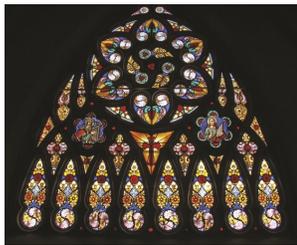


July 18, 2021 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

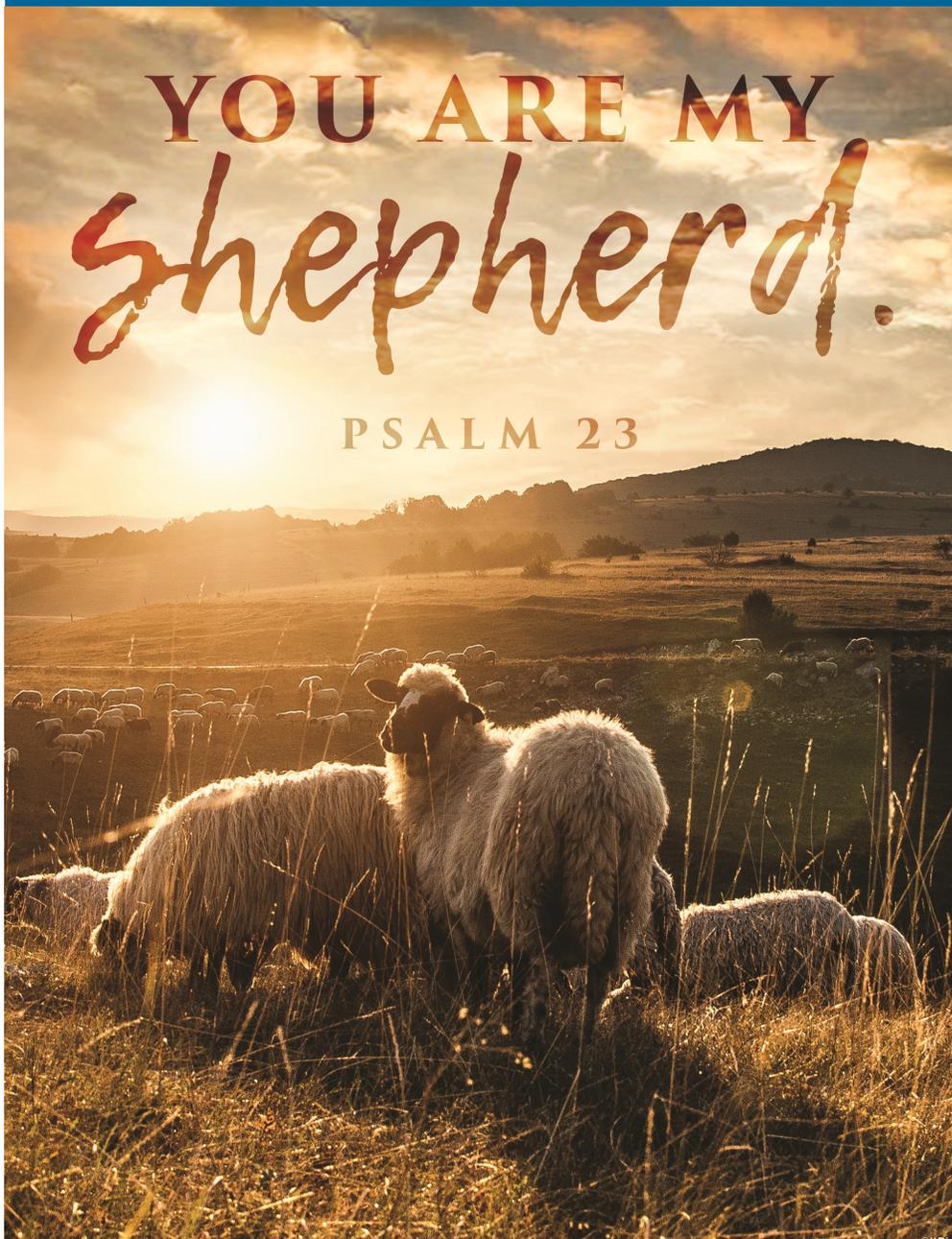
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St. WilliamSat. 4:00 pm

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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

Last weekend I mentioned that the Go Make Disciples initiative here at St. Mary's is underway as we join our entire Diocese in reaching out to Catholics who have been away from the Church.

