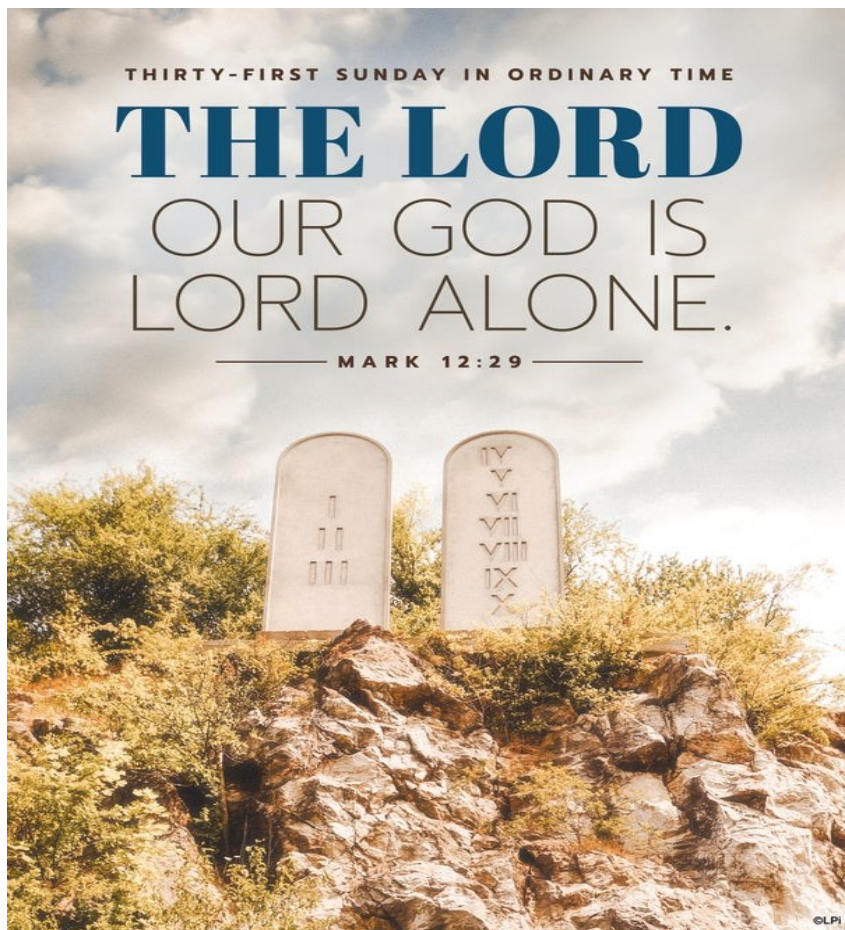



Nov.
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St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission


Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.



 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

 815-726-4031

 info@stmarynativity.org

 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00—3:00pm

 <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

 <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/st706296>

 www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/

Welcome!



Mass Schedule

St. Mary Nativity Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:00 am
11:00 am 12:30 pm
5:30 pm
Weekday -
Tuesday 8:30am
Wednesday (School Mass)
8:30am
Thursday 8:30am

Holy Cross Church

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

St. Mary Nativity
and Holy Cross Confessions:

Saturdays
3:15pm to 3:45pm
or by Appointment.

Also 30 minutes before all
Polish Masses at Holy Cross

Parish and School Centers

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706 North Broadway Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435



830 Elizabeth Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Meet Our Staff...

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ST. MARY NATIVITY
CATHOLIC CHURCH



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

New Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday 8:00am to 3:00 pm

Office Hours



Find us on:
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Faith Formation Office
(331) 316-4366

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**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE**

Submit Articles by
Monday no later than
2 pm for the upcoming
Sunday Bulletin.

Please send all articles
for the bulletin to
smammosser@stmarynativity.org
Thank you for your
cooperation!



The Sacrament of Baptism

For Baptisms at St. Mary Nativity Church, please call the Faith Formation Office for more information. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month after the 12:30 PM Mass. Baptism preparation classes are scheduled upon need.

For Baptisms at Holy Cross Mission, contact Fr. Tomasz Sielicki



The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (Marriage)

Please call the Parish Office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding.



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office if you or someone you know are in need of the sacrament.

Funerals

Call the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.



