



"He summoned the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

Parish Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am – 3pm

MASKS Required

Rectory Office (815) 726-4031
Rectory Fax (815) 727-4393
School Phone Number (815)-722-8518
www.stmarynativityholycross.com



Saint Mary Nativity

706 North Broadway Street
 Joliet, IL 60435

Pastor: Father Jerome Kish

Weekend Associate: Father Gerald Nicholas, O.S.A.

School Principal: Mrs. Gina Pestrak

Music Director: Mr. Donald Legerski

Office Manager/Bulletin Editor: Mrs. Taylor Lofdahl

Maintenance Supervisor: Mr. Mick Jourtras

Maintenance Manager: Mr. Larry Tomasic

Business Manager: Mrs. Mary Nemanich

St. Mary Nativity Weekend Masses

Saturdays: 4pm

Sundays: 7am, 11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Weekday Masses

8:30am: Tuesday & Thursday
 at St. Mary Nativity

Confessions

Saturdays 3:15pm-3:45pm



Holy Cross

830 Elizabeth Street Joliet, IL 60435

Mailing Address:

901 Elizabeth Street Joliet, IL 60435

Parochial Vicar: Father Tomasz Sielicki

Polish Organist: Mr. Mariusz Madej

Business Manager: Mrs. Mary Nemanich

Polish School Principal: Barbara Szuba

Kościół Świętego Krzyża

Holy Cross Weekend Masses

Saturdays: 4pm & 7pm in Polish

Sundays: 9am & 10:30am in Polish

Weekday Masses

8:30am: Monday, Wednesday,
 Friday at Holy Cross

7:00pm: Monday—Friday in
 Polish at Holy Cross

Confessions

Saturdays 3:15pm-3:45pm



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

As we celebrate our parish feast days this Sunday, we have moved from the celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the celebration of the Holy Cross. The official name of the day is 'The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.' Why would you exalt the cross? Isn't it a sign of shame, of the utter destruction and failure of the life of Jesus? That's what everyone thought. Jesus surprised them all on the third day when he rose from the dead. The followers of Jesus discovered that in the Holy Cross of Jesus, they were saved and delivered. If they stayed united with him in his death, they would find life, resurrection, and salvation. This is why St. Paul said we should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatian 6:14). The Cross of the Lord was revealed not as the tree of unending death. The Cross of the Lord was revealed as the Tree of Life.

We sure have seen many things die during the past year or so. We had to die to our usual way of simple things like shopping and going out to eat. We had to die to our usual Mass schedule for awhile. Many people experienced real deaths in their families. Yet, thanks be to God, our parishes are still alive. For this, we should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is in this that we see the secret to keeping our parishes alive as God wants them. It was a lesson revealed by Jesus to his followers years ago, and it is the same lesson he reveals to us now. It was the very lesson he himself followed, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (John 12:24) If we do not plant the seeds of the gospel in our lives and in the world around us, we will be barren or sterile. But when we do plant them—things grow!

Your generosity sure keeps things growing here. You continue to provide for the operations of our parishes. St. Mary Nativity School increased in enrollment from 116 to 140 students during the last year. Our Faith Formation program begins at the end of this month, also with new families. Holy Cross Polish School began their new year on Friday. These are all ways you plant the seeds of the gospel in the lives of our children and their families.

During the month of September and October, we will be tracking Mass attendance. We'll want to see how many people are coming to receive Jesus on Sunday, compared to before the pandemic lockdown. In general we know, even before the pandemic, there has been a loss of many people. Our Lord continues to provide us each with Sunday, the Lord's Day; fewer and fewer people are keeping it holy. Some people have asked me why Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration have died out at our parish. It is because we do not have people to adore our Lord. Adoration needs adorers. So I think we will have to die to our convenience in order to plant the seeds of faith in new people.

This was the insight of Fr. Delp, a Jesuit priest from Germany during World War II. He recognized the culture of death advanced by Hitler and the Nazis—and Delp had the courage to resist it and fight it. He gave his life for it. The Nazis threw him into prison. Fr. Delp learned how to put his old practices of praying to death, because now God was asking him to pray in prison. It was in prison that he still prayed and said Mass. He still preached and led retreats for other prisoners. His sermons were even smuggled out to plant the seeds of the gospel in the lives of others who were suffering. It was in prison that he made his final vows as a Jesuit, and he rejoiced that the chains of God's love made the Nazi chains meaningless. The Nazis put him to death, but we rejoice in the hope that Christ raised him to new life.