It has been a very positive experience as we have met together in a group of parish members that will now continue to grow. That is because all of our parishioners are invited to become a part of this outreach in the coming months and years.

So much has happened in all of lives due to the unforeseen and traumatic events of this past Covid-19 year. In the face of a pandemic that brought the world to its knees it appears that being on our knees in prayer and faith is where the Lord gives us hope for the coming days of recovery to health and well-being. We all have much to share about our faith in the Lord and how it is getting us through as we continue to care for our families and neighbors and those most in need after a year of stress and fear and loss and questioning.

Please think about becoming more familiar with our Go Make Disciples gatherings here at St. Mary's. Would you consider hosting a small group at your home or here at the parish from your neighborhood or circle of friends to discuss how best to reach out to one another as we reflect together on what the challenges are these days to deepen our faith and share it with others? Let me know what you think and God bless you.

Thanks to our Festival Committee for their recent mailing inviting all of us to help make our upcoming September 26th Parish Festival the best ever!

Msgr. Dan

2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

Status as of July 9, 2021

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

We have currently received pledges from parishioners totaling \$46,834.00.

We have already paid in \$43,465.65.

This leaves us with a balance of approximately \$12,800.00 remaining to meet our parish goal for 2021. The number of contributors from the parish numbers 135 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

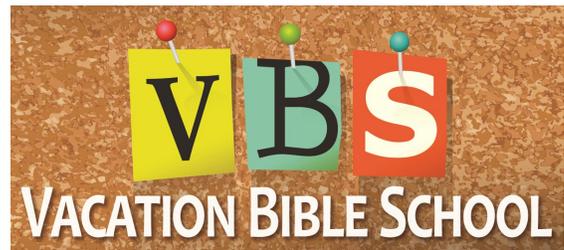
St. Mary School



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.



Rocky Railway VBS

Looking for something to fill those late days of summer vacation? We have just the ticket!!

Kids love learning about Jesus and love being, love having fun and love doing both with their friends so.....let them do it all at VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

A whole week of Jesus, fun and friends. This year's VBS will be THE ROCKY RAILWAY... fun railroad adventures with Bible stories at St. John Vianney. VBS will take place August 3-6, from 9-11:45am each day and is for Pre-K thru 5th graders. The cost is \$25 per child.

Join us for faith, food, friends and fun!! Call Colleen at 752-7861 x 104, or email her at re@nativitymary.org.

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



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 THIS SUMMER!**

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



**Readings for Sunday, July 18, 2021
 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

**Readings for Next Sunday, July 25, 2021
 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15

WHAT'S HAPPENING



recompiled
Mrs. Vodak



Catholic Conversations

Bodacious Sundays have been “rebranded”!! Pre-pandemic, our RCIA candidates had the opportunity to meet on the third Sunday of each month at Bodacious Brews and have open table discussions on whatever Catholic topics they have been wondering about, but we might not have had time for in sessions. It was a huge success, but sadly, put to rest when the pandemic began. Howeverwe are BACK!! Our name is different, our mission is the same, our participants expanded.

While we will still meet at Bodacious Brews on the third Sunday following 10:30am Mass, our name has changed. We are now known as “*Catholic Conversations*”. Our mission remains to answer all the questions you have as candidates. Bodacious Sundays began with our Candidates, but as *Catholic Conversations*, we are now including neophytes...those who are in their first year of being full members of the Catholic church. In additionwe are inviting candidates and neophytes from all our local parishes to join us in our fellowship and discussions.

Our first meeting of our rebranded group *Catholic Conversations*....will be Sunday, August 15, 2021, beginning at noon at Bodacious Brews, in the Upper Room.(or outside if it's REALLY nice!!!)

No registration necessary, so...mark the date on your calendar and come on everyone...join us and meet all our nearly and newly Catholics and bring on your questions, comments and discussions!! We're all interested in learning more!!

