



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
 "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
 "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
 All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27



Saint Mary Nativity

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 Joliet, IL 60435

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Maintenance Supervisor: Mr. Mick Joutras

Maintenance Manager: Mr. Larry Tomasic

Business Manager: Mrs. Mary Nemanich

MASKS REQUIRED

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am – 3pm

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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

Kościół Świętego Krzyża

830 Elizabeth Street Joliet, IL 60435

Mailing Address:

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Parochial Vicar: Father Tomasz Sielicki

Polish Organist: Mr. Mariusz Madej

Business Manager: Mrs. Mary Nemanich

Polish School Principal: Barbara Szuba

Holy Cross Weekend Masses

Saturdays: 4pm in English

7pm in Polish

Sundays: 9am in English

10:30am in Polish

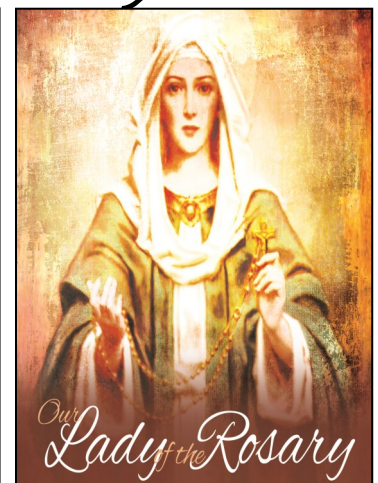
Weekday Masses

8:30am in English
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00pm in Polish Monday—Friday

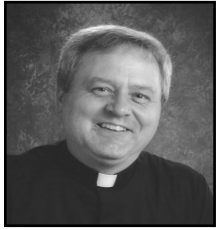
Confessions

Saturdays 3:15pm-3:45pm



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

Do You Take This Woman to Be Your Bride?



Did you hear what happened at a local Catholic high school last month? A Catholic teacher lost their position because their wife was rejected. The Catholic Teacher was Christ. His wife is the Church.

Of course, that's not the way the media reported it. We were told that a lacrosse coach who is in a same-sex union with a woman was denied employment. "But isn't that legal?" It sure is. It was also legal to call black people property and sell them as slaves. It is still legal end the lives of babies waiting to be born. What is legal is sometimes wrong.

"What's the big deal? How much does a lacrosse coach teach the Catholic faith?" Well, those who opposed the move said otherwise. They wanted the coach hired to teach the school a lesson. They wanted the school to accept this legal marriage. They wanted the Catholic Church to get with the times and throw away her vision of marriage. Can't women love women these days?

They sure can, women sure can love women. My mom sure loved her daughters. My sisters sure loved each other. They also loved their daughters. None of those relationships were marriage. From the beginning, each woman has a beautiful openness within her that men simply do not have. As women mature, their body reminds them month by month that they could be wives, that they could be mothers. And if they offer this beautiful gift to a man, for life, sometimes a beautiful new child enters into this world. Each woman is blessed with the feminine half of the reproductive system. Isn't that amazing in itself? We have a complete respiratory system, a complete circulatory system, a complete nervous system, digestive system and so on. But the reproductive system has a feminine half and a masculine half. Regardless of who we are attracted to sexually, our bodies still speak this truth to us.

And if a man and woman freely offer their bodies to one another for life, those two truly become one flesh. And if that man and woman belong to Christ, he fills that union with his grace. Christ made marriage, true marriage from the beginning of the world; and then he made it into a

sacrament and filled it with his presence. And that sacrament comes to us from his Bride, the Church.

That's why it hurts me so much to see his Bride rejected. She is not just the Bride of Christ, she is my bride, too. I freely offered not to enter into the covenant of marriage so that I could serve like Christ the Groom. He called me to be a celibate priest. I will say it again, it hurts me personally to see my Bride rejected.

Those who embrace Christ's vision, revealed through his Bride, are Catholics. He and She are ready and willing to help each person along the way. True and compassionate and inclusive love is found inside the Heart of Jesus, not outside of it. No one know better than Christ that we often do not follow his way—it's why he died on the cross out of love for His Bride. So do not ask Christ and His Church to give up their love for one another. They are inseparable, united in a new and everlasting covenant. And they wait for us to choose to follow them, even in the midst of our bad and wrong choices. They know we can all love and that we all sometimes love badly. They wait for us to choose to love according to the Heart of Jesus.

Let everyone make their own, free choices. If the local school returns to the mission entrusted to them by Christ, they will survive. If they abandon Christ and his Bride and that mission, they will wither away. Oh, the buildings may still be there, and they still may be filled with students who will have excellent academic training. But those students will not learn how to get to heaven. Their learning will bear no fruit for eternal life.

Let each one of us make our personal, free choices, formed by the mind and the Heart of Christ, possessed by his Beloved Bride the Church. Our very life depends on the choices we make.