St. Mary Nativity Catholic School

702 North Broadway Street Joliet, Illinois 60435

(815) 722-8518 www.stmarynativity.org

Hours : Monday– Friday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

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

Barbara Szuba,

Polish School Principal

polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes

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

All Souls Day

On this day, we Commemorate the Holy Souls
of the Faithful Departed.

We remember the following
who entered into eternal life this past year.

Saint Mary Nativity

Peggy Bartolotta

Robert Buldak

Carole Costa

Marie T. Fabek

Margaret M. Keca

Marie MacZura

Joan Matejka

Mary Roa

Manuel Sotello

Rose B. Stoiber

Kathleen F. Szabo

Patricia J. Tomac

Marguerite F. Zlogar-Nelson

Brian Joseph Buldak

Mary Ann Clennon

Mary Ann DeNardis

Lucille Hickman

Martin Lepacek Jr.

Lois Jean Mance

Andrew J. Orosco

Raymond J. Siwinski

Frank Stiglich

Betty J. Synowic

Michael Terdic Jr.

James Witty

Sylvia Zolecki

Holy Cross

Mavis L. Barski

Alan Robert Hegedius

Verna Kabat

Gary Mahalik

Sandra E. Wysocki

Kathleen M. Fordonski

Joel Jaskowiak

Joan Kozar

Veronica Mahalik

Loved Ones of Parishioners

Angel Arias Sr.

Errol Arzate

Rosalie D'Andrea

Sharon Gutierrez

Marianne Kemp

Joyce Kluk

Jose DeJesus Lopez

John Ohlsen Minier IV

Agnes M. Perona

Charles Stein Sr.

Jesus Verdin

Paul G. Arteaga

Donald Bromberek

Gloria Devea

Thomas Hebding

Juanita Klimek

Georgette Lamb

Michael J. Mendoza Jr.

Charles Oberholtzer

Harold R. Robertson

Shirley Stonich

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.**

The Seminarian Endowment Second Collection will be on November 9-10, 2024. Fr. Steven Borello, Director of Vocations has written a beautiful 3-part series on Vocations. Please see Article 2 on page 9.



Flame of Faith
Mary Ann Clennon
Margaret Kirincich



Mass Intentions

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Saturday - November 2 All Souls Day

10:00 am Candlelight Memorial Mass

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Irene Chinderle by the Chinderle Family
- † † Albert W. & Catherine Hochevar by Al Hochevar Family
- † Richard Todd by Sue & Ron
- 5:30 pm Mass (HC)
- Novena for the deceased*

Sunday - November 3

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 am Mass (HC)

Gloria Pearce & Family by Jack Gorski

10:30 am Mass (HC)

- † *Novena for the deceased*
- 11:00 am Mass (SMN)
- † Veronica Mahalik by Tammy Fishbeck & Family
- † Mary Helen Tezak by Laurie Pottorff
- † Mary Ann Clennon by Rich & Deanna Serdar
- † Marie Fabek by Rich & Deanna Serdar
- 12:30 pm Mass (SMN)
- For the People of the Parishes
- 5:30 pm Mass (SMN)
- † Richie Pervan "Birthday" by Family

Monday - November 4

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family
- 7:00 pm Mass (HC)
- † *Novena for the Deceased*

Tuesday - November 5

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

- † Kathy Giaudrone by Family

8:30 am Mass (HC)

Novena for the Deceased

Wednesday - November 6

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

- † Zachary Lofdahl by the Pottorff Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

Novena for the Deceased

Thursday - November 7

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

- † † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

Novena for the Deceased

Friday - November 8

8:30 am Mass (HC)

- † John Klen by Dan Lajcin Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

Novena for the Deceased

Saturday - November 9

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Lena Petan by Family
- † † Margaret Kirincich & Bill Frescura by Family
- † Cruz Carrizales by Family
- † Matthew Sicinski "Birthday" by Mom and Family
- 5:30 pm Mass (HC)
- Novena for the Deceased*

Sunday - November 10

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)

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Doroty i Tomasza Klikuszowianów z okazji 25. rocznicy ślubu

