

September 26, 2021 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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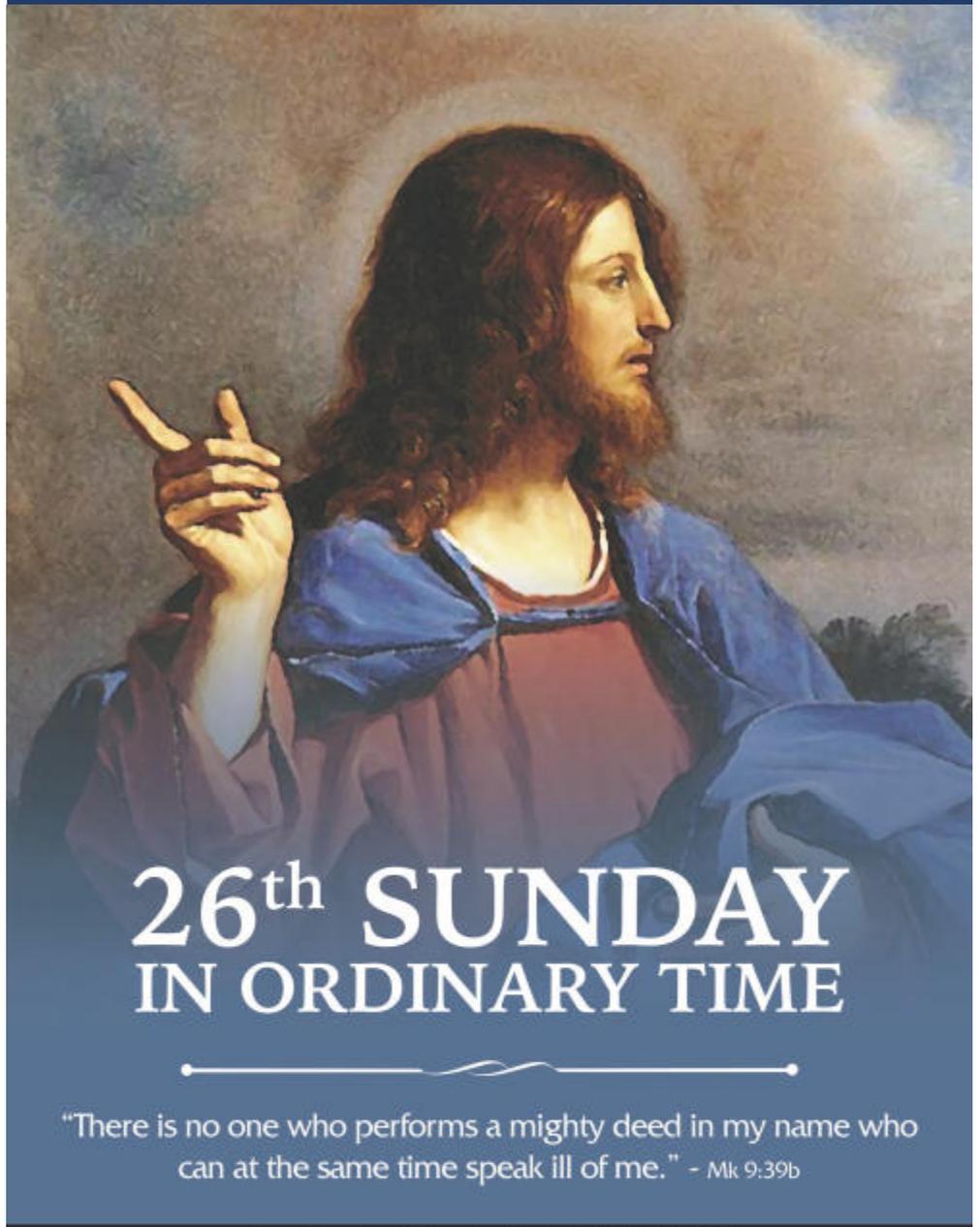
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Nativity of MarySat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am
St. Patrick.....Sat. 7:30 am & 4:00 pm
Sun. 9:00 am
Spanish Mass - Sun. 12:00 pm
St. John VianneySat. 8:15 am
& 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:15 & 10:00 am
St. WilliamSat. 4:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am
St. Mary - Milton.....Sat.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



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

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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

Our 2021 St. Mary's Virtual Fall Festival and Sweepstakes Sunday Weekend has arrived!

All are invited to enjoy this annual event, once again, as a time to look back and ahead to all the good days that have been with the promise of more to come. Next year will hopefully find us able to stage a more traditional festival right here on our beautiful campus as in the past. For now, we express our thanks to this year's committee for their excellent planning and creative ways that allow everyone to be involved in the festival fun and excitement, once again. May you all be lucky at the festival prize drawing and thank you for making our first sweepstakes fund raiser a big success!

Some sound engineers are coming next month to assess our speaker system in church. Because the liturgy is so focused on hearing what is spoken and sung it behooves us to make it as clear and understandable as possible. We will keep you informed as to what, if any, recommendations may result from this study.

-Msgr. Dan



Respect Life Sunday

Each October the Catholic Church throughout the United States observes Respect Life Month.

Beginning on Respect Life Sunday, Catholics across the nation join together to witness the inherent equality and transcendent value of every human being from the moment of conception to natural death.

Next weekend, October 3-4, the Respect Life Collection will be conducted in our parish. The envelope was included in those mailed to your home; you can simply mark an envelope for this purpose as well.

Your help in supporting this collection is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide.

