

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes

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



# Pastor's Corner



## ***Advancing to Higher Grades***

It's the season of graduations. Students have been advancing grade by grade or step by step to some higher level. Unfortunately, just as every set of steps lead up, they can also lead down. And our college campuses have descended into violent protests over the conflict between Hamas and Israel.

It's interesting to see how these protests have unfolded at different campuses. Let's go first to the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a report from the St. Paul Catholic Student Center. The chaplain there, Fr. Eric Sternberg, tells us, "In my observation, everybody has been, frankly, very quiet. They have been very peaceful — It's honestly very Midwest; they're having a cookout. They go into the library looking for bathrooms, they drink beer. It's a combination of students and local activists, like aging hippie types, really." (from 'The Pillar') He reports an opening protest of about 100 people dwindling to around 50.

Next, we hear from Columbia University and their Catholic chaplain Fr. Roger Landry. "According to Landry, nearly half of the approximately 300 protesters arrested were non-student activists. He said these outside forces are "explicitly communist groups" who have been distributing Marxist materials attacking the state of Israel since the Hamas Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attack." (from the Catholic News Agency) This is a known tactic of Marxist opportunists, like Antifa; they never let a good crisis go to waste. Recognizing the Hamas-Israel conflict overseas, they foment a disruptive and destructive spirit here. Yes, we protect free speech. But violent actions such as disrupting commencement ceremonies and the destruction of public property are not protected by law. In fact, they are crimes against just laws.

Some people have compared today's protestors to those of the 60s. Those students protested against the Vietnam War. Today's protestors are advocating for war against Israel, against Jewish people. October 7 saw a violent attack against innocent people by Hamas terrorists. Hamas' unwillingness to release their hostages extends this war. While Israel has the responsibility to act justly during this war, for them it is a war against Hamas, not Palestine. Hamas and the protestors still advocate the destruction of Israel.

Obviously, the historical picture is more complicated. But we can look to the issues that affect our college campuses today. The student protestors are advocating their universities to divest themselves, to pull all financial investments from Israel. Here are my questions for this class of 2024: If you thought your institution was so corrupt, why did you enroll? If you thought your institution misused funds, why did you contribute through paying tuition and fees? Isn't the most honest response, then, to remove yourself from your university? Sadly, an angry mob is not the place for an intelligent discussion. But class is still in session; if we do not graduate to higher levels, we will descend into the depths of destruction.

What we see here at work is a destructive spirit. When an injustice occurs, whether real or perceived, there is no desire for justice. There is only the desire for payback, and payback at any cost. A university that has taken years to build can be destroyed in an instant. A country that has taken years to build can be destroyed in an instant. A human life that has taken years to grow can be snuffed out in a moment. That is a destructive spirit. We need to test these spirits that we see at work in the world, because not all of them belong to God. (1 Jn 4:1)

On this Feast of Pentecost, we recall the outpouring of the Creator Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life. In the midst of conflict, he enlightens us with truth and enkindles in us the fire of love to act in justice. As we pray on this day:

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come  
From thy bright heavenly throne,  
Come, take possession of our souls  
And make them all your own.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring;  
And from all perils keep us safe  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. With his gift of fortitude they were able to bring the gift of grace to ALL nations. The same gift has been poured into us by the same Creator Spirit. May we be his instruments to renew the face of the earth. May we graduate, step by step, to the heights of heaven.

With my prayers,  
Fr. Jerome

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



## Happy Mother's Day



We celebrate the special mothers of our parishes, both living and deceased, with a Mother's Day Novena of Masses beginning on May 12 and continuing on the next eight Sundays.  
May we always honor our mothers with respect and remembrance.

### *In Memory of*

Barbara Gregurich	Olga Malnar Boban	Theresa Cemen
Clementine Perisich	Margaret Georgantas	Elsie Cemen
Olga Nahorski	Sue Guzman	Joan Kozar
Genevieve Handzik	Frances M. Senffner	Mary Kozar
Emily Pawlowski	Teresa Stafinski	Hilda Britz
Zofia Szczepaniak	Stefania Lesnick	Mary Ludrovec
Nell Jones	Anna F. Gorski	Mary Alice Ludrovec
Louise Parini	Rita Zajadsky	Linda Berderber
Catherine Mueller	Mary Aroch	Kelli Lynn Baker
Thelma Minarich	Mildred Kraske	Angela Lewandowski
Ann Horwath	Janina Gawlik	Stefania Lesnick
Althea Unland	Helena Fedorowicz	Wiktorja Wrobel
Laverne ConFiliano	Elizabeth Widlowski	
JoAnn Nawa	Mary Kurator	
Julia Jersycki	Sophia Mahalik	
Paula Darin	Lottie Fisher	
Mary Bottino	Loretta Cemen	

