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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



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

*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 .....*

Bishop Hying visited our school this past week and delighted our principal, teachers, students and staff by his presence and always inspiring and encouraging words.

As you know, he was in Janesville to conduct a parish mission at St. John Vianney parish for five days. Hopefully many of you were able to attend in person or virtually. It will be a Lent we all remember when the Bishop came to town and spoke to our hearts and minds about our Catholic faith in relation to the world around us as believers in Jesus Christ. Jesus, who suffered and died for us out of love. Our thanks go out to Bishop Hying for this memorable week.

Speaking of Bishop Hying, he will be here at St. Mary's for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11th. He will also rededicate our refurbished St. Mary's tower bells while here that day.

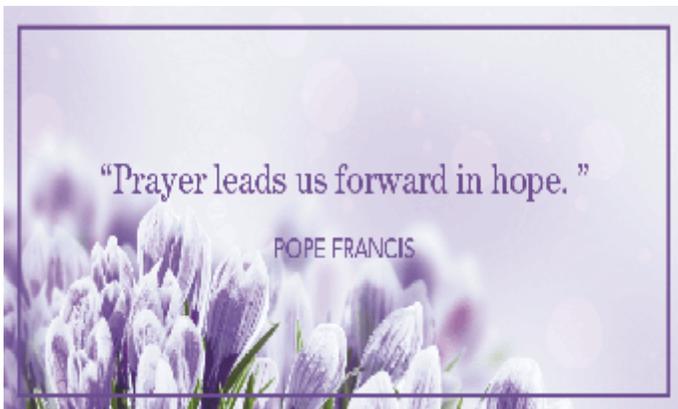
May you all be having a good Lent.

Msgr. Dan



***“May Mary, our guide on the Lenten journey, lead us to even deeper knowledge of the dead and Risen Christ, help us in the spiritual combat against sin, and sustain us as we pray with conviction, Convert us to you O God, our salvation.”***

***- Pope Benedict XVI***



## NEWS & NOTES

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### Catholic Women's Club Scholarship

The Janesville Catholic Women's Club is offering scholarships for high school seniors who are active members of the four Catholic parishes in Janesville.

Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and a relative or friend who is a member of the club. Selection will be based on active involvement in the Catholic Church, academic standing, and other extracurricular activities in the school and community.

Funds are raised at the club's Dollars for Scholars Card Party, usually held twice a year. Applications are available at the Parker and Craig guidance offices or by contacting Jan Bier at [tbierfam@gmail.com](mailto:tbierfam@gmail.com) and are due by April 1, 2021.

For further information, for a list of current members, or if you are home schooled, call Jan at 752-4387.



*Rick Santillo* was recently called to eternal life.

Please remember him, and all who mourn the loss of a loved one, in your prayers.

# FOCUS ON FAITH

## Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Bill, Valerie Boggs, Karen Bullis, Noah Cotter, Sue Creek, Gerri, LeeAnn Gilligan, Corbin Grieving, Jackie H., Alice Jensen, Ken Kitelinger, Rosemary Ludwig, Pat & Mark, Mary McGuire, Patricia Mosher, Richard Peck, Max Rammer, Heather Saalfeld, Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Andrew Stuehler, Tammy, Cory & Barb, Edna Thorp, Mary Tullis, Avalon Widner



**A word about home visits:** Due to the pandemic Msgr. Ganshert and Sr. Ruth will not be making pastoral visits to the hospital, nursing homes, or to those who are homebound except for people who are end of life or are very seriously ill. If you, a family member, or someone you know fits this description, please contact the parish office at 608-752-7861.

## 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 868-6386 or irishcatholic56@gmail.com.

## Catholic Women's Club

Contact Jan Bier at 752-4387 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 of Lent

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.



**Readings for Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

**Readings for Next Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 20:1-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25



# Lenten Season

## LENT AT A GLANCE 2021....

### Nativity of Mary Parish

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm, and Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Donations to the **Special Collections** should be placed in a separate envelope or marked in the memo section of the check.

