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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 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



11th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."

- Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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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

First of all, allow me to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your cards, prayers, warm wishes and gifts on the recent occasion of my anniversary of ordination. Your kind and supportive words were deeply appreciated. I am very blessed to have the privilege of serving as pastor here at Nativity of Mary parish where all of you lift me up by your prayers and many kindnesses. I am the lucky one to enjoy such a wonderful experience for a second time here in my priesthood. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are fostered in families and parishes in many visible and unseen ways. May the Holy Spirit inspire our young people to respond to a call to serve the people of God with our ongoing support and encouragement.

Mrs. Sue Vodak has served as secretary at our St. Mary School for 39 years and will be retiring at the end of this month. So many pastors, teachers, principals, staff and students with their families have come to know and love this outstanding professional and dedicated friend. Because of Sue's wisdom when it comes to human relations, we have all learned from her example and benefited by following her faith filled way of trusting in the Lord. Here's wishing you all the best, Sue, with love from your St. Mary's family. So glad we'll still be seeing you at church, like always.

Msgr. Dan



2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

Status as of May 28, 2021

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

We have currently received pledges from parishioners totaling \$46,484.00.

We have already paid in \$41,182.32.

This leaves us with a balance of approximately \$15,000.00 remaining to meet our parish goal for 2021. The number of contributors from the parish numbers 133, at this time.

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

Msgr. Dan

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St. Mary School



The school office will be open on Mondays throughout the summer to sell Scrip from 8:00-10:00 am.

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.



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.

Weekend Masses are livestreamed at our website and on Facebook. Recorded Masses are accessible 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>



Rest in Peace

William Cabanowski and Frank Hilt were recently called to eternal life.

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

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Ben, Michael and Randy, Bill, Valerie Boggs,
 Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter, Sue Creek,
 Mary Lynn Fox, Gerri, LeeAnn Gilligan,
 Corbin Grieving, Hannah, Jackie H.,
 Alice Jensen, Christine Ansier Katzer,
 Greg Kraft, Mary McGuire, Patricia Mosher,
 Pat & Mark, Richard Peck, Max Rammer, Fran
 Rivera, Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve,
 Colleen Schroeder, Andrew Stuehler, Tammy,
 Cory & Barb, Mary Tullis, Avalon Widner



With God, all things are possible.

- Matthew 19:26

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which "It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:31-32)

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air. As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!



Readings for Sunday, June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 / 2 Cor 5:6-10 / Mk 4:26-34

Readings for Next Sunday, June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11 / 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Mk 4:35-41

Congrats

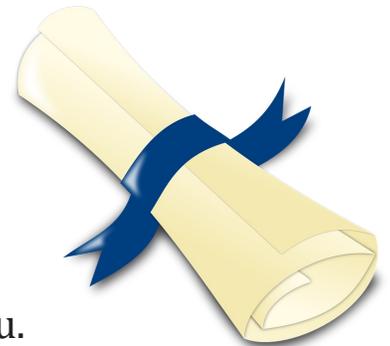


**Congratulations & Best Wishes
St. Mary School 8th Grade Graduates!**

CAMMERAN CARRIG

MADILYN SANOVICH

JAMES MCCLELLAN



May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



On Sunday, June 6, some of our high school graduates joined us at 10:30 for a Baccalaureate Mass. Msgr. Dan encouraged them to use their gifts and talents in service to others, and he reminded them of the importance of the Eucharist in their lives on this Corpus Christi Sunday. The graduates and their families then joined together for brunch on the Nativity House porch.

Front row, from left: Meghan Hoeser, Jervic Johnson, Austin Buchner.

Back row, from left: Koby Porter, Andrew Jahnke, Chace Currie.

Congratulations

We offer our prayers, blessings, and well-wishes
to all the graduates of our parish.

May God be with you.

NEWS & NOTES

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, June 14

No Mass

Tuesday, June 15

No Mass

Wednesday, June 16

No Mass

Thursday, June 17

No Mass

Friday, June 18

No Mass

Saturday, June 19

4:30 PM Richard M. McCann

Sunday, June 20

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM Howard Liston

No Daily Mass
June 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

No Confessions
June 15 & 19

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 608-752-7861, extension 100.

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.



Wisconsin Right to Life

TEEN IMPACT SUMMER CAMP

AUGUST 8-13 2021

Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, Wisconsin
Hands-on sessions / Dynamic Speakers / Meet other teens that are passionate about the Right to Life.

Go to www.wrtil.org/teens-for-life or contact Joleigh Little-Bass at jlittle@wrtil.org, or Matt Peeters at mpeeters@wrtil.org for more information.

If someone is able to go but needs financial help, or if you are willing to sponsor a teen to attend this conference, please contact Pat Hawthore at 608-756-5191.

MASS:

SSM Health - St. Mary's Hospital is now welcoming the public to celebrate Holy Mass in their chapel on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 2:00 pm.



Thursday, June 17 (ZOOM)

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.

Current guidelines for Mass attendance

The Diocese of Madison has begun a phased relaxation to the cessation of the COVID-19 Mass guidelines, and a return to normalcy.

Fully-vaccinated persons may choose to not wear masks.

Those who are at greater risk of illness, including those who are not vaccinated, will want to continue to wear a mask, or stay at home and watch Mass from there; livestreamed on our Facebook page, or look for the a video recording at our website, at www.nativitymary.org.

As always, if you or a family member are not feeling well, please stay home and rest.

Together, we can help our community to stay healthy.



“Flocknote” - In cooperation with the Diocese of Madison, we are using a “Flocknote” program 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. Also, please don't forget to contact the parish office with a new email, phone number or address, anytime you make a change. Help us stay connected!