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Anny Janik z okazji urodzin

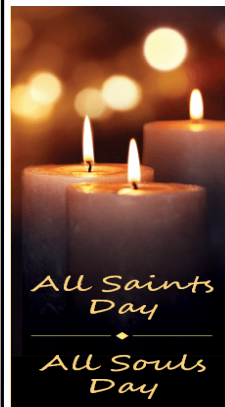
- † Joanna Niejadlik
- † Czesław Niejadlik
- † Władysław Bluj (rocznica śmierci) oraz + Zenon Nestorowicz (2. rocznica śmierci)
- 11:00 am Mass (SMN)
- † Margie Keigher "Anniversary" by Traina Family
- † Sarah Weber by Traina Family
- † Al Gruber by Family
- 12:30 pm Mass (SMN)
- Isaac Onofre by Onofre Family
- 5:30 pm Mass (SMN)
- † Stephen Ochotorena "Birthday" by Richie Ochotoreno



Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased.
 We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of:

Gary E. Mahalik

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon them.
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



Vigil of All Saints Thursday, October 31, 2024

4:00pm St. Mary Nativity
 7:00pm Holy Cross—Polish

All Saints Day

Friday, November 1, 2024

8:30am Saint Mary Nativity
 5:30pm Saint Mary Nativity

7:00pm Holy Cross —Polish

All Souls Day

Saturday, November 2, 2024

10:00am

SMN Candlelight Memorial Mass



November is the month of The Holy Souls

“Of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God, are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both both corporal and spiritual.”

St. Thomas Aquinas

In a special way during the month of November take some time in Eucharistic Adoration for the souls of your deceased loved ones.



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 8th of 2024, we will continue to use the March 25th 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 keep you up to date with the development of your baby.

THE EIGHTH MONTH – OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 25

Mary’s pregnancy is nearing its completion. The crib and baby clothing are ready. But the best laid plans are sometimes turned upside down. The village is abuzz with the news that those of the House of David will be called shortly to Bethlehem to be counted among this princely dynasty.

In Mary’s eight month, the Infant Jesus’ skin begins to thicken and layers of fat are stored underneath for insulation and nourishment. Antibodies are building up. Jesus’ quarters are getting cramped; chin on chest, his knees, arms and legs are bent. Many twins are born in the eighth month.

Pray for physicians and health care providers to foster the reverence for life.



Please Keep in Your Prayers Those Serving in the Military

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
Alexander Gregurich, PFC
First Sgt. Christina Romero, USMC
Justyn Moot
Cpt. Anthony Gutierrez, USMC
Brent Moot
Jeremy M. Close, Army
Pfc. Michael McCallister, Army
David Walters, Army
Joe Miller, USMC Sgt
Tommy Hanks, USMC
Sgt. Christina Hanks, USMC
Jonathon Schroll, USMC Special Forces
Petty Officer 1st Class Tyler Hintzsche, Navy
Private Jack Mauer, Air Force



Heavenly Father, we pray for...

Ann	Anthony Harmes	Gliceria Nunez
Bill	Janet Horvath	Patricia Phinney
Mary Bellos	Janet	Mildred Pruss
Vietta Bews	Jacqueline H.	Ronald Pruss
Sheri Bokholdt	Harriet Kazlauskas	Armando Rodriguez
Christopher Borsom	Tony Keating	Father Pete Rossa
Denise Boudreau	James Kozar	Steve Senisais
Tyler Centorbi	Marilyn Lajcin	Nancy Serdar
Dianne Cerpen-Verlare	Jerry Lakota	Ashly Smith
Bob DeLach	Lou Lakota, Jr.	Scott & Adam
John Drnek	Kathleen Lepacek	Mary Suarez
Gerald Drobick	Darlene Likar	Thomure Family
Bob Eberhard	George MacZura	Joseph Trubich
Dosseh Houseaj Elise	Phil May	Jim Thompson
Charlotte FrieH	Alex McKeel	Margaret Thompson
Kelly G.	Charlene Molnar	Sister Elaine Teders
Anthony Gregory	Robert Nasenbenny	Susan Ward
Matthew Gregurich	Raymond John Nickel	
Nicholas Gulas	Paul Norris	

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



A Letter from Holy Cross Finance Council

We are grateful to all members of Holy Cross Mission for their support. The following annual report will give you an analysis of our financial condition for fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. We want to thank all members of Holy Cross Mission for all that they do and the generous sharing of their financial resources that enables us to do all that we have been able to accomplish with God's help.

