

October  
13,  
2024

# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission



## 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.




**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

 815-726-4031

 [info@stmarynativity.org](mailto:info@stmarynativity.org)

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

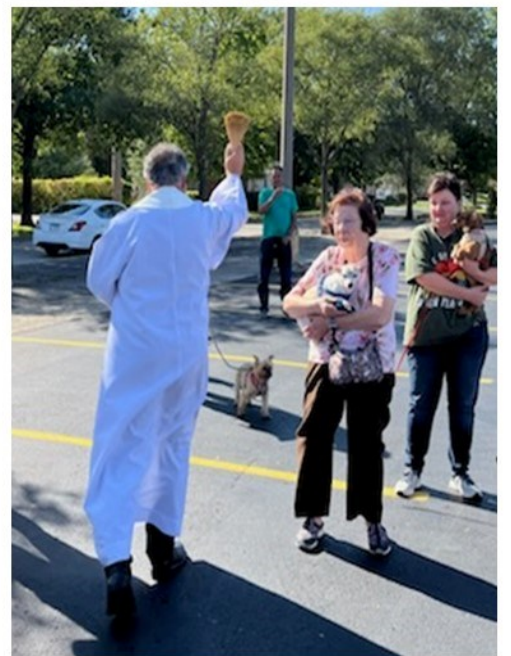
 <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

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

 [www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/](http://www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/)



### **Blessing of the Pets with Father Tomasz**



**Thank you God, for enriching our lives through our furry friends. Please bless our pets and help them to live full and meaningful lives. Bless us, their owners, and guide us as we care for their needs. For all of creation and our beloved pets, we give you thanks. Amen**



# PARISH SERVICE DAY

During the month of October, the Diocese of Joliet will focus on the final piece of the 3-part theme for the 75th anniversary: "sent forth to serve." To do our part, we are scheduling a parish service day for **Saturday, October 26**. We are in need of leaders to coordinate and supervise service sites on and off campus. Some ideas are:

- Church/pew cleaning
- Landscaping around Fr. Clive's rectory
- Fall clean-up around the parish grounds
- Support the school's coat drive
- Other ideas????

If you are willing and able to help plan and lead a service project, have ideas for additional service, or are in need of help, please contact Craig in the Faith Formation office:

[cmazur@stmarynativity.org](mailto:cmazur@stmarynativity.org)

## OCIA (formerly RCIA) and Adult Sacrament Preparation

If you are an adult and want to become Catholic, or are a baptized Christian seeking Full Communion in the Catholic Church, join us now for a faith journey.

Adults who have not been baptized and desire to join the Church are invited into the ancient celebration of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Adults who were baptized Catholic or in another Christian denomination prepare in a similar way for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



Contact Craig Mazur for more information  
[cmazur@stmarynativity.org](mailto:cmazur@stmarynativity.org)

## Volunteer for Weekend Masses

Be the heartbeat of the parish by donating your time and talent as a:

- ◆ Usher
- ◆ Altar Server
- ◆ Lector
- ◆ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Contact the Faith Formation Office  
Training will be provided



# Faith Formation

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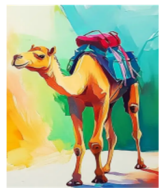
## Catholic Kids Column THE EYE OF A NEEDLE

In today's Gospel, Jesus is telling us to be careful about wealth. "The eye of a needle" is an expression for a very narrow gate. Jesus wants us to know that being focused on material goods will make it difficult to walk down the path of discipleship.

The young man who asked "...what must I do to inherit eternal life?" was not a bad person. He was following the commandments. But Jesus was asking for his whole heart. And that can be a difficult thing to give away, especially if it seems like you are being asked to give up a lot. The challenge is not just about giving up wealth but about trusting completely in God.

Wealth in itself is not bad. Jesus does not say that. But attachment to wealth can lead us astray. If we hold on too tightly to our money and possessions, they can become a false god. We can start thinking that all of the blessings in our lives are because of our own merits and forget that all we have comes from God and belongs to God. This false sense of security in material things can make us less reliant on God's grace and mercy.

