

ST. MARY NATIVITY & HOLY CROSS PARISHES



Our Children Grow in Faith and Prayer!

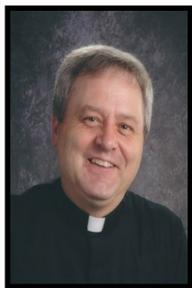


January 29 through February 4, 2023

“Faith. Excellence. Service.”

**The school invites you
to visit and take a tour
to meet our amazing faculty,
staff, and students.**

Our Parish School



Many things have changed throughout the history of our parishes. So it's no surprise we see those changes in our schools. Starting with Holy Cross parish, we still have parishioners who fondly remember going to school next door to the church. That's also true at St. Mary's. The parish school used to be a place where kids from the neighborhood and from the parish learned things and most importantly learned about God.

Holy Cross parish has a school building, but no longer is it filled with children from the neighborhood and the parish. St. Mary Nativity has a stable enrollment, but not near to what is used to be. Most of those students are not parishioners. Rather than a parish school, our current school is more like a service we provide to the community. And the decrease in students is not too surprising, given that there are fewer people in the pews on Sunday from both parishes. With fewer people, we also have fewer contributions to fund the operation of the school.

Did you know it costs about \$8400 to educate a child in our school? While it might seem expensive, it is far below the \$14,000 you are paying to educate a child in the public schools. Be proud that your Catholic School is one of the most efficient and cost-effective ways of educating children. The challenge is that we have to come up with those funds at our parish. Even though our posted tuition is \$4200, we offer discounts for families with multiple children in order to keep tuition affordable. There are also discounts for employees who have children at our school. These discounts mean we start off with a gap of \$4200, a gap that increases due to families who can completely pay their bills. On average, each family pays about \$1800 per child. So the final amount we have to cover through parish investment and fundraising is about \$6600 per student.

Maybe an example will help. I know you're eager for some math in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Let's say a family has three kids. Their tuition bill is \$7900. But the cost to educate those three kids is $3 \times 8400 = \$25,200$. As a parent, you're thinking, "I am grateful for the discount!" Which is a good way to think because you love your kids and a family. But as a whole school, we still have to think, "How will we come up with the additional \$17,300? (Here's the math: $25,200 - 7900 = 17,300$) If we don't think together this way, how to cover these gaps, we will never grow.

Thankfully, some other financial support is available beyond our parish investment from St. Mary. The St. Mary Nativity school endowment generates about \$55,000 each year. Holy Cross parish also supports the school through a monthly envelope. The Catholic Education Foundation supported our school with over \$65,000 in scholarships. And the Tax Credit Scholarships from EMPOWER have grown over the last five years from \$10,000 to over \$120,000. But the rise in costs, mostly from diocesan-mandated salary increases, have not been matched by increases in enrollment and fundraising. Our school

remains stable and thanks be to God for that given the events of the last few years. But we have not yet moved to thriving.

Each year I have to repeat to the principal and school board of the goal to move our school from stable to thriving. It is my hope that the message sink in given the recent plan from the diocese for a targeted restructuring for the Joliet area. Our local goal is simple: to increase our enrollment of funded students. The goal is achievable: 20 to 30 more students and an additional stable income of about \$100,000 per year. The plan for achieving the goal is also in reach. I have been asking your school board for the last four years to promote our school at area parishes without schools. While Catholics Schools Week is a great way to highlight our current students, it brings in very number of new students. Meanwhile, area parishes without schools have a large number of children in their Religious Education programs and we have not even approached them.

The fundraising goal is also within reach. I have been reminding the school board to work with the development committee to host another major fundraiser. The idea here is also to give those families without financial means a way to contribute to their child's tuition through volunteering. Also, we have not tapped sufficiently into the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships through EMPOWER. Let's be grateful for the great increase in EMPOWER donations in the last five years. But we still have people who pay taxes to the state that should be arriving at our school. If you receive a W-2 and are paying taxes to the state, those funds could benefit our students. Your refund will still be the same, but your paid state taxes can come to our school.