As we look over the state of Holy Cross Mission, we have much to be thankful to God for. Our parish is doing well financially, but we do have bills to pay, who hasn't. In general, Holy Cross Mission had a good, successful financial year, though it involved a struggle, which is true of everyone in these times of inflation. We currently can pay all our expenses. We thank God from the bottom of our hearts for all He has given us.

The overall income for July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, was \$312,841.00. This is a slight decrease of about 4.8 % over our previous fiscal year. Sunday collections were \$137,970.00 which is an increase of about 7.7% from last fiscal year.

As we stated in our last year's annual report, a significant part of our income for the past several years came from renting our school building to the Head Start program. The rental lease came to an end. Fortunately, our parish found a new renter for our school building. This will be an increase in our income for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

We have completed the tuckpointing on two areas of the church building. The back side and the north side of the church still need to be completed. The financial expenses for all the work that is being done will have to be addressed in the coming year and for several years forward.

Because of the Joliet Deanery Targeted Restructuring, we delayed our Capital Campaign Fund program. Fr. Clive will have further information on this in the upcoming year.

We pray that working together and with your continued financial support and God's help we will continue to go forward. Let us continue to be proud of Holy Cross Mission and work to strengthen and deepen our parish family spirit and grow in Christ together.

Sincerely,

Holy Cross Finance Council

*Thank You
for your support*

List Rady Finansowej Polskiej Misji Świętego Krzyża w Joliet

Jesteśmy wdzięczni wszystkim członkom Polskiej Misji Świętego Krzyża za okazane wsparcie. Poniższy raport roczny zawiera analizę naszej sytuacji finansowej za rok obrotowy od 1 lipca 2023 r. do 30 czerwca 2024 r. Pragniemy podziękować wszystkim członkom Misji Świętego Krzyża za wszystko, co czynią, i za hojne dzielenie się swoimi środkami finansowymi, dzięki czemu możemy dokonywać – z pomocą Bożą – wszystkiego, co faktycznie udało się nam osiągnąć.

Kiedy patrzymy na stan parafii Świętego Krzyża, mamy za co dziękować Panu Bogu. Nasza wspólnota radzi sobie dobrze finansowo, ale mamy też rachunki do płacenia - ktoś ich nie ma! Ogólnie rzecz biorąc, Misja Świętego Krzyża miała dobry, udany rok finansowy, choć wiązało się to się z trudnościami, co jest prawdą dla nas wszystkich w czasach inflacji. Obecnie jesteśmy w stanie opłacić wszystkie nasze wydatki. Z głębi serca dziękujemy Bogu za wszystko, czym nas obdarzył.

Całkowity dochód od 1 lipca 2023 r. do 30 czerwca 2024 r. wyniósł 312 841,00 USD. Oznacza to niewielki spadek o około 4,8% w porównaniu z poprzednim rokiem budżetowym. Składki niedzielne wyniosły 137 970,00 dolarów, co stanowi wzrost o około 7,7% w porównaniu z ubiegłym rokiem.

Jak pisaliśmy w naszym zeszłorocznym raporcie rocznym, znaczna część naszych przychodów w ciągu poprzednich kilku lat pochodziła z wynajmu budynku naszej szkoły na potrzeby programu *Head Start*. Tamta umowa najmu dobiegła końca. Na szczęście nasza parafia znalazła nowego najemcę budynku. Da nam to wzrost naszych dochodów w roku fiskalnym 2024/2025.

Zakończyliśmy zewnętrzne prace naprawcze dwóch ścian budynku kościelnego. Do wykończenia pozostała jeszcze tylna (wschodnia) oraz północna część murów kościoła. Koszty wszystkich obecnie wykonywanych prac będą musiały zostać poniesione w nadchodzącym roku, jak również przez kilka kolejnych lat.

Ze względu na tzw. ukierunkowaną restrukturyzację Dekanatu Joliet opóźniliśmy realizację programu Funduszu Kampanii Kapitałowej. Ks. Clive przekaze dalsze informacje na ten temat w nadchodzącym roku.