We do not know what happened to the young man in the story after he left Jesus. Perhaps he went home and never paid attention to Jesus again. But maybe, after some reflection, he did take leave of his possessions to follow Jesus. This story reminds us that we all have opportunities to make the right choice, to put God first in our lives. It is a call to examine our own attachments and to strive for a heart wholly given to God, free from the distractions of wealth and materialism.



[Young-catholics.com](http://Young-catholics.com)

# FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.



The Mysteries of the Rosary is a four-part film series hosted by Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei and current developer of *That Man is You!* men's program. Saint Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times," and Hartfiel took that to heart, ultimately becoming convicted to pray the ancient prayers of the Rosary daily. It was through his daily Rosary that the idea came to him to create and film a series that takes viewers right to the Holy Land, right where these Mysteries actually happened.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and **gracias press**



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

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 this weekend, Oct. 12-13, there will be a blessing for those who are celebrating this month!**

**Saturday - October 12****4:00 pm Mass (HC)**

For the People of the Parishes

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

- † Joseph Kararo by Family
- † Margie Nelson by Gerry Troppe
- † Mary Ann Clennon by Family

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

- † Tadeusz Gotard
- † Barbara, Władysław i Andrzej Kasiarz

**Sunday - October 13****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 Pawła i Karola z okazji urodzin  
O łaskę uzdrowienia dla Pauliny  
O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Davida i rodziny

- † Aniela Długosz (w rocznicę śmierci)
- † Edward Styrzula

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

- † Tim Gruber by Family
- † Veronica Mahalik by Family

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

- † Marguerite Nelson by Kay & Stan Senffner

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

For the People of the Parishes

**Monday - October 14****8:30am Mass (HC)**

- † Marge & Ed Rachor by Family

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

Za dusze czyścicowe

**Tuesday - October 15****8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

- † † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

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

- † Jadwiga Karwicka

**Wednesday - October 16****8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

- † Charles Kramer "Anniversary" by Frank & Caryn LaBuda

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

- † Józef Kulon (26. rocznica śmierci)

**Thursday - October 17****8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

- † Bruce Gruben "Anniversary" by Larry & Laurie Pottorff

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

O pokój dla narodu ukraińskiego i mieszkańców Ziemi Świętej

**Friday - October 18****8:30 am Mass (HC)**

- † Ron Bebar by Mom & Dad

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Angelo rozpoczynającego służbę wojskową

**Saturday - October 19****4:00 pm Mass (HC)**

- † Ronald Klen by Dan Lajcin Family

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

- † Margaret Sticklin by Gerry Troppe
- † Ann E. Shepich "Anniversary" by Dan & Susan Sameck
- † Michaeline LaBuda by Frank & Caryn LaBuda

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

O opiekę Bożą i solidarną pomoc społeczeństwa dla ofiar kataklizmów naturalnych

**Sunday - October 20****7:00 am Mass (SMN)**

- † Theresa Saragosa by Laurie Pottorff

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

Jan Sternik by Larry &amp; Laurie Pottorff

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

Dziękczynna i z prośbą o dalsze błogosławieństwo Boże dla Danuty i Jana w 35. rocznicę ślubu

Dziękczynna za łaski otrzymane przez wnuczkę

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla rodziny Sykałów

- † † Ewa, Helena i Wacław Sędaccy

- † † Rodzice: Salomea i Władysław Grzegorzewscy (zam. córka)

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

- † "Special Intentions"

- † † Frank & Angie Badorski by David & Darlene Badorski

- † Ann Jelinek "Anniversary" by The Jelinek Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

Zora Sikic by Eric Family

**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

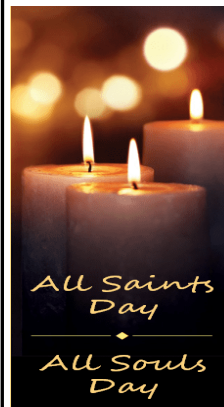
SMN Candlelight Memorial Mass



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

**Mary Ann Clennon**  
**Marie Fabek**  
**Lois Jean Mance**

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.