Our crosses, our struggles, seem less in comparison. So let's be more generous with the greater opportunities we have. Fr. Delp reminds us, each one of us, that one of the main tasks of our life is to prepare those around us able and willing to let the Holy Spirit work on them (Prison Meditations of Fr. Alfred Delp). God wants to fill them with his grace, with his eternal life—and he counts on us to get them ready.

This preparation precedes the proclamation of the Gospel. In fact, a 'New Preparation' must precede the 'New Evangelization.' We have been acting as though we have been given bread and wine for the transformation into the Body and Blood of Christ. What we really have in our hands is wheat and grapes—or in some places simply an open field.

An open field, an open church, waiting to be filled with the children of God. Let us have enough love in our hearts to share the seeds of Christ's good news, no matter the cost, so that his children can be born to eternal life. Let us exalt the Holy Cross, the Cross of Jesus, in our own lives and parishes. Do you want your parishes to grow? Do you want to grow? Jesus asks us, "What will you plant?"

With my prayers,
Fr. Jerome

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Mass Intentions

Saturday September 11th

- 4:00 PM** † Nick Kirincich & Dick Boban by Family (SMN)
† Clementine Perisich by Marge Zanella & Family (SMN)
4:00 PM For the Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parishes (HC)
7:00 PM † Anna, Czesław i Edward Styrzula (HC)

Sunday September 12th

- 7:00 AM** For the People of the Parishes (SMN)
9:00 AM † Robert Mueller, Dorothy & Joseph Pasdertz, Walter & Catherine Mueller by Rosemary & Family (HC)
10:30 AM † Józef Klikuszowian (zam. parafianie) (HC)
† Maria Bujalski (HC)
† Józef Długosz (HC)
† Władysław Kasiarz (7. rocznica śmierci) (HC)
† Andrzej Kasiarz (2. rocznica śmierci) (HC)
11:00 AM † Frank Ozella "Anniversary" by Family (SMN)
† Ann & Len Fumagalli by Family (SMN)
12:30 PM † Lawrence Wicevic by John & Sally Stofko (SMN)
5:30 PM † Bill Subner by Chuck & Jane Croso (SMN)

Monday September 13th

- 8:30 AM** † Petey by Lora Ferebee (HC)
7:00 PM † Władysław Skolarus (zam. Maria i Stanisław Gal) (HC)

Tuesday September 14th

- 8:30 AM** Holy Souls in Purgatory (SMN)
7:00 PM † Ewa Sędacka oraz ++ Helena i Wacław Sędaccy (HC)

Wednesday September 15th

- 8:30 AM** For the People of the Parishes (HC)
7:00 PM † Józef Klikuszowian (zam. Holy Cross Rosary Group) (HC)

Thursday September 16th

- 8:30 AM** † Raymond & Elizabeth Marso by Edward & Debroah Marso (SMN)
7:00 PM † Jan Zając (zam. Koło Różańcowe) (HC)

Friday September 17th

- 8:30 AM** † Kevin Hansen by Mike Hansen (HC)
7:00 PM † Władysław Skolarus (HC)

Saturday September 18th

- 4:00 PM** † Margaret Kirincich & Dick Boban "20th Anniversary" by Family (SMN)
† Matthew Sellers by Betty Sellers (SMN)
4:00 PM † Lorraine Jaskowiak by Steve & Marian Jaskowiak (HC)
7:00 PM † † Andrzej i Maria Wilczek oraz córka + Halina Wilczek (zam. Piotr i Stella Kowalczyk) (HC)

Sunday September 19th

- 7:00 AM** † Kevin Hansen by Barb & Tom Hinz (SMN)
9:00 AM † Ricardo Senisais by Family (HC)
10:30 AM † Władysław Skolarus (zam. parafianie) (HC)
11:00 AM † Bill Subnar "Birthday" by Chuck & Jane Croso (SMN)
† Steve & Adeline Jenco by Steve & Linda Jenco (SMN)
12:30 PM For those who are ill (SMN)
5:30 PM For the People of the Parishes (SMN)

**** If you are having a mass intention said for a family member and would like to bring the gifts up for the mass please see the Ushers the day of the mass and they will direct you. Thank you! ****

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross News

Novenas in Preparation for Our Parish Feast Days

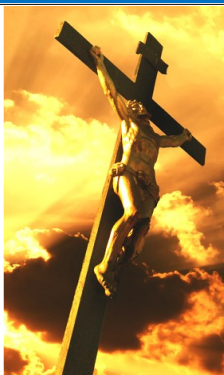
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena

Prayed from September 6th through
September 14th

Nowenny Przed Naszymi Odpustami Parafialnymi:

Przed świętem Podwyższenia Krzyża
Świętego: od 6 do 14 września

Copies of the Novenas can be found in the
back of both churches.