Modlimy się, abyśmy wspólnie, przy Waszym stałym wsparciu finansowym i pomocy Bożej, mogli nadal iść naprzód. Bądźmy dumni z Polskiej Misji Świętego Krzyża i pracujmy nad wzmocnieniem i pogłębieniem naszego parafialnego ducha rodzinnego oraz wspólnym wzrostem w Chrystusie.

Rada Finansowej Polskiej Misji

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Parish Year End Financial Statement
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Faith Formation</u>	<u>School Building</u>	<u>Polish School</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue:						
Sunday Collections	\$ 137,970				\$ 137,970	\$ 135,000
Other Collections	\$ 12,466				\$ 12,466	\$ 10,725
Christmas Collection	\$ 12,440				\$ 12,440	\$ 9,000
Easter Collection	\$ 7,852				\$ 7,852	\$ 9,000
Interest Income	\$ 27				\$ 27	\$ 65
CMAA Rebate	\$ 5,369				\$ 5,369	\$ 2,500
Fundraisers	\$ 14,212				\$ 14,212	\$ 21,200
Tuition and Fees				\$ 49,727	\$ 49,727	\$ 54,035
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 20,288				\$ 20,288	\$ 19,000
Educational Appeal Envelopes	\$ 2,441				\$ 2,441	\$ 2,400
Rental Income			\$ 4,002		\$ 4,002	\$ 25,000
Capital Campaign					\$ -	\$ 155,000
Maintenance Fund	\$ 46,047				\$ 46,047	\$ 25,000
Total Revenue	\$ 259,112	\$ -	\$ 4,002	\$ 49,727	\$ 312,841	\$ 467,925
Expenses:						
Salaries	\$ 62,791				\$ 62,791	\$ 66,000
Fringe Benefits	\$ 40,626				\$ 40,626	\$ 38,650
Services	\$ 64,296		\$ 1,730	\$ 42,075	\$ 108,101	\$ 111,125
Materials & Supplies	\$ 5,783				\$ 5,783	\$ 6,850
Insurance	\$ 17,285				\$ 17,285	\$ 17,285
Utilities	\$ 14,807		\$ 6,334		\$ 21,141	\$ 32,100
Curriculum/Textbooks				\$ 9,198	\$ 9,198	\$ 8,700
Rental Expense				\$ 3,125	\$ 3,125	\$ 3,000
Restricted Expenses - Other	\$ 656				\$ 656	\$ 1,400
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 12,312				\$ 12,312	\$ 12,312
Other Operating Expense	\$ 340				\$ 340	\$ -
Maintenance Fund Expenses	\$ 50,532				\$ 50,532	\$ 25,000
Capital Expenditures	\$ 32,300				\$ 32,300	\$ 155,000
Investment in Education - SMN School	\$ 2,481				\$ 2,481	\$ 2,400
Total Expenses	\$ 304,208	\$ -	\$ 8,064	\$ 54,398	\$ 366,671	\$ 479,822
Revenue Less Expenses	\$ (45,097)	\$ -	\$ (4,062)	\$ (4,671)	\$ (53,830)	\$ (11,897)
Other Parish Subsidy						
Loan Payments						
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (45,097)	\$ -	\$ (4,062)	\$ (4,671)	\$ (53,830)	\$ (11,897)

Balance as of June 30, 2024

<u>Accounts at Busey Bank</u>		<u>Accounts at Diocese</u>	
Checking - Operating	\$ 15,634	Parish Savings	\$ 576
Checking - Maintenance	\$ 296	Maintenance	\$ 341
Checking - Capital Campaign	\$ -	Capital Campaign	\$ 762

Saint Mary Nativity

2024 Goal	\$41,000
Amount Pledged	\$42,418
Amount Paid	\$40,308
Balance Due	\$2,110
Donor Count	168
2024 Rebate	\$0

Holy Cross

2024 Goal	\$12,900
Amount Pledged	\$18,590
Amount Paid	\$17,807
Balance Due	\$783
Donor Count	70
2024 Rebate	\$3,435



Sunday, October 27, 2024

St. Mary Nativity	\$6,523.00
Holy Cross	\$2,730.00

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>

Scan now to donate!

May God Bless You!



Diocese of Joliet

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It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. We're here to help!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Call 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 150 DAYS OF WINNING CALENDAR RAFFLE ~ January to May 2025

\$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

Each Month win \$150 on the 20th and 25th!

