

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes

706 North Broadway Street and 830 Elizabeth Street - Joliet, Illinois 60435

Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



Sunday, December 24, 2023

Pastor's Corner



Away in a Manger

I remember going out one Christmas Eve in the dark to do the chores. On the farm, the animals had to be fed just like you and me. The cows were glad to see you when you entered the barn, eager to munch on the bale of hay you were going to bust open. There was frost on the whiskers around their nostrils, and you could see their hot breath in the cold night air. On this particular Christmas night, it struck as I dumped the hay into the trough—this was a manger.

That's what the manger is: the feeding trough, the place where the cattle eat. In a place like this—away in a manger—Mary gave birth to her firstborn Son, and laid him in that manger because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7) The barn I was in wasn't a nativity scene of plastic figures. It wasn't a living nativity scene of real people. This was a part of my life. Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night, where the ox knows its owner, and the ass its master's manger (Isaiah 1:3), I began to know and to understand a little bit more. Ancient prophecies were foretold. In time they were fulfilled. Yet even there in a cold, dark barn, even there a farmer could discover Emmanuel, God-with-us, God with me.

Those ancient prophecies include you, too. Their fulfillment in time at the birth of Jesus includes you. This year's celebration of the Birth of the Lord includes you. It includes you and me and all the billions of people on the planet on this very day. On this very Christmas day 2023, new lives will be born into the world. Each one of them reminds us of God the Son who chose to enter into our world in the very same way. On this very Christmas day, some of us will leave the world. Each one of them reminds us how God the Savior left this world by his death. Yet as human as we are, each Christmas also reminds us of the difference between our lives and the life of Christ. For the tiny baby boy born of the Ever-Virgin Mary is also the One who created us, with his Father and the Holy Spirit. He will grow to be the Savior of the world, of all people of all time, who will give his life on the Cross so that sins may be forgiven. And it is because Christ is both like us and different from us, he has the ability to bring his saving power from heaven into the life of each one of us here below.

As you celebrate this Christmas, look back. Can you call to mind any memories when God brought you the gift of faith? Or look at this very day. Maybe the gift of faith is still waiting to be unwrapped, to come out of the darkness into the light. It's the same path Jesus took, waiting nine months in darkness until he saw the light of day. Since faith is a gift, it should move us to be grateful. So please, fill your Christmas day with prayers of thanks. Each nativity scene you see can move you to a new prayer of thanks. Each living person you see can also move you to a new prayer of thanks. Your conversations with others can also include in your heart your conversation with God. Thank God the Father for sending to you his Son the Savior—there is no greater gift. Thank God the Holy Spirit for bring this great gift to you, to the world years ago and to your life here and now. Thank God the Son for not only coming into this world, but for offering his life to you out of love, and not just on the Cross, but at every Mass.

Every Catholic Mass is Christ's Mass—it is Christmas. In the manger and on the altar, we find the Body of Christ. Though born over two thousand years ago, he wanted to make himself present to you, here and now. So he instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist, because of his great love for you. The Catholic Mass is celebrated all through the world, for all kinds of people. Rich and poor, old and young, workers and scholars, shepherds and wisemen, fools and sinners—Christ has come for each one of us and all of us together. Each Christmas and at every Mass, Christ is waiting to be consumed by our grateful love. May our reverent and loving celebration of these sacred mysteries be our Christmas gift to him.

Along with Fr. Tomasz and all who serve you at our parishes, I wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas and a grace-filled New Year,

Fr. Jerome

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF JESUS!

We rejoice in His birth! His coming is a message of hope, peace, joy, and love with the promise of our salvation.

Let the joy of Christmas fill our hearts and souls.

With gratitude for all you have done to grace our parishes.

We hold you in our hearts and in our prayers.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas!

*Father Jerome, Father Tomasz,
and the Parish Staff*



You're invited to
Join Us

**St. Mary Nativity (SMN)
and Holy Cross (HC)**

Saturday - December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

SMN - 4pm

HC - 4pm English

5:30pm Polish

Sunday - December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

SMN - 7am and 11am

HC - 9am English

10:30am Polish

Christmas Vigil:

SMN— 3pm, 11pm

HC— 3pm

Monday

December 25

Christmas Day:

SMN— 7am, 11am

and 12:30pm

HC— 12am Polish

Pasterka Midnight Mass

9am English

10:30am Polish

December 30 and 31:

Holy Family:

Regular Sunday Schedule

January 1:

Mary, Mother of God:

not obligatory

Regular Sunday Schedule

January 6 and 7: Epiphany:

Regular Sunday schedule

Saturday - January 6

Family Opłatek Ball

Crystal Grand Banquets

Lemont

Monday, January 8:

Baptism of the Lord

Christmas season ends.

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



Stewardship

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to donate!**

Scan here With the simple click of a button from your computer or smart device, you can securely set-up one-time or recurring donations.

You can also donate by visiting our website at <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

Due to early bulletin submission, the Parish weekly collection for December 17th, 2023 will be posted later.



Thank you for attending.

Thank you for serving.

Thank you for giving.

Thank you for growing with us.



The Week Ahead

Monday, December 18

10:30am Funeral - SMN Church (Sliwinski)

7:00pm Baptism Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

Tuesday, December 19

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Rm

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

1:00pm SMN Staff Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

5:00pm Faith Formation - Reconciliation Service - SMN Church

Wednesday, December 20

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - SMN Church

Thursday, December 21

12:00pm Priest Day of Recollection HC

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

Friday, December 22

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration—SMN Church

1:30pm Early Dismissal - SMN School

Saturday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Vigil)

(Refer to Postcard for Masses)

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

(Refer to Postcard for Masses)



The Parish Office
will be closed at
3:00pm on Friday,
December 22nd
and reopen on
Wednesday,
December 27th
at 8:30am

*Merry
Christmas*

Hospitality Sunday



Sunday January 14th in the Nativity Room after the morning Masses.

All Are Welcome
Bring the Family!



ATTENTION!!!

**Offertory Envelopes
for the Entire Year
(2024) are available
for pick up.**

**St. Mary Nativity in the Nativity Room
Holy Cross in the back of the church**

**Your boxed set will include all Sundays,
Holy Days, and second collections.**

Women's Recollection

Please Join us for a Day of Recollection for Women on Friday, January 12th from 10:00 am until 12:00pm at St. Mary Nativity.

The recollection, led by Fr. Jerome Kish, will include several short talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation.
All of the women in the Parish are invited. Bring a friend!

Mass Intentions



Mass Schedule

St. Mary Nativity Church

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 7:00 am, 11:00 am,
 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm
 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 8:30 am

Holy Cross Church

Saturday 4:00 pm English and 5:30 pm Polish
 Sunday 9:00 am English and 10:30 am Polish
 Monday and Friday 8:30 am English
 Tuesday 8:30 am Polish
 Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 7:00 pm Polish

Saturday - December 23

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Michael Kipilla by Mom and Dad

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Bernard Zolecki by Wife, Helen
 Raymond & Sophie Levek & Irene by Family

5:30 pm Mass (HC)

† Maciej Jaśkiewicz (zmarł w Polsce, 37 lat)

Sunday - December 24

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Delores Bebej by Andrea & Andy McIntosh

9:00 am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę MB dla Helenki z okazji 1. urodzin

† Ewa Sędacka (imieniny)

† Mariusz Mucha (w rocznicę urodzin)

† Maria Klikuszowian (4. rocznica śmierci)

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

Joseph & Cecelia Wolf by Marianne Wolf

Edward & Evelyn Grskovic by Family

Christmas Vigil

3:00 pm Mass (SMN)

Raymond & Elizabeth Marso by Edward & Deborah Marso

3:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Kathy Giaudrone by Phil & Maryann Alberico

11:00 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Monday - December 25 Christmas Day

12:00am Polish Midnigh Mass (HC)

† † Maria, Stanisław i syn Józef Janik oraz + Władysław Skolarus

† † Józef i Helena Waliczek

† † Natalia, Feliks Bartnik, Stanisław Palar i Maria Leśniak

† Jerzy Gancarczyk

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

Bob Tierney by Bob Heinzel

9:00 am Mass (HC)

John Klen by Dan Lajcin Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

† Stanisław Mrowca

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

Albert W. & Catherine P. Hochevar by Al Hochevar Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Tuesday - December 26

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Charlotte Brown by Marianne and Jonas

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Helena Piorun

Wednesday - December 27

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Patricia Gudac by Gudac Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

O wszelkie potrzebne łaski i o ochronę i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Krystyny

Thursday - December 28

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Robert Svetlecic by Joe Newton

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Bożą Opatrzność i dary z nieba dla Shannon Nestorowicz i jej rodziny

(God's providence and gifts from heaven for Shannon Nestorowicz and her family)

Friday - December 29

8:30am School Mass (HC)

† Frances Weeditz by Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Vicky Ann i Andrzej Wróbel

Saturday - December 30

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (HC)

† Witold Seroka

† ks. Tadeusz Perlik SChr

Sunday - December 31

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Brian Stewack by Rob Stewack

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† For a Special Friend by Dan Lajcin Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna za wszystkie łaski otrzymane w Starym Roku 2023

† Maria Król

† Jan Stopka

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

Joseph & Cecilia Wolf by Marianne Wolf

Matthew Sicinski by Mom & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ozella by Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN))

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes



Flame of Faith
James Bloch



Mass Intentions are available for
December 2024 and January 2025 .

***Donations for Christmas Flowers were made by the following people to beautify
St. Mary Nativity Church in celebration of Jesus' birth this Christmas Season.***

In Memory of.....

William A. O'Hara
Patricia E. O'Hara
Edward Smrekar
Elizabeth Smrekar
Julius Roark
Mom & Dad Aguilera
Martin Lepacek Sr.
Margaret Lepacek
Joanne Lepacek
Martin Lepacek Jr.
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Mr. & Mrs. A. Jasinski
Don Jasinski
Mr. & Mrs. B. Gray
Harry McMurray
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Tim & Tom Adelman
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Jerry Lenci
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Denny Welch
John Furlong Family
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John Horvat Family
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Stanley Angus Jr.
Ryan Angus
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Robert Hinz, Sr.
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Ronald Pawlowski
Mr. & Mrs. J. Szczepaniak
Mr. & Mrs. B. Pawlowski
Elizabeth Sellers
Edward Surma

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Frank Ozella Family
Mary Traina
Alex Galounis Family
Raymond Klein Family
Martin Ledezma Jr.
Dick Shaw
John S. Russ
John & Tillie Hankovcak
Perkins, Papach & Weiskop Families
Garland, Lakota and Kukla Families
Haggerty, Omotta & Paul Families
Mr. & Mrs. William Krok
William F. Krok
Juliana M. Krok
William J. Jones
James D. Kozar
Anton Kozar
Hilda Britz
Mary Kozar
Charles Oberholtzer
Martha Estes
Kermit Estes
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Mary Andrea Mejia
Andrew Tomac Sr.
Frances Tomac
Joseph J. Grzincic, Sr.
Mary A. Grzincic
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Joseph J. Grzincic, Jr.
Ted & Lillian Juricic
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Bob Rymsza
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Nick Pervan
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Matthew Sicinski
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Stewart Demsky
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Julia Ludwig
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Albin B. Zlogar
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Kathy Yack

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Chuck Cassani
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Ethel Cassani
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Peter J. Tomasic
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Douglas Petan
Frances Hakey
Daniel & Joseph Harvey
Elizabeth Harvey Morman
Frank & Evelyn Biegun
Papa Roberto
Robert & Geraldine Boley
Ray Page
Ray Larke
Robert Mueller
Walter & Catherine Mueller
Joseph & Dorothy Pasdertz
Edward & Ann Buldak

In Gift of.....

Carol Maloney
Barbara & Baron Westphal
Mr. & Mrs. William Malinowski
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bixenmann
Julie Bednarzyk
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pluth
Mrs. Thomas Briddick
Suzanne Zaleski
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brown
Ms. Mary Frances Bajt
Mrs. Jackie Edmonson
Mr. David Cherven
Mrs. Georgine Platko
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Biasetti Jr.
Mr. John Gudac
Roger & Elvia Rickmon
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Mr. & Mrs. Glynn Turner
Mr. & Mrs. John Sncik
Mr. Richard Luzbetak
Mrs. Phyllis Thompson
Gerald Drobick
Heidi O'Laughlin
Mrs. Beverly Kopman
Mr. & Mrs. William Petan
Anonymous



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Holy Cross Church in celebration of Jesus' birth this Christmas Season.***

In Memory of....

Pacelli & Tracy Families
Ruettiger Family
Mahalick & Leck Families
Tracy Paramo
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Andrew & Catherine Jaskowiak & Family
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Janina Gawlik
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Janik Family
Skolarus Family
Kobart & Garbolski Families
Bottino Family
Cemeno Family
Fisher Family
Helena & Jozef Piorun
Hischier Families
Zobel Families
Joseph & Mary Ludrovec
Lawrence & Angela Lewandowski
Ludwig & Mary Ludrovec
Bryce McElroy
Britz Family
Kozar Family
Mary "Sis" Evans
Mabel Huckaba
Walt Dziurawiec
Vicky Ann Wrobel
Andrzej Wrobel
Josef Klikuszowian
Betty Peterson
Mary & Rudolph Sprajcar

In Honor of....

Members of Holy Cross and St. Mary Nativity
Friends of Daniel Hischier Family

In Gift of....

Mr. & Mrs. Jozef Szymon and Marzena Pasek
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Sedacki
Mr. Thomas Hylka
Peggy Spolnik
Mr. & Mrs. Henryk Szlembarski
Mr. & Mrs. Marcin Tulak
Mr. & Mrs. Franciszek Dlugosz
Mr. & Mrs. Slawomir Bienik
Mr. & Mrs. Janusz Poznanski
Maria Kowallzy
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Mr. & Mrs. Jozef Jasielec
Lisa Mahalik
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Mr. & Mrs. Witold Jarosz
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James Pirc
Mrs. Harriet Rotnicki
Mr. & Mrs. Marian Haber
Mrs. Robert Pluth
Mr. & Mrs. Antoni Jurkiewicz
Donna Wysocki
Theresa & Celex Dunajewski

Thank you!

O Holy Night

Dziękuję!

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

Get Your Tickets!

Call the parish office at 815-726-4031.
Calendar Raffle Tickets will make a great Christmas gift
to friends or stocking stuffers for the family!
All proceeds support St. Mary Nativity Catholic School!

St. Mary Nativity Catholic School 151 DAYS OF WINNING CALENDAR RAFFLE ~ January to May 2024

\$11,500
in Total Payouts

All Tickets Can Win More Than Once

Every Weekday	\$20
Every Saturday	\$40
Every Sunday	\$150
1st Day of the Month	\$200
Last Day of the Month	\$200

Special Days

4 Winners \$240 ea.
Feb. 29th - Leap Year

Jan. 1st	New Year's Day	\$500	Mar. 28th	Holy Thursday	\$150
Jan. 6th	Epiphany	\$50	Mar. 30th	Holy Saturday	\$200
Jan. 15th	MLK Jr. Day	\$50	Mar. 31st	Easter Sunday	\$500
Feb. 2nd	Groundhog Day	\$50	Apr. 1st	April Fool's Day	\$500
Feb. 14th	Ash Wednesday	\$50	Apr. 2nd	Spring Break	\$30
Feb. 14th	Valentine's Day	\$500	Apr. 3rd	Spring Break	\$30
Feb. 19th	President's Day	\$50	May 5th	Cinco de Mayo	\$200
Mar. 14th	Father. Jerome's Birthday	\$250	May 12th	Mother's Day	\$250
Mar. 19th	St. Joseph Day	\$50	May 24th	Last Day of School	\$40
Mar. 24th	Palm Sunday	\$300	May 27th	Memorial Day	\$500

Tickets drawn daily*

*Weekends and holidays will be drawn the next business day.
There will be no drawing on 3/29/2024 Good Friday

\$20
per Ticket

**The 151 Days of Winning
Raffle Ticket would make
great Christmas gifts
or stocking stuffers for your
friends and loved ones!**

Please contact the Parish Office
at (815) 726-4031 if you would
like to purchase tickets.

Ticket stubs and payment can be
sent to St. Mary Nativity
706 North Broadway Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435,
dropped off at the Parish Office
or in the collection basket
at the weekend masses.

**All proceeds benefit
Saint Mary Nativity School!**

**The staff, students
and parents wish you and
your family a wonderful
Christmas!**

Save the Date!!!

**9th Annual
Trivia Knight
2024**

**Saturday
February 24th**

**An Awesome
Evening of Fun!**



Science Fair Judges Needed

Do you enjoy working with students? We need your help! We are looking for 15-20 volunteers to judge the Science Fair on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 9:00 AM. You do not need a strong background in science, but you need a love for helping children grow. This year we will have 7th and 8th graders compete in the return of the Science Fair. We hope to send ten students to the regional competition at St. Francis University in the spring. As a judge you will help decide who gets to advance to the regional competition. You will listen to their presentations, read their written reports, examine their work, ask them questions, and finally evaluate all that you have seen and heard. You will be given training and a rubric to follow. We will have coffee and donuts for you too! If you have questions or would like to volunteer for the morning, please contact Karen Schultz, 8th grade teacher at SMN School, at KSchultz@stmarynativity.org.

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS



Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at Saint Mary Nativity
every Friday Noon to 3:00 pm
All are welcome!

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed for these times. Please contact Laurie at (815) 370-4533 to sign up.

The church is open for personal prayer
Monday – Thursday 8am to 4:30 pm
and Friday 8 am to 3:00 pm.



Many saints throughout the centuries recognized the Eucharistic connections to Jesus' birth.

On this Holy Night, adoration of the Child Jesus becomes Eucharistic adoration. We adore you, Lord, truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, the living Bread which gives life to humanity. We acknowledge you as our one God, a little Child lying helpless in the manger! John Paul II

(from Aletia.org)

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st

Masses at Holy Cross will be
8:30am (English) and 10:30am (Polish).

There will be no 7:00pm Mass
in the evening.



Commemorating 75 Years of Catechesis, Evangelization and Service

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet, we give our utmost gratitude to God for all the abundant blessings that He has bestowed on every person from the time of the first missionaries until today. We acknowledge and celebrate all peoples, living and deceased, who make our diocese strong in faith and compassion, with a heart of service for all people.

Please access the link below for more information and dates on the Commemorating 75 Years of Catechesis, Evangelization and Service.

[75th Anniversary - Diocese of Joliet \(diojoliet.org\)](http://75thAnniversary-DioceseofJoliet(diojoliet.org))



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

This is the last in a series of nine monthly reflections on the development of Jesus in the womb. Our parish began the series on March 25th when we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. Soon we will celebrate the wonderful Feast of the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

THE NINTH MONTH NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 25

Bolstered by provisions and buoyed upon a cushion of carpets, Mary perches upon their patient donkey as she and Joseph start their journey. The trip to Bethlehem should take four days, but Mary's pregnancy forces them to travel slowly. Do they perhaps fall behind their fellow travelers? Soon they will be entrusted with the life of God made man. How must they reflect on this awesome responsibility as they journey toward their destiny?

At nine months, the baby is posed head down for its descent into the world. At birth, approximately 280 days from conception, a baby normally weighs from 6-9 pounds; it may be 19-21 inches long. Its tiny heart pumps 300 gallons of blood per day. How can this not be a child?

Give prayerful thanks to God for his most precious gift to humanity—Jesus Christ, his only son



Pro-Life Rosary Every Month **Third Sunday**

Holy Cross before the 9 am Mass,
starting at 8:35 am

St. Mary Nativity before the
11 am Mass, starting at 10:35 am.

The next meeting of the
St. Mary Nativity Pro-Life Committee:
Sunday, February 4th, at 10:00 am at SMN Church in the Nativity Room. We are thankful for your continued help and look forward to your participation in our events from now until that date.

For questions or for more information, contact Mike Hansen at 815-212-3661 or mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com



¡NECESITAMOS PERSONAS QUE PARTICIPEN SEMANALMENTE! USTED ES IMPORTANTE Y LO NECESITAMOS. INFORMES CON CECILIA MARTINEZ AL (815) 348-0837.

Grupo de Oracion en Español ROSARIO DE SANACION Y DEVOCION DE LOS CIEEN REQUIEM ACOMPAÑENOS, JUEVES, 1:00 PM EN LA IGLESIA PRESENCIALMENTE O POR FACEBOOK LIVE

<http://www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/>

LOS INVITAMOS A ORAR Y UNIDOS PODEMOS HACER UNA DIFERENCIA PARA NUESTRA PARRAQUIA.

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The evening began with a Spanish Rosary followed by Mass and a Fiesta with refreshments and a pinata.

Thank you to Father Jerome, Faith Formation catechists and students, and all who participated in this special tribute.

We especially want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Cecilia Martinez for beautifully coordinating this celebration.



St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



706 North Broadway Street Joliet, Illinois 60435



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

830 Elizabeth Street Joliet, Illinois 60435

Parish Office (815) 726-4031

Visit us at www.stmarynativityholycross.org

Parish Fax (815) 727-4393

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross
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or by Appointment.

Meet Our Staff...

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Father Gerald Nicholas, OSA, Weekend Associate

Donald Legerski, Director of Music

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