### *In Honor of*

Agnes Sefcik  
 Velma Parker  
 Helena Mucha  
 Beata Jandura  
 Bronislawa Jandura  
 Maria Czarniak  
 Wladyslawa Glowacz  
 Dorota Klikuszowian  
 Anna Klikuszowian  
 Krystyna Haber  
 Bev Sitar

### *In Gift of*

Betty Peterson  
 Rosemary Horvath  
 Carole Costa  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jozef Szewczyk  
 Mr. & Mrs. Krzysztof Kogut  
 Mr. & Mrzysztof Wojcik  
 Mr. & Mrs. Franciszek Dlugosz  
 Krzysztof & Marta Stopka  
 Mrs. & Mrs. Walter Sojka

*May our Blessed Mother Mary  
 be always present to us,  
 blessing us with her gifts of unending love!*



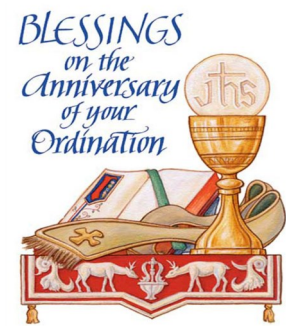
### **2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass**

The 46th Annual Diocesan Wedding Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 25th at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment. Pre-registration is required by July 28, 2024. If you are celebrating any of these years, please contact the parish office at (815) 726-4031, so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation.

***Marriage is a Gift from God!***



### **Congratulations Father Tomasz!**



**On May 22nd, he celebrates  
 44 years of priesthood!**

**God's blessings on him and  
 thank you for all you do in  
 the service of God!**



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, May 20

3:30pm HC Parish/Finance Council Mtg.- NR  
6:00pm SMN School Board Meeting - SMN JoAnn Room  
7:00pm Baptism Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

### Tuesday, May 21

Last day for Pre-K and Kindergarten  
9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room  
1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

### Wednesday, May 22

8:30am School Mass - SMN Church  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - SMN Church

### Thursday, May 23

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

### Friday, May 24

Last day of School - Award Ceremony & Field Day  
12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

### Saturday, May 25

9:30am Rosary Walk - HC Church to SMN Church  
1:00pm Quinceanera - SMN Church (Beltran)

### Sunday, May 26

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
2:00pm Baptism - SMN Church (Guzman)



## SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

### Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

at Saint Mary Nativity every Friday Noon to 3:00pm

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.

## Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament - Feast Day, May 13



**Prayer:** Virgin Immaculate, perfect lover of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we ask you to obtain for us the graces we need to become true adorers of our Eucharistic God. Grant us, we beg of you, to know Him better, to love Him more, and to center our lives around the Eucharist, that is, to make our whole life a constant prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O Virgin Immaculate, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
R. That the Eucharistic Kingdom of Jesus Christ may come among us! (St. Peter Julian Eymard)



## SMN Food Collection June 1 and 2

Drop off **NON-PERISHABLE** items in the blue marked containers in the vestibule. Thanks for making a difference to many families!



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

*Grupo de Oración en Español* ROSARIO DE SANACION Y DEVOCION DE LOS CIEN 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.

Please Join Us

Tuesday Mornings from 9:30 am until 11:00 am

# Bible Study

Nativity Room

Sunday, May 19th in the Nativity Room after the morning Masses.

## let's pray

IF GOD IS ALL YOU HAVE, you have all you need. JOHN 14:8

St. Mary Nativity's Tuesday Prayer Group

1:00—The Holy Rosary

1:20—The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1:30—The Sorrowful Mother Novena



## Women's Recollection

There will be a **Women's Morning of Recollection on June 7th from 10:00 am until 12:00pm** at St. Mary Nativity Church, 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet. The recollection, consists of several meditations, adoration and benediction, and the opportunity for the sacrament of confession. Please join us and bring a friend!



## Pro-Life Rosary Every Month Third Sunday

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

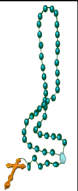
St. Mary Nativity before the 11 am Mass, starting at 10:35 am.