The Richie Pervan Touch Foundation

5th Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Wedgewood Golf Club

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Registration: 7:30am

Shot Gun Start: 9:00am

Address: Wedgewood Golf Club

24000 West Caton Farm Rd. Plainfield, IL 60586

Registration is \$150.00

Option 1: register Online at www.rjptouchfoundation.org

Option 2: Call/ text Anita at 847-791-1653



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2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish
3. Enter your name and email



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texts of our bulletins, parish information and
upcoming events!

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A Rosary Walk Through Our Parish Cemetery

**REMEMBER YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES
ON OUR PARISH FEAST DAYS**

September 14, 2021

Holy Cross Cemetery

Theodore Street, Crest Hill

(West of Larkin Avenue
& East of Essington)

10:00 a.m. in front of
Cemetery

With Sympathy

The Parish Families of **Holy Cross**
and **St. Mary Nativity**

join in prayerful remembrance of

JoAnne Dorr (September 2, 2021)

May her soul and all souls of the faithful departed rest in
peace. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon her.



Mass Intentions

Bookings for September 2021

According to Diocesan Policy, mass
intentions may not be scheduled earlier than
one year ahead. Mass Intentions for St. Mary Nativity and Holy
Cross parishes are now available for the month of September 2021.
Please call our Parish Office 815-726-4031



*Today is filled with
Hope and Promise.*

Week of September 12, 2021

Flame of Faith Candle

Saint Mary Nativity

Margaret Lepacek

Frances & Joseph DePodesta

Holy Cross

For our Mothers and Fathers



COME JOIN

Our Bible Study Group

as we continue to study the Bible book
by book. We meet on **Tuesday**
mornings from 9:30AM until 11AM
in the Nativity Room. Our next
meeting date will be:

Tuesday, September 14th.



Stewardship in Faith Collection

Sunday - August 29, 2021

St. Mary Nativity \$ 9,947.00

Holy Cross \$ 2,594.50



As stewards of God's gifts,
our parishes have many opportunities
to provide lasting legacies.
Please prayerfully remember
St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross
in your estate plans.

Your gift to the Church and its
ministries would be very much
appreciated and will be used in
accordance to your wishes. For more
information, please call the rectory
office at 815-726-4031.

Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal



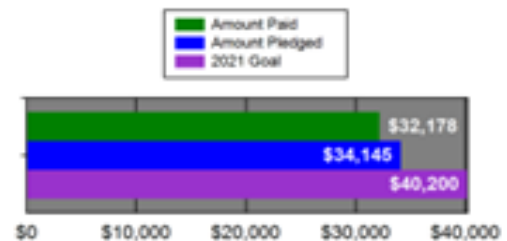
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 9/5/2021

Parish # 115

Parish Name St. Mary Nativity Parish - Joliet

	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	\$40,200	\$43,200	(\$3,000)	\$43,200
Amount Pledged	\$34,145	\$27,651	\$6,494	\$30,101
Amount Paid	\$32,178	\$26,818	\$5,360	\$30,419
Balance Due	\$1,967	\$833	\$1,134	(\$318)
Donor Count	158	169	-11	179
2021 Rebate	\$0			



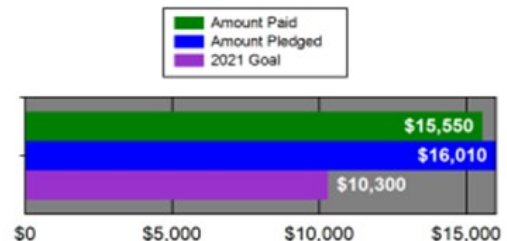
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 9/5/2021

Parish # 102

Parish Name Holy Cross Parish - Joliet

	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	\$10,300	\$10,500	(\$200)	\$10,500
Amount Pledged	\$16,010	\$17,235	(\$1,225)	\$18,145
Amount Paid	\$15,550	\$15,680	(\$130)	\$17,225
Balance Due	\$460	\$1,555	(\$1,095)	\$920
Donor Count	43	54	-11	58
2021 Rebate	\$3,675			





