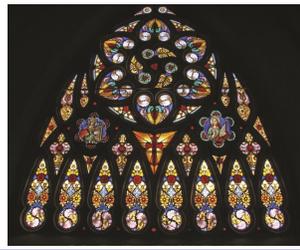




November 7, 2021 • Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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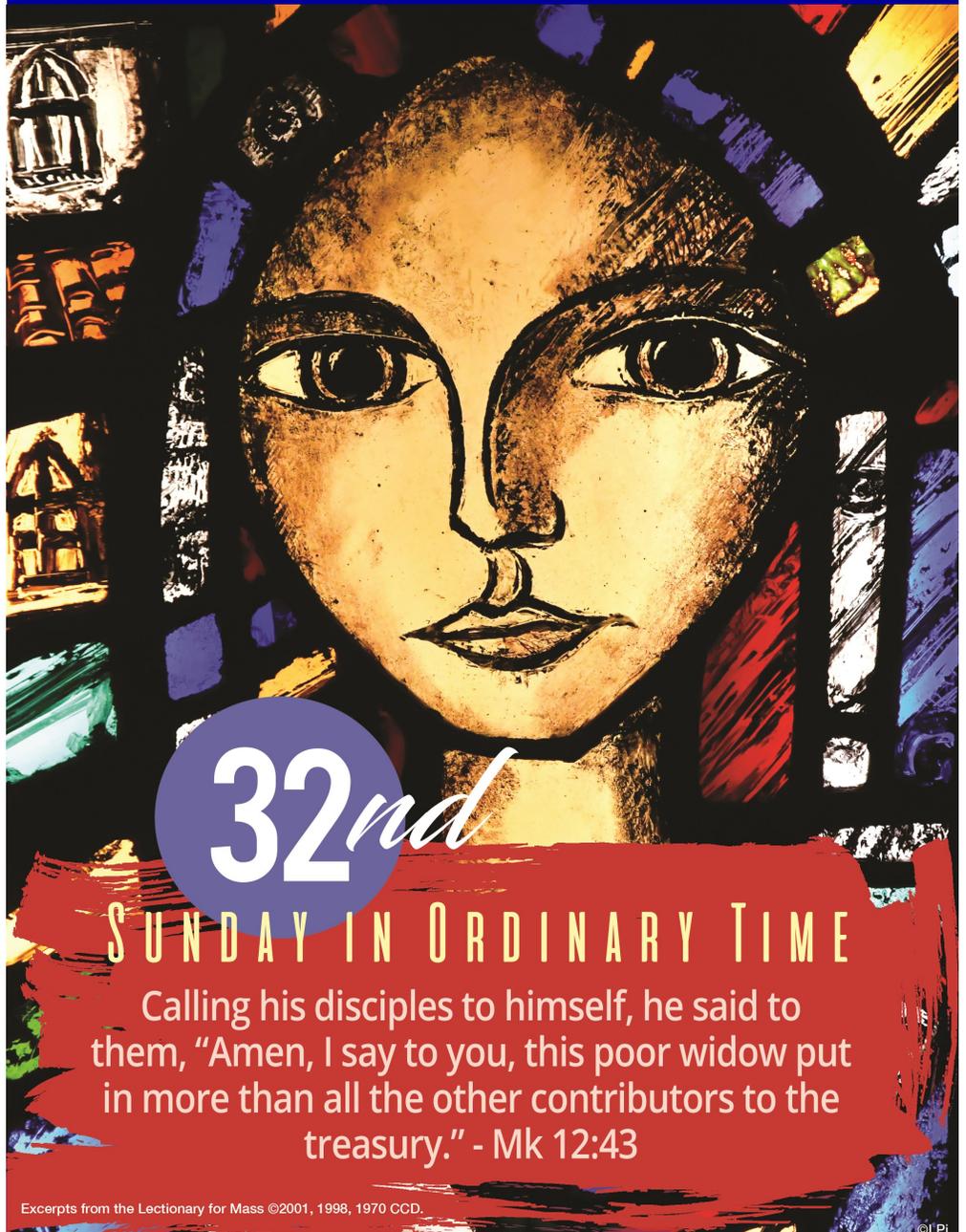
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Janesville/Milton Mass Times

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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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

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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

On this weekend when daylight savings time ends, we gain an hour back and leave evening lights on longer. Leaving a light on is a type of idiom that can connote waiting with patience and hope for someone's arrival. We all have probably experienced something like this when away from home and not sure of the return time.

A lamp is always glowing in my office window at Nativity House as an expression of invitation and prayerful waiting for those who have been away from our parish or the Catholic faith. Returning for anyone is going to happen when the time is meant to be for them and God. You and I, however, should always be prepared to extend a warm invitation to those away from the Church or to those who express interest in the faith when the time is right.

