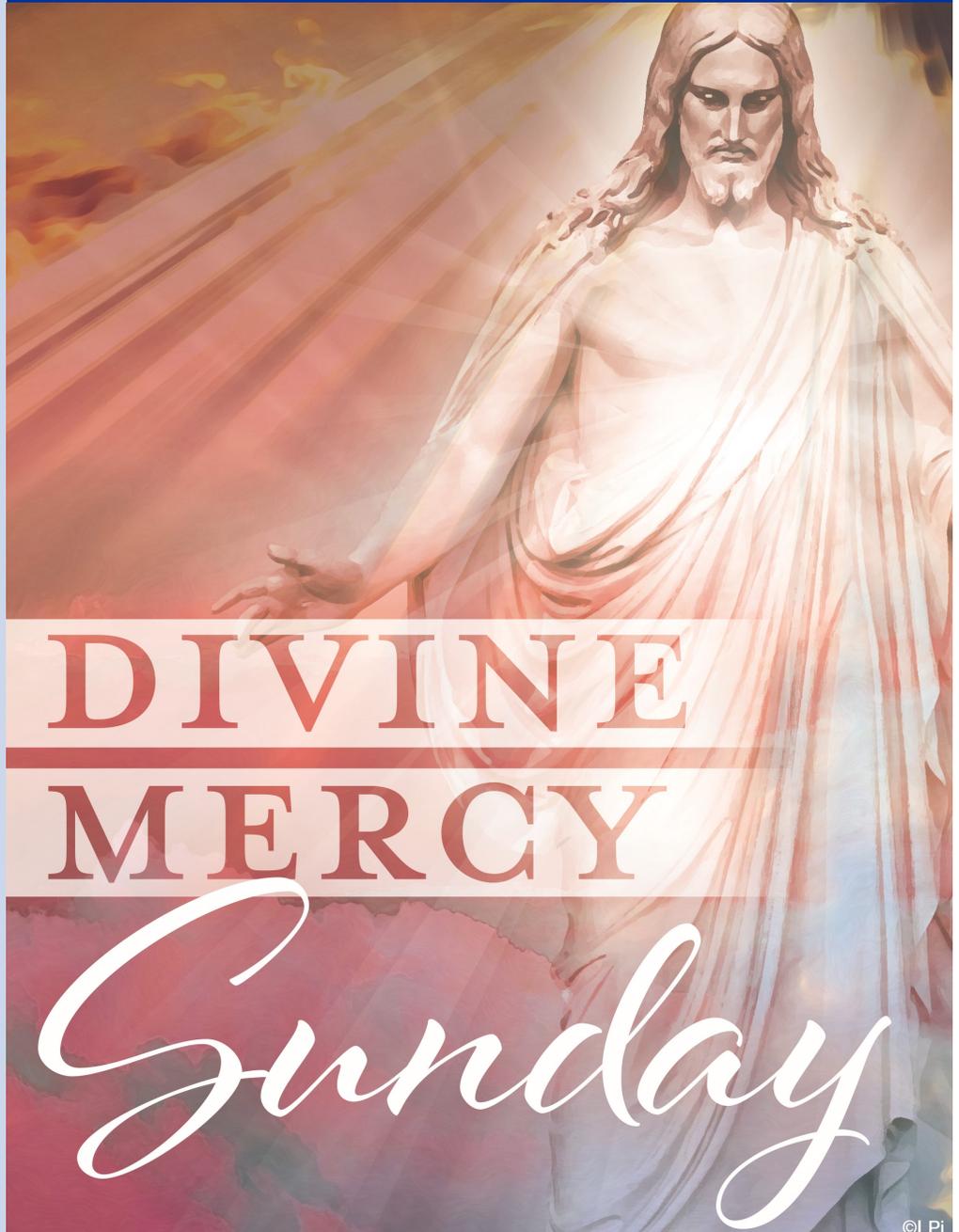
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## Janesville/Milton Mass Times

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



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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 .....

Welcome to Bishop Hying on this Divine Mercy weekend as presider and homilist at our 3:00 pm, Sunday, Holy Mass. In addition, the Bishop will rededicate our tower bells which were just recently refurbished.

Carol Berner, from our parish, contributed the financial funds which allowed us to restore the tower bells to their original working condition. This most generous gift on her part is made in memory of her husband, Thomas J. Berner, and his parents, Louis J. Berner and Josephine D. Berner, previous longtime members of Nativity of Mary Parish. Thank you, Carol.

Once again, the Angelus bells of St. Mary will be heard in our city each day proclaiming Jesus Christ dwells among us. The bells will also ring shortly before our weekend Masses. The Verdin Company of Cincinnati and the Westphal Company of Janesville provided technical assistance for this restoration project.

Msgr. Dan



**“Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you.”**

**- Jesus to Saint Faustina**

## 2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

Status as of March 26, 2021

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

We have currently received pledges from parishioners totaling \$38,764.00.

We have already paid in \$29,529.66.