St. Mary Nativity Parish Administrative Assistant

St. Mary Nativity Parish is seeking candidates for employment as an administrative assistant. The administrative assistant will be responsible for staffing the front desk, answering phones and the main door, maintaining sacramental and parishioner records, gathering information for upcoming sacramentals, secretarial assistance for the pastor and parish ministries, managing the parish calendar, and editing the parish bulletin. Additional responsibilities also include maintaining the Protecting God's Children (PGC), files, the parish website and the Electronic Message Board. Candidates must have good communication and interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to work collaboratively as a member of a team in coordination with parish staff. This position requires the desire and ability to support the mission of the Catholic Church. Office experience is required, including knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher. Experience with the Diocese of Joliet software platforms is an asset. High school diploma required; some higher education is desirable. Fluency in Spanish is an asset, though not a requirement.

This exempt position is full-time and benefitted.

Please email resume and cover letter including references to Fr. Jerome Kish via email at frkish@outlook.com or mail to Fr. Jerome Kish, 706 N. Broadway, Joliet, IL 60435.

St. Mary Nativity Parish Maintenance Custodian

St. Mary Nativity Church is now accepting applications for a part-time, non-benefitted Maintenance Custodian. The person in this position is responsible for performing general maintenance tasks including janitorial, completing work orders, maintaining the grounds at St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross parishes. This position reports to the Maintenance Supervisor. This is an hourly position; hourly rate is commensurate knowledge and experience.

- Key responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to the following:
Performs maintenance projects and tasks with minimal supervision under direction from the Maintenance Supervisor.
- Responsibilities include basic custodian / janitor tasks such as cleaning, painting, basic repairs, replacing light bulbs, yard work, snow removal, etc.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent; college and/or trade school preferred
- Relevant certification (OSHA) strongly preferred
- Proficient knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and appliance repair with hands on experience
- Available to be to share "on-call" emergencies and requests
- Proven organizational and time management skills
- Valid driver license and automobile insurance. Personal truck is an asset for light hauling between parishes; work mileage would be compensated
- Must have good communication skills written and verbal. Bilingual in Spanish is a plus
- Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet

Job Requirements PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- May be exposed to constant activity that requires intermittent standing, bending, crouching, pushing/pulling, lifting/moving/carrying (light to heavy weight material/appliances/ equipment), climbing ladders/stairs, and walking on rooftops
- Requires manual dexterity sufficient to operate small-motorized equipment (i.e., repetitive hand/wrist, gripping and elbow motion)
- Must have normal range of hearing, vision, color discrimination and depth perception for proper operation of machines and equipment
- Requires the use of appropriate safety equipment (e.g., back belts, goggles, masks, gloves, etc.)
- St. Mary Nativity reserves the right to adjust this job description as needed.

Please send resume and references to: Mary Nemanich at mnemanich@smncs.com



HANDMADE HAMBURGERS

1015 Essington Road

Joliet, IL 60435

(815) 725-2883

St. Mary Nativity School Fundraiser

Wednesday - September 15th

11 am to 9 pm

**Dine-In
Carry Out**



15%
Of Sales



Just say "St. Mary Nativity School" when you order—No Flyer Needed!

STARTERS

TATER TOTS/BUFFALO TOTS/KOSHER PICKLE FRIES/ULTIMATE NACHOS/CHICKEN TENDERS/ONION RINGS/STUFFED POPPERS

SLIDERS/BRUSCHETTA/LOADED FRIES/LOADED CHIPS/FRIED CHEESE STICKS/CAPRESE/CHICKEN QUESADILLA/SAMPLER PLATTER

SIDES

HOMEMADE CHIPS/HOME-CUT FRIES/SWEET POTATO FRIES/ONION RINGS/TRUFFLE FRIES



SALADS Available dressings: Ranch, Blue Cheese, Caesar, Mediterranean and Balsamic Vinaigrette

STEAK SALAD/CALIFORNIA SALAD/GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD/COBB GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD/TUSCAN GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD

GREEK ISLES SALAD/CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD/BURGER SALAD/SALAD NICOISE/SPINACH SALAD/CAPRESE SALAD

