

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes

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

May God Bless Our Children On Their Special Day.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2023

# Pastor's Corner



## ***The Passing of a Priest***

The Catholic world marked the passing of a priest this week. He was only days old. I don't mean he was only ordained for a few days—his entire existence was only a couple of days. His name was Fr. Justin—the 'artificial intelligence' priest.

Fr. Justin was created by the group called Catholic Answers. This is a group committed to giving solid, true answers to those who have questions about the Catholic faith. It turns out they get so many requests that their employees and volunteers can't handle the workload. So they experimented with artificial intelligence, trying to train a computer generated avatar to offer orthodox answers to the questions it received.

Some people thought this was an abomination, due to some of Fr. Justin's glaring mistakes. "In one alarming instance, a screenshot shared online showed the computer priest seemingly hearing a woman's confession, assigning her penance, and absolving her of her sins, concluding with the words, 'Go in peace, my child, and sin no more.'" (from the Times of India) So Catholic Answers 'removed him from ministry,' although they reminded everyone Fr. Justin was not an actual, living person. In some ways this was unfortunate, because people had engaged him in a way that produced profound and true responses, too. "When asked why you should go to church on Sunday, Father Justin answered with brief quotations from Scripture ... and also explained: 'When we gather together for Mass, we are united with Christ and each other in a profound way. We hear God's Word in the Scriptures, and we receive Jesus himself in the Eucharist. ... Going to church isn't just an obligation, it's a privilege and a joy.'" (from the Catholic News Agency)

Let's remember here how as Catholics we engage all technology, and more widely, all created things. God made all things good. (see the creation accounts of Genesis) But once placed in our human hands, how do we use those good things? Nuclear power can be tamed to provide electricity, to heat our homes in the winter and cool them in the summer. It can also be unleashed to destroy innocent human lives, as we did with the civilian casualties at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The internet can be used to communicate boundless moments of entertainment, and even multiply the world's prayers. Yet one of its most rampant uses is pornography.

So Fr. Justin could be used for good, in the right hands. Obviously he wasn't a real person, so he could not offer real sacraments. That would need to continue to be said, loud and clear. He made some obvious mistakes—like some real priests. That always needs fixing. Technology has persistent recalls of its products, AI is no different. Humans need constant learning, priests are no different.

In my judgment, Fr. Justin was a safe and easy way for people to connect with our Catholic faith. At Catholic Answers, he was fulfilling a demand our human limits couldn't fulfill. Yes, technology, and all created things, can always be misused. That will continue, even without Fr. Justin. But God has given us the ability to overcome the misuse by an abundance of good. (Romans 12:21) Fr. Justin may be gone, but you are still here. Your phone, your tv, your computer, your tablet: all these things have been placed in your hands. What will you do with them? Will you use them as God wants? Because we suffer among ourselves when his world is misused. The whole world awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God, who will use his world in a way that brings him glory. (Romans 8:19)

With my prayers (from my computer),  
Fr. Jerome

# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

**Join the Parish Council**

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

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

**TIME & TALENT**

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.

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



**Only 2000 tickets sold**

## St. Mary Nativity **GRAND SWEEPSTAKES**

**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

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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**

**Proceeds for the 2024 Grand Sweepstakes will go towards a NEW Rectory Roof!**

**EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAWING**



**Count down to the early bird drawing on May 13th has begun, be sure to get your tickets in for your chance to win.**



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, May 6**

**Tuesday, May 7**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room  
 1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church  
 5:00pm Faith Formation Last Class -  
 May Crowning - SMN Church  
 6:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal - SMN Church

**Wednesday, May 8**

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

**Thursday, May 9**

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

**Friday, May 10**

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church  
 5:00pm Polish School (Last Day) - SMN School

**Saturday, May 11**

12:00pm Confirmation - SMN Church  
 12:00pm First Communion - HC

**Sunday, May 12 Ascension of the Lord**



The Mother's day gift  
 is courtesy of the  
 Lay Apostolates.  
 Happy Mother's Day!



¡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 CIEEN REQUIEM  
 ACOMPAÑENOS, JUEVES, 1:00 PM  
 EN LA IGLESIA PRESENCIALMENTE O  
 POR FACEBOOK LIVE

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

**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!



## 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.**



**St. Damien of Molokai  
 (1840-1889)**

**Feast Day-May 10th**

**St. Joseph de Veuster**

The Blessed Sacrament is indeed the stimulus for  
 us all, for me as it should be for you, to forsake all  
 worldly ambitions. Without the constant presence  
 of our Divine Master upon the altar in my poor  
 chapels, I never could have persevered, casting  
 my lot with the lepers of Molokai; the foreseen  
 consequence of which begins now to appear on  
 my skin and is felt throughout the body.

Holy Communion being the daily bread of a priest,  
 I feel myself happy, well pleased and resigned in  
 which it has pleased Divine Providence to put me.

MAY IS  
 The MONTH  
 of *Mary*



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.