### 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.

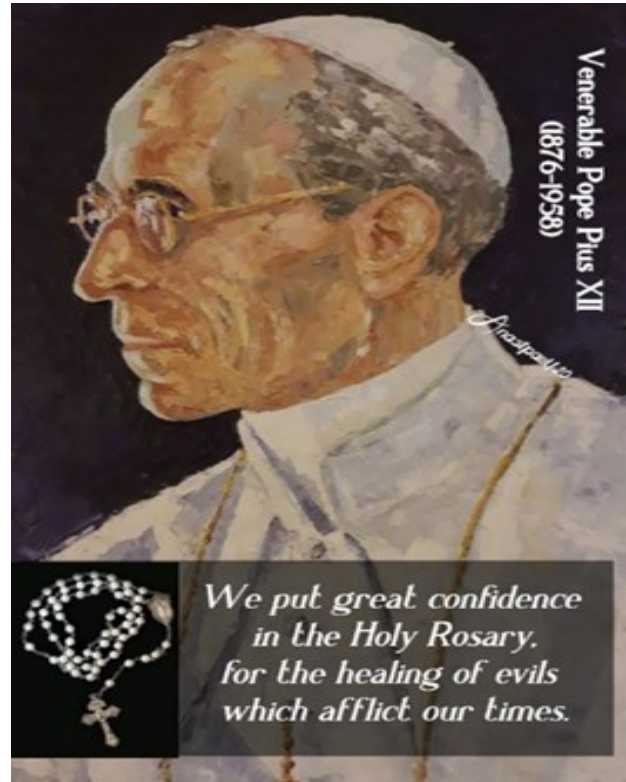
This will make our Christmas gift to our lord timely.) Our parishes have once again begun our 'Spiritual Adoption' program. Each month we will keep you up to date with the development of your baby.

### THE SEVENTH MONTH – SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 25

Mary and Joseph knew in advance that their baby would be a boy. And although Jesus was not his biological child, Joseph eagerly anticipated his birth. By the seventh month, the baby's hands grip strongly. His eyelids open and close as he surveys his increasingly cramped surroundings. The baby is now 15 inches long and weighs 2-3 pounds. The infant Jesus listens intently for his mother's recognizable voice. A child of seven months would survive birth. The average abortion takes 5-10 minutes. The average wait for adoption is 2-10 years. Pray for all adoptive parents who provide the loving care and nourishing environment which parents who provide the loving care and nourishing environment which every child deserves, and for foster parents who lend their hearts and homes to those whose fates hang in the balance.

# Parish Prayer

## October is the month of the Most Holy



### 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



## Heavenly Father, we pray for...

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

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



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## Upcoming Events

### Monday, October 14 Columbus Day

SMN No School/Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, October 15

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

5:30pm Faith Formation Class -

SMN School & Nativity Room

6:30pm Joint Parish Council Meeting -

SMN Nativity Room

### Wednesday, October 16

8:30am School Mass - SMN Church

3:30pm SMN Finance Council Mtg. - NR

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - SMN Church

### Thursday, October 17

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

### Friday, October 18

9:00 Visitation - NR (Buldak)

10:00 Memorial Mass - SMN Church (Buldak)

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration -

SMN Church

### Saturday, October 19

### Sunday, October 20

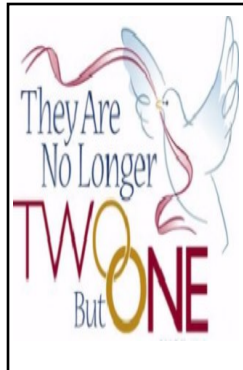
8:35am Pro-Life Rosary - Holy Cross Church

10:30am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary

Sunday, October 13th in the Nativity Room  
after the morning Masses.



