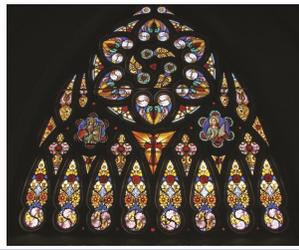


August 29, 2021 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

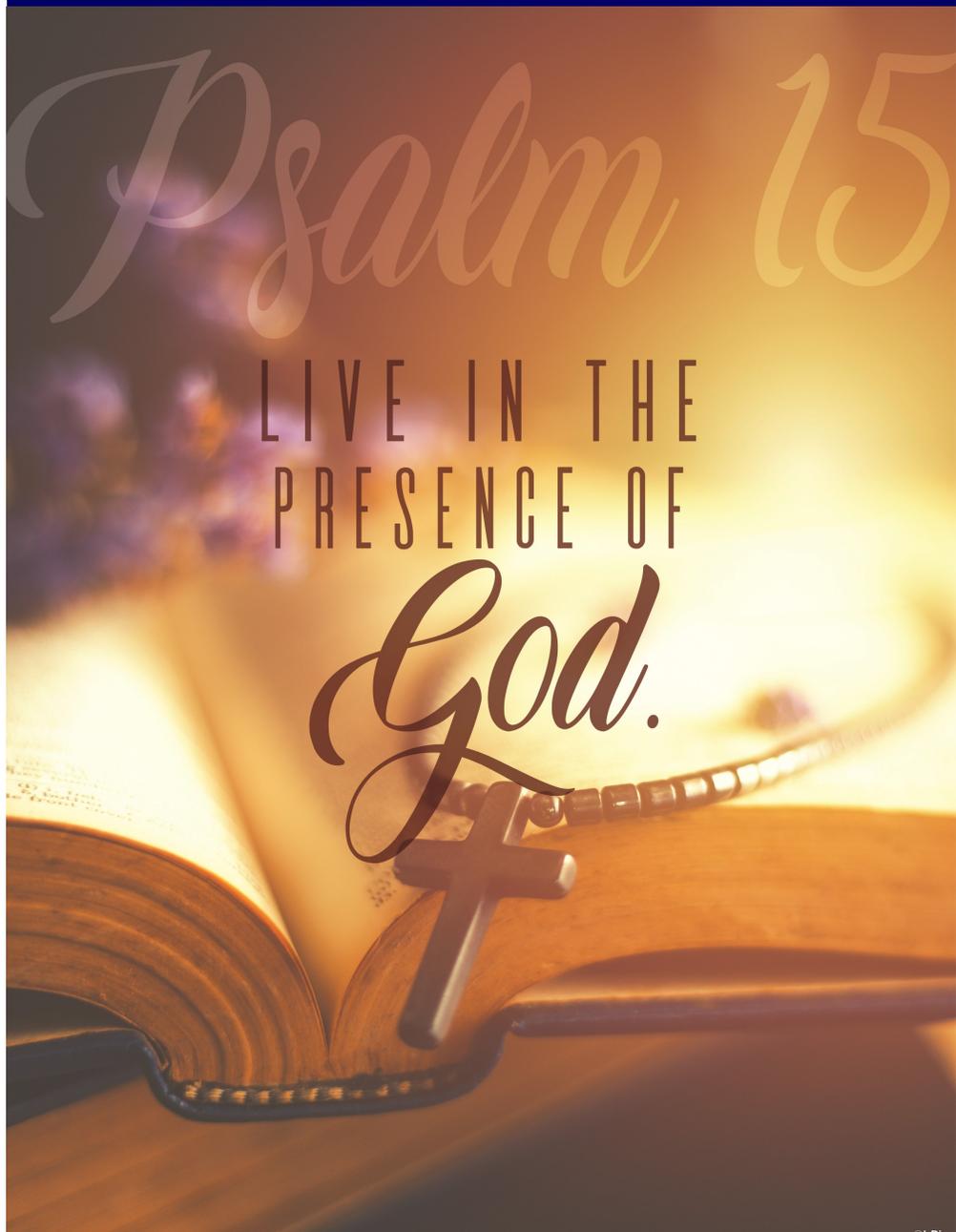
Sun. 8:15 & 10:00 am

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

New details can now be shared about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program here at St. Mary's. All four Catholic parishes in Janesville will be participating in a joint RCIA program conducted at St. John Vianney parish starting next month on September 21st. More information is included in this bulletin.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and considering being a candidate for reception into the Church is welcome to ask for more information and contact Kris Kranenburg at 608-755-1476 in these coming days. She will be directing the RCIA program for all the Janesville Catholic Churches which will include meetings at the participant's home parish, as well.

