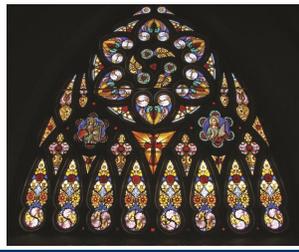




January 9, 2022 • Baptism of the Lord



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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

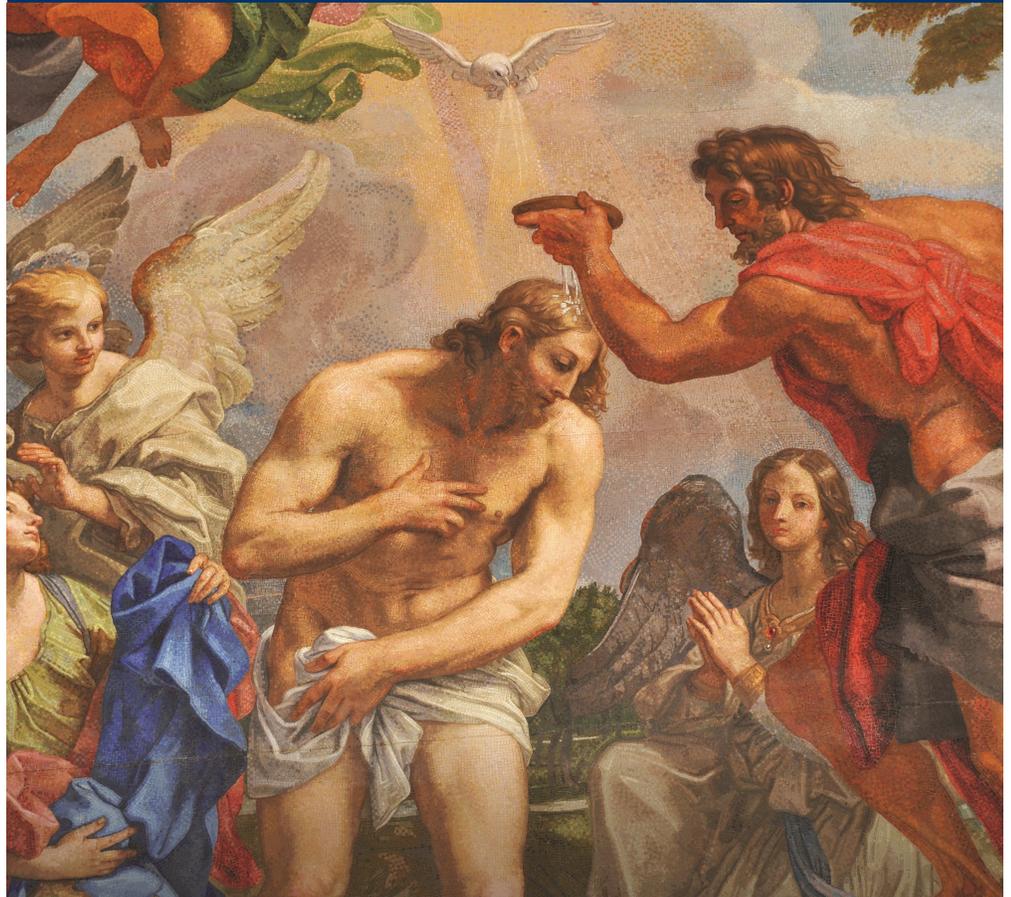
Spanish Mass - Sun. 12:00 pm

St. John VianneySat. 8:15 am
& 5:00 pm

Sun. 8:15 & 10:00 am

St. WilliamSat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am

St. Mary - Milton.....Sat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 8:30 am



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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

Baptism, the sacrament of initiation in the Catholic faith, happens for the newly born all the way to people of advanced age. We are encouraged to be baptized shortly after birth. Being freed from original sin, becoming a child of God, and having the gates of heaven open for us explains the importance of not waiting unnecessarily. When it comes to understanding the effects of this sacrament, you and I are humbled to realize that we take on the identity of Christ at Baptism. Imagine, we are, in a sense, made members of His team and more. We are chosen through the pouring of water, through the anointing with Holy Chrism, being clothed in the white garment and receiving the light of Christ to follow Him, to speak like Him and to live like Him. On this weekend, celebrating the Baptism of the Lord, we can reflect on how Jesus Christ has made the waters of our baptism holy. In so doing, we have been given meaning and purpose to our lives. A meaning and purpose that the world is unable to give. Let us never let our children miss out on having this lifelong friendship with Jesus from the start. Knowing our own baptismal date may be a good reminder of our true identity.

Msgr. Dan



PARISH CALENDARS—Our parish calendars for the year 2022 have arrived! The theme is "Feasts & Saints". It has been another challenging year, but we have so many reasons to look forward with great hope and prayer, and the Saints are there to guide us by their faithful example.

Thank you to the McDonald Law Office for generously donating the calendars, as they do every year. Calendars are located at the entrance to the church.



