



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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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

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Tricia DiChristofano

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

Rectory Office (815) 726-4031

Rectory Fax (815) 727-4393

School Phone Number (815)-722-8518

www.stmarynativityholycross.com



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:

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

Holy Cross Weekend Masses

Saturdays: 4pm in English
7pm in Polish

Sundays: 9am in English
10:30am in Polish

Weekday Masses

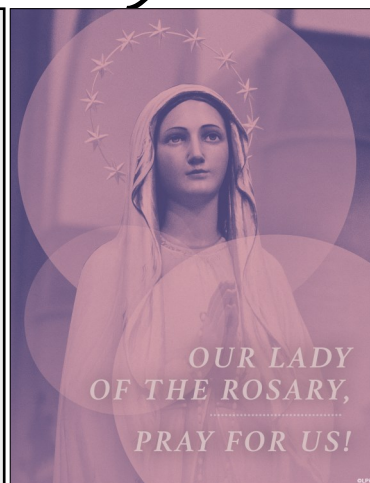
8:30am in English

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00pm in Polish Monday—Friday

Confessions

Saturdays 3:15pm-3:45pm



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021

Take and Eat



You probably had a good meal today. In fact, you will probably have three good meals today, with maybe some snacks in between. Your body reminds you of this by getting hungry. Your stomach growls, as if to say, "Take something and eat it." We almost always respond; in that moment we usually take some food and actually eat it. If only we fed the soul, like we do the body.

Because we don't always feed the soul. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and said, "Take this, all of you and eat of it. This is my Body." He also reminded us that his Body, his Flesh, is real Food (John 6:55). But we don't always listen to Jesus the way we listen to our stomachs. We do not always take and eat the Body of the Lord in Holy Communion.

How do we know this? We can actually measure this at our parishes. Before the pandemic hit, every weekend we would have over 700 people come to receive our Lord at St. Mary Nativity and over 300 at Holy Cross. We are a little under half the number now for both parishes. Where did half of our Lord's friends go? Now, I'm not talking about people who have a serious health issue or are homebound. I am talking about those who are healthy and able to come to church on Sunday now that the doors are open.

Some haven't returned because of convenience. They say, "Now I watch Mass on TV." Of course you do, just like I'm sure you watch food shows on TV. But watching a food show doesn't feed your body, and if you are healthy, watching the Mass on TV doesn't really feed your soul. Usually after we watch a food show, our body is more hungry; then we go to the fridge, we take and eat. If you are watching Mass properly on TV, it should make your soul more hungry. It should move you to come to Mass in person, where you can take and eat the Body of the Lord.

Other people haven't returned because they have had a bad experience at church. This sometimes happens at restaurants, too. Maybe the service was poor, maybe we came down with food poisoning. A bad experience might keep you from a particular restaurant, but it doesn't keep you from eating. Still we listen to our stomach's call, 'take and eat.' So please, if you've had a bad experience at one parish, then find a good one where you hear our Lord's call to "Take and Eat" so that you can feed your soul. Only the Catholic Church has this gift of the Body and Blood of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Some people say, "I didn't feel anything at Mass. I didn't feel it feed my soul." Of course you didn't feel it; your body doesn't feel when it's growing, either. Oh, we feel a big, tasty meal when it fills our stomach. But we don't see its effects on our body. We only see later on how in a quiet way we grew this tall—or this wide, in my case. So look around at the Church, the Body

of Christ. Has she grown during the past two years? With half of her Body missing, without feeding her Soul, is the world around us more peaceful? Is the world around us kinder? Do you see it? We can measure the unseen qualities of the soul. We can see how our church and our world is wasting away, suffering from hunger. No wonder Christ has to urge us and push us, "Take and Eat my Body!"