Any Catholic who may be interested in being a sponsor for an RCIA candidate is invited to contact their pastor. It is in sharing our Catholic faith that the Body of Christ is constantly renewed and allows the Lord to be present to those who sincerely seek Him with the help of the Holy Spirit through instruction, prayer and sharing.

Please pray for the success of RCIA 2021-22.

Msgr. Dan



2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

Status as of August 20, 2021

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

We have currently received pledges from parishioners totaling \$56,309.00.

We have already paid in \$54,557.31.

We have roughly \$1,700.00 left to collect in pledges made, and we will have reached our parish goal for 2021! The number of contributors from the parish is 135 at this time.

A sincere "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



Rock County has not yet issued a mask mandate for public places and schools. While masks are highly recommended by the CDC, state and local health departments, they are presently not required in our city and county. As we start school, St. Mary's is prepared to implement the previous year's mitigation efforts that include: the use of hand sanitizer, social distancing, attention to ventilation, and specific cleaning protocols. For the time being, with student's health and safety being a critical priority, all school staff will be wearing masks when they are in close contact with students. The School District of Janesville will also decide the next steps with wearing masks and other mitigation efforts. Please know that this matter is continuously reviewed, and if policy mandates are put in place, we will adjust accordingly to meet those legal requirements. Thank you to the parents who have already shared your comments regarding this matter.

I am confident to report that the teaching and learning of the children this year will be in the care of high-quality professionals who care about kids and can't wait to start teaching. My wife Lisa and I consider it a privilege and honor to coach and mentor them during their first year at St. Mary's.

Remember the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 29 will be a School Family Mass in which students, staff and parents will be involved in the music, and different parts of the liturgy. In addition, the annual Back-to-School Picnic will follow Mass outside in the school parking lot. Both events will be an excellent opportunity to see everybody again and meet the school staff.

As we edge closer to the start of the school year, we are reminded of a familiar passage from Proverbs that said, *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."* So the Lord continues to bless us here at St. Mary's School—Praise Be to God!

Dr. Kim Ehrhardt
Principal



**SCRIP cards can be purchased in the school office,
or online at ShopWithScrip.com**

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Ben, Michael and Randy, Bill, Valerie Boggs,
 Karen Bullis, Mary Casper, 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



Prayer Network

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.—John 14:1

Bring your cares to Jesus. Storm heaven with a string of prayers by calling Mary Ann 608-754-5284. Your prayer intention remains anonymous. No names are used as it is passed along, and taken to our Lord by the faithful, compassionate members of St. Mary's Prayer Network.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Wednesday 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.

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.

SCRIPTURE

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

 Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



Readings for Sunday, August 29, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 /
 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Readings for Next Sunday, September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

WHAT'S HAPPENING



**Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?
Have a spouse or loved one considering the Church?
Are you a Catholic who never received Confirmation?**

Join us for an informational meeting at St. John Vianney Church (1250 East Racine St in Janesville) on September 21st at 6:30 PM in Marian Hall.

Classes begin September 28. For more details, contact Colleen Szerlong at re@nativitymary.org or 608-752-7861, extension 104.

DISHES—We still have some dishes left from funeral luncheon food donations. If you think you might have some to pick up, the dishes will be out in the church hall. Come down after Mass and check. Thanks!