There is a lot to celebrate here. Let's congratulate our new Principal Thomas Chinske. His first year is progressing very well. Let's also congratulate our teachers and other staff who continue to provide a place where kids can grow in knowledge and faith. In addition to Mr. Chinske's administrative duties, he has been taking an independent development course to help move to that spot where it thrives financially as well. The parish school board and finance council will hold a joint meeting in February to prepare for the year ahead. Your participation in these groups is invited and appreciated.

Why are schools expensive? Because kids are expensive. My mom and dad quickly found out after the birth of their first child that you can't really afford a child. So they had seven. It is a great blessing to our parish and our neighborhood and our city that we host a parish school. Kids learn well here—and the studies show how children in schools that stayed open during the pandemic benefitted academically and socially. And kids learn Christ here. Here they learn how to follow Christ in a difficult world. Here they receive the strength of Christ in the sacraments to do that. The times change, neighborhoods change, parishes change, and schools change. But Jesus Christ is the same, today, yesterday, and forever. Let us continue to work together and give together with one another and with Christ, so that his children may grow in faith, hope, and love.

With my prayers, *Fr. Jerome*

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Blessings and Prayers to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on May the graces of the sacrament be with you always.

Come Join our Bible Study Group

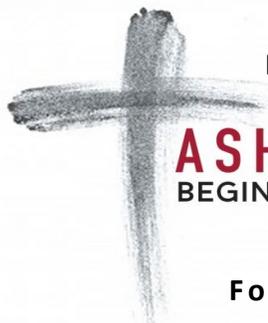
As we continue to study the Bible book by book. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM until 11AM. Our next meeting date will be: Tuesday, February 7th 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Rm.



Monthly Food Collection

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,” Monthly Food Collection Emergency Needs: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, spaghetti Noodles & pasta, Flavored Oatmeal Packets, Toilet Paper, Diapers, Canned Meats—Tuna, Salmon, Chicken etc., Rice, Soup, Macaroni and Cheese, Coffee, Tea, Diapers (Small, Medium & Large) P.S. they get fresh produce, bread, pasta, meat from the Illinois Food Bank. All donations will be given to our neighbors at the St. John’s Food Bank. Please drop off food in the blue marked containers in the vestibule **February 4 & 5**. Thank you so much you make a difference to many families.

Do you suffer from celiac disease? This can make it difficult to receive our Lord in Holy Communion, since the hosts are made from wheat flour. Often times, a low-gluten host can be used. It is kept in a separate container as all the hosts are consecrated at Mass. Then at Communion time the person receives Communion from this separate container. If you or a family member needs help in this way, please contact the parish office and let us know. Thank you. Fr. Jerome.



February 22, 2023

ASHWEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

See page 10

For more information

Iglesia St. Mary Nativity
Grupo de Rosario
Oremos Juntos
Jueves, 1:00 pm en Español
Rosario de Sanación Y Devoción
de los Cien Réquiem
Contactar: Cecilia Martínez
(815) 348-0837



TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS

“No estoy yo aquí que soy tu madre?”

Presencial o Virtual por facebook live
<https://www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/>



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

1:20—The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1:30— 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 1:30pm.



2023/2024 Mass Intentions

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 January/February 2024. Two “Collective Mass Intentions” are offered for Saturday evening at 4:00pm and Sunday morning at 11:00 am at both churches. Please call the church office to schedule.



We are looking for more volunteers to join our Choir Every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. at SMN Church. If you have questions, please contact Don Legerski.



End of Year Tax Announcement Donation letters for 2022 contributions to Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes will be mailed upon request toward the end of January. Please call the rectory at 815-726-4031 after January 15th to request your statement for taxes.

A Day of Recollection



Join us for a Day of Recollection for Women on Wednesday, February 14, 2023 from 9:30 am until 11:30am at Holy Cross Church. 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!

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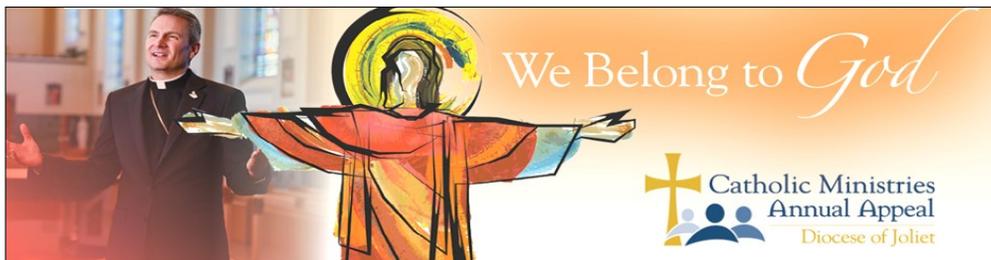
As stewards of God's gifts, our parishes have many opportunities to provide lasting legacies. Please prayerfully remember St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross in your estate plans. Your gift to the Church and its ministries would be very much appreciated and will be used in accordance to your wishes. With the simple click of a button from your computer or smart device, you can securely set-up one-time or recurring donations. Ready to get started? Go to our website at <https://stmarynativityholycross.com> and click on the button. If you have additional questions regarding Online Giving, feel free to contact the parish office.



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	St. Mary Nativity	Holy Cross Church
Sunday, January 22, 2023	\$ 7,296.00	\$ 2,384.00
Latin America	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 1,162.00
Hospitality Sunday	\$ 128.25	

Thank you



The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway

Our parish's goal for St. Mary Nativity is \$40,900.00, and Holy Cross is \$12,100.00

70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us.

Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.



DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

In celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival year of the Diocese, everyone in Diocese is invited to spend some time in prayer at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on February 8, 9, 10. There will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and scheduled communal Prayer Services led by various Diocesan Parishes and Groups. Mass times and celebrants are listed below.

Wednesday, February 8

- 6:30am Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant
- 11am Led by Rev. Jeff Rath, OSA, St. Jude Church, New Lenox
- 2pm Led by the 8th Graders, Cathedral of St. Raymond School, Joliet
- 5pm Filipino Communities led by Deacon Gerrie Mempo, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bolingbrook
- 8pm Hispanic Communities led by St. Andrew, Romeoville, Rev. Eduardo Flores, Celebrant

Thursday, February 9

- 8am Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant
- 11am Led by Rev. Steven Borello, Diocesan Director of Vocations, St. Raphael Parish, Naperville
- 2pm Led by Very Rev. Christopher Groh, St. Bernard Parish & St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Joliet
- 5pm Special Needs Communities, led by Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant
- 8pm Polish Communities, led by Rev. Andrzej Maslej, S. Chr. Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard and Rev. Tomasz Sielicki, S. Chr., Holy Cross, Joliet, Celebrants

Friday, February 10

- 8am Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant
- 11am Led by Diocesan Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill
- 2pm Led by Rev. Burke Masters, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale
- 5pm African American Community led by Sacred Heart Parish, Joliet Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant
- 8pm Closing of Forty Hours Devotion led by Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant, prepared by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Darien

EVERYONE IN THE DIOCESE IS ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER COMING TO THE CATHEDRAL DURING THESE THREE DAYS TO JOIN WITH OUR DIOCESAN CHURCH TO CELEBRATE A TIME OF SPIRITUAL DEVOTION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AS WE CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. WHEN YOU COME TO THE CATHEDRAL PLEASE ENTER BY WAY OF THE FRONT AND NORTH DOORS.



Free to our Parishioners!
REGISTER from our website:
<https://stmarynativityholycross.com/>
Blue FORMED Zip: 60435
St. Mary Nativity Next, Your email
You are registered!

Bulletin Deadlines
Deadline to submit items for the bulletin is Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

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Youth Group

Thursdays in the Nativity Room

6:00pm to 8:00 pm

Attention Junior High & High School teens!

Next meeting is February 9, 2023

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross invites all Junior high & High schoolers to our parish youth group as we encounter God, make new friends, and have fun! We meet every other Thursday night from 6-8 pm in the Nativity Room. If you don't want to come alone, Please bring a friend!

Please RSVP to Debbie Miranda at 815-999-1524

email debbiemiranda@yahoo.com



706 North Broadway Street Joliet, IL
Phone: 815-726-4031

Baptism Preparation

Welcome! In Baptism, the child, freed from original sin, becomes an heir to the Kingdom of God, receiving the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism, the child becomes a member of the Body of Christ and has access to the other sacraments. Please contact Barbara Surges for more information.

Communion For The Homebound

If you are confined to home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office at 815-726-4031.

The Holy Eucharist is the gift of Jesus himself at Mass.



Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available from Noon to 3:00 p.m. every Friday. All are welcome! Both regular adorers and

substitutes are needed for these times. Please contact Laurie at (815) 370-4533 to sign up. *"By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."* Bl. Carlo Acutis

Please note: The church continues to be open for personal prayer
Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



REGISTER from our website:

[St. Mary Nativity Church –](#)

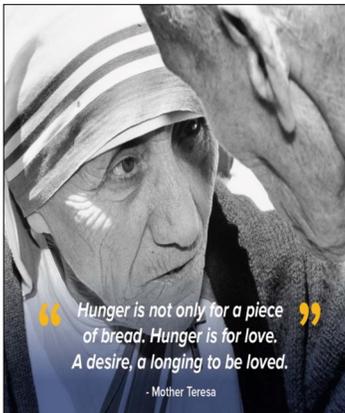
[Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.](#)

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You are registered!



"Hunger is not only for a piece of bread. Hunger is for love. A desire, a longing to be loved."

- Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love St. Joe's Park
700 Theodore Street in Joliet, Thursday, February 16th
at 7 pm, presented by Knights of Columbus
Holy Trinity Council 4400.

This event is a free will donation and light refreshments will be available for purchase.



Help spread charity & encourage the search for truth.
motherteresamovie.com

Watch this inspiring film.

To help us plan accordingly, please email
mail kc4400@yahoo.com with the number attending and
visit motherteresamovie.com for more information.



St. Mary and Holy Cross Parishes presently serves hundreds of families within Joliet and the surrounding areas. Many Catholics attend either of these parishes for Mass and consider it their "spiritual home." However, they are not formally registered in either parish. Why not take the opportunity to become "one of the family?" For those who are new to either Roman Catholic parish, we hope that you find the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the teachings and ways of the Catholic faith. As you become more acquainted with either parish, you may find an area in which to share. The success of our parish and bringing the faith to others depends on the work, sacrifice, prayers, and cooperation of all of us. To register, simply fill out the form below and return it to the parish office through the mail, drop it off, or return it through the Sunday offering. You may also register online by going to the parish website. Our parish secretary will contact you to complete your registration. Welcome! We're happy you're here!

Name(s) _____

Church _____

Envelopes: Yes _____ No _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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catholic school

**BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR
OUR STUDENTS' LIFELONG SUCCESSES**

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway.

- Catholic tradition
- In-class Sacramental prep
- Weekly all school Mass
- Community Service
- Small class sizes
- 3 & 4 year old preschool
- Affordable Tuition Rates
- Tuition Assistance Available
- Tutoring
- STREAM Program
- Bus Transportation
- After Care
- Athletics
- Free and reduced lunches



Call us for a guided tour of our school.
We have so much to share!
Hablamos Español

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*Great things are always happening at
St. Mary Nativity School!*



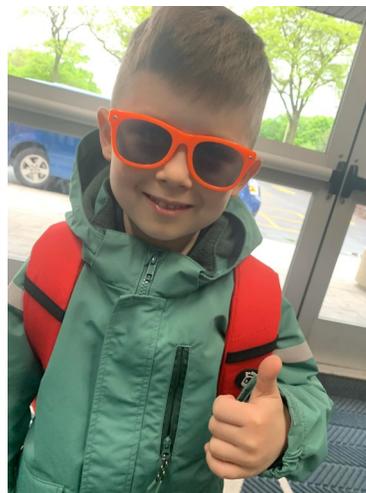
Register NOW for the 2023/2024 School Year

Apply for Tuition Assistance through Empower Illinois and the Catholic Education Foundation!

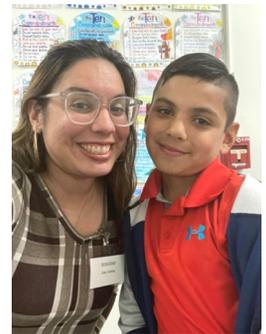
In the last three school years, many of our students have been awarded almost \$600,000 in financial aid!

A heartfelt "thank you" to Damon Zdunich who is a huge advocate of the Empower Illinois program for our school.

We are grateful to all our donors!



Thumbs Up!



SMN is a Cool School!

Catholic Schools Week January 29 - February 4

Sunday, January 29 - 11 am Mass. Open House 12 pm to 2 pm

Monday, January 30 - Celebrating our community wearing our class colors. Portillo fundraiser 5-8 pm

Tuesday, January 31 - Celebrating our students! MIX-MATCH attire. Fun Day of treats and activities

Wednesday, February 1 - Celebrating our Faith. Students in School Uniform. Join us at 9:30 am Mass.

Thursday, February 2 - Celebrating our Nation. Students may wear red, white and blue. Activities that teach and celebrate our men and women of service.

Friday, February 3 - Celebrating our Faculty/Staff/Volunteers! School Spirit Day

Where Every Child Achieves More!



FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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**St. Mary Nativity
8th Annual
TRIVIA KNIGHT**
Saturday,
February 25, 2023

We Are In-Person Again This Year!
(Virtual Teams Still Welcome! You Pick!)

Doors Open at 6:30 • Trivia starts at 7:00
Cash Bar • Raffles • Tacos for Purchase

\$200 PRIZE for 1st PLACE

Emcee for the Evening, Will County Auditor Duffy Blackburn

**\$200 Admission Per Team
21+ Event**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER,
CONTACT MARY NEMANICH 815-726-4031**

You're invited to a
**Portillo's
FUNDRAISER**



Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:
St. Mary Nativity Catholic School

When: **January 30, 2023**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:
**1155 Brook Forest Ave.
Shorewood, IL**

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS27** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

**Portillo's
FOR GOOD**
portillos.com/community

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS

Calendar Raffle

*Thank You
for your support*

Congratulations to the following WINNERS!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Seller</u>
Friday	January 20th	Brian Shirey	\$20	Chris Boban
Saturday	January 21st	Daisy Jacobo	\$40	School Family
Sunday	January 22nd	Albert Imparl (Donated back to church)	\$150	Mailing
Monday	January 23rd	Miriam Martinez	\$20	School Family
Tuesday	January 24th	Helen Furto	\$20	Mailing
Wednesday	January 25th	Patti Castellana	\$20	School Family
Thursday	January 26th	Bill Hammen	\$20	Rodger Bertram

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28

4:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ For the People of the Parishes

4:00 PM MASS (SMN)

+ Lucille Kararo by Family

+ Ray Yakich by Gerry Troppe

7:00 PM MASS (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla ks. Tomasza z okazji święta Patrona, św. Tomasza z Akwinu
 + Jan Cieśla (8. rocznica śmierci)
 + Paweł Bednarek (zmarł w Polsce)

Sunday, January 29— 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 AM Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Maria Strama (16. rocznica śmierci)

++ Natalia i Feliks Bartnik

+ Stanisław Palar

+ Maria Leśniak

+ Dariusz Gardawski

11:00 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Kathy Giandrone by Phil Alberico

+ Bob Tierney by Marian Heizel

Weber Family by the Traina Family

12:30 PM Mass (SMN)

+ Steven Pucel "27 Year Anniversary" by Family

5:30 PM Mass (SMN)

+ William Klepec by Richard & Deanna Serdar

Monday, January 30

8:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Michaeline LaBuda by Frank LaBuda & Daughter Caryn LaBuda

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ Katarzyna Cwynar (2. rocznica śmierci)

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Dan Zigrossi by Son Tony Zigrossi

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ Anna Bujak (zmarła 18 stycznia w Lemont)

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ For the People of the Parishes

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Krystyny Madury i całej jej rodziny

Thursday, February 2

8:30 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Tom Howard by Giandrone Family

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

O nowe, liczne powołania do zgromadzeń zakonnyc

Friday, February 3

8:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Casmira & Felix Burzawa by Family

7:00 PM Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna i o dalsze Boże błogosławieństwo dla rodziny Stramów_

Saturday, February 4

4:00 PM Mass (HC)

+ Dorothy Borawski "1 year Anniv." by Martin & Carol Terlep

+ Steve Jenco, Sr. by Steve & Linda Jenco

4:00 PM MASS (SMN)

+ Mary Theresa Sova by Sova, Merzlock and Tomac Families

+ Tom Bell by Richard & Deanna Serdar

5:30 PM MASS (HC)

O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia dla Anny Głodek

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Mass Intentions Cont.

Sunday, February 5— 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Willard Perkins by SMN Women's Club

9:00 AM Mass (HC)

+ Linda Linko

10:30 AM Mass (HC)

+ Zdzisław Miska

+ Maria Mietła

+ Henryk Kwiatkowski (1 rocznica śmierci)

+ Andrzej Wróbel (zam. rodzina)

11:00 AM Mass (SMN)

+ Katie Gruber by Family

+ Edward & Evelyn Grskovic by Nancy Waeco

+ Jim Fanery by Mae McDonnell

12:30 PM Mass (SMN)

+ For the People of the Parishes

5:30 PM Mass (SMN)

+ Barb Govednik by Richard & Deanna Serdar

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Saturday, January 28

9am Liturgy Team Mtg.—Joanne Room

Sunday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week January 29 thru February 4

10 am FFF First Communion Class— NR

10:30 am Baptism—HC

12pm OCIA—NR

12pm SMN School Open House—SMN School

Monday, January 30

1pm Catechism in a Year—Parish Office

Tuesday, January 31

9:30 a.m. Bible Study — NR

1 pm Rosary—SMN Church

Wednesday, February 1

9:30 a.m. School Mass—SMN Church

7pm Choir Rehearsal—SMN Church

Thursday, February 2

12 pm Priest Day of Recollection —HC

1 pm Rosary in Spanish —SMN Church

3pm Basketball Game—SMN Gym

6pm Youth Group Mtg.—Nativity Room

Friday, February 3

12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration—SMN Church

5:30 p.m. Polish School—SMN Church

7pm Polish School First Friday Mass—SMN Church

Saturday, February 4—No Events

Sunday, February 5

Food Pantry Collection—Please look for the Blue Containers

10am FFF —NR

1pm OCIA—NR

Sunday, January 29, 2023
 we welcome the newest member of
Holy Cross Church
Olivia Kowal
 May we support the parents by prayer
 and example, as they seek to raise
 their child in the Catholic Faith.



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

Richard Danka —January 20, 2023

Charlotte Brown—January 20, 2023

May his soul 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.



St. Mary Nativity Catholic Church

Address: 706 North Broadway Joliet, IL 60435
Office Hours: Mon -Thurs. 8:30am to 4:30pm
 Friday 8:30am to 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday 4pm Sunday 7am, 11am,
 12:30pm & 5:30pm
Weekday Mass: 8:30am Tuesday & Thursday
Confessions: Saturdays 3:15pm—3:45 pm



st. mary nativity
CATHOLIC CHURCH

www.stmarynativityHolycross.org
Phone: 815-726-4031
Rectory Fax: 815-727-4393



Pastor	Father Jerome Kish	Frkish@outlook.com
Weekend Associate	Father Gerald Nicholas, OSA	
Music Director	Mr. Donald Legerski	dlegerski@stmarynativity.org
Director of Family Faith	Ms. Barbara Surges	bsurges@stmarynativity.org
Maintenance Manager	Mr. Paul Landa	planda@stmarynativity.org
Business Manager	Mrs. Mary Nemanich	mnemanich@smnccs.com
Parish Secretary	Tricia DiChristofano	tricia@stmarynativity.org



Saint Mary Nativity Catholic Church

St. Mary Nativity School

Address: 702 North Broadway Joliet, IL 60435
Office Hours: 8:30am to 3:00pm Monday thru Friday

www.stmarynativity.org
Phone: 815-722-8518



School Principal	Mr. Thomas Chinske	tchinske@stmarynativity.org
School Secretary	Mrs. Jen Martinez	jmartinez@stmarynativity.org
School Secretary	Mrs. Jean Butler	jbutler@stmarynativity.org

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Address: 830 Elizabeth Street Joliet, IL 60435
Mass Times: Saturday 4pm in English, 7pm in Polish
Sunday 9:00am in English, 10:30am in Polish
Weekday Mass: 8:30am in English Mon., Wed., & Fri.
 7:00pm in Polish Monday thru Friday
Confessions: Saturdays 3:15pm —3:45pm



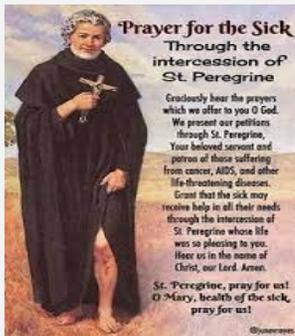
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Pray for the sick

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Need prayers or know someone who does call Pat Weiskop 815-723-7141

Pray for our Troops

Pfc. Paul Roder, USMC	Sgt. FC Jay R. Martin, Army
Jacob Gregurich, USMC	Kathleen Sullivan, Navy
Lt. Alex Aguilera, USMC	SRA Michael Wilson Arellano
2nd Lt Kevin A' Hearn	CPL. Christopher Wesley
Captain Marcos Aguilera, USMC First Sgt.	Brent Moot
Christina Romero, USMC	Justyn Moot
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Pfc. Michael McCallister, Army	David Walters, Army
Joe Miller, USMC Sgt	Jonathon Schroll, USMC Special Forces
Tommy Hanks, USMC	Petty Officer 1st Class Tyler Hintzsche, Navy
Sgt. Christina Hanks, USMC	PV2 Christion Cortez
Alexander Gregurich, PFC	Michael Policandriotes, Army



St. Mary Nativity (SMN) and Holy Cross (HC) Lent and Easter Schedule 2023

The Man of the Shroud Turin Exhibit: Friday, February 17 through Wednesday, February 22nd in the Nativity Room at SMN

Parish Mission at SMN: The Boy with the Bread: February 19, 20 & 21 at 7:00 p.m.

February 22: Ash Wednesday Mass: 8:30 am at HC, 6:30 pm at SMN, 7:00 pm at HC (Polish) Service: 12:00 pm at SMN

Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent: 8:15 am (School) at SMN, 3:00 pm at SMN
6:30 pm at HC followed by 7:00 pm Mass (Polish)

Stations for Married Couples: March 16 6:30 pm at SMN

Gorzkie Żale ('Bitter Sorrows' Sung Service): Sunday 10:10 am at HC

Polish Lenten Retreat:

Thursday, March 9 at 7pm at HC

Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm at SMN with Polish School

Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 pm at HC

Confessions during the Polish Retreat at HC: Each day from 5pm to 6:50 pm and after the Mass as needed

Called & Gifted Sessions: March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 pm in the Nativity Room at SMN

March 20, St. Joseph: Mass at 8:30 am at HC and 6:30 pm at SMN

April 2: Palm Sunday: Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule at both SMN and HC

Confessions at SMN: Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Confessions at HC (Polish): Holy Monday, April 3: Holy Tuesday, April 4 and Holy Wednesday, April 5 6:00 to 6:50 pm
and after the 7:00 pm Mass as needed, but no longer than 8:30 pm

Living Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, April 5 at 1:45 pm presented by the 5th Grade Students at SMN

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

April 6: Holy Thursday (No Morning Mass)

St. Mary Nativity

8:00 to 9:30 am Individual Confession

6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration continues until Midnight

April 7: Good Friday (No Morning Mass) (No Exposition and Adoration)

St. Mary Nativity

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Confessions

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30 to 9:00 pm Confessions

Holy Cross

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Polish)

8:30 pm Gorzkie Żale ('Bitter Sorrows' Sung Service All Parts)

Adoration until 11 pm

Holy Cross

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Polish)

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

Adoration until 11pm

April 8: Holy Saturday (There are no 4:00 pm Masses on Holy Saturday)

St. Mary Nativity

12:00 pm Blessing of Food Baskets

7:30 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Mass

Holy Cross

Adoration from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm with the guards at the Tomb

Blessing of Food Baskets (Święconka): 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 3:00 pm

No Easter Vigil Mass moved to Easter Sunday early morning 5:00am

April 9: EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

St. Mary Nativity

7:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

There is no 5:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Holy Cross

5:00 am Solemn Easter Vigil Mass followed by Resurrection Procession

9:00 am English Easter Mass

10:30 am Polish Easter Mass

April 10: Easter Monday 7:00 pm in Polish at HC

April 16: Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule at SMN and HC

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 3 pm (not a Mass) at SMN and at HC (Polish)



Pójdź Za Mną

MT 4, 19



Przechodząc obok Jeziora Galilejskiego, Jezus ujrzał dwóch braci: Szymona, zwanego Piotrem i brata jego Andrzeja, jak zarzucali sieci w jezioro; byli bowiem rybakami. I rzekł do nich; „Pójdźcie za mną, a uczynię was rybakami ludzi” Oni natychmiast zostawili sieci i poszli za Nim. Mt 4, 18:20

W niedzielę 22 stycznia br, obchodziliśmy: Niedziele Słowa Bożego, której celem jest pogłębienie znaczenia Biblii w życiu Kościoła i w osobistym życiu człowieka. Niedziela ta została poświęcona Słowu Bożemu, aby zrozumieć głębiej niewyczerpane bogactwo dialogu między Bogiem a człowiekiem. W jednym z Listów Apostolskich: Aperuit illis papież Franciszek ustanowił trzecią niedzielę zwykłą dniem refleksji nad Słowem. Jako odpowiedź na prośbę papieża w naszej parafii my również w szczególny sposób uczciliśmy ten wyjątkowy dzień. W uroczystej procesji niosąc w rękę Ewangeliarz rozpoczęliśmy Mszą Świętą. Odbyło się również szczególne błogosławieństwo, którego udzielił wszystkim naszym lektorom ks. Tomasz Sielicki. Po Mszy Świętej był poczęstunek, przy którym miło i rodzinie spędziliśmy czas.

Bogu niech będą dzięki za powołanie do służby naszych lektorów oraz każdego z nas. Pozostajemy wierni naszemu powołaniu, bo jest ono wielkim darem. Jego Słowo niech zawsze będzie dla nas światłem w ciemnościach naszej

Oprac. Dorota Matras



Lud, który siedział w ciemności, ujrzał światłość wielką. Mt 4, 12-23