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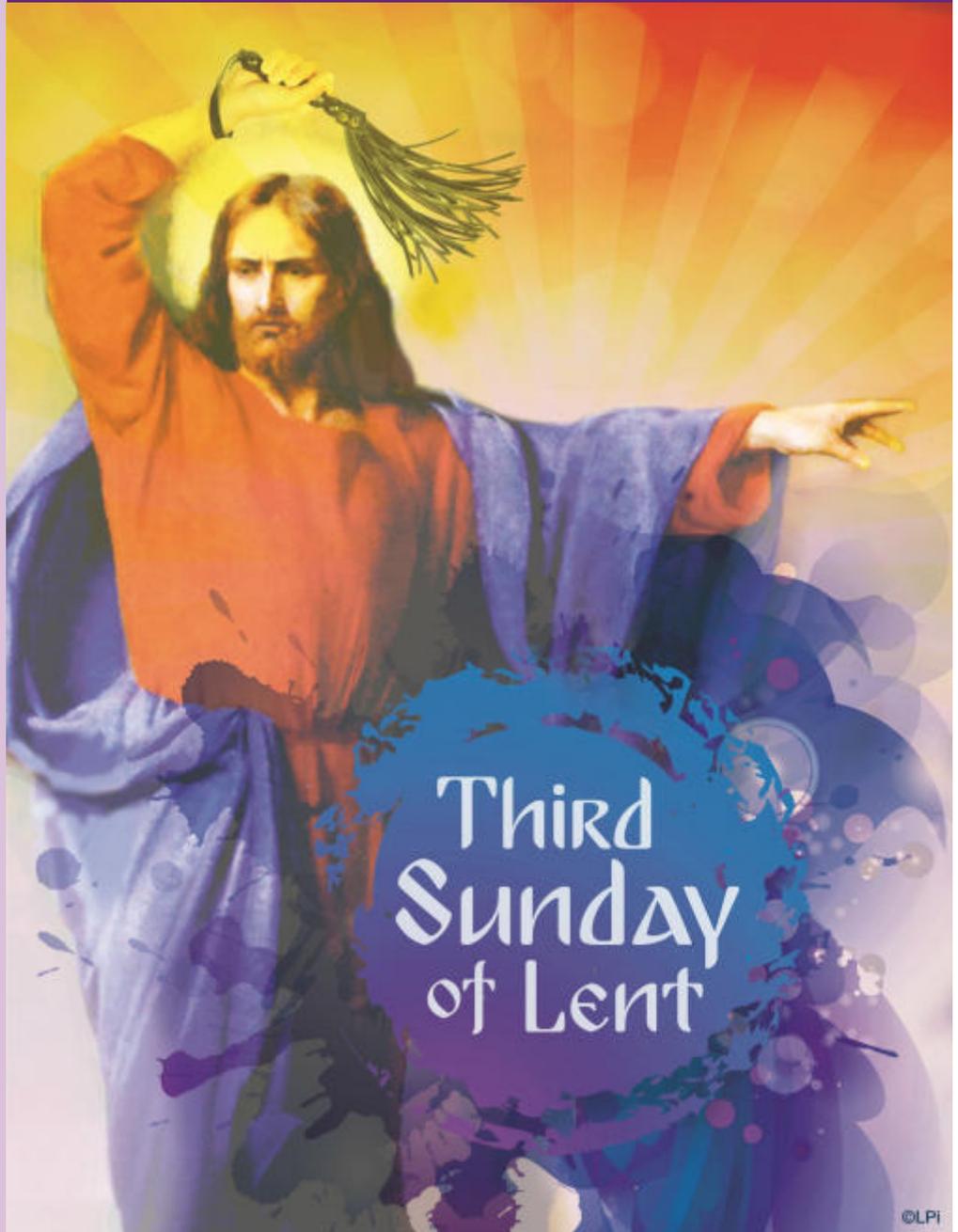
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Nativity of Mary Sat. 4:30 pm
 Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am
 St. Patrick.....Sat. 7:30 am & 4:00 pm
 Sun. 9:00 am
Spanish Mass - Sun. 12:00 pm
 St. John VianneySat. 8:15 am
 & 5:00 pm
 Sun. 8:15 & 10:00 am
 St. William.....Sat. 4:00 pm
 Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am
 St. Mary - MiltonSat. 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

Next Sunday afternoon, our candidates from St. Mary's along with those from St. Paul's, Evansville, will join with those at St. Williams, Janesville, for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Hying.

Our young people have been preparing these past months by attending weekly classes under the direction of Mrs. Jan Bier and Mr. Dan Bekta from our parish. This also included attending a retreat day at Camp Gray along with various ways of learning how to make their Catholic faith active in daily living.

Please pray for these young people that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may come upon them next weekend through the power of this sacrament. We want their faith in Jesus Christ to guide them throughout life with wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord. May they be filled with the joy and peace of knowing God's love and mercy for all their days to come.

Msgr. Dan



"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with your spirit, with your whole being."

-Fr. Thomas Merton

2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

Status as of February 26, 2021

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

We have currently received pledges from parishioners totaling \$24,894.00.

We have already paid in \$15,227.33.

This leaves us with a balance of approximately \$41,000.00 remaining to meet our parish goal for 2021. The number of contributors from the parish numbers 91, at this time.

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



The students and staff of St. Mary School continue our Lenten Journey with the theme of Helping Hands. This past weekend at Mass we learned about the depth of Abraham's love for God and the miracle of the Transfiguration—we pray the Holy spirit will guide us this Lenten season towards loving others.