Probably the biggest reason people have not returned to Mass is because we don't have to. Most bishops have said you are not obligated to come to Mass on Sunday to fulfill the commandment of God to keep holy the Lord's Day. How do you counter that argument? You don't. It's true, at this time, in our diocese, you are not obligated to come to Mass on Sunday. Of course, you're not obligated to eat today, either. You are not obligated to eat today or any day—but you will. Because you no that if you don't take and eat something for your body today, eventually you will die. You will lose your earthly life. And here, what's true for the body is also true for the soul. It is Christ himself who said, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, you do not have Life within you!" (John 6:53) It's as if he is saying, "You'll die of spiritual hunger without me!"

I hope we will hear this voice of Jesus. This is not the pastor trying to make the October Mass count look good. I am asking you to hear the voice of Jesus. If you are fearful, he is waiting to feed you with his courage. In fact, what ever you need, he is waiting to feed you with himself. In Jesus, the Living Bread, the fullness and perfection of what you need and what you desire is found. May we all hear the voice of Christ crying out to us, "Take and eat! This is my Body, given up for YOU!"

With my prayers,

Fr. Jerome

PS: The days of lockdown were particularly difficult for those who experienced the death of a loved one in their families. Many times there were simple prayer services or burials without extended family due to limits on public gatherings. I hope this year's All Souls Day will be a moment of healing for us all. We will host a special evening Mass at 7pm at St. Mary Nativity church on Tuesday, November 2. There will be an opportunity to place a lit candle on the altar steps in memory of your loved ones that will burn during the novena of nine days of prayer for the faithful departed. If any of them are in need of their final purgation from the wounds of sins, may these days bring them the joy of loving God in all his Light forever. We who remain often still grieve their loss. It would be wonderful if our parishes could host a time of sharing memories of our loved ones after Mass over some refreshments. If any parishioner would like to help with hospitality after the 7pm All Souls Day Mass, please contact the parish office. Otherwise, we will have to cancel this time of hospitality after Mass.



St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross News

St. Mary Nativity's Tuesday Prayer group is inviting you to join us as we rekindle the devotion of the Novena in honor of our Sorrowful Mother. Please join us every Tuesday.



1:00—The Holy Rosary

1:30—The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1:45— The Sorrowful Mother Novena (Although the emphasis of the Novena will be intended for conversations and the return of lapsed Catholics, there is period of time allowed during the Novena for private intentions as well). You are most welcome to join us for the entire prayer time or join us just for the Novena at 1:45pm.

O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Do you miss Exposition and Adoration of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist? How can we bring people to discover Our Lord and receive his many graces? Join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the St.



Mary Nativity Room. Come early at 6pm for a Rosary as we pray for God's blessings on this effort.

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@smncs.com

Part-Time Grounds & Building Keeper, St. Rose Church, Wilmington

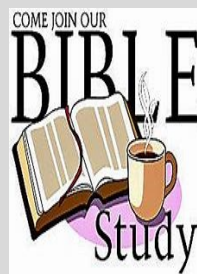
St. Rose Church in Wilmington is seeking to hire a part-time grounds and buildings keeper. This is a non-benefitted position. Responsibilities will include custodial, event setups, some snow removal, lawn maintenance/gardening and various maintenance duties around campus. This may include some ladder work and working at heights. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Position requires, attention to detail, discretion and ability to work independently. Flexible hours available. Must support the mission, philosophy, and objectives of St. Rose Church and the Diocese of Joliet. Please submit resume to fr.sebastiangargol@gmail.com. If you have questions please call Fr. Sebastian at 815-476-7491 ext. 101.



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 19th

Week of October 17, 2021 Flame of Faith Candle



Saint Mary Nativity

Anne Jelinek
Ruth Haggerty

Holy Cross

For our Firefighters

Today is filled with Hope and Promise.

