

September 19, 2021 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

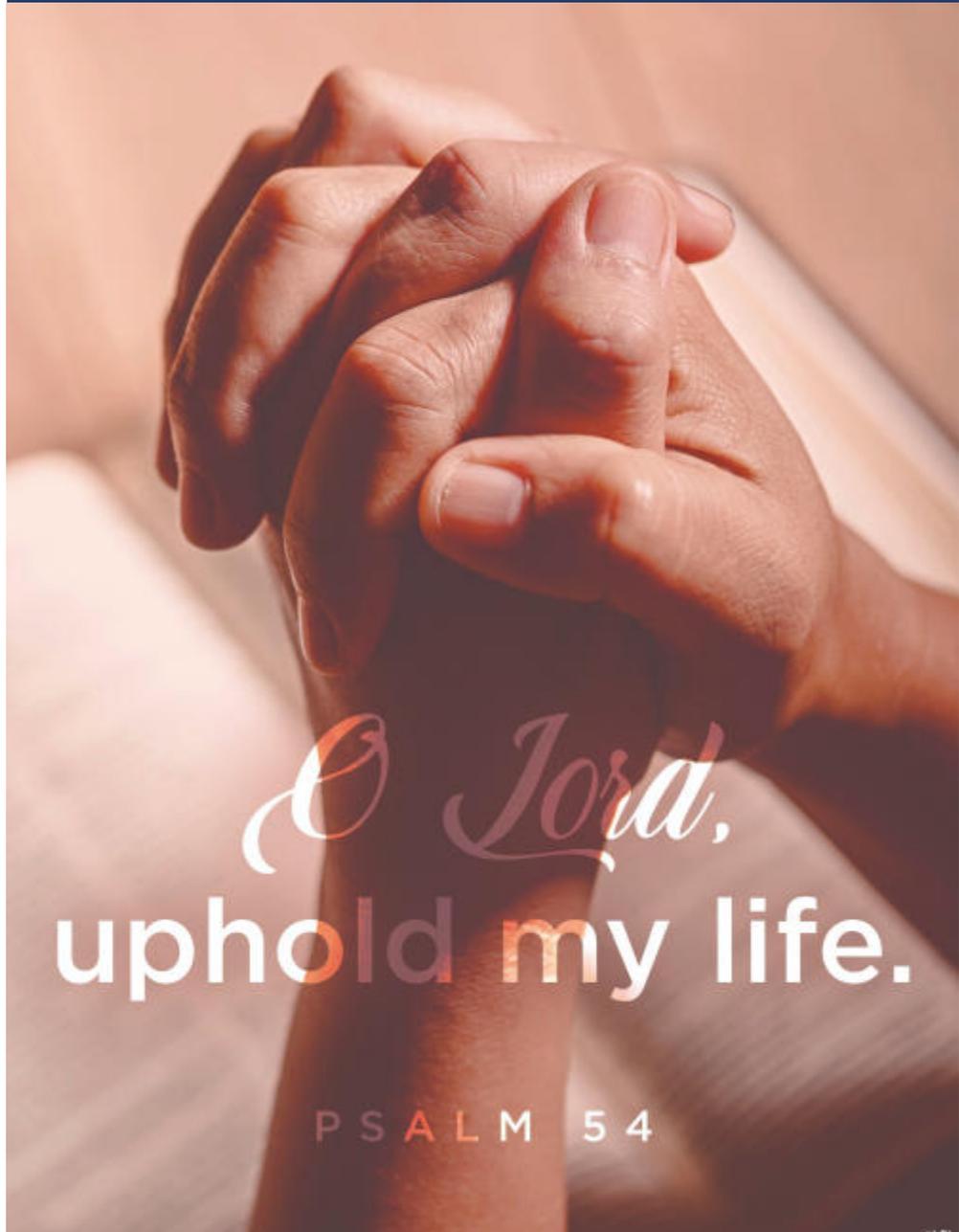
Spanish Mass - Sun. 12:00 pm

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



O Lord,

uphold my life.

PSALM 54

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

Once again, the annual assembly of priests in the Dells will be held person to person. Last year's virtual gathering allowed for priests to attend in person at St. Francis Parish, Cross Plains, if they so chose to do so. As you know, all of our presbyterate, including the retired priests, has met for this three day conference for many years now. The days include time for general sessions with guest speakers on various topics. Usually dealing with updating Church guidelines, theology, liturgy, diocesan operation proposals, among other topics.

More important, however, is how this meeting of the priests with their bishop contributes to our spiritual and fraternal spirit. Praying together, sharing meals and free time along with celebrating priest's anniversaries and remembering those who have died makes this time with one another a much needed and welcomed experience for all of us.

Please pray for all of us priests this coming week and thank you for all of your many prayers all the time. Be assured of my prayers for all of you this coming week and always.

Next weekend will find us drawing the winners of the Sweepstakes prizes at our Virtual Fall Festival. Your support and participation have been outstanding! May it be a successful and fun event for us all!

-Msgr. Dan



2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

Status as of September 2, 2021

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

We have currently received pledges from parishioners totaling \$56,309.00.