**Feb. 27 & 28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Special Collection: Project 16:49**

**March 05, 2021 – Friday**  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
8:45 a.m. Adoration  
9:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross

**March 06 & 07, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Special Collection: House of Mercy**

**March. 12, 2021 – Friday**  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
8:45 a.m. Adoration  
9:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross

**March 13 & 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Special Collection: Healthnet**

**March 18, 2021 – Thursday**  
**6:15 p.m. Communal Penance Service: St. William**

**March. 19, 2021 – Friday**  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
8:45 a.m. Adoration  
9:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross

**March 20 & 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Special Collection: Our Sister Parish**

**March. 26, 2021 – Friday**  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
8:45 a.m. Adoration  
9:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross

**March 27, 2021 – Saturday**  
**9:00 a.m. Communal Penance Service: St. John Vianney**

**March 27 & 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday**

**March 31, 2021 – Wednesday**  
2:00 p.m. "Living" Stations of the Cross with School Students **4**

**April 01, 2021 - Holy Thursday**  
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – 6:15 p.m.

**April 02, 2021 - Good Friday**  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:00 p.m.

**April 03, 2021 - Holy Saturday**  
Mass for the Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

**April 04, 2021 - Easter Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
10:30 a.m. Mass

**April 11, 2021 - Sunday**  
**1:30 p.m. – Reconciliation**  
**3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Mass**

### Stations of the Cross

Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, following the 8:15 Mass and 8:45 Adoration.

Friday, March 5 at 9:15 am  
Friday, March 12 at 9:15 am  
Friday, March 19 at 9:15 am  
Friday, March 26 at 9:15 am



**Living Stations, with St. Mary School students**  
**Wednesday, March 31 at 2:00 pm in the church.**

### Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence

- Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.
- Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Our Lady of the Assumption Drive-thru Fish Fry

Friday, March 5 and all Fridays during Lent,  
4:30-6:30PM. \$10.00/person. 2 pieces baked or fried cod,  
baked potato or French fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce  
and bread.

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## LENTEN SPECIAL COLLECTION

It has been the custom at Nativity of Mary Parish to take a second collection each Sunday during Lent. Please consider giving toward these as a concrete way of showing love and care for others.

Next weekend, we will be collecting for **House of Mercy**.

The House of Mercy is a homeless center in Janesville that provides short-term emergency shelter to single women and families along with access to housing, job placement, and child care resources. Since 1996, the Center has served over 6,300 individuals, half of whom are children. It is usually filled to capacity, with a waiting list.

5 Learn more, or to volunteer, visit at [MercyHealthSystem.org](http://MercyHealthSystem.org).

## Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

### Monday, March 1

No Mass

### Tuesday, March 2

12:10 PM

### Wednesday, March 3

8:15 AM Mary Farley

### Thursday, March 4

8:15 AM

### Friday, March 5

8:15 AM John & Kathleen Fischer

### Saturday, March 6

4:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

### Sunday, March 7

8:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. George Barry

10:30 AM Mary Jo Fox

## Current reminders about attending Mass

If you will be attending Mass, please note the following guidelines from Rock County and the Diocese of Madison:

Those parishioners at risk (over 65 or anyone with a health condition) are strongly encouraged to stay home.

Attendance will be first come, first seated. Our maximum occupancy, observing social distancing, is 100 people.

***Wearing a face covering at all times is required in the church & school, including during Mass.***

As always, if you or a family member are not feeling well, please stay home and rest.

Together we can do our part to help everyone in our community stay healthy!

## Wearing Masks in the Communion Line

Parishioners, please continue to wear your masks while in the communion line at Mass. The Vicar General of the Diocese of Madison advises, "A communicant should only remove one's mask in preparation to receive Holy Communion as the person immediately in front of the communicant is receiving Holy Communion. So, the communicant should keep one's mask on in the communion line prior to that point in time. The communicant should shortly thereafter resume the wearing of the mask after receiving Holy Communion."

Also, please remember to maintain a distance of 6 feet between you and the person in front of you in line.

Thank you for your cooperation. We wish to keep all of our parishioners and guests safe.

***"Are you capable of risking your life for someone? Do it for Christ."***

***- Pope John Paul II***

## 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 608-449-7736.

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.



## Wanted: Pray-ers

If you are a person of prayer, have compassion, and have a phone, you are eligible. The prayer network needs more members. Members receive a phone call with a prayer intention, pass the intention on to the next person, and then prays for the intention.

For more information and to volunteer, call Sr. Ruth at 752-7861 Extension 103 or Many Ann Venable at 608-754-5284.

## Spring Cleaning at Mount Olivet Cemetery

runs from March 15 to April 15.

If you have any decorations that you wish to keep, please remove them before March 15. All remaining decorations will be removed and discarded.

Decorating regulation information is available at each entrance to the cemetery, and at the office between 8am and 4pm, Monday – Friday.

You can also make an appointment with our Family Service Counselor to start making your arrangements. Call 608-754-3472 to make an appointment, or visit [madisondiocese.org/cemeteries](http://madisondiocese.org/cemeteries).



**Thursday, March 4 (ZOOM)**

6-7 pm Catechumenate

NO CLASS Inquirer/Catechumenate

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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