With my prayers,

Fr. Jerome

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross News

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3. Enter your name and email



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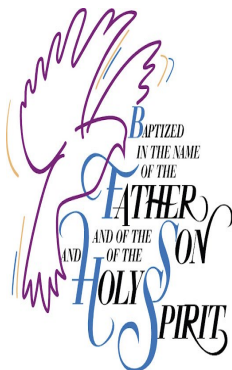
St. Mary Nativity Church Employment Opportunity



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



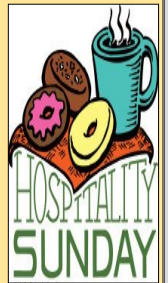
Through the waters of Baptism on October 10th we welcome

Antoni Rybiarczyk

the newest member of the Holy Cross Church

May we support the parents by prayer and example, as they seek to raise their child in the Catholic Faith.

Today, we invite you to gather with fellow Parishioners in the Nativity Room after all Masses on for coffee, donuts and conversation. The DVD-CD Lending Library will be available, as will the book share Library. Free will donation appreciated. Sponsored by St. Mary Nativity Lay Apostolate.

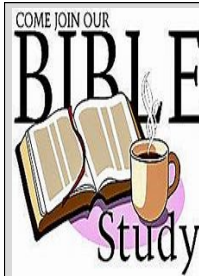


The Parish office will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day.

A Day of Recollection



Join us for a Day of Recollection for Women on Wednesday, October 20 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Nativity Church 706 N. Broadway Joliet. The recollection will include several short talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. All of the women in the Parish are invited. Please bring a friend!



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, October 12th



Week of October 17, 2021

Flame of Faith Candle

Saint Mary Nativity

Anne Jelinek

Ruth Haggerty

Holy Cross

For our Police Officers



Mick Joutras

Maintenance Supervisor

October 9

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday October 10—Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 AM Mass (HC)

For our Mothers and Fathers

10:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Józef Klikuszowian (zam. Holy Cross Rosary Group)

+ Zofia Szaflarska (zam. rodzina Janik)

+ Aniela Długosz (10. rocznica) i + Józef Długosz

+ Elżbieta Pawlikowska (6. rocznica śmierci)

+ Piotr Karwicky (21. rocznica śmierci)

11:00 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Tim Gruber by Family

+ Ray Page by Family

12:30 PM Mass (SMN)

+ Delores Bebej by The Cole Family

5:30 PM Mass (SMN)

+ Alfredo Rosas by Family

Monday October 11

8:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Robert Hesch Sr. by Lora Ferebee

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ Helena Wilczek (zam. Koło Różańcowe)

Tuesday October 12

8:30 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Benedict Kanta by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Juricic

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

++ Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące (zam. Maria Zilligen)

Wednesday October 13

8:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Anna F & John B Gorski by Son Jack

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ Maria Zagórska

Thursday October 14

8:30 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Linda Linko by SMN Parish

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ Andrzej Gendek

Friday October 15

8:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Kevin Hansen by Mike Hansen

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna za otrzymane łaski i błogosławieństwa (zam. Elżbieta)

Saturday October 16

4:00 PM MASS

+ Lilian Moruzi by Larry & Laurie Patterff (HC)

+ Lorraine Jaskowiak by Steve & Marian Jaskowiak (HC)

+ Władysław Skolarus (zam. rodzina Szaflarskich) (HC)

+ Joseph B. Kararo by Family (SMN)

+ Ann E Shepich by Dan & Susan Sameck (SMN)

Sunday October --17 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM MASS

+ Ron Bebar "Birthday" by Mom & Dad (SMN)

9:00 AM MASS

+ Delores Bebej by Kendall Kilhatner (HC)

10:30 AM MASS

+ Józef Klikuszowian (zam. parafianie) (HC)

+ Edward Styrzcula (1. rocznica śmierci)

11:00 AM MASS

+ Anne Jelinek by Family (SMN)

+ Gen & Albert Thondrella (SMN)

12:30 PM MASS

+ Delores Bebej by The Cole Family (SMN)

5:30 PM MASS

For the People of the Parish (SMN)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

(SMN) Saint Mary Nativity

Nativity Room (NR)

(HC) Holy Cross

(SMNS) Saint Mary Nativity School

Sunday October 10

10:30AM —Baptism (HC)

After mass 7AM, 11AM & 12:30PM-Hospitality-(SMN) (NR)

Monday, October 11 — HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30PM —Parish Counsel Meeting—(SMR) (NR)

Tuesday, October 12

9:30AM—Bible Study (SMN) (NR)

1:00PM—Rosary (SMN) (Church)

Wednesday, October 13

All School Mass (SMN) (Church)

5:00PM—Mammo Mtg (SMN) (NR)

Thursday, October 14

1:00PM—Rosary in Spanish (SMN) (Church)

Volleyball games (SMNS) (Gym)

Friday, October 15

Polish School (SMNS) (GYM)

6:00PM—Wedding Rehearsal (SMN) (Church)

Saturday, October 16

1:30PM—Wedding (SMN) (Church)

3:15 PM to 3:45 —Confessions at St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Church

Sunday, October 17

10:00AM—Family Faith Formation Group Mtg (SMN) (NR)

11:00AM—Baptism (HC)

The Parish Families of **Holy Cross** and **St. Mary Nativity** join in prayerful remembrance of:

Rosemary Malorich (September 18, 2021)

Don Koren (September 19, 2021)

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



**** 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! ****



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.