Holy Cross at St. Mary Mass Intentions

Sunday October 17 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM MASS (SMN)

+ Ron Bebar "Birthday" by Mom & Dad

9:00 AM MASS (HC)

+ Delores Bebej by Kendall Kilhatner

10:30 AM MASS (HC)

+ Józef Klikuszowian (zam. parafianie)

+ Edward Styrzcula (1. rocznica śmierci)

+ Piotr Dadej

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Pawłai Karolin z okazji urodzin

O szybki powrót do zdrowia dla Grażyny

11:00 AM MASS (SMN)

+ Anne Jelinek by Family

+ Gen & Albert Mondrella by Dyann Shaw

12:30 PM MASS (SMN)

+ Delores Bebej by The Cole Family

5:30 PM MASS (SMN)

For the People of the Parish

Monday October 18 (HC)

8:30 AM Mass

+ Robert Margentina by Lora Ferebee

7:00 PM Mass

O powrót do Boga i Kościoła oraz o wyzwolenie

z nałogu dla Władysława

Tuesday October 19

8:30 AM Mass (SMN)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

O wyzwolenie z nałogu dla Bogu wiadomej osoby

Wednesday October 20 (HC)

8:30 AM Mass

+ Ron Klen by Dan & Marilyn Lajcin & Family

7:00 PM Mass

+ Janusz Mądro

Thursday October 21

8:30 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Joe Kucharz "Birthday" SMN Ushers

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ + Teresa Totzke

Friday October 22 (HC)

8:30 AM Mass

+ Kevin Webster by Lora Ferebee

7:00 PM Mass

+ Władysław Skolarus (zam. Irena z rodziną)

Saturday October 23

4:00 PM MASS (SMN)

+ Frank & Angie Badorski by David & Darlene Badorski

+ Nora J. Tierney by Family

4:00 PM MASS (HC)

+ Charles Kramer by Frank LaBuda & Daughter Caryn

7:00 PM MASS (HC)

W intencji Panu Bogu wiadomej

+ Janusz Szymczak

+ Robert (w rocznicę)

Sunday October 24 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

7:00 AM MASS (SMN)

For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM MASS (HC)

For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM MASS

+ O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Danuty i Jana w rocznicę

ślubu oraz o szczęśliwe rozwiązanie dla Eweliny

+ Dziękczynna i o Boże błóg. dla p. organisty Mariusza, dla

Nicole i Claudii

Dziękczynna za dary i prowadzenie przez Ducha Świętego

11:00 AM MASS (SMN)

+ Anne Jelinek by Terry Gruber

+ Victoria Hernandez by Family

12:30 PM MASS

+ Delores Bebej by The Cole Family

5:30 PM MASS (SMN)

Melanie Giordano by Family (SMN)

Holy Cross at St. Mary Calendar of Events

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

(SMN) Saint Mary Nativity
(HC) Holy Cross

Nativity Room (NR)
(SMNS) Saint Mary Nativity School

Sunday October 17

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

11:00AM—Baptism (HC)

Monday, October 18

3:30PM —Holy Cross Council Meeting (NR)

5:30 PM —Development Meeting (NR)

6:30 PM— School Board Meeting (Conference Rm)

Tuesday, October 19

9:30AM—Bible Study (SMN) (NR)

1:00PM—Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Sorrowful Mother
Novena (SMN) (Church)

Wednesday, October 20

11:00AM—Woman's Day of Recollection (NR & SMN Church)
Volleyball games (SMNS) (Gym)

Thursday, October 21

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

Friday, October 22

Polish School (SMNS) (Gym)

Saturday, October 23

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

Sunday, October 24 —World Mission Sunday

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

**** 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! ****



**Congratulations to
William & Juli Grenchik
Saturday, October 16, 2021
at St. Mary Nativity Church**

Through the waters of Baptism on Sunday, October 17th we welcome **Emilia Maria Bieniek** 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.