As we light our lamps this time of year, may it be a reminder to pray for those who are away and for their safe return to family and friends including their parish family.

Thank you to all who have completed the Disciple Maker Survey thus far. We still have a couple of weeks for the survey to be available online and in paper format here at church.

Msgr. Dan



"The correct definition of a good Catholic, is a Catholic who takes the salvation of his soul seriously."

- Fulton J. Sheen

Manager of Maintenance Services Needed

St. Mary's Parish and School is accepting applications for a Manager of Maintenance Services.

The role of this position is to maintain the physical facilities of the church and school in a condition of excellence, cleanliness and safety.

A one year certificate from a college or technical school; or three to six months related experience and/or training; or an equivalent combination of these is required.

Potential applicants can contact the parish office at 608-752-7861 or the school office at 608-754-5221 for a job description and an application.

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



Dear Parishioners,

The recent WRISA school accreditation visit for St. Mary School made for a busy week. The visiting team interviewed school staff, visited classrooms and reviewed the significant self-study document that details the operations of the school and parish. They also met with some of the members of the student council to gain a student perspective of the St. Mary School experience.

Preliminary results were positive and the team noted the following about St. Mary School: There is a very strong sense of faith, mission, and Catholic identity present; wonderful hospitality by the school and parish for the site-team, a collaborative and energetic spirit by the staff; students were great cheerleaders for their school, the strong and positive working relationship between the pastor and principal were noted in the preliminary remarks. Both the Finance Council and School Board also shared a number of positive comments during their interview. A published report is forthcoming that will detail more specific outcomes and recommendations for the future of our school.

The Home & School Association met and reviewed plans for the playground renovation project. The committee is working on a new fundraising effort.

The second rotation of Athletics is doing well. Currently we are participating in volleyball and basketball. Consider coming to the next game and cheering on your Lancers! Call the school office for game times.

In case you hadn't noticed on Facebook, the Halloween Parade and Great Pumpkin contest was frighteningly enjoyed by all our students who were involved. It was great to see so many parents come for the parade.

This past week was Vocations Awareness Week and this was an important topic in our Religion Classes. Our school is so fortunate to have Sr. Mary Ray (who attended St. Mary School) who visits our classroom each week. She shared her memories of attending St. Mary's School when she was a young girl and her early days in the convent. Also, Monsignor Dan visited classrooms to talk with the students about the need for Vocations in our church.

God Bless,

Dr. Kim Ehrhardt, Principal

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Valerie Boggs, Mary Casper, Noah Cotter, Sue Creek, Mary Lynn Fox, Gerri, LeeAnn Gilligan, Corbin Grieving, Hannah, Jackie H., Alice Jensen, Christine Ansier Katzer, Greg Kraft, Matt, Mary McGuire, Patricia Mosher, Jean O'Leary, 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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. (Mk 12:43-44)

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

Readings for Sunday, November 7, 2021

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44



Readings for Next Sunday, November 14, 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32

WHAT'S HAPPENING



God has sealed our young people in the Holy Spirit and His gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Pray for them as they go forth in life with faith.

L to R:
Front--Ava Spies Nina Johnson, Bridget Reilly, Cole Spies
Back--Addison Kessler, Jack Bertagnoli, Bishop Hying, Msgr. Ganshart, Jaxon White, Isabel Perry

FORMED

Highlight!
VOCATIONS

FORMED is our "online library", filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. All free to you.

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VOCATIONS

Interested in discovering God's call for your life?

The following are opportunities to meet at Holy Name Heights, 702 South High Point Road in Madison. For information, contact Lorie Ballweg in the Vocations Office at 608-821-3089, or email vocations@madisondiocese.org.

QUO VADIS—Men's Discernment Group

Join Fr. Greg for prayer, talks, discussion, food and fun! 6:30-9:00 pm on the following dates: December 10, 2021; February 11, March 11, and April 15, 2022.

St. Andrew Dinner November 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Bishop Hying and vocations Director Gregory Ihm, along with your Pastor, and including your father.

Come and Be Loved—

High School Ladies Discernment Evenings

Join religious sisters, consecrated women and married women for evening prayer, talks, discussion, pizza and adoration. 6:30-9:00 pm on the following dates: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22 and May 27, 2022.

Dinner with Bishop Hying and Religious Sisters

December 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Taize' Prayer St. Mary, Janesville

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night; As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.