Jan. 1st	New Year's Day	\$500	Apr. 13th	Palm Sunday	\$200
Jan. 6th	Epiphany	\$40	Apr. 17th	Holy Thursday	\$100
Jan. 20th	MLK Jr. Day	\$150	Apr. 19th	Holy Saturday	\$150
Feb. 14th	Valentine's Day	\$500	Apr. 20th	Easter Sunday	\$500
Feb. 17th	President's Day	\$30	May. 5th	Cinco de Mayo	\$30
Mar. 5th	Ash Wednesday	\$500	May. 11th	Mother's Day	\$200
Mar. 17th	St. Patrick's Day	\$30	May 16th	Fr. Clive's Anniversary	\$500
Mar. 19th	St. Joseph's Day	\$30	May 26th	Memorial Day	\$150

Tickets drawn daily*

*Weekends and holidays will be drawn the next business day. There will be no drawing on 4/18/2025 Good Friday

\$20
per Ticket



WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS

a part of
our Flock!



In an effort to improve our avenues of communication in addition to the bulletin and websites, we will be utilizing Flocknote to send emails to specific parish groups, and a weekly communication to all. Many email addresses and mobile phone numbers are missing from our data base, so we need your help!

If you have a Flocknote account, please ensure that your information is correct and up to date. If you need to join our "flock" please utilize one of the methods below or call the parish office.

TEXT
STMARYNATIVITY
TO 84576



OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
stmarynativity.flocknote.com



DIOCESE OF JOLIET

VOCATIONS OFFICE



This is Part 2 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

Priests do not come from a big warehouse

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

When I was a little boy, I would often wonder where priests come from.

It's funny now, but I really thought there was a giant warehouse or training facility where they were waiting for a call from the coach to put them in the game. Almost like with baseball, when it was their time, they would get called up from the minor leagues and if they did well, they stayed and if they didn't, they'd be sent back.

Now I know that isn't the case, but to a second grader it made all the sense in the world. The truth is, priests come from families. They come from homes like yours and mine and they live ordinary lives like everyone around us. They go to school, play sports, have hobbies, some dated, some didn't, they participate in Church, and they have friends and siblings who help form their character and a real sense of who they are as a person and what they stand for. It is from within this community that they

begin to know and have a relationship with God.

One of the greatest obstacles to young men knowing that the priesthood is something they might be called to is apparent lack of support from within the family for a priestly vocation. We were often asked if we wanted to be a doctor, a lawyer, a teacher, an engineer or something else when we grow up, but rarely were we asked if we ever thought about the priesthood. Now, I know it is objectively different because it is a vocation and not a career, but what if we gave it the same attention? I truly believe more men would be open to exploring the thought that 'maybe I'm supposed to be a priest.'

So, what are three things a parent can do to create space for a priestly vocation in the family?

1. Make Sunday and any sacramen-



tal occasion (Confession) special.

2. Take time to talk about how God has impacted your own life and show your children how you pray.

3. Live well the life of virtue and continue working on your own marriage.

Whether it is simply the prayers before meals, Weekly Sunday Mass, or an occasionally rosary or sacrament of confession, these men encountered God and began to walk with Him. They may not have always prayed or been the best people, but God is faithful and walked with them through their ups and downs just like our families do with us.

From within the family, a vocation is cultivated, and it is only with the support of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends that a young man can be open to a priestly vocation .

At some point, these men began to recognize within themselves that they were made for more — for a deeper relationship that called them to make a gift of themselves, to pour themselves out for the sake of others.



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The Victim Assistance coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities.

Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

Catholic Kids Column THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

This Sunday we're diving deep into a topic that's not just important but downright life-changing: **Loving God and Others Fully**. You might be wondering, "Why is this relevant to me?" Well, hold on to your hats because we're about to explore why!

You see, our life can sometimes feel like a rollercoaster ride of emotions, relationships, and challenges. Amid all this, it's easy to forget the most crucial thing: loving God and others fully. But guess what? That's exactly what Jesus said is the most important thing in life! And it's vital for us too.



Loving God Fully:

It means loving God with ALL your heart, soul, mind, and strength. It's not just going to church; it's about having a personal relationship with God. It's putting God first in everything, seeking His guidance, and obeying His Word.