Thank you from Sr. Ruth

*My recovery from hip surgery is going very well. Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers, get well cards, phone calls, text messages, gifts, treats, support and help. I hope to be back visiting people soon.
Happy New Year! Sr. Ruth*

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



This year we have six families who have students who attend our parish schools on partial scholarships and we are still looking for donations to our scholarship fund. If you would like to donate, simply forward your check to St. Mary School for the amount you desire. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact school principal, Dr. Kim Ehrhardt at 608-754-5221.

SCRIP SALES AT MASS

The parents of St. Mary School students will be selling SCRIP gift cards at each Mass.

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is a fundraiser where you purchase gift cards to restaurants, retailers, and gas stations to raise money for our school. If you have a particular student you wish to support, you can even have part of the money go toward their tuition!

A parent volunteer will be available before and after Mass for you to purchase gift cards in person.

If you are interested in purchasing cards and a volunteer isn't selling that day, you can always contact the school to make a purchase arrangement. The school phone number is 608-754-5221.

If you are a parent interested in volunteering to sell SCRIP at Mass, please contact Amy Taubenheim at amy.taubenheim@gmail.com or 920-210-5693.

Thank you for supporting our students and our school!

***"All weather is good weather,
because God made it."***



-Saint Teresa of Avila



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, Kathleen, Christine Ansier Katzer, Matt, Mary McGuire, Patricia Mosher, Jean O'Leary, Pat & Mark, Richard Peck, Max Rammer, Fran Rivera, Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Andrew Stuehler, 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

Epiphany of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way.

The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased.



Readings for Sunday, January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Readings for Next Sunday, January 16, 2022

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Taize' Prayer: Canceled for January

After careful consideration concerning the continued threat of Covid infection, the decision has been made to cancel Taize' Prayer, which had been scheduled to be held on Monday, January 10 at St. Mary's. We will continue to monitor the situation, and will return to the prayer, as soon as it is completely safe to do so. Thanks to all for your understanding as we move through this very fluid and anxious time.

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A speaker series for adults in their 20s & 30s
Thursday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.
Riley's Sports Bar and Grill, Janesville, WI
Speaker: Fr. Tim Mergen
Topic: Naked Without Shame

Theology on Tap is a Catholic speaker series designed for single and married adults in their 20s and 30s. It provides an opportunity for young adults to gather for food, drinks, fellowship, and discussion on topics related to faith and life—all in a relaxed, casual environment. Bring a friend. Grab a drink. Join the conversation. And have a great time exploring the faith and meeting others with similar interests and values. 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

Men's Silent Preached Retreat

February 4th (Fri.) – February 6th (Sun.) 2022
Redemptorist Retreat Center
Theme: “Healing in a Wounded World”
www.redemptoristretreat.org
262-567-6900
1800 N Timber Trail Lane
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

The Redemptorist Retreat Center is happy to welcome members of the Nativity of Mary Parish and other area parishioners on the weekend of February 4-6, 2022. We will explore how we can find hope in the midst of our worldly challenges.

Consider spending a weekend at the beautiful Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, WI. Join men from our community for renewal, reflection, fellowship, peace, and quiet time with our Lord. Mark your calendar for **February 4th - 6th**.

There are retreats throughout the year. If this weekend doesn't work for you plan on attending another one (Feb 18-20 or 25-27, Mar 4-6 or 11-13, Apr 8-10)

Carpooling is available leaving from Nativity of Mary, Janesville, upper parking lot @ 4:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 5th.
Check in Friday 6:15 pm, Orientation 7:15 pm
Concludes after Mass and lunch
(about 1:00 p.m. on Sunday)

Donation: \$230.00 includes private room, board, and materials. To register call Santo Carfora @ 756-1815 or contact the retreat center at the above contact information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you to ALL the parishioners who donated so generously toward our Christmas decorations.



Those who gave in memory or in honor of a loved one are listed below.

FROM:

Ms. Carol Ambrose

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ansier
Mrs. Marsha Austin
Mrs. Carolee Birschbach
Mrs. Maria Caya

Mrs. Sharlet Collins
Mrs. Helen Conway

Mrs. Dolores M. Dilley

Miss Tricia Dooley

Mr. William Dooley

Ms. Laurie Dooley

Mr. & Mrs. Steven A. Ellis
Mr. & Mrs. Mario Galassini

Mr. Kevin Gams
Mrs. Frances Groene

Mr. Randall Hanssen
& Mr. Robert Urquhart

Mrs. Mary Jo Helbing
Mrs. Rose Husen

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Isackson

Ms. Elizabeth Jordan

Mr. Roger Kent

Mrs. Betty Klukas

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Kraft

FOR:

Elmer Ambrose,
Dorothy Ambrose
Cole Ansier
Robert C. Austin
Donald Birschbach
Charles Steed,
Eva & Paul McNally,
Ed & Althea Steed,
Mimi
Robert W. Warner, Jr. Family
Martin Conway,
Catherine Conway Grebe
Jerry Dilley,
Ray & Josie Lippens,
Barb & LeRoy Drost
Alice C. Dooley,
John F. Dooley,
Jeffrey W. Dooley,
Bernard J. Dooley,
Mary I. Dooley,
James T. Dooley
James Dooley,
Bernard & Mary Dooley
Jack & Claire Damrow
Nate Real,
Gaetano Fetel,
Susan Leader,
Fr. Steve Umhoefer
Lynne Loots
LeRoy Groene,
Bob & Doreen Trunnelle
Mr. & Mrs. Willard J. Wonka,
Dan Buckner,
Mr. & Mrs. Don Urquhart
Gabby Hanssen-Urquhart
Butch Helbing
Margaret Obligato,
James Husen
Dorothy & Charlie Smith
Ruth, Rolf, Ralph, and
Jerry Isackson
Nick & Betty Quint,
Nick Quint, Jr.
Bernard & Mary Dooley,
James Dooley,
Jeffrey Dooley
Don Klukas,
Alma Butler
Virginia Taube,
Kenneth Taube,
Charles Kraft,
Gerdie Kraft

FROM:

Mrs. Beverly Liston

Mrs. Anne Lucey

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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Murray
Mr. & Mrs. James Peterson

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Mrs. Kathleen Steed

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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Szerlong

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Thompson

Mr. Christopher Villalpando/
Mrs. Jennifer Hussli
Mr. & Mrs. David Voegeli

Mrs. Patricia Wagner

Mrs. Carol Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Wirth
Mrs. Beverly Zahn

FOR:

Howard Liston,
Gladys Francis,
Leo Francis
Lucey Family,
Gini Fitzgerald,
M. Johnson Family,
Fr. Steve Umhoefer
Thomas G. Mair,
John & Janet Prusansky
Jim Martelle,
Alice & Roy Murphy
Jack & Claire Damrow
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Dolores Coyne,
Melvin Peterson,
Jean Peterson
Rollie Royce
Paul & Gertrude Arner
Mr. & Mrs. Felix Zukaitis,
Sandra Zukaitis
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dobbs,
Mr. & Mrs. Murl Spence
Charles Steed,
Paul & Eva McNally
Frank & Marie Weix,
Edward & Dorothy Sudmeier,
Gary & Connie Lazachek,
Mike & Virginia Pavlovich
Jessica Lynn Szerlong,
Caleb Roch Sumpter,
Deacon Steven Hayes,
Fr. Steve Umhoefer
Franklin & Mary Babcock,
Gary Babcock,
Mary Pat Babcock
Villalpando Family,
St. Mary School
Mary Heitsman,
Willis Kreger,
Sheryl Kreger,
Brenda Kreger
Gene Wagner,
Mary Lou Hainstock,
Anne Lucey,
Margie Krause,
Edward Williams
Frusher and Wirth Families
Dan Zahn,
Bob & Janette Zahn,
Claire & Marilyn Kersten,
Shirley Steele

NEWS & NOTES

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, January 10

No Mass

Tuesday, January 11

12:10 PM No Mass

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 AM No Mass

Thursday, January 13

8:15 AM No Mass

Friday, January 14

8:15 No Mass

Saturday, January 15

4:30 PM Special Intention ♥

Sunday, January 16

8:30 AM Bernard Reilly

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

No Mass

Monday-Thursday, January 11-14

Confession

NO CONFESSION Wednesday

Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM

Adoration

NO ADORATION Friday

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 the parish office, 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.

Prayer of Protection by James Dillet Freeman

The Light of God surrounds me.

The Love of God enfolds me.

The Power of God protects me.

The Presence of God watches over me.

The Mind of God guides me.

The Life of God flows through me.

The Laws of God direct me.

The Power of God abides within me.

The Joy of God uplifts me.

The Strength of God renews me.

The Beauty of God inspires me.

Wherever I am, God is!

St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Milwaukee invites you to participate in a Mass of Healing and Anointing in honor of St. Peregrine—patron saint of cancer sufferers and caregivers. The Mass is held the first Friday of every month at 12:10 PM for those who are able to attend in person. A livestream link is also available in the information below for those who wish to be spiritually nourished through the Word of God, but may not be able to physically attend.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a celebration in which those who are seriously ill or infirm are surrounded and supported by other members of the Christian community, whether at home or in the church. The Mass concludes with a special healing ritual with the Litany of St. Peregrine and all individuals who seek healing of mind, body, and spirit are welcomed.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call or email Blessed Sacrament at the information below. The parish is honored to serve you during these most difficult times in health with this important Sacrament of healing through the intercession of St. Peregrine.

Blessed Sacrament Congregation

3100 S 41st Street, Milwaukee / Phone: (414) 649-4720

Email: peregrine@blessedsacramentmke.org

Web/Livestream:

<https://blessedsacramentmke.org/peregrine>

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.

*A Sunday
well spent,
brings a week
of content.*