BURGERS Quarter pound, half pound and 1 pound burger

HAMBURGER/CLASSIC CHEESE BURGER/FRENCH BURGER/GREEK BURGER/ITALIANO BURGER/LATINO BURGER/TERIYAKI BURGER BREAKFAST

BURGER/O'HARE BURGER/BLUE BURGER/NORTH BEACH BURGER/PEANUT BUTTER BURGER/BUFFALO BURGER/COUNTRY BURGER

COLORADO BURGER/GRILLED CHEESE BURGER/TURKEY BURGER/PHILLY CHEESE BURGER/SALMON BURGER BLACK BEAN BURGER

SANDWICHES

CHICKEN PARMESAN/ITALIAN BEEF/SPICY GRILLED CHICKEN/GRILLED CHICKEN/COBB GRILLED CHICKEN/HOUSE STEAK SANDWICH

PANINIS Choice of chicken, beef, turkey or veggie- Panini bread, provolone cheese, basil pesto, roasted red pepper

HOT DOGS CHICAGO STYLE/NEW YORK STYLE/CHIHUAHUA STYLE



"YOU ARE LOVE BEYOND MEASURE" EPHESIANS 3:19

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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

PARISH FEAST DAYS!

Sunday, September 12

10:30am Polish Mass at Holy Cross

Eucharistic Procession to St. Mary Nativity

11:00am Mass at St. Mary Nativity

with Croatian music

12:30pm St. Mary Nativity Cafeteria opens
with food and drink for purchase throughout the day!

DJ until we close at 6pm!

Folk Dancers start at 1pm!

Bingo and Kids' Games!

Please bring folding chairs for outdoors

Tuesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30am Mass and Holy Hour at Holy Cross

Grief Support Group

Have you lost a loved one recently? Are you having a difficult time handling their absence? You are invited to join a Grief Support Group at St Mary Nativity. This is a peer support group, where we will help one another by providing emotional, moral, and spiritual support. Anything that is shared or discussed at these sessions is strictly confidential. This support group will be organized around people who have similar experiences. No matter what the loss, everyone has experienced one time or another loneliness, pain, fear, loss, anger, and joy. This is a eight week program. With your participation we will validate feelings, give hope and share similar experiences. Patricia Weiskop a trained facilitator will facilitate these sessions. If you have suffered a loss from four months ago or longer and are struggling from that loss please come and join us.

ST MARY NATIVITY CHURCH in the Nativity Room

Thursday September 16, 2021

2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

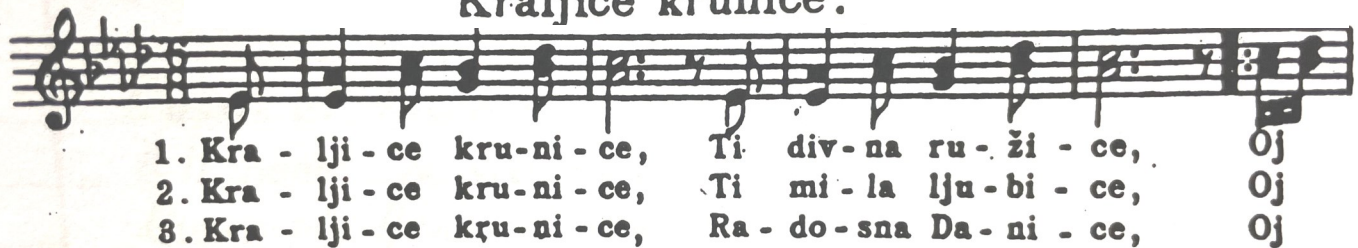
At this time face masks maybe requested and reservations are required as we have room for only so many people.

If you would like to take part in this support group please call Pat Weiskop at 815-723-7141 or e-mail paweiskop@icloud.com to confirm your spot or if you have any questions. You may also call the rectory to make reservations at 815-726-4031. If you have other family members or friends, that would like to come, please let them know they are welcome. I look forward to being with you.

From the Desk of Don Legerski

This is probably one of the most cherished Croatia folk melodies. It is dedicated to Our Lady Queen of the Rosary. Many ethnic hymns have an oral tradition. They are passed down by word of mouth. Many Ethno musicologists tell us there are variations in how they are sung. Most of the notation was written at a later date after the hymn became popular with the people. Therefore, you may hear the same hymn sung slightly different at each gathering of people. This depends on how it was passed on. All in all, it is a beautiful hymn honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be played and sung at the 11:00 AM Mass this Sunday, September 12th.