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

**Maria Zamudio October 8, 2021
Lawrence Przbyl October 13, 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.





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 10, 2021 Collection

St. Mary Nativity \$7,814.00
Holy Cross \$2,396.00

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



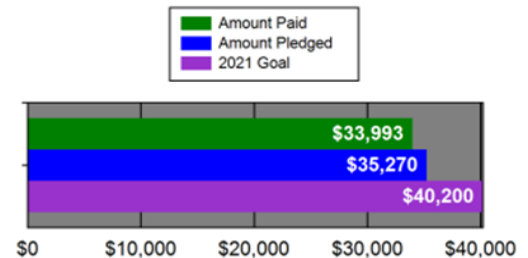
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 10/10/2021

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	\$35,270	\$28,726	\$6,544	\$30,101
Amount Paid	\$33,993	\$28,358	\$5,636	\$30,419
Balance Due	\$1,277	\$368	\$908	(\$318)
Donor Count	160	171	-11	179
2021 Rebate	\$0			



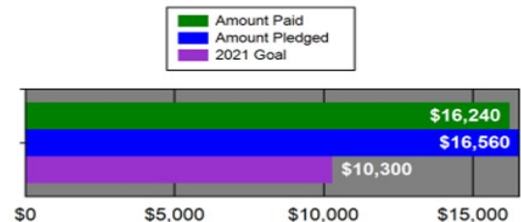
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 10/10/2021

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	\$17,275	(\$715)	\$18,145
Amount Paid	\$16,240	\$15,998	\$243	\$17,225
Balance Due	\$320	\$1,278	(\$958)	\$920
Donor Count	45	54	-9	58
2021 Rebate	\$4,158			



Building a Legacy Today That Will Last Forever

It is **National Estate Planning Awareness Week**, and we are encouraging our St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross communities to plan for the future with FreeWill's free resources.

Estate planning is an act of love that protects the people, communities, and causes you love — and this resource makes it free and easy to steward your resources. Start your free estate plan at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.



Let Your Legacy Leave a Legacy



Thank You

CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE

Get your tickets now! \$20 per ticket

Payouts for the Cash Calendar Raffle fundraiser will be daily* (see ticket) from January 1 to May 31 of 2022, which means 150 days of winners, totaling \$11,000 in winnings!

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.

<p>Please print Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone Number _____</p> <p>Seller _____</p>	<p>Please return this portion with payment</p> <p>\$20 per Ticket</p>	<p>St. Mary Nativity Catholic School</p> <p>150 DAYS OF WINNING</p> <p>CASH CALENDAR ~ January to May 2022</p> <p>\$11,000</p> <p>in Total Payouts</p> <p><i>All Tickets Can Win More Than Once</i></p> <p>Special Days</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Jan. 1st</td> <td>New Year's Day - Hello 2022</td> <td>\$500</td> <td>Mar. 29th</td> <td>Spring Break</td> <td>\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan. 6th</td> <td>Epiphany</td> <td>\$50</td> <td>Mar. 30th</td> <td>Spring Break</td> <td>\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 17th</td> <td>MLK Jr. Day</td> <td>\$50</td> <td>Apr. 10th</td> <td>Palm Sunday</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb. 2nd</td> <td>Groundhog Day</td> <td>\$50</td> <td>Apr. 14th</td> <td>Holy Thursday</td> <td>\$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb. 14th</td> <td>Valentine's Day</td> <td>\$500</td> <td>Apr. 16th</td> <td>Holy Saturday</td> <td>\$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb. 21st</td> <td>President's Day</td> <td>\$50</td> <td>Apr. 17th</td> <td>Easter Sunday</td> <td>\$500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 2nd</td> <td>Ash Wednesday</td> <td>\$100</td> <td>May 5th</td> <td>Cinco de Mayo</td> <td>\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 14th</td> <td>Father, Jerome's Birthday</td> <td>\$500</td> <td>May 8th</td> <td>Mother's Day</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 17th</td> <td>St. Patrick's Day</td> <td>\$50</td> <td>May 27th</td> <td>Last Day of School</td> <td>\$150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 19th</td> <td>St. Joseph Day</td> <td>\$50</td> <td>May 30th</td> <td>Memorial Day</td> <td>\$500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar. 28th</td> <td>Spring Break</td> <td>\$50</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Tickets drawn daily*</p> <p><small>*Weekends and holidays will be drawn the next business day. There will be no drawing on 4/15/2022 Good Friday</small></p> <p>Every Weekday \$20 Every Saturday \$40 Every Sunday \$150 1st Day of the Month \$200 Last Day of the Month \$200 2 Winners on the 22nd of each month</p> <p>\$20 per Ticket</p>	Jan. 1st	New Year's Day - Hello 2022	\$500	Mar. 29th	Spring Break	\$50	Jan. 6th	Epiphany	\$50	Mar. 30th	Spring Break	\$50	Jan 17th	MLK Jr. Day	\$50	Apr. 10th	Palm Sunday	\$200	Feb. 2nd	Groundhog Day	\$50	Apr. 14th	Holy Thursday	\$100	Feb. 14th	Valentine's Day	\$500	Apr. 16th	Holy Saturday	\$100	Feb. 21st	President's Day	\$50	Apr. 17th	Easter Sunday	\$500	Mar. 2nd	Ash Wednesday	\$100	May 5th	Cinco de Mayo	\$50	Mar. 14th	Father, Jerome's Birthday	\$500	May 8th	Mother's Day	\$200	Mar. 17th	St. Patrick's Day	\$50	May 27th	Last Day of School	\$150	Mar. 19th	St. Joseph Day	\$50	May 30th	Memorial Day	\$500	Mar. 28th	Spring Break	\$50			
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The Cash Calendar Raffle tickets would make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers for your friends and loved ones!