This leaves us with a balance of approximately \$27,000.00 remaining to meet our parish goal for 2021. The number of contributors from the parish numbers 116, 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



**Happy Easter to All!** It is another busy week at St. Mary’s School. Activities include:

...Track season will be starting for students interested in grades 4-8 with Mr. Matt Dabson serving as head coach;

...The Home & School met this past Thursday to plan for Spring Fundraising activities;

...Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week for the first week of May is underway;

...Planning for the Eighth Grade Graduation in June is also in process.

...New materials for St. Mary School were developed and will be used to promote the 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.

# MONEY MATTERS

## Money Counts for 2020-2021

	Received	Budgeted	Variance
<b>Week 36</b>			
03-07-2021	\$6,635.04	11,635.00	-4,999.96
<b>YTD</b>	\$409,025.04	418,860.00	-9,834.96
<b>Week 37</b>			
03-14-2021	17,217.26	11,635.00	5,582.26
<b>YTD</b>	\$426,242.30	430,495.00	-4,252.70
<b>Week 38</b>			
03-21-2021	6,221.00	11,635.00	-5,414.00
<b>YTD</b>	\$432,463.30	442,130.00	-9,666.70

# FOCUS ON FAITH

## Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Ben, Dan & Michael, Bill, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, John Collins, Noah Cotter, Sue Creek, Mary Lynn Fox, 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

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.



**Readings for Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

**Readings for Next Sunday, April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## *Divine Mercy Sunday*

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

**My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.**

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter<sup>11</sup>. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

[www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)



**April 11, 2021 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

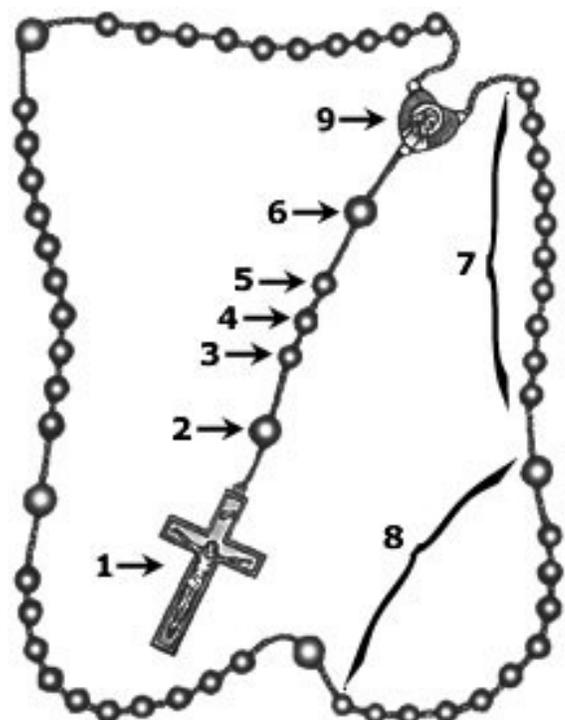
8:30 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

1:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Mass with Bishop Hying

## *Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet*



# *How to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

## 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 2. Optional Opening Prayers

### St. Faustina's Prayer for Sinners

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon You and I beg Your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest Heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with You for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, Fount of Mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of You light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of Your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of Your most precious Blood. O Jesus, when I consider the great price of Your Blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equalled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in His mercy. God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate Your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to Your feet that they may glorify Your mercy throughout endless ages (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 72). You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

## 3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

## 4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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.

## 5. 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 by 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.

## 6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

## 7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## 8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

## 9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## 10. Optional Closing Prayers

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your [Son's] final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven (Diary, 59<sup>1</sup>4). -Reprinted from [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

## Mass Intentions

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### Monday, April 12

No Mass

### Tuesday, April 13

12:10 PM Hartzell Kas

### Wednesday, April 14

8:15 AM Paul & Eva McNally

### Thursday, April 15

8:15 AM

### Friday, April 16

8:15 AM

### Saturday, April 17

4:30 PM Marcy Marklein

### Sunday, April 18

8:30 AM Thomas Mair and Ferdinand Wellnitz

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 11

Masses:

8:30 & 10:30 AM

3:00 PM with Bishop Hying

Confessions 1:30 PM

### 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.

## WISCONSIN RIGHT TO LIFE TEEN IMPACT!

### FREE! Teen Impact Live

Saturday, April 17th from 9 am to 6 pm

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Fun, with hands on sessions, dynamic speakers, and meet other teens. Overnight stay is not included for free event. If you can not attend, Teen Impact Boxes are available for free. For more information or to register, call 414-778-5780, or visit <https://wrtl.org/events>.



### Teen Impact Writing Contest

Enter until April 30, 2021

The writing contest is open for submissions from 7th to 12th grade students, with a brand new Creative Writing track! Three levels of prizes are yours to win in each track, including cash and free registration for Teen Impact Summer Camp in August (more information to come). Go to [www.wrtl.org/teens-for-life](http://www.wrtl.org/teens-for-life) for more information.



*A very special Thank You to Seena Stelter and her family, for the gift of the beautiful Divine Mercy picture, displayed in the church this Holy season.*



Thursday, April 15 (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](mailto:irishcatholic56@gmail.com).