*Sweet!*  
**HOSPITALITY  
SUNDAY**  
*Bring the Family!*  
**All Are Welcome**



*Wedding Congratulations*  
The Sacrament of Marriage is an understanding that holds the promise of many joyful years together.  
**Mr. & Mrs. William Owens**  
September 24, 2024  
St. Mary Nativity Church




**BIBLE STUDY**  
Rosary Hour  
English Spanish (Livestream)

## PRAYER GROUP



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

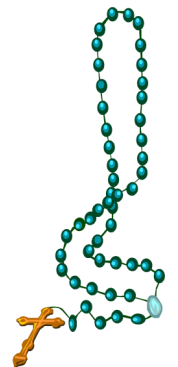


WE WILL BE  
**CLOSED**  
ON  
**COLUMBUS DAY**  
*Monday, October 14th*



**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:**  
**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 or for more information, contact Mike Hansen at 815-212-3661 or [mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com](mailto:mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com)



2024 SERIES

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adult Ministry



THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 24



Most Reverend  
Ronald Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet

Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

6:30-9:30pm

## Around the Diocese

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Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



### 2ND ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Registration is required; space is limited.

OCTOBER  
**26**  
2024

**BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER**  
16555 WEBER ROAD  
CREST HILL, IL 60403  
8 A.M. - 1 P.M.

RETREAT WILL INCLUDE MASS, CONFESSION, BREAKOUT SESSIONS, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & FELLOWSHIP. A HOT BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED. CHILDCARE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.



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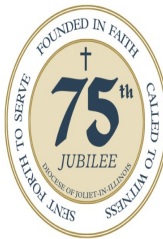
**<SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

Questions?  
Contact Renata Cichowicz, 815-221-6245  
rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org

## Mistwood Golf Club

1700 W Renwick Rd, Romeoville, IL 60446

For more information, contact Jim Elias  
815-221-6134, jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org



Your word,  
O Lord, is truth;  
consecrate us in  
the truth.  
Deepen your

communication, rekindle your romance  
and renew your sacrament by attending the next  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on  
October 11-13 in Geneva, IL or November 16-17  
at the Blanchette Center in Crest Hill.



For more info go to:  
wwme.org  
or call (888) 574-5653  
or scan the QR Code

If you are asking yourself what can we do to help our marriage, we would like to recommend Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program designed for married couples who are struggling. Retrouvaille can help them to communicate on a deeper level and has helped thousands of couples return to a God-centered marriage.

**Our next weekend will be held in Chicago  
October 18-20, 2024**

For information, Please contact:  
**Retrouvaille of Joliet • (815) 246-2080**

**HelpOurMarriage.com**  
**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES



### Saint Mary Nativity

2024 Goal	\$41,000
Amount Pledged	\$41,888
Amount Paid	\$39,205
Balance Due	\$2,683
Donor Count	167
2024 Rebate	\$0

### Holy Cross

2024 Goal	\$12,900
Amount Pledged	\$18,570
Amount Paid	\$17,473
Balance Due	\$1,097
Donor Count	70
2024 Rebate	\$3,201

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



Sunday, October 6, 2024

**St. Mary Nativity \$8,841.00**  
**Holy Cross \$2,744.00**

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!*



Tuesday,  
 October  
 15th  
 Happy  
 Birthday  
 Father Jerry  
 Nicholas

May God's Love  
 and Peace be with  
 you always!



## Congratulations to St. Mary Nativity on reaching our CMAA goal!!



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](http://stmarynativity.flocknote.com)

The Month of October - The Holy Rosary  
 A Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary



### The Memorare Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.





## Bishop Hicks' Column October 2024

*A prayer answered: Our new Auxiliary Bishop*



Sometimes I get the impression that many people view the Diocese of Joliet as a "small" diocese. Perhaps this is because we border the mammoth Archdiocese of Chicago. However, to refer to us as "small" is rather misleading and inaccurate.

