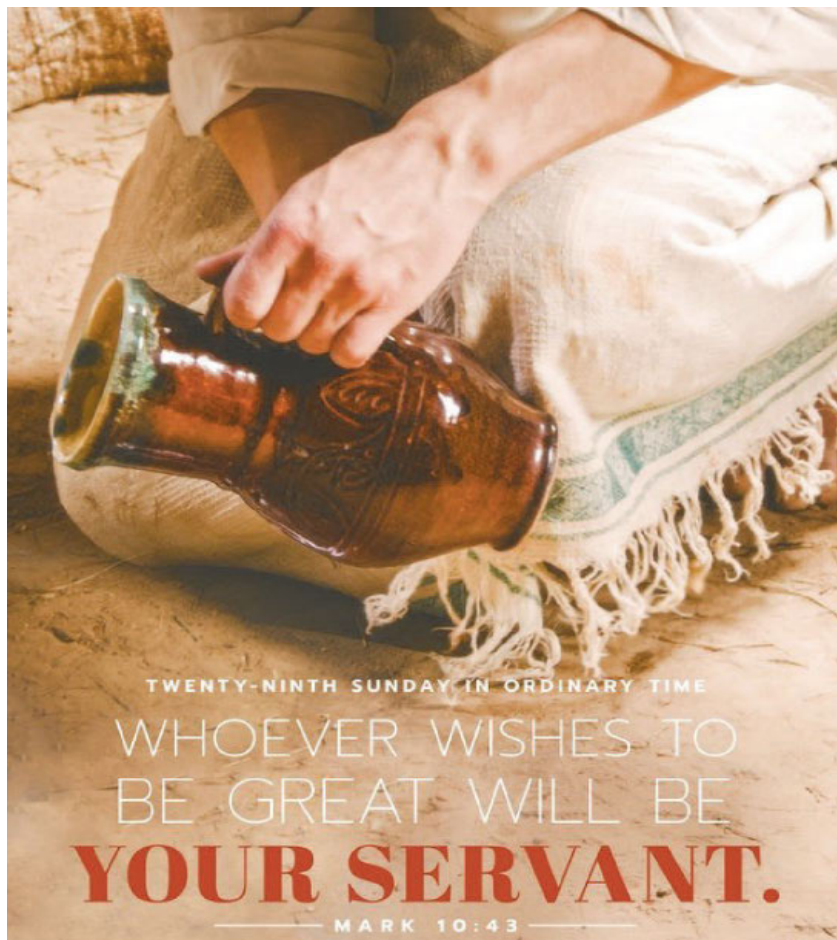



October  
20,  
2024


# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission



 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/)

## 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.



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## From the Pastor

**Fr. Clive teaching our 2nd Grade Students about the Church, and the importance of prayer and the Sacrament of Baptism.**



### **THE HAIL MARY PRAYER**

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou  
amongst women,  
and blessed is  
the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death.  
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 starting at 9 AM**

Please call the parish office or the Faith Formation office if you are able to volunteer for or lead a project:

- Write letters or make cards for service men and women
- Fall clean-up around the parish grounds
- Donate coats, hats, scarves and gloves for our coat drive
- Join in praying a pro-life Rosary
- Church cleaning will take place on a different date to be determined

Questions? Contact [cmazur@stmarynativity.org](mailto:cmazur@stmarynativity.org)

In anticipation of World Mission Sunday, our Faith Formation students learned about and prayed a World Mission Rosary. Each decade of the World Mission Rosary, with different color beads, calls to mind an area where the Church continues her evangelizing mission; GREEN for the forests and grasslands of AFRICA; BLUE for the ocean surrounding the ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC; WHITE symbolizing EUROPE; the seat of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world; RED calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the AMERICA'S, and YELLOW, the morning light of the EAST, for ASIA. The students decorated the "beads" with names of countries in each region, then assembled their Rosary as they prayed. You can see the Rosary in the vestibule of Church.



## 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

## Catholic Kids Column WITH GREAT POWER...

Spiderman must have taken a page from the Bible when Uncle Ben said, "With great power comes great responsibility." The meaning behind the phrase is simple — if you have the ability to do something, make sure that you do it for the good of others. People often think that once they have some form of power, they can laud it over people and abuse it. History has many people that have become corrupted because of great power. That is what today's Gospel is about. Jesus teaches us that while power and authority can be used for good, as we can see through His work and actions throughout the New Testament, he warns us about the danger of power and authority.



James and John approach Jesus to request privileged places of authority to sit to the right and left of Jesus. They recognize that glorification awaits Jesus, but do not understand what Jesus will have to endure in his passion. Jesus tells his disciples that greatness is not measured by the amount of power they hold or the position they retain. Rather, it is measured by their ability to live as servants and slaves, even if that life means suffering oppression at the hands of those who wield power. Jesus himself embodies this message in the passion he will suffer, where he forgoes the power to control his fate, "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many."



This week, go out of your way to serve another at home, school, your Church, and in your community.

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# FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on the American continent. Driven by his singular conviction of a "United American Continent" under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, his papal travels from Argentina to Alaska generated massive crowds, shaped an entire generation, and ultimately changed the course of history.

The feast day of Pope Saint John Paul II is October 22

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It contains scenes of war and historic violence. We recommend Parental Guidance.

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.





### 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

O zdrowie i pomyślną operację dla Michała

### Sunday - October 20

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

† Theresa Saragosa by Laurie Pottorff

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

† Jan Sternik by Larry & 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

### Monday - October 21

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

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Zofii

### Tuesday - October 22

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

† Gary Brieser "Anniversary" by the Pottorff Family

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

**NO MASS AT HOLY CROSS**

### Wednesday - October 23

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

† Nora Tierney "Birthday" by Family

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

Dziękczynna za dar św. Jana Pawła II dla Polski i świata

### Thursday - October 24

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

† † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

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

O Bożą opiekę dla USA i o wybór na funkcje publiczne ludzi Bożego upo

### Friday - October 25

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

† † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Zofii

### Saturday - October 26

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

† Joan Kozar by Family

† Michael Kipilla by Parents

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

† Douglas Petan by Family

† Sylvia Zabala by Family

† Jim Putrich "Birthday" by Mary Lou

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

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

† Józef Klikuszowian

† † Teresa i Władysław Zapotoczny

† Franciszek Mazur (w 32. rocznicę śmierci)

† † Za zmarłych kapłanów

### Sunday - October 27

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

† Robert Buldak by Joe & Karen Bannon

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

† Walter Mueller by Family

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

† Józef Niejadlik

† † Maria, Stanisław oraz Józef Janik

† Władysław Skolarus

† † Helena i Józef Waliczek oraz + Maria Waliczek

† Zdzisław Kuwik (6. rocznica śmierci)

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

† Martin Lepacek "Birthday" by Pat Lepacek

† Veronica Mahalik by Family

† Marcos Lesa by Family

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

† Zora Sikic by Eric Family

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

