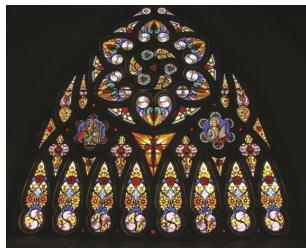




August 8, 2021 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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



# 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:48-50

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

*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 .....*

Our St. Mary School is continuing to enroll students for the upcoming year and all is in preparation for another outstanding experience where faith in God and the discipline of learning make for education at its best. The importance of Catholic schools has never been more consequential when it comes to assisting our young people to grow in virtue and respect for themselves, others and God.

Billboards are up around the city of Janesville promoting our school. Next weekend, look for information in our bulletin to share with those who may not know about St. Mary's School. Thank you to all who have sustained and supported our school over the years and may its students, both past and present, be a wonderful expression of the fruits of Catholic school education.

Go Make Disciples is continuing to grow at St. Mary's through the involvement of more parishioners who are contacting our members. These contacts are aimed at helping us strengthen our faith community after a very challenging COVID-19 year. Please know everyone is welcome to learn more about and become involved in Go Make Disciples here at our parish.

Msgr. Dan



### **D**o you enjoy gardening?

Time spent outdoors in the sunshine?  
The beauty of flowers?  
Tending to God's creation?

We are looking for volunteers to care for the plantings on the grounds of St. Mary's Church.

**Watering  
Weeding  
Planning  
Planting  
Caring!**



If you are interested in helping out, please call Sharlet in the parish office at 608-752-7861 at extension 100 for more information.

# NEWS & NOTES

## **St. Mary School**



I hope everything is well with each of you and you are enjoying the summer break. It has been a busy summer here at St. Mary School--here are some of the updates.

On July 24, 2021, we celebrated a wonderful appreciation mass for Mrs. Vodak our school secretary for the past 39 years. The church was nearly full and well attended by our parents and many former faculty members from St. Mary School.

Under the capable leadership of Brianna Williamson, the 3K program continues to grow with twenty students currently enrolled. Joining Brianna in 3K this year will be Amanda Phelps who will be an assistant teacher for the three-day program. Amanda attended Blackhawk Tech in the Early Childhood Education program and has experience working with young children. Welcome Amanda.

In other staffing news, our new Title I teacher is Kelly Pulver. Kelly comes to us as an experienced first grade, Title I, and reading intervention teacher. She has provided Title I services to private schools in her prior districts as well. Kelly has her bachelor's from UW-Green Bay in elementary education with a minor in Spanish and her master's from UW-Stout in reading.

I had hoped (from a health perspective) that we would be starting the school year **differently** than how we finished school however, the medical community is informing us that the lower rate of those eligible to be vaccinated is contributing to the current surge in COVID-19 cases. More details to follow as we get closer to school about specific updates to our safety plan.

As we prepare for the 2021-22 school year we ask our Heavenly Father to fill us with the Holy Spirit and the courage so that we might bring our talents and gifts to the important work of teaching and learning. We ask the Lord to open our minds to the task at hand, to open our ears to each other, and open our hearts to do his will.

Dr. Kim Ehrhardt,  
Principal



# 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



## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS 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 608-752-7861 x 104 or email [re@nativitymary.org](mailto:re@nativitymary.org).

## Catholic Women's Club

Contact Jan Bier at 774-5916 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](mailto:psec@nativitymary.org).

# SCRIPTURE

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



### Readings for Sunday, August 8, 2021

#### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 / Eph 4:30-5:2 / Jn 6:41-51

### Readings for Next Sunday, August 15, 2021

#### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**SAVE THE DATE .....**  
**Sunday, September 26**  
**Nativity of Mary**  
**Virtual Fall Fest and Sweepstakes 2021**



\* Videographer needed: If you have video recording experience we need your help. We are looking for someone to film a few brief pieces for our St. Mary's for our Virtual Fall Festival. Please call Sharlet at 608-752-7861, extension 100, and leave your name and phone number.

## ECHO IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please donate to E.C.H.O. by August 16 to help local children prepare for the new school year.

### McBuddies School Supply

#### Needs List

spiral notebooks  
two-pocket folders  
colored pencils  
supply bags/boxes  
glue sticks  
backpacks  
dry erase markers  
highlighters  
sharpeners  
earbuds  
markers  
pens  
glue



Donations can be left in the ECHO basket in the church vestibule, or dropped off at ECHO (65 S High Street) by AUGUST 16.

## **CATS Weekly Events Coming Soon!!**

CATS...Calling All Teens...is our St. Mary's parish youth ministry program and ALL teens in our parish are members. No sign up required. If you are a teenager...you are IN!! We all know it's August now and time to gear up for the coming school year. CATS is no exception. Time to get ready!!

Well, our coming school year promises to be a full one for CATS. Full of new and interesting things to do, faith and learning, fun and friends. CATS will meet here at our parish on the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning August 30, 2021, from 6:30-8:30pm. Location will be announced soon. The first part of each meeting will be a lively discussion on our Catholic faith and related topics. That lively discussion will lead to the next half which will be the fun and friends portion. Food, entertainment, activities, athletics, and many other fun things will take place. Oh yes....and food. Food will ALWAYS be available!!

