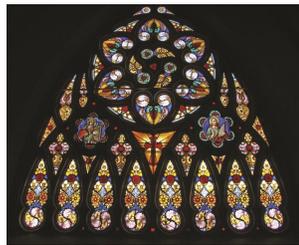


January 16, 2022 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

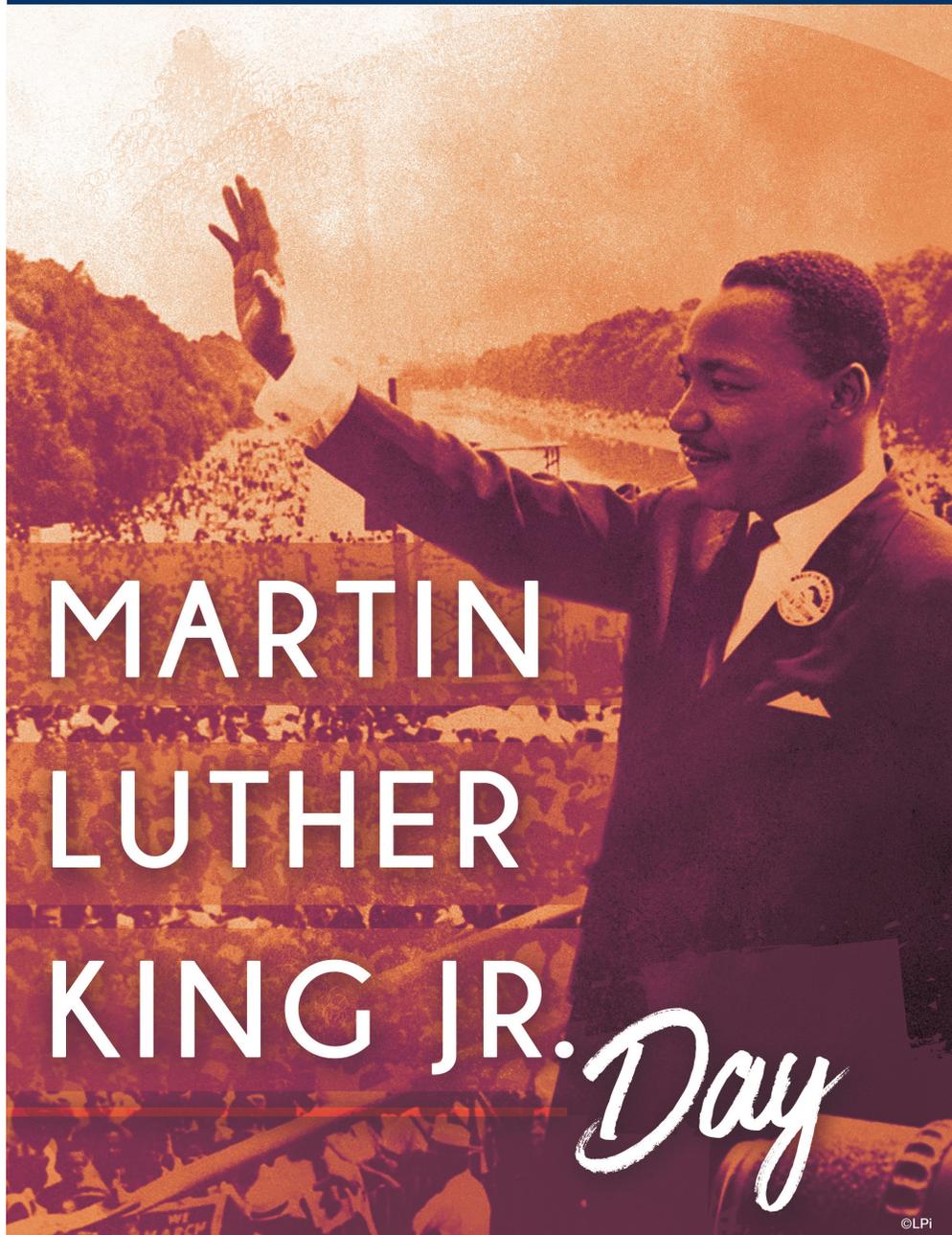
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St. William .....Sat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am

St. Mary - Milton.....Sat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 8:30 am



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*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 .....*

Next Saturday, January 22, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All of next weekend is a sad reminder marking the date when abortion was legalized in the United States by the ruling of our Supreme Court.

Again, it is important to emphasize that the loss of any pregnancy can be devastating for the parents involved. We must always emphasize the need and importance of reaching out to all who suffer in this way. We recognize the effects of such a difficult experience and desire to help. At the same time, we strive to dissuade any and all people from condoning abortion on demand. This is because the civil right to human life is God given from natural conception to natural death.

To be understanding. This human quality, to be an understanding person, consistently rates among the top three things people most want to see in others. We must come to an understanding where abortion is concerned. There is no situation, when it comes to unborn human life, where it is possible to misunderstand that a unique, unrepeatable person, created in the image and likeness of God already exists and is destined to be born and grow and thrive from the moment of its first breath until its last.

Let us pray for an end to the legalization of abortion and for the legal protection of all unborn human life.