Loving Others Fully:

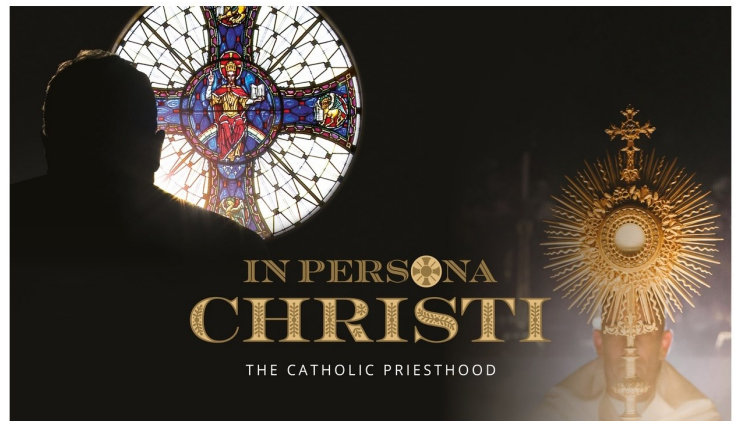
Jesus says it's just as important as loving God. It means treating others the way you want to be treated. It's showing kindness, empathy, and forgiveness.

Dear Heavenly Father, Help us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Teach us to love others as you have loved us. Give us the strength to put these commands into action, even when it's tough. May our lives be a reflection of your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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November 11, 2024

2-9 PM

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The St. Jude relic is visiting St. Mary Nativity **Monday, November 11th**. Veneration of the relic will take place from 2pm to 9pm in our Church. There will be a special Mass in honor of St. Jude at 6:30pm.

One of the Church's most beloved saints, Saint Jude is the one to whom people turn when they are desperate and have tried everything else. When things seem lost or unbearable— when they seem hopeless— Saint Jude is the one to whom people often turn.

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Much help will be needed throughout the day!

Please contact Cecilia Martinez for more information and to sign up to help.
mcrh61357@gmail.com

Please note: Church will be closed during the morning and set-up time on Monday, November 11th until veneration of the relic opens at 2pm.



Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone! Join our presentation and group discussion of **The Catholic Parent**. All parents with young children are welcome!

Starting November 19th at 5:30 PM in the Joann Room



Are you celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in the month of November?

Some of the biggest blessings from God in our lives are the people – our friends, family, and all we love – who are on this journey with us. Birthdays and Anniversaries remind us to celebrate those special people, as well as their gifts and thank God for placing them in our lives.

At Masses next weekend, November 9-10, there will be a blessing for those who are celebrating this month!

11 Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 5

General Election Day (Voting - NR)
NO BIBLE STUDY

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

Wednesday, November 6

8:30am School Mass - SMN Church

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - SMN Church

Thursday, November 7

9:00am Coffee & Donuts after mass

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish -
SMN Church

Friday, November 8

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration -
SMN Church

Sunday, November 10

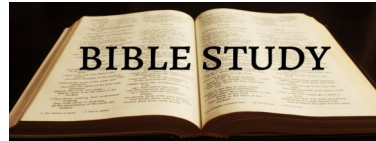
Hospitality Sunday - SMN Nativity Room

Monday, November 11

Veterans Day - SMN No School
St. Jude Relic - SMN Church & NR



Join us every
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for coffee and donuts
after the 8:30am mass in the
Nativity Room. **All Are Welcome**



Rosary Hour
English Spanish (Livestream)

PRAYER GROUP

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS



Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

St. Mary Nativity before the 11 am Mass,
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The next meeting of the

St. Mary Nativity Pro-Life Committee:

October date to be determined.

We are thankful for your continued help and look forward to your
participation in our events from now until that date. For questions
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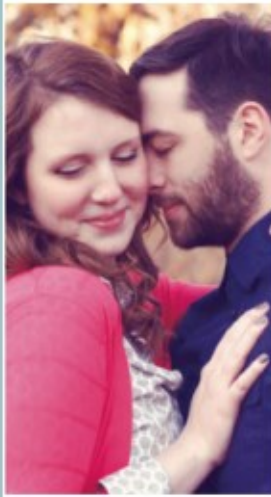
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