*Sweet!*  
**HOSPITALITY  
 SUNDAY**



*Bring the Family!*

**All Are Welcome**



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

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

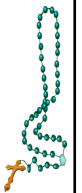
St. Mary Nativity before the 11 am Mass,  
 starting at 10:35 am.

**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 4

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Joan Matejka by Husband, Wayne

† For the Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

by George, Marie and Raymond MacZura

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

† Józef Klikuszowian (20. rocznica śmierci)

† Maria Szewczyk (zmarła w Polsce)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla rodziny Guzy

#### Sunday - May 5

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† John Lajcin by Dan Lajcin Family

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

† Helena Waliczek (2. rocznica śmierci)

† † Maria i Franciszek Rzadkosz

† Waldemar Kucharczuk

† Janina Magiera

† Stanisław Mrowca

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

† Mary Lou Smolik by Bob & Judy Hintz

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

† † Joe & Ann Jelinek "Wedding Anniversary" by the Jelinek Family

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

† Irene Sparazynski by Family

#### Monday - May 6

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

James Hazer by Dan Lajcin Family

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

† Maria Surowczyk

#### Tuesday - May 7

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

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

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

† Jadwiga Karwicka (25. rocznica śmierci)

#### Wednesday - May 8

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

† † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

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

† † Ewa, Helena i Waclaw Sędaczy

#### Thursday - May 9

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

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

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

† Helena Wilczek (3. rocznica śmierci) oraz + mąż Władysław i + córka Janina

#### Friday - May 10

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

† Sr. Marty Conrad by Gudac Family

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

† Helena Waliczek (2. rocznica śmierci)

#### Saturday - May 11

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

† Marie Tekel by Family

† Kathy Giaudrone by Family

† Marilyn Nemanich by Family

† Joan Kozar by Family

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

† Margaret Kirincich by Family

† † Tom & Marilyn Kararo by Family

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

† Tadeusz Gotard (1. rocznica śmierci)

#### Sunday - May 12

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Sophie Levek by Family

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Marty z okazji urodzin

Z podziękowaniem za otrzymane faski i prośbą o dalsze błogosławieństwo dla Piotra w dniu urodzin

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Franka z okazji 14. urodzin

† Maria Janik

† Anna Skolarus

† Aniela Długosz

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

† For the Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parishes

† Irene Chinderle by Chinderle Family

Judith Johnson-Hatch by Family

Mary Ann DeNardis by Family

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

† † Delores Bebej by Andrea & Andy McIntosh

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

† Fr. James Curtin

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



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



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**BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR  
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Call us for a guided tour of our school.  
We have so much to share!  
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**702 N. Broadway St. • Joliet, IL 60435**  
(Rt. 53 at Ruby St/Black Rd.)  
(815) 722-8518  
[www.stmarynativity.org](http://www.stmarynativity.org)

*Great things are always happening at  
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## ZAPISY 2024/25

Rozpoczynamy zapisy na nowy rok szkolny do  
**Polskiej Katolickiej Szkoły im.  
Świętego Krzyża w Joliet**

Nasza szkoła od 19 lat uczy i cieszy się językiem  
polskim, przekazuje wiedzę z literatury  
i kultury polskiej jak również z historii  
i geografii.  
Przygotowujemy do sakramentów świętych  
- I Komunii Świętej i Bierzmowania



Zapraszamy na nasz stronę internetowa  
<https://www.polskaszkojoliet.com/kontakt.html>  
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oraz naszej ofercie edukacyjnej jak również do sekcji Rejestracja, gdzie mogą Państwo  
zarejestrować swoje dzieci na przyszły rok szkolny

**Numer telefonu (815) 630 6190**



## Calendar Raffle

**Congratulations  
to the following  
WINNERS!**

Friday - April 26  
Analissa Nevarez - \$20  
Seller: School Family

Saturday - April 27  
Jose Guzman - \$40  
Seller: School Family

Sunday - April 28  
Bobbie Hafner - \$150  
Seller: Mailing

Monday - April 29  
Daniel Manriquez - \$20  
Seller: School Family

Tuesday - April 30  
Liliana Sandoval - \$20  
Seller: School Family

Wednesday - May 1  
Patsy Policandriotes - \$200  
Seller: Mailing  
(Donated Back to School)

Thursday - May 2  
Janie Senffner - \$20  
Seller: Mailing





# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



**You Are Invited To**



## The Father Vincent Capodanno & Father Emile Kapaun Memorial Mass and Healing Service

The Knights of Columbus of St. Jude Parish Church in Joliet, Illinois

Invites you to attend this special Memorial Mass Honoring

*Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno, Chaplain, (Lt. USNR), 3rd. Btl. 5th Marines And Servant of God Father Emile Kapaun, Chaplain, (Capt.) U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division*

**Saturday, May 18th, 2023, 10:30 A.M.**

Mass will be preceded at 9:00 A.M. by a "Patriotic Rosary" There will be a "Healing Service" immediately following Mass