The next meeting of the St. Mary Nativity Pro-Life Committee:



Sunday, June 9th, at 10:00 am at SMN Church in the Joann 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](mailto:mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com)



# 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 - May 18

##### **4:00 pm Mass (HC)**

† Margaret & Raymond Smith by Thomas & Linda Friedrich

##### **4:00 pm Mass (SMN)**

† Frances Hakey by Family

† Repose of the Soul of Catherine P. Hochevar by Al Hochevar Family

##### **5:30 pm Mass (HC)**

† Andrzej Findura (20. rocznica śmierci)

† Paweł Wadowski (10. rocznica śmierci)

#### Sunday - May 19 Pentecost

##### **7:00 am Mass (SMN)**

† Donald Stewack "Birthday" by Rob Stewack

##### **9:00 am Mass (HC)**

† Harold Ed Kraske by Pat Kraske

##### **10:30 am Mass (HC)**

† Franciszek tojas

† Józef Jasiolec

† Józef Matyga (23. rocznica śmierci)

† Anna Marszałek

† Wiesław Fijolek i + Zdzisław Kuwik

##### **11:00 am Mass (SMN)**

For the Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parishes

† Zachary LaBuda by Frank LaBuda & daughter Caryn

† Julius Roark by John & Gloria Wilson

##### **12:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes

##### **5:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

† Anthony & Mary Gaspich by Nina Gaspich

#### Monday - May 20

##### **8:30 am Mass (HC)**

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

† Jadwiga Karwicka (25. rocznica śmierci)

#### Tuesday - May 21

##### **8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

† Fr. Edward Mumper by Parishioners of St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross

##### **8:30 am Mass (HC)**

† Józef Posadzy

#### Wednesday - May 22

##### **8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

† Mary Lojeski by Dan Lajcin Family

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

† Helena Piorun

#### Thursday - May 23

##### **8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

† Marie MacZura by Family & Friends

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

† Klara i Zofia Żywickie

#### Friday - May 24

##### **8:30 am Mass (HC)**

† George MacZura IV "1st Anniversary" by George & Marie MacZura

##### **7:00 pm Mass (HC)**

† Teresa Tyszkiewicz

#### Saturday - May 25

##### **4:00 pm Mass (HC)**

† Ronald Klen by Dan Lajcin Family

##### **4:00 pm Mass (SMN)**

Adam Wilk by Bobby

† For the Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by George, Marie & Raymond MacZura

##### **5:30 pm Mass (HC)**

† ks. Bogusław Nadolski SChr

† Janusz Skotnicki (1. rocznica śmierci)

#### Sunday - May 26 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

##### **7:00 am Mass (SMN)**

† Marguerite Nelson by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Senffner

##### **9:00 am Mass (HC)**

† Wanda Bindas "Anniversary" by Daughter & Family

##### **10:30 am Mass (HC)**

O Boże błogosławieństwo z okazji urodzin dla Victorii

O Boże błóg. i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Czesławy Zajęc

† Piotr Zajęc

† Eugenia i Władysław Gawron

† Marianna Rządkosz (14. rocznica śmierci)

† Jan Surma (2. rocznica śmierci) i + Elżbieta Bizub

##### **11:00 am Mass (SMN)**

For the Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parishes

† Jim Flanery by Son, Chris

† Delores McCarney & Carole Thomure by Family

##### **12:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

† James Louch by Don Legerski

##### **5:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes

*Mass Intentions are available for  
May and June 2025.*

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

**\$25 per ticket  
or  
5 Tickets for \$100**



**Only 2000  
tickets sold**

## St. Mary Nativity **GRAND \$WEEP\$TAKES\$**

**Grand Prize Drawing will be June 8, 2024**

### GRAND PRIZE

40% of Total Revenue

- 2nd Prize ..... 5% of Total Revenue
- 3rd Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue
- 4th Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue
- 5th Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue

### PLUS

Early Bird Drawing (5/13/24)

**\$1,000**

- Seller of Winning Ticket  
1% of Total Revenue
- Seller of Most Tickets  
1% of Total Revenue

**Grand Prize drawing will be held after the 4:00 pm Mass on June 8, 2024**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ St. Mary Nativity GRAND SWEEPSTAKES ticket(s). \$25 ea. or 5 for \$100.  
 Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ Method of payment:  Cash  Check  Online  
To purchase tickets online call Mary at the St. Mary Nativity Office 726-4031

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: St. Mary Nativity Church - Please do not send Cash

**Please mail or drop off to: St. Mary Nativity Church  
706 N. Broadway, Joliet, IL 60435**

Early Bird Drawing winner will also be eligible for Grand Prize Drawing

\*Winner need not be present

Grand Prize drawing proceeds will be used to replace revenue lost due to pandemic

If all tickets are not sold, prizes will be awarded on a pro-rated basis.