After a long absence, the words of Marty Haugen's beautiful song welcome us back to Taize' Prayer at St. Mary. The shortened days and early evenings of November invite us to seek light and warmth and open our hearts to reflection. Our second-Monday-of-the-month Taize' Prayer experience will be on **Monday, November 8 at 7:00 PM**. As always, our time together will offer a chance to un-crowd our hearts and minds and refresh our spirits. Come and bask in the light of candles and the warmth of friendship, raise your voice in simple and prayerful songs, attend to God's message in Scripture, and listen in silence for God's voice in your heart.

Those who have participated in Taize' Prayer in the past will find most everything to be familiar. However, we do encourage those attending to wear masks, especially if they have not been vaccinated, and observe social distancing as before. It will be good to be together again.

CALLED FOR MORE—Parish Survey

Nativity of Mary is participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from **October 14 – November 22, 2021** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. The link is:
<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/kg9ktk>.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Msgr. Dan and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the entrances of the church and the parish office. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off in the collection basket or at the parish office. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the Parish office at 608-752-7861 x 100.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

E.C.H.O. JANESVILLE

*Life is an ECHO
what you send out,
you get back!*



September 2021 Snapshot:

34 months of Rent Paid to keep families housed
595 nights in a Local Motel for the homeless
256 seniors received a Senior Stockbox
287,280 Meals Provided

Thank you for helping ECHO's mission of meeting housing, food and other basic human needs and addressing the barriers to self-sufficiency.

November Needs:

Rice, Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Hormel Compleats, individual Fruit Cups, individual Veggie Cups.

Sponsor a Family for Thanksgiving for \$30

ECHO expects to assist over 600 families who are low-income. Sponsor a family by leaving a check with your church, or mailing one to the ECHO Office at 65 S. High Street in Janesville, 53548. Make checks payable to "ECHO Thanksgiving".

Basket Distribution is Saturday, November 20

Due to COVID-19, ECHO will not be accepting donations of cookies, or bars. **Please consider purchasing canned cranberries, green beans and corn** instead. Donations can be dropped off in the church, or at the ECHO Office. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in advance by calling Fran at 608-754-5333.

Would you like to adopt a family this holiday season?

Contact Jessica at 608-754-5333 or jlocher@echojanesville.org for details.

Christmas Toy Distribution

Due to COVID-19 and ensuring the safety of our clients, volunteers and staff, ECHO will be modifying their annual Toy Distribution. This year, ECHO is requesting monetary donations or GIFT CARDS from BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET. Parents will receive a gift card(s) to purchase presents along with a prepackaged goodie bag full of stocking stuffers and holiday cheer for children in need in our community.

Donations will be accepted now through December 9.

Last year ECHO provided 429 children with Christmas toys. ECHO also distributed Christmas trees and decorations to 52 families who otherwise would not have been able to afford these holiday extras. Please be a part of this holiday tradition.

Holiday wrapping paper is also needed. (Any toy donations received will be used for Birthday presents throughout the year, for children in need.)

NEWS & NOTES

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, November 8

No Mass

Tuesday, November 9

12:10 PM Hartzell Kas

Wednesday, November 10

8:15 AM E.V. Thomas

Thursday, November 11

8:15 AM Marguerite Dunne

Friday, November 12

8:15 AM Tom Ray

Saturday, November 13

4:30 PM Bill Close

Sunday, November 14

8:30 AM Lola Williams

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Adoration

Friday, following the 8:15 AM Mass

Confessions

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 PM

Saturdays 9:30-10:30 AM

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.

Cemetery Wreaths

As the holidays draw near, remember your loved ones by arranging for an evergreen wreath to be placed graveside. Order a long-lasting handmade wreath with pine cones and a bow. \$37 includes placement before Thanksgiving and removal in Spring.

Orders must be received by November 10. Wreaths are available for placement at Resurrection Cemetery in Madison, Mount Thabor and Calvary Cemeteries in Beloit, and Mount Olivet in Janesville.

To order, please visit madisondiocese.org/wreath or call 608-238-5561.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

◆ Take time every day to recall something to be thankful for in your marriage.

◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been teaching couples good communication skills for over 50 years!

◆ Sign up today to attend a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Nov. 13-14 or Dec. 4-5 or an in person Experience on Feb. 18-20, 2022.

◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Diocese of Madison RURAL LIFE LISTENING SESSION

Tuesday, November 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm at

St. Stephen Parish, 716 ShuLar Lane in Clinton

Rock County farmers, gardeners, cheese-makers, rural health care workers, interested rural community members and all who value the food, fuel and fiber produced locally are invited to share in a community dialogue **with Bishop Donald Hying**, addressing spiritual support and advocacy of those most directly impacted by the current farming crisis. Questions? Contact Tom Nelson, Rural Life Coordinator at tomnelson.art@gmail.com or 608-438-7154.

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)

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.

BULLETIN

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