Msgr. Dan



## NEWS & NOTES

### St. Mary School



Happy New Year,

I hope that everyone had a restful break and had a chance to catch up with family and enjoy the beauty of the Christmas season.

The Omicron variant continues to shatter records in the U.S. This past Wednesday, the country recorded a staggering 885,000 cases, and experts say the peak is still weeks away. On the local scene, Rock County reached a record number of active COVID-19 cases and announced it received the first allocation of oral antiviral COVID-19 treatments molnupiravir and Paxlovid to treat patients with mild to moderate cases. I had a chance to meet the County Health Departments this week and review the revised policies for responding to the virus which includes changes in quarantine policies. It was agreed that with the high rate of community spread, our best approach is to stay vigilant on our existing protocols at school and for parents to continue to do the same on the home front. **If students present any symptoms, do not send them to school and contact the school before students return to school.** Thank you for your continued support with this important effort as we respond to individual family situations.

We will start the World's Finest Chocolate Sale on Thursday, January 13 thru January 31. Monday, January 17, 2022, no school is held for Martin Luther King Day Holiday.

Our next family Mass will be Sunday, January 30, 2022, as we kick-off Catholic Schools Week. Stay warm and stay healthy. God Bless!

## FORMED

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, as member of St. Mary's church.

**To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:**

Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>

Enter our parish's zip code, 53545

Enter your name and your email address



### **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*

# 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

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



## Readings for Sunday, January 16, 2022

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

## Readings for Next Sunday, January 23, 2022

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 / Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

- ◆ What are your priorities for the new year?
- ◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives the tools for a strong vibrant marriage.
- ◆ Start your new year out right and sign up today for a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on January 8-9; in person Experience Feb. 11-13 in Madison, WI or April 22-24 in Brookfield, WI.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website



*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"*

*-Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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

**Bridges** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. In February, meetings are February 2 and 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

**Spouse/Partner Loss Support Group** is a six-week grief support group series for adults whose spouse or partners has died. It meets Mondays, February 14 to March 21, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

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.

## 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://facebook.com/CatholicsOnTheRock) or contact Kris at [kkrankenburger@sjv.org](mailto:kkrankenburger@sjv.org)

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## Men's Silent Preached Retreat

February 4th (Fri.) – February 6th (Sun.) 2022  
Redemptorist Retreat Center  
Theme: "Healing in a Wounded World"  
[www.redemptoristretreat.org](http://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



**Cross Catholic  
OUTREACH**



We welcome Fr. Gabriel Lormeus of Cross Catholic Outreach, who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Fr. Gabriel Lormeus was ordained to the priesthood on July 26, 1986, and is a priest of the Archdiocese of Cap-Hatien, Haiti. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theology. Fr. Gabriel's experience includes work in trauma centers, ICU and SICU; he possesses a CPE Unit 1 License and volunteers for Vitas Health Care, while working towards the completion of his CPE at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Florida.

His Pastoral work involves celebrating Mass throughout the Archdiocese of Miami and the Diocese of Palm Beach, and is a weekly presider at St. Malachy Church in Tamarac, Florida. Until 2014, he held the role of Vicar at St. Mary and St. Ann parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Fr. Gabriel is fluent in French, Creole and English. He looks forward to meeting U.S. Catholic communities to share God's love for the poor.

## NUN RUN February 18 to 20, 2022

With Cistercian, Nashville Dominican and Handmaid of the Heart of Jesus Religious Sisters .....

We will travel from the Diocese of Madison, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Prayer, Adoration, Visiting with Religious Sisters, helping with some daily chores, Mass and meals.

Registration: [vocations@madisondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@madisondiocese.org)  
For more information: Theresa Klinkhammer  
[Theresa.klinkhammer@ambroseacademy.org](mailto:Theresa.klinkhammer@ambroseacademy.org)



### CATHOLIC HERALD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Catholic Herald, official newspaper of the Diocese of Madison, is looking for a full-time administrative assistant with duties in secretarial/reception, circulation, editorial/production, writing/photography, and advertising areas. Microsoft Office, Adobe, layout design, and database experience helpful. Knowledge of the Catholic Church required. Excellent benefits. Send a cover letter with resumé by February 13 to:

Kevin Wondrash, Editor  
The Catholic Herald  
Attn: Administrative Assistant Position  
702 S. High Point Rd., Ste 121  
Madison, WI 53719-4926  
Or: [info@madisoncatholicherald.org](mailto:info@madisoncatholicherald.org)

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SATURDAY JANUARY 22, 2022  
11:00AM - 12:30PM  
ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
JANESVILLE

# NEWS & NOTES

## Mass Intentions = Living

**Monday, January 17**

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 18**

12:10 PM No Mass

**Wednesday, January 19**

8:15 AM No Mass

**Thursday, January 20**

8:15 AM No Mass

**Friday, January 21**

8:15 No Mass

**Saturday, January 22**

4:30 PM Rollie Royce

**Sunday, January 23**

8:30 AM Virginia Larson

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

### No Mass

Monday-Thursday, January 17-21

### 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.

**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.

## 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](http://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.*



## 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](mailto:peregrine@blessedsacramentmke.org)

Web/Livestream:

<https://blessedsacramentmke.org/peregrine>