Kraljice krunice.



Translation of Kraljice Krunice

Queen of the Rosary, you are as beautiful as a Rose,
All honor to you forever,
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Queen of the Rosary, you are as beautiful as a Sweet Violet,
All honor to you forever,
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Queen of the Rosary, Delightful Morning Star,
All honor to you forever,
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.



Giving Warmth Coat Drive
St. Mary Nativity Coat Drive

St. Mary Nativity School is conducting our 5th Annual Coat Drive. The Coat Drive is from September 1st until Sep 30, 2021 . If you have gently used coats please consider donating them to our coat drive.

Drop off box will be located in the Nativity room connected to the Church (Weekdays Monday-Friday) **Accepting ONLY Coats, Hats, Scarfs and Gloves, gently used or new.** Questions: Contact Julie at rositch@att.net

Diocese of Joliet
Communications Office



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Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts set for weekend of Sept. 11-12

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed.

In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of Sept. 11-12 for this special collection.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti

Communion to the Homebound

The Holy Eucharist is the gift of Jesus himself at Mass. If you are confined to home and unable to receive him, we have volunteers who will bring him to you. Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home. We could also use new volunteers to help in this outreach, so also contact the parish office if you are able to help. Our parish office can be reached at 815-726-4031.

Please pray for our sick

Mary Bellos	Paul Morris
Vietta Bews	Phil May
Sheri Bokholt	Ann
Christopher Borsom	Robert Nasenbeny
William Brenc	Raymond John Nickel
Charlotte Brown	Andy Orosco
Genaro Cisneros	Willard Perkins
John Drnek	Nick Pervan
Bob Eberhard	Mildred Pruss
Dosseh Houeai Elise	Ronald Pruss
Jim Flannery	Amy Rabb
Charlette Frieh	Father Pete Rossa
Anthony Gregory	Steve Senisais
Anthony Harames	Nancy Serdar
Haramas	Ashley Smith
Janet Horvath	Adam Speirs
Harriet Kazlauskas	Scott Speirs
James Kozar	Teresa
Janet	Mary Therese Stefanec
Marilyn Lajcin	Carole Thomure
Jerry Lakota	Joseph Trubich
Pat Lepacek	Diann Cerpen-Verlare
Darlene Likar	Susan Ward
Frank Lozano	Bernard Zolecki
Mark	Need prayers or know
Pat Majetic	someone who does call
Gabby Matlak	Pat Weiskop
Alex McKeel	(815)-723-7141
John	
Charlene Molnar	



THE NINE MONTHS OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE WOMB OF MARY

Each year on December 25th we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For centuries the Church has also celebrated his conception on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation.

Our parishes have once again begun our "Spiritual Adoption" program. Each month we will be keeping you up to date with the development of your baby.

THE SIXTH MONTH – AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 25

Mary now feels the quickening of the Child Jesus that proclaims his presence within her womb. She sings to him and feels his response. At six months, a special covering (vernix) forms to protect the baby's skin from the fetal waters. The baby's eyes, closed since the seventh week, are now open to its surroundings. The infant is now 12 inches long and weighs 1 ½ pounds. This baby could survive birth. Despite the fact that a child of six months has a chance at life, women may legally abort their unborn at any time throughout the nine months of their pregnancy. Pray for all physicians, midwives and nurses that they may recognize the sanctity of life and God as the author of life.

Please pray for our troops



Pfc. Paul Roder, USM
Jacob Gregurich, USMC
Chris McCarty, USMC
LT Alex Aguilera, USMC
2ND LT Kevin A'Hearn
Capt. Marcos Aguilera, USMC 1st
Sgt. Christina Romero USMC,
Cpl. Anthony Gutierrez, USMC
Pfc. Michael McCallister, USA
Joe Miller, USMC Sgt.
Tommy Hanks, USMC
Sgt. Christina Hanks, SMC
Alexander Gregurich

Pfc. Lawrence Washington
Sgt. FC Jay R. Martin, USA
E5 Kathleen Sullivan, USN
SRA Michael Wilson
Arellano
CPL. Christopher Wesoly,
Brent Moot
Justyn Moot
Jeremy M. Close, USMC
David Walters, USA
Johnathon Schroll, USMC Special Forces
Petty Officer 1st Class Tyler Hintzsche, USN