We have already paid in \$54,707.31.

We have roughly \$1,500.00 left to collect in pledges made, and we will have exceeded our parish goal for 2021! The number of contributors from the parish is 135 at this time.

A sincere "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



Dear Parishioners,

It has been said that Hurricane Ida collectively has been more destructive than hurricanes Katrina, Ike, Delta and Zeta combined. In response, the Diocese of Madison is doing a collection for those who are suffering from this catastrophic event. St. Mary's school will be participating in this effort.

Our hot lunch program is running smoothly this year under the capable leadership of our new lunch coordinator, Mr. Danny Villalpando! We also greatly appreciate parent lunch program support this week from Jennifer Cunningham, Jason Frederickson, Michael Pierce, Janet Dabson, Seena Stelter, and Aniello Di Iorio.

Last week was our first Home & School Meeting and we will continue the practice of having them virtually. Agenda items will include approval of a new budget, a discussion about playground equipment restoration and replacement, plans for fundraising, and setting the dates for Sunday family liturgies.

Matt Dabson has agreed to take up the reins of directing athletics for St. Mary's School. He has been attending league meetings and getting up to speed with the different duties of the position. For those of you interested in lending your time and talents in the athletic arena, please consider attending the Athletic Board meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the teachers room of the school.

Finally, a special welcome to the twenty-eight new families that have joined the St. Mary's School family for the 2021-22 school year. They include the following:

- 6th grade, Alexander Olvera
- 4th grade, Aaliyah Douglas
- 3rd grade, Amirah Gray
- 2nd grade, Emily Trezek,
- 1st grade, Violet Frederickson
- Kindergarten, Allison Trezek
- P4J, Gracey Drescher, Evelyn Gams, David Hanus,
- Cooper Josleyn, Scarlett O'Meara. Ezekiel (Zeke) Tyrrell,
- Ariana Urlaub
- 3K, Logan Bowers; Parker Cullen, Hazel Gams,
- Grace Geldard, Jocelyn Maechtle, Scarlet Moore,
- Harper Mulligan, Aden Pipitone, Sonja Powell,
- Charlotte Pregont, Lyla Snell, Oliver Spielman,
- Bailey Trace, Roman Thayer and Alivia Wright.

- Dr. Kim Ehrhardt, Principal

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners

Ben, Michael and Randy, Bill, Valerie Boggs,
 Karen Bullis, Mary Casper, Noah Cotter,
 Sue Creek, Mary Lynn Fox, Gerri,
 LeeAnn Gilligan, Corbin Grieving, Hannah,
 Jackie H., Alice Jensen, Christine Ansier Katzer,
 Greg Kraft, Mary McGuire, Patricia Mosher,
 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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.



Readings for Sunday, September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

Readings for Next Sunday, September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Next Weekend!

Sunday, September 26

Nativity of Mary

Virtual Fall Fest and Sweepstakes 2021

**Thank you to all who have so
generously sponsored our Fall Fest!**

The Sweepstakes drawing will be held at 12:30 pm, LIVE on Facebook. Tune in for a showcase of friendly faces, our very own musical talent, and a reflection of St. Mary's Church throughout the years.

Sweepstakes tickets must be returned by the conclusion of each Mass this weekend, September 18/19th. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling brats and hot dogs, so don't miss your free drive-thru meal!

We sincerely appreciate your contribution!

Catechists needed!!

Our Religious Education program has just begun, and we're excited to have our parish children join us and grow in faith. However, we have a catechist who is no longer available, as well as several new students. This leaves us in need of at least 2 catechists for our elementary students. If you feel called to teach our youngest parishioners, please let me know right away. We meet Wednesdays from 5:45-7pm. You can contact me at re@nativitymary.org or 752-7861, x 104.

Blessings,
Colleen Szerlong
RE Director

Job Opening: REPORTER, FULL-TIME

The Catholic Herald, official newspaper of the Diocese of Madison, is looking for a full-time reporter. The ideal candidate will have excellent writing, reporting, and communication skills and be willing to accept a variety of tasks. Schedule flexibility is necessary because of some weekend and evening assignments. Must be willing and able to drive around the 11 counties of the diocese. Experience preferred in photography, layout/design, photo editing, and Web and social media content management. Knowledge of the Catholic Church required. Excellent benefits. Send cover letter with resume, references, and three writing samples by October 15 to:

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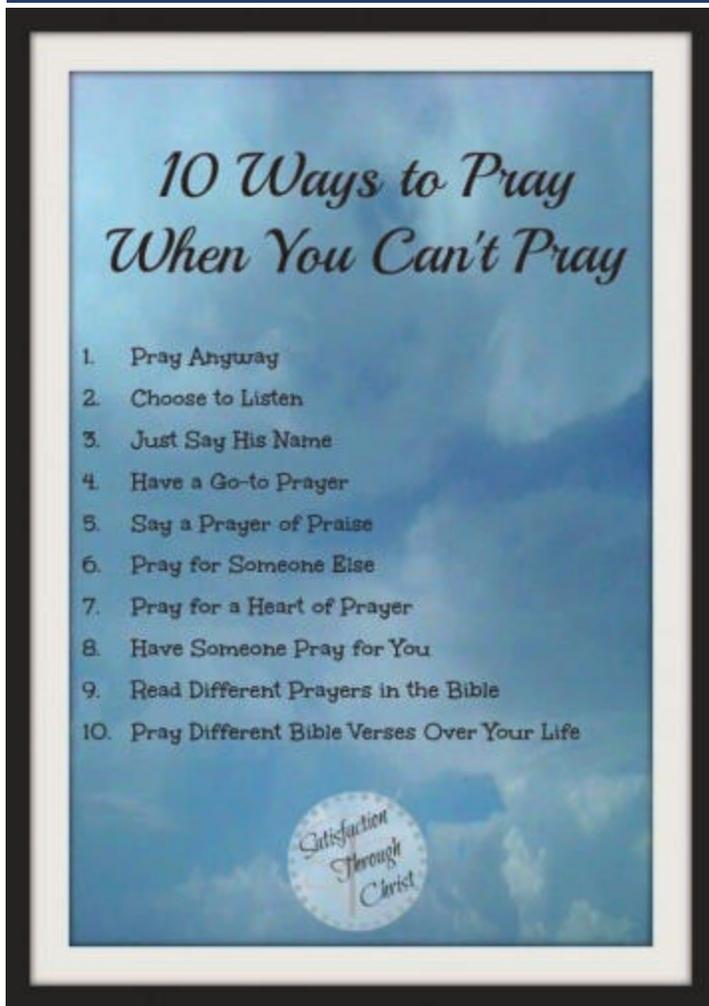


**Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?
Have a spouse or loved one considering the Church?
Are you a Catholic who never received Confirmation?**

Join us for an informational meeting at St. John Vianney Church (1250 East Racine St in Janesville) on September 21st at 6:30 PM in Marian Hall.

Classes begin September 28. For more details, contact Colleen Szerlong at re@nativitymary.org or 608-752-7861, extension 104.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



**“Where a man’s heart is,
there is his treasure, also.”**

- Saint Ambrose



Our **Catholic Update** program, for parents and parish adults, will run from 6-6:30pm each Wednesday in room 315 of our school. Catholic Update is a quick half hour on timely, relevant and often wondered about Catholic topics. There will be a brief 10 minute lesson, a handout or two, and then time for Q & As. Please join us in chatting and learning more about being Catholic, and helping us all to grow in love and faith!!

TMIY—THAT MAN IS YOU

An all-new men’s program has just begun, featuring new speakers, new topics and new discussions, this program is worth a look.

IT IS TIME TO CLAIM YOUR ROYAL DIGNITY AND INHERITANCE THY KINGDOM COME

Discover that God is not of this world, yet lies within you. Usher in a new way of living and become the leader your family, our Church and our world need you to be!

10 top-notch speakers will lay the groundwork. You and your small group - your band of brothers for the journey - will take it from there. Together, you can discover the greatest treasure of the human heart and allow it to permeate every facet of your life!

Come check it out - try it for a few sessions and see what you think. Bring a friend. Let us know you are coming so we can add you to our coffee/refreshments count! Contact Jerry Oleston at jgoleston@sbcglobal.net, or 754-5226.

We look forward to seeing you for Thy Kingdom Come!

Wednesdays September 15, 2021
through December 15, 2021
(It’s never too late to join us!)

Marian Hall at St. Johns Church -
1236 East Racine St

5:30 am:

Fellowship time; serving coffee and muffin/roll.

6:00 am:

30 minute video; small group table discussion.



Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, September 20

No Mass

Tuesday, September 21

No Mass

Wednesday, September 22

No Mass

Thursday, September 23

8:15 AM John Miklus

Friday, September 24

8:15 AM Lee Marklein

Saturday, September 25

4:30 PM Bill (8 Years) & Margaret (9 Years) Hein

Sunday, September 26

8:30 AM Dan Zahn

10:30 AM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Please Note:

No Daily Masses

Tuesday, September 21 and
Wednesday, September 22

No Reconciliation

Saturday, September 18 or
Wednesday, September 22

No Adoration

Friday, September 24

NEWS & NOTES

Afghan Refugee Assistance

Funds collected will be used locally, including the Ft. McCoy Army Installation in Wisconsin, where a great many of those displaced are currently being sheltered, guided, and cared for.

To donate, visit the Diocese of Madison website at <https://madisondiocese.org/donate>, and select "Afghan Refugee Assistance". **Or**, mark your donation "Afghan Refugee Assistance" and leave it here with us at St. Mary's. We will be forwarding these donations to the Diocese.

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10:18-19)



Marriages

Hunter Nikolai & Tammy Piotrowski
September 4, 2021

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.



Ignatius Leo McDonald
Son of Matthew & Danielle
September 12, 2021



Rest in Peace

Carol Vesely and Donald Birschbach were recently called to eternal life. Joseph Viertel and Elizabeth Ann Welch have been laid to rest as well.

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

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