\*No ticket stub will be entered in the raffle until payment is received.

\*All prizes subject to applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Winners of prizes of \$5,000 or more must complete a W9 form before receiving their prize.

**For Information Contact: St. Mary Nativity Parish office at 815-726-4031  
or Frank Jurmann (815) 727-3253**

**Congrats to  
Martin  
Chinderle  
our \$1,000  
Early Bird  
Winner on  
May 13, 2024**

**Don't miss out  
on your chance  
for the  
Grand Prize  
on June 8th.**

**Current  
Grand Prize is  
\$3,750!**

**Good  
Luck!**

**Tickets  
available  
at the Rectory.**

**Proceeds  
will go  
towards a NEW  
Rectory Roof!**

## Calendar Raffle

**Congratulations  
to the following  
WINNERS!**

Friday - May 10  
Armando Cervantes - \$20  
Seller: School Family

Saturday - May 11  
James Hargrow - \$40  
Seller: School Family

Sunday - May 12  
David Mammosser - \$250  
Seller: Mailing

Monday - May 13  
Gaby Diaz - \$20  
Seller: School Family

Tuesday - May 14  
Myrna Nevarez - \$20  
Seller: School Family

Wednesday - May 15  
Angelica Martinez - \$20  
Seller: Mailing

Thursday - May 16  
Mitchell Thompson - \$20  
Seller: School Family



### Join the Parish Council

### St. Mary Nativity / Holy Cross Joint Parish Council

**TIME &  
TALENT**

#### Is God calling you to serve on the St. Mary Nativity / Holy Cross Joint Parish Council?

The Parish Council draws from their common experience as Catholic members of our parish to offer counsel to the pastor regarding all aspects of parish life. We work together to help keep our parish faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Christ in Joliet.

Currently, meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Nativity Room.

Potential members will need to attend a discernment meeting on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30pm, in the Nativity Room. Contact Kris Garland at 815-347-4684 for more information.



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



On Monday - May 27th  
Parish Office will be closed!  
(NO 8:30am Mass)  
Memorial Day Mass  
will be at 10:00 am at

**St. Mary Nativity Cemetery!**



**St. Mary Nativity and  
Holy Cross Family  
Faith Formation**

**We will meet on  
Tuesdays from  
5:00pm to 6:30pm  
this Fall.**

**Please call the Parish Office to register  
at 815-726-4031.**

**This year's tuition: \$125 per child.  
With additional fees per Sacrament.**

**Catechists are needed!**

**Jesus Loves The Little Children**



**June 19  
2024**  
DIRECTOR'S  
CLASSIC

Scan here  
for more  
information



**Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course**  
19433 Renwick Road  
Crest Hill, IL 60403

## ABC Countdown

The school is having fun  
with the last 26 days  
of school!



**O is for  
Orange  
Day**



**P is for  
Popcorn  
Day**



**Q is for  
Quiet  
Reading Day**



Shhhhh!

**R is for  
Ready for  
Fun Day at  
Shedd  
Aquarium**



**Ready Set Fun**

**ORDER  
YOUR  
Yearbook!**

**S is for  
Signature Day**



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

## CORPUS CHRISTI

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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*I am the  
living bread  
that came down  
from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats  
this bread  
will live forever.*

*John 6:51*

#### PARISH MISSION

AT ST. MARY NATIVITY:

**"THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN UP FOR YOU"**

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024:

CONFESSION AT 4PM, HOLY HOUR AT 5PM

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024:

CONFESSION AT 4PM, HOLY HOUR AT 5PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024:

CONFESSION AT 3PM, MASS AT 4PM

A SOLEMN INDOOR PROCESSION

CONCLUDES THE 4PM VIGIL MASS,

FOLLOWED BY A FINAL MEDITATION FOR THE MISSION  
AND ALL-NIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

### HOLY CROSS

SOLEMN OUTDOOR PROCESSION  
FOLLOWS THE 10:30AM POLISH MASS

### ST. MARY NATIVITY

SOLEMN INDOOR PROCESSION  
FOLLOWS THE 12:30PM MASS



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



## Stewardship

Scan now to donate!

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>

### Sunday, May 12, 2024

St. Mary Nativity \$11,207.00  
Holy Cross \$ 2,715.00

### Mother's Day

St. Mary Nativity \$1,882.00  
Holy Cross \$ 487.00

Thank you for attending.  
Thank you for serving.  
Thank you for giving.  
Thank you for growing with us.



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

Each year on December 25th we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For centuries the Church has also celebrated his conception on \*March 25, the feast of the Annunciation. (\*Even though the feast of the Annunciation is designated as April 8<sup>th</sup> of 2024, we will continue to use the March 25<sup>th</sup> date. This will make our Christmas gift to our lord timely.) Our parishes have once again begun our 'Spiritual Adoption' program. Each month we will be keeping you up to date with the development of your baby.

### THE THIRD MONTH – MAY 25 to JUNE 25

Faith-filled Joseph, believing the revelation that he is to be the protector of the Messiah, bravely stands by Mary's side, offering his strength and sense of mission as her body begins to accommodate her child. How many fathers have abandoned the mothers of their children? Indeed, how many fathers who have treasured a child never know of its existence or of its terrible end? Babies denied life who can at this stage hear, open and close their lips, hiccup and suck their thumbs. At three inches, the baby now begins to kick, curl and fan toes, make a fist, and practice breathing. Pray for all fathers that they may use the awesome power of life-giving to be a true protector.



### Saint Mary Nativity

2024 Goal \$41,000  
Amount Pledged \$33,883  
Amount Paid \$27,809  
Balance Due \$6,074  
Donor Count 150  
2023 Rebate \$0

### Holy Cross

2024 Goal \$12,900  
Amount Pledged \$19,390  
Amount Paid \$16,302  
Balance Due \$3,088  
Donor Count 70  
2023 Rebate \$2,381

Thank  
You

Once our parishes reach their goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to the parish.



Come and refresh your belief in the Holy Eucharist!



## Jesus and the Eucharist Study

at St. Mary Nativity from 10 am until 12 pm

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharistic study during the Year of the Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1-4) and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharistic (Sessions 5-7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

Presented in SMN's JoAnn Room - enter through door "J"!

### BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

#### Session 7: Bread for the Journey. Sunday, May 26

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is our offering of thanksgiving to God, ending us forth to share what we have received.



Join us after 9:00am HC Mass or before SMN 12:30pm Mass



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



Congratulation to the  
St. Mary Nativity Class of 2024!



Livia Castillo  
Evelyn Esparza-Garcia  
Ruben Figueroa III  
Elizabeth Fleming  
Aaliyah Garcia  
Annabelle Guzman  
Savannah Hargrow  
Edward Kueber  
Eileen Manriquez

*To our graduates...  
May they excel in everything  
they do, and carry the love  
of Christ with them always!*

*May God Bless Them!*

Makayla Martinez  
Ashly Moreno-Garcia  
Benedict Pawlowski  
Lilyana Narez  
Eliana Reyes  
Paoly Dabalos  
Angelo Rosiles  
Lily Vivanco  
Izabela Vrinceanu

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



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CATHOLIC CHURCH



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](http://www.stmarynativityholycross.org)

Parish Fax ( 815) 727-4393

**St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross  
Confessions: Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm  
or by Appointment.**

## Meet Our Staff...

**Father Jerome Kish, Pastor**  
frkish@outlook.com

**Father Tomasz Sielicki, Parochial Vicar**  
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**Father Gerald Nicholas, OSA, Weekend Associate**

**Donald Legerski, Director of Music**  
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**Mariusz Madej, Polish Organist**

**Paul Landa, Maintenance Manager**  
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**Mary Nemanich, Business Manager**  
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**Susan Mammosser, Parish Secretary**  
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### St. Mary Nativity Catholic School

702 North Broadway Street Joliet, Illinois 60435  
( 815) 722-8518 [www.stmarynativity.org](http://www.stmarynativity.org)  
Hours : Monday– Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Thomas Chinske, School Principal**  
tchinske@stmarynativity.org

**Jennifer Martinez, School Secretary**  
jmartinez@stmarynativity.org

**Jeanne Butler, School Secretary**  
jbutler@stmarynativity.org

### **Polskiej Szkoły im. Świętego Krzyża w Joliet**

**Barbara Szuba, Polish School Principal**  
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**DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE**

**Submit Bulletin  
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