(Questions about this group? Contact Colleen at 752-7861 or email at re@nativitymary.org)



Please plan to attend the 4:30 p.m. July 24, 2021, liturgy in which we will recognize **Mrs. Sue Vodak** for her 39 years of service to our parish as secretary at St. Mary School. Mrs. Vodak has been School. Mrs. Vodak has been a shining example of impressive dedication to the families and students of our school. We wish her well and extend a special expression of gratitude for all she has done these many years!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Calling All Teens!!

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

CATS---Do you love Our Mother Mary? Of course you do!! Do you like to spend time with friends? That's a big yes!! Do you want to go on a river boat cruise? That sounds exciting!! Well teens...here's your chance to do all three in one day!! Yes, we are Calling All Teens to join us on a pilgrimage to The Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Lacrosse followed by a river boat cruise and pizza dinner on the Mighty Mississippi River. (reminder: if you are a parish teen you are automatically a member of CATS and eligible to do CAT activities--including this one!)

When?

Wednesday, August 4. Leave St. William's 7:15 am, arrive back 10pm.

Why?

To pray with fellow teens, learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe and take part in fellowship with others ON THE RIVER!!!

What ?

Bring snacks for the bus. Wear church clothes and if you like, bring a casual set to change to for the riverboat ride.

Cost?

\$75 covers bus, Shrine, pizza dinner and riverboat cruise.

Who?

Contact Colleen 608-752-7861, re@nativitymary.org
OR Melissa Lentz 608-755-5184, mlentz@stwilliam.net

How?

You can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548ADA622A1F49-high>

Deadline for signup and payment is July 22, 2021
so snag your spot on the OLG Pilgrimage now!!
They're bound to go fast!!

C.A.T. Youth Group Night

St. Mary's CAT!!! I think you are getting the idea... there's lots of great things for Catholic teens to do in our Janesville parishes! Here's another fun evening for you to take part in. No registration needed. Just come and enjoy! Bring a friend!!! Or two...but come!!!

St. Patrick's will be hosting a **Janesville Youth Group Night with snacks and a movie on Monday, July 19 from 7 to 9 PM in the school auditorium.**

Make sure to bring your own pillows, blankets, chairs, sleeping bags, or whatever you'd like to make yourself most comfortable while watching the movie!

Hope to see you there!



Happy Birthday Msgr. Dan!

Thank you for leading us with faith and wisdom.
May God continue to bless you all the days of your life.

C.A.T. Badminton Tournament

As a teenage parishioner....you are automatically a member of C.A.T.or our "Calling All Teens" group. As such you are being called to our first CAT event!!

On July 23, at St. John Vianney, there will be a badminton tournament for the teens of our city's parishes. It's all fun, fellowship and food! What could be better than that?

If you are interested, call Colleen at 752-7861 x 104 or email her at re@nativitymary.org.

Come on Nativity teens... let's show the city our badminton skills!



Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, July 19

No Mass

Tuesday, July 20

12:10 PM James "Jimbo" Condon

Wednesday, July 21

8:15 AM Dennis Venable

Thursday, July 22

8:15 AM Harold Robb

Friday, July 23

8:15 AM Mary Virginia Maloney

Saturday, July 24

4:30 PM Mary Dorn

Sunday, July 25

8:30 AM Rollin Royce

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

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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.

Current guidelines for Mass attendance

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.

Transportation to Vaccine Appointments:

The Rock County Public Health Department and the United Way 211 have partnered to offer resources to help people get a ride to their vaccination appointments. Rock County residents can call 211 Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30 pm and ask about transportation resources.

Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery

at 1827 N Washington St, Janesville, offers graves, crypts, niches, vaults, monuments, and vases. Our regular office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8am to 4pm. Since we are often busy with funerals, you might want to call 608-754-3472 for an appointment. You can also browse available property at www.madisondiocese.org/cemeteries.

Soon you will see some construction going on at Mount Olivet Cemetery. We will be placing a new columbarium in a prominent location this fall, surmounted by a beautiful replica of Michelangelo's Pieta. Niches are on sale now at pre-construction pricing. Call the office for more information: 608-754-3472.

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