The Joliet Diocese serves over half a million Catholics in a geographic area of 4,218 square miles throughout DuPage, Kankakee, Will, Grundy, Ford, Iroquois, and Kendall counties. We are blessed with 117 parishes, 7 missions, 43 grade schools, 8 high schools, and 3 universities within our diocesan boundaries. To put the geographical size and scope into perspective, when I worked as Vicar General in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I put about 6,000 miles per year on my car visiting parishes, attending meetings, presiding at masses and celebrating sacraments. Now, I average over 20,000 miles per year attending to the same essential ministries.

In a diocese as large as ours, there has been an unwritten understanding that we would always have an auxiliary bishop. An auxiliary bishop is a bishop who assists the diocesan bishop in the administration and pastoral care of the diocese. Over the years, we have been blessed with six auxiliary bishops, including Daniel W. Kucera, Daniel L. Ryan, Raymond J. Vonesh, Roger L. Kaffer, James E. Fitzgerald, and Joseph M. Siegel. Bishop Siegel departed from our diocese and was installed in the Diocese of Evansville, Indiana, on December 15, 2017. Since that time, we here in the Diocese of Joliet have been patiently waiting, petitioning, and praying for a new auxiliary bishop.

On Friday, September 27, 2024, at 5:00 a.m. Central time, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had appointed Rev. Dennis E. Spies as our new Auxiliary Bishop. Since that announcement, many people have asked me, "Who is Father Spies, and what is he like?"

Let me share some information. Bishop-elect Spies is 56 years old and is a native son of the Diocese of Joliet. He was raised on a farm in the small town of Ashkum, Illinois, and attended Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. He was ordained a priest in 2002 and has both a Master of Divinity degree and a Sacred Theology degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake. Following ordination, he ministered in a variety of assignments, including as parochial vicar at St. Walter's in Roselle and St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield. He was pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Gibson City, St. George in Melvin, and Immaculate Conception in Roberts, as well as at St. Liborius in Steger, Mother Teresa Catholic Academy in Crete, and St. Mary Parish in Park Forest. He also served on the faculty at Mundelein Seminary and is currently the Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Joliet.

Besides his impressive education and wide variety of assignments, there is a consistent narrative shared by most who know him: he is hardworking, prayerful, and "down to earth" with a very relatable manner. He loves God and has a true friendship with Jesus. He wants the best for the Church and for God's people and works toward these goals in a sincere and humble way.

The evening before the big announcement of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop, Father Dennis told his mom, Rose Mary, that the next day she was going to hear some big news about him. Not knowing what this big news was all about, Rose Mary talked with the wife of her son's best friend. With the keen instincts only a mother has, she said, "I think my son is going to be named a bishop!" The friend disagreed. So, they made a friendly wager as they anticipated the news. Later, when it was revealed that Father Dennis was indeed being named a bishop, the friend handed \$20 to Rose Mary. Mom was right! However, when they both gleefully realized Father Dennis was actually staying within the Diocese of Joliet and not being relocated to another diocese, Rose Mary handed that same \$20 right back to her friend!

Many of us find ourselves appealing to God for something specific: a definite decision in a definite time frame with a definite outcome. Here within our Diocese, besides our fervent asks of God, we tried to guess and predict who, when, and where a new bishop might be named. Why, I found myself doing the same, as much as I entrusted God with the decision. Despite our prayers and good intentions, we all eventually come to realize we are not in control of any process, even within the Church. Like all junctures in life, we have to rely on God's providence and timing. Even a bishop needs to be reminded once in a while that God's wisdom and timetable will always prevail and will be eminently right.

I thank God for the appointment of a new auxiliary bishop. Not only will he be a tremendous support for me with Confirmations, Masses, events, and the multitude of pastoral and administrative responsibilities, but he will also be a great gift to the Diocese of Joliet.

Please join me in congratulating Bishop-elect Dennis Spies and thanking the Holy Father for this appointment as our new Auxiliary Bishop. With gratitude and anticipation of his ordination on November 6, 2024, in unison we ask God to bless our soon-to-be Auxiliary Bishop, as we pray, "Come Holy Spirit."

# Sneak Peek

Calendar Raffle Tickets will be available in mid-October.  
Last year's participants will receive tickets in the mail!

## 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
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