October 3, 2021 Collection

St. Mary Nativity \$ 9,784.00
Holy Cross \$ 2,540.00

Thank You

SAVE THE PARENTAL NOTICE OF ABORTION LAW!

State lawmakers are meeting on October 19 and they are considering repealing the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. We must act to prevent this!

72% of all Illinois voters agree that parents or an adult guardian should be informed if their child is seeking an abortion, yet the Illinois General Assembly continues to threaten the repeal of Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion law.

Please join us in contacting your state legislators to support our God-given right to support and protect our children. Go to www.ilcatholic.org to read the Illinois bishops letter and to find out how to contact your state legislator to defeat this bill.

And, please ask another family member or friend to help join the effort to defeat this bill.



Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal



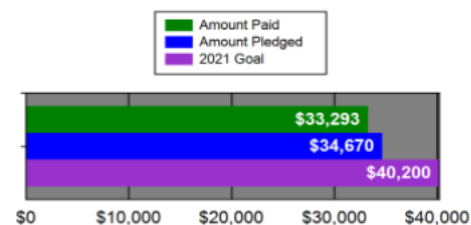
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 10/3/2021

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	\$34,670	\$28,701	\$5,969	\$30,101
Amount Paid	\$33,293	\$28,268	\$5,026	\$30,419
Balance Due	\$1,377	\$433	\$943	(\$318)
Donor Count	159	171	-12	179
2021 Rebate	\$0			



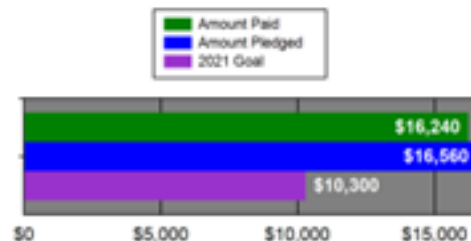
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 10/3/2021

Parish # 102

Parish Name Holy Cross Parish - Joliet

	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	\$10,300	\$10,500	(\$200)	\$10,500
Amount Pledged	\$16,560	\$17,255	(\$695)	\$18,145
Amount Paid	\$16,240	\$15,900	\$340	\$17,225
Balance Due	\$320	\$1,355	(\$1,035)	\$920
Donor Count	45	54	-9	58
2021 Rebate	\$4,158			



“The Lord fills us with love and joy” Psalm 90:12

School News

THANK YOU!

THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE
WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

The school received a check for \$250
in proceeds from the Hamburgerseria Fundraiser!!

The next restaurant fundraiser will be in November 2021.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

We are excited to kick off the **Cash Calendar Raffle for 2022!**



Tickets will be available in mid-October. Payouts for the Cash Calendar Raffle run from January 1 to May 31 of 2022 totaling \$11,000 in winnings! Payouts will be daily from January 1st to May 31st of 2022, which means 150 days of winners! Payouts include \$20 on weekdays, \$40 on Saturdays, and \$150 on Sundays. There will even be one \$500 winner drawn and 2 winners on the 22nd of each month, in addition to other special payouts which are identified on the ticket. You can win more than once for each ticket. These tickets will make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers for your friends and loved ones! All proceeds benefit Saint Mary Nativity School. Thank you in advance!

Dan's Homemade Caramel Apples

St. Mary Nativity School is having a Caramel Apple Fundraiser! Yes, Dan's Homemade Caramel Apples are a local favorite fall treat! These apples are dipped in homemade caramel making every bite delicious. Please fill out the bottom of this order form and send it along with your payment by Monday, October 18th. Please make check payable to St. Mary Nativity School. Please drop off your order form along with payment at the rectory office or in the weekend collection basket. The Caramel Apples will be ready for pick-up from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Friday, October 29th in the Nativity Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Nemanich at (815) 726-4031.

Thank You for supporting St. Mary Nativity School!!



Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number of Caramel Apples _____ at \$3.00 each Total Amount Enclosed _____

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
Dosseai Houei 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
Darlene Likar	Diann Cerpen-Verlare
Frank Lozano	Susan Ward
Mark	Bernard Zolecki
Pat Majetic	Bill
Gabby Matlak	Need prayers or know
Alex McKeel	someone who does call
John	Pat Weiskop
Charlene Molnar	(815)-723-7141



THE NINE MONTHS OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE WOMB OF MARY THE SEVENTH MONTH SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 25

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. Mary and Joseph knew in advance that their baby would be a boy. And although Jesus was not his biological child, Joseph eagerly anticipated his birth. By the seventh month, the baby's hands grip strongly. His eyelids open and close as he surveys his increasingly cramped surroundings. The baby is now 15 inches long and weighs 2-3 pounds. The infant Jesus listens intently for his mother's recognizable voice. A child of seven months would survive birth. Four to 20 couples wait to adopt each available child. The average abortion takes 5-10 minutes. The average wait for adoption is 2-10 years.

Pray for all adoptive parents who provide the loving care and nourishing environment which every child deserves, and for foster parents who lend their hearts and homes to those whose fates hang in the balance.

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
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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