On the second and fourth (and fifth if there is one) Mondays, youth ministry will be a city wide event, including all Janesville parishes and their teens. The time is the same, 6:30-8:30, the format will be similar, friends will be abundant, and it will always take place at St. Patrick's parish center.

Remember....CATS is open to ALL teens of our parish .... there is no fee....you can come any Mondays you're available, and are not required to be there every Monday. This applies to our city-wide Mondays as well. And please ....bring friends. The more friends, the better discussions, the more fun!! Soon there will be a Sign Up Genius available and it would be great if you sign up because it helps us know how to plan for supplies, food, and so forth.

However...if you forget to sign up, no worries. Come anyway!  
Questions?  
Colleen Szerlong  
(608-752-7861 or [re@nativitymary.org](mailto:re@nativitymary.org))



## **Volunteers Needed for CATS**

To make our CATS, (Calling All Teens, our youth ministry program) events go smoothly and help everyone have a good time....we are seeking adults in our parish who are interested in volunteering to help with our CATS nights. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month beginning August 30, 2021, from 6:30-8:30pm.

If this is something you're interested in, please contact Colleen Szerlong, 608-752-7861 or [re@nativitymary.org](mailto:re@nativitymary.org), and talk with her. We would like to have at least two volunteers. Looking forward to hearing from you!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Religious Education Classes

If you've been wondering about Religious Education classes here at St. Mary's, no need to worry! We're working hard for our September 8 start. We will once again be meeting on Wednesdays. PreK-7th grade 5:45-7pm and Confirmation class from 7:15-8:30pm. Details and information on sign ups will be forthcoming very soon.

If you have a child you'd like to enroll, and have questions, please feel free to contact Colleen Szerlong at 608-752-7861 or [re@nativitymary.org](mailto:re@nativitymary.org) and talk with her. This year, we also are working to offer some adult discussions on various aspects of our faith during RE class time. So be looking for details on that also. And...if you are someone who has always wanted to share your faith, especially with our littlest disciples, call Colleen and talk about it with her. A desire to share your faith is the single most important qualification!! We are all disciples and God calls us to "Go Make Disciples"!! Here's a wonderful opportunity to do just that.



## Faith Sharing....Sharing Faith Weekly!

Here at St. Mary's, our parishioners share their faith freely and have been doing so for years. In fact, for the past 15+ years, we have a group that meets weekly to not only share their faith, but also discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings: what they mean and how they fit into our earthly lives and relationships with one another. When Sr. Mary Angela began the group, she gave it the catchy title of "Faith Sharing" :) and they've been going strong ever since. The group is open to any and all who are interested in growing their faith life and living as God wants us all to. The format is one of sharing what we each have to offer, along with some resources on the readings. No registration, no fees, just an openness to learning more about God.

What? Faith Sharing  
When? Every Tuesday, 10:30am.  
Where? Mac's Pizza Shack, Milton Avenue  
Why? To learn and love, and understand God's Word  
and grow our faith with friends.  
How? Come...just come!!  
We look forward to having you with us!

## RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

### What Exactly is RCIA All About?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you just wondering what being Catholic really means? Are you interested in finding out more about being Catholic? Do you have questions about how to become Catholic?

Join us after 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 22, 2021 in the Parish Hall, downstairs from church. We will gladly answer your questions and tell you more about the RCIA process. This is your time of discernment and we're excited to help you!

So join us for fellowship, questions and understanding of RCIA. See you there!



## Go Make Disciples

Heavenly Father,  
as you sent fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit  
on the Church gathered at Pentecost,  
so now send forth the same Spirit  
on the Diocese of Madison.  
Inflame us with wisdom and courage,  
evangelizing zeal, and greater charity,  
that we may be renewed in the Heart of Your Son  
and come to live ever more deeply  
Your Trinitarian life of sacrificial love.  
Through the Sacraments and Scriptures,  
in personal prayer and service of neighbor,  
may each of us be renewed for the sake  
of the saving mission of the Church:  
to proclaim the Gospel to every creature  
and make disciples in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Mass Intentions

Monday, August 9

No Mass

Tuesday, August 10

12:10 PM Hartzell Kas

Wednesday, August 11

8:15 AM Dennis Venable

Thursday, August 12

8:15 AM Bill Wolf Families 

Friday, August 13

8:15 AM Madeline Lepinski—2 Years

Saturday, August 14

4:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Sunday, August 15

8:30 AM Jim Ryan

10:30 AM E.V. Thomas

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## NEWS & NOTES

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

- ◆ End your summer with the best experience of your married life!
- ◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives you all the tools you need to have the best marriage ever!
- ◆ Sign up today to attend an in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Aug. 20-22 in Madison, WI; Sept. 17-19 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 15-17 in Madison, WI. There are virtual experiences on Sept. 13 thru Oct. 4 and Nov. 13-14.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



## FORMED

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***If we love one another,  
God lives in us,  
and His love is perfected in us.***

**1 John 4:12**

**Pray the Rosary**— Gather with the Knights of Columbus, following 8:30 am Mass, the first Sunday each month, beginning August 1st to pray the rosary together.