TRAVELING CHALICE

Thank you to all who signed up this past weekend to host the Traveling Chalice. Your willingness to host and pray for vocations is very much appreciated!! All of you will receive a reminder email as your week approaches. We have just a very few weeks left needing hosts: October 24, November 21, December 12 and December 19. We would love to keep those prayers flowing in a steady stream, so if you wish to host, please check out Sign Up Genius under Traveling Chalice and choose a week that works best for your family. If you prefer, you can simply call Colleen at the parish office, 752-7861 extension 104, and let me know which week you would like. Thank you again for all of your prayers!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4eadac2ea6fd0-traveling>

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, 8 am to 4:30 pm and ask about transportation resources.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 26

Nativity of Mary

Virtual Fall Fest and Sweepstakes 2021

Thank you to all who have already generously sponsored our Fall Fest!

More to come! Watch your mailbox for Sweepstakes information. We look forward to spending time together with you virtually, in September. Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and may God bless you all,

* 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Religious Ed. Registrations

Religious Education Classes Start Soon!

Our RE classes begin the week of September 15. We are now in the process of taking registrations. If you have a child who attends public school or is homeschooled, please make sure they are registered for religious education. You may register online via our parish website, nativitymary.org, or we have two opportunities for in person registration. On September 5, you can register between 9:30-10:15 in the Parish Hall. In person registration will also take place on September 8 at the school, from 5:45-7pm, along with our RE Parent meeting and Orientation. Lastly, there are registration forms in the back of the church which you can pick up and return to the Parish Office at your convenience. See you in September!!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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

THEOLOGY ON TAP

SEPTEMBER 17th at 7:00 PM
NATIVITY OF MARY CHURCH

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us on Friday, September 17, at Nativity of Mary Church for Venite Adoremus, a young-adult holy hour. The evening kicks off at 7 PM with Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and a short talk by Fr. Andrew Showers. Following the holy hour, we'll gather for fellowship, food, drinks, and music.

This event is hosted by the Janesville Catholic Churches. For more information, visit [facebook.com/CatholicsOnTheRock](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicsOnTheRock) or contact Kris at kkranenburg@sjv.org

CATS FLASH!!

Quick reminder: CATs parish kick off: Monday, August 30, 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Faith, food, fun, and friends. Bring a friend and be the coolest CAT in town!!

GO TO: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4EADAC2EA6FD0-catscalling>



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, and talk with her. We would like to have at least two volunteers. Looking forward to hearing from you!

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Ps 46:10

Stop talking
Switch off your phone
Stop commenting
Listen
Stop arguing
Stop questioning
Stop moaning

Stop doubting
Be sure
Have faith
No second opinion

God is Almighty
God is in control
God is love
God is King
God is my hope, rock, fortress
God is ever-present, a help in times of trouble.
God is my Father
God is my shepherd-
He will lead me,
nourish me, protect me & restore me.

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, August 30

No Mass

Tuesday, August 31

12:10 PM

Wednesday, September 1

8:15 AM Thomas M. Ryan

Thursday, September 2

8:15 AM

Friday, September 3

8:15 AM

Saturday, September 4

4:30 PM Dorothy Smith

Sunday, September 5

8:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

10:30 AM E.V. Thomas

Adoration

Friday, following 8:15 AM Mass

Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 PM

Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM

Current guidelines for Mass attendance:

Wearing a mask in church is strongly encouraged.

Whether or not you are fully vaccinated, wearing a face mask while indoors, in public spaces, will help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. This is the current recommendation from both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Rock County Health Department.

Those who are at greater risk of illness should stay at home and join us for Mass from there; weekend Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page, or look for the a video recording on 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 one another to stay healthy.

"Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

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.

NEWS & NOTES

Agrace is offering two professionally led, virtual (accessible with a tablet, computer or smartphone) grief support groups in September.

Bridges (virtual) is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. In September, it meets online September 1, 15 and 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

COVID-19 Loss Group (virtual) is for adults grieving a death related to COVID-19. It meets online every other Wednesday. In September, meetings are September 8 and 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is no cost to attend this group.

These groups meet online and are open to the public. There is no fee for people whose family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Pre-registration is required; call (608) 327-7118 with questions or to register.

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific.

Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. This is a ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Please join us. All are welcome.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

At Our Lady of the Assumption, Beloit

One-Day Spiritual Retreat:

October 9, 2021, 9:30am-7:30pm

For more information or to register,

call Laura Warzecha at (608) 362-9066 ext. 114

or check out the website: www.emfgp.org



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Good News! The premier online platform FORMED is filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

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