Please contact the Rectory Office at (815) 726-4031 if you would like to purchase tickets. The ticket stubs and payment can be sent to St. Mary Nativity – 706 North Broadway Street – Joliet, Illinois 60435, or dropped off at the Rectory Office or in the collection basket at the weekend masses.

Ticket stubs and payment are due by Monday, December 20, 2021.

All proceeds benefit Saint Mary Nativity School - Thank you!

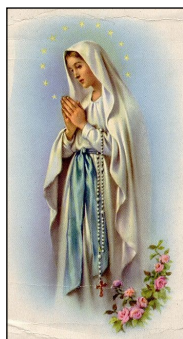


WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday October 24th we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission diocese in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Island, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep Pope's mission in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Novena Prayer

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Novena Prayer
My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favor which I earnestly request in my Rosary Novena: (Your Request)



I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

I offer you this spiritual Bouquet of Roses because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer.
Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Mass and Evening Prayer Schedule



Solemnity of All Saints, Monday, November 1, 2021

(Not a Holy Day of obligation)

8:30am Holy Cross

7:00pm, Saint Mary Nativity

7:00pm, Holy Cross —Polish

Commemoration of All Holy Souls, Tuesday, Nov. 2

8:30am Saint Mary Nativity

7:00pm Saint Mary Nativity

7:00pm Holy Cross —Polish

Monthly Food Collection

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,"

November 6 & 7

Look for the blue marked container

****No clothing is being accepted at this time****

All donations will be given to our neighbors,
the St. John's Food Bank.

Fannie May
PREMIUM CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1920



What a sweet fundraiser before the holidays!

More information will be published soon. All proceeds support SMN School. Thank you in advance!

Tree of Light ✦ Blessing ✦ (Online Video)

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✦ REGISTER BY:
OCTOBER 26, 2021



This special Tree Blessing Ceremony remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

In order to help all families through the grieving process, The Office of Family Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet is offering a Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video) to honor all infants in lieu of an in-person mass this year.

In the pre-recorded video, each baby will be acknowledged giving each family the opportunity to have their loss acknowledged.

✦ Please register to receive the video online link by email
familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or online at
<https://bit.ly/2zWNhtY>



I am so proud and thankful for all the people that were able to donate this year to the 5th Annual Coat Drive! 179 total donations, that's sure to help keep a lot of people in our community warm next season!! Blessings to all!

Women's coats-52
 Women's sweatshirts- 12
 Men's coats- 18
 Men's sweatshirts- 8
 Men's flannels- 13
 Men's sweatpants- 1
 Kids coats (girls)- 11
 Kids coats (boys)- 4
 Kids sweatshirts- 7
 Scarves- 8
 Socks- 11
 Gloves- 19
 Hats/ head bands- 14
 Earmuffs- 1



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



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
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