NEWS & NOTES

St. Mary School



Dear Parishioners,

The Home & School Association recently met under the leadership of our new president, Jeannette Schimke. The annual Steeple Chase will be on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 12 noon at Riverside Park. Matt and Janet Dabson again are Co-Chairs for this event. T shirt order forms, as well as other related information was included in the Parent Envelope that went out this past Wednesday. Pre-Registered participants will receive a T-shirt with their registration.

Also, at the Home & School meeting it was announced that a sub-committee is being formed to develop a plan to replace the existing playground equipment. Dalila Jacque and Kari-Ann Buehl are Co-Chairs for this effort and they are looking for association members to join a sub-committee whose purpose will be to help make recommendations about the project. The group is working with a private contractor to assist them with the project.

St. Mary School is continuing to work with the Rock County Health Department concerning school safety planning as we continue to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. As part of that plan, we continue to schedule for mask breaks during the school day. Our campus is fortunate to have several outdoor sites that can be used for outside instruction. All physical education classes are now being taught outside and many of our teachers have been using the "great outdoors" and "beautiful weather" to teach and provide mask breaks for our students.

Please plan to rejoin us at the next school Mass on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. The sixth grade is in charge of leading us in worship for that liturgy. Also, there will be no school this coming Friday, September 24, 2021. Teachers will be attending the annual Diocese Education Conference in Fort Atkinson with Bishop Hying being a featured speaker at the conference.

In celebration of the 15th day of school we are planning a fun assembly to take place outside on Thursday, February 23, 2021. Some of the events will resemble the games we played last May at the all school picnic. Mr. Larson has agreed to be our leader for the event. Parents are also invited to attend and if you are interested in helping out, please make contact with Mr. Larson by calling him at 754-5221 X126. This will be an athletic wear casual day.

- 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.



Readings for 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

Readings for Next Sunday, October 3, 2021

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Tune in this 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.

We sincerely appreciate your contributions!



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!!



St. Mary School

40th Annual Steeple Chase

When: Sunday, October 17 at 12:00 pm
(Please arrive before 11:30 to receive shirts and tags)

Where: Start and Finish at Riverside Park, Janesville

Distance: 2 Mile Walk/Run

Divisions: 8 & under; 9-12; 13-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70+

Registration: (Pre-Registration preferred)

\$15 in advance (per person)

\$20 day of race (per person)

\$70 Family Registration

Advanced registration closes Thursday, October 7

Limited ace day registration 10:30-11:30 am

To pre-register, contact Matt Dabson at 608-290-4666 or m.dabson@yahoo.com, or stop by St. Mary School.

All pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt.

To maximize our fundraising efforts, there will be limited t-shirts available on the day of registration.

Please bring extra money for raffle prizes.

Awards will be given for first through third place in each category. Door prize drawing among all registered participants after the race!

This is a FUN RUN! Walkers are welcome! We encourage you to bring the whole family and your friends! No one should feel he/she can't participate. Plan to stay and enjoy the festivities, the beautiful city park and friends!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Health & Safety of all people on the grounds is our top priority. Please remember to practice social distancing before, during and after the event.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Our Mission

To provide Compassionate and Caring Services to the poor and vulnerable in our communities.

With over 15 programs in 11 counties in southern Wisconsin, our programs help those who are aging, living with a disability, experiencing mental health challenges, dealing with addiction issues, facing nutrition insecurity and experiencing homelessness, and more.

For more information about our services, visit catholiccharitiesofmadison.org or call 608-826-8000.

"Jesus calls His disciples to serve the needs of the poor and suffering with generous compassion. The Scriptures remind us that the measure of how we stand with God is how much we love others, especially the marginalized. Catholic Charities is the charitable arm of the Diocese of Madison, by which all of us live out the Gospel call to love the Lord by loving others. Persons who face the challenges of aging, homelessness, disabilities, or addictions are among those whom we are privileged to serve. We desire every human person to know the love of God through our compassionate service and tender presence. In this way, the astonishing Good News of Christ is known and felt in our local communities. This spiritual vision inspires and forms all that we do for others."

- Bishop Hying



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.
7:00 am: Conclusion.

Mass Intentions

♥ = Living

Monday, September 27

No Mass

Tuesday, September 28

12:10 PM Donald & Mary Jane Condon—75th Anniversary

Wednesday, September 29

8:15 AM Dennis Venable

Thursday, September 30

8:15 AM

Friday, October 1

8:15 AM Paul Powers

Saturday, October 2

4:30 PM Parishioners of Nativity of Mary

Sunday, October 3

8:30 AM Jessica Lynn Szerlong

10:30 AM Lee Marklein

Adoration

Friday, following 8:15 AM Mass

Confessions

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 PM

Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM

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.*

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)

In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

-Acts 20:35

MONEY MATTERS

Money Counts for 2021-2022

	Total	Budget	Variance
Week 6			
8-8 2021	15,736.35	11,635.00	4,071.00
YTD	\$59,380.50	58,175.00	1,205.50
Week 7			
8-15-2021	12,749.00	11,635.00	1,114.00
YTD	\$72,129.50	69,810.00	2,319.50
Week 8			
8-22-2021	6,408.13	11,635.00	-5,226.87
YTD	\$78,537.63	81,445.00	-2,907.37
Week 9			
8-29-2021	10,131.39	11,635.00	-1,503.61
YTD	\$88,669.02	93,080.00	-4,410.98

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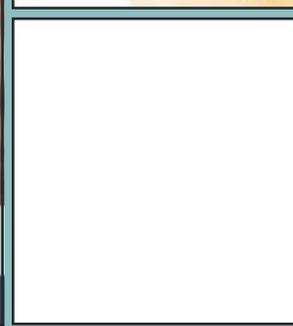
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