Students in the school are engaged in the annual Penny Wars Competition with the proceeds going to help the homeless. Our Lenten challenge this week is to surprise somebody by doing a task or chore that they would normally have to do for themselves.

It's hard to believe that we are starting our third and final trimester for the year. God has blessed us with allowing our school to stay open all year without interruption.

During the month of March St. Mary School invites families to enroll at our school for the 2021-22 school year by completing the enrollment forms including in the family packet. The deadline for completion of the enrollment is April 14, 2021. New families to our school should contact the school office at 608-754-5221 and ask for enrollment information. Thank you.

Dr. Kim Ehrhardt, Principal



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 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.

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

Third Sunday of Lent

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(Jn 2:19)

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, March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Readings for Next Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21



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.

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

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 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

Rite of Election

On Sunday, February 21, our parish RCIA candidates made one of their final steps toward becoming full members of the Catholic Church. At 10:30am Mass that morning, as a parish, we saw them go through the Rite of Sending, preparing them to go to the Rite of Election that afternoon.

In Waunakee later that day, they and all other candidates from around the Diocese, gathered together at St. John the Baptist to be welcomed on the final leg of their journey to Catholicism by sponsors, priests and Bishop Hying. Each of them experienced the Word, prayer and a welcoming homily by Bishop Hying, as well as meeting him. They now enter the final weeks before Easter Vigil, where they will receive their sacraments and become full members of the Church.

Please continue praying for Angie Kent, Roger Kent, Robert Bouziane, Laurie Dooley and Lindsey Bittorf during these weeks of Lent. Also, keep in your prayers their sponsors (Mark Giese, William Dooley, Colleen Szerlong, Debbie Giese and Pat Brotzman), who have been wonderful spiritual mentors along their journey.

Lenten Communal Penance Service
St. William Catholic Church
Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:15 pm

Private Reconciliation
St. Mary's Church
Tuesdays 5-6 pm
Saturdays 9:30-10:30 am



Confirmation

After a four month COVID delay, our students will finally receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Our confirmandi, along with students from other parishes, will meet with Bishop Hying on Sunday, March 14, at St. William's church. They have been waiting patiently for this day.

Please keep them in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit fill their lives with the gifts of knowledge, fortitude, understanding, piety, counsel, wisdom and fear of the Lord.

Jackson Adams
Samantha Buchner
Caden Cleasby
Ethan Diddens
Haden Fox
Matthew McBride
Avery Minard
Luke Minard
Jocelyn Rammer
Claire Reilly
Nolan Sullivan
Lauren Weigel
Jaden White



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 **HealthNet**.

HealthNet of Rock County is a free medical & dental clinic serving Rock County individuals who have no health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, or Medical Assistance.

When low-income and underinsured individuals utilize the emergency department for primary health care, the out-of-pocket medical expenses leave many individuals & families bankrupt.

Learn more at www.healthnet-rock.org

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BELOIT DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY

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.

Go to www.olabeloit.com or call the OLA Parish office

5 At 608-362-9066 for details.

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, March 8

No Mass

Tuesday, March 9

12:10 PM Hartzell Kas

Wednesday, March 10

8:15 AM Jim Martelle

Thursday, March 11

8:15 AM

Friday, March 12

8:15 AM

Saturday, March 13

4:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Sunday, March 14

8:30 AM Jessica Lynn Szerlong

10:30 AM Mrs. E.V. Thomas ♥

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.



Thursday, March 11 (ZOOM)

6-7 pm Catechumenate

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Explore Catholicism and discover a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, by joining the Church. Contact Colleen Szerlong at 868-6386 or irishcatholic56@gmail.com.

Thank you ♥

A huge thank you to John, Laura, and Morgan Worachek, Greg & Sandy Kraft, Cathy Turner, Albert & Nancy Hansen-Bennett, and Sally Churchill for an awesome carryout community meal for ECHO on February. 28th. Great job, everyone!

Easter Baskets for Children

ECHO will be packaging and distributing Easter baskets to children who would otherwise go without during this most blessed holiday.

Items needed for the baskets are:

- Children's Easter baskets
- Individually wrapped candy
- Plastic eggs
- Plastic basket wrap

Items can be dropped left in the ECHO basket by the entrance to church, or taken directly to ECHO during their regular business hours, by March 26.

To volunteer, please call Fran at 754-5333.



LOVE BEGINS HERE

Local, Life Changing Mission Trips

Love Begins Here is a local mission opportunity for our middle and high school students run by the Madison Diocese. It happens every summer, and it gives our youth an opportunity to put their faith into action.

Groups of students are sent to a parish in the diocese for a week of service, faith, and camaraderie. According to the website, "Love Begins Here" launched on June 21, 2009. That summer, we had 56 missionaries take to the streets of the Madison Diocese. After twelve years of growth and guidance from the Holy Spirit, over 600 missionaries served on LBH trips in 2019. To this date, Love Begins Here has given over 120,000 hours of service to those in need - materially and spiritually - in the Madison Diocese."

We have signed up to work with the other three parishes in Janesville. Our high school students will work here in Janesville from June 13 - 18. Our middle school students (current 8th graders are in this group) will work in Edgerton from June 20 - 23.

Registration runs from January 11 to April 28. Please check out the following link for more information on registration. <https://www.madisondiocese.org/lbhregistration>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 752-7861 ext. 104 or re@nativitymary.org.

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