All parishioners are invited to come an honor our veterans Location

St. Jude Church  
2212 W. McDonough Street, Joliet, Illinois 60436  
Questions? Call 815-272-3512

## ABC Countdown

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



**F is for Flag Day**



**G is for Game Day**



**H is for Hawaiian Day**



**I is for Ice Pops Day**



**June 19 2024**  
**DIRECTOR'S CLASSIC**

### Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course

19433 Renwick Road  
Crest Hill, IL 60403



### GOLFERS & GUESTS

**GOLFERS** \$150/person, \$500/foursome  
**GUESTS** \$30/person for dinner only

Mulligans are available for purchase during registration (see below). Awards will be given for lowest foursome score, hole-in-one, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

Our golf event will begin at Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course in Crest Hill and will include a box lunch, a swag bag at registration, and a special gift for each golfer. The day of fellowship will continue into the evening with a reception, raffle, dinner, and awards presentation at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill.

### JOIN US

- **10:30 AM** REGISTRATION & DRIVING RANGE OPEN AT PRAIRIE BLUFF
- **11:15 AM** LUNCH DISTRIBUTION, HEAD TO HOLES
- **11:30 AM** SHOTGUN START
- **5 PM** OPEN BAR, WINE PULL & RAFFLE AT BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER
- **6 PM** DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY
- **8 PM** EVENT ENDS

**Blanchette Catholic Center**  
16555 Weber Road  
Crest Hill, IL 60403

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**  
Office of the Diaconate



# 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, April 28, 2024**

**St. Mary Nativity \$7,157.00**

**Holy Cross \$2,240.00**

*Blessed*



Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Joliet

### Saint Mary Nativity

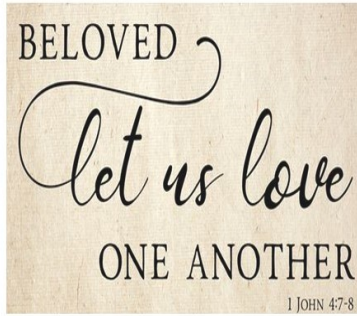
2024 Goal	\$41,000
Amount Pledged	\$33,733
Amount Paid	\$27,289
Balance Due	\$6,444
Donor Count	149
2023 Rebate	\$0

### Holy Cross

2024 Goal	\$12,900
Amount Pledged	\$18,370
Amount Paid	\$15,143
Balance Due	\$3,227
Donor Count	69
2023 Rebate	\$1,570

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

**Thank You**



*Thank you to our parishioners and friends of St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross for your continuing faithful support.*

### April Maintenance Expenses

Lord, we pledge our trust in You.

You have called us to be disciples.

As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully.

Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift.

As good stewards, we share our time, talent, and treasure cherishing and holding Jesus in our heart.

**Holy Cross** - Church Heat Repair Rectory Landscaping

**SALVATION**

### Saint Mary Nativity

New J Door (50% Deposit) Cafeteria Dishwasher Repair Gym Bleacher Repair Water Treatment for Boilers

#### Holy Cross

Maintenance Fund \$2,468  
(Period April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024)

#### Saint Mary Nativity

Maintenance Fund \$4,701  
(Period April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024)

#### Maintenance Fund

Balance as of April 30, 2024	St. Mary Nativity \$94,071	Holy Cross \$14,317
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#### Capital Campaign

Balance as of April 30, 2024	St. Mary Nativity \$42,837	Holy Cross \$758
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#### School Educational Appeal

(Period April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024)	\$1,501	\$207
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# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



## May Crowning

Let us honor our Blessed Mother Mary and ask her to pray for us.

Parish: Sunday, May 5 following the 11:00am Mass

Faith Formation: Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00pm

Please join 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 SECOND MONTH –APRIL 25 TO MAY 25** Surely by now Mary has told her parents, Joachim and Anne, of her pregnancy. What must they think? How will they tell Mary’s betrothed, Joseph the Carpenter? The law would have Mary stoned for adultery. They must trust in God! Today’s unwed teenage mother may never know the comfort of loving parents or the warmth of understanding support. Without parental guidance or knowledge, the law allows her to terminate an infant before it has begun its journey into life. At two months, the child in the womb has a fully functioning body with fingers, toes, a brain, its tiny heart beating twice as fast as an adult’s. His milk-teeth are present at 6 ½ weeks. Though only a little over an inch, it is now apparent that the baby is a boy or girl. Pray for teens in crisis pregnancies, that God will strengthen them to make the right choice.



Come and refresh your belief in the Holy Eucharist!



## Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Beginning Sunday, April 7 at SMN 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 5: God is with us. Sunday, May 5

God’s presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gifting of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus establishes the Eucharist to give us strength for our journey, and to accompany us at every moment.

#### Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist Sunday, May 19

The story of the Eucharist is traced through Scripture - starting with Genesis and the Passover, through Jesus’ miracles and teachings, the institution at the last supper, and the road to Emmaus. The cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

#### 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, sending us forth to share what we have received.

*please join us*

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



# St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross



st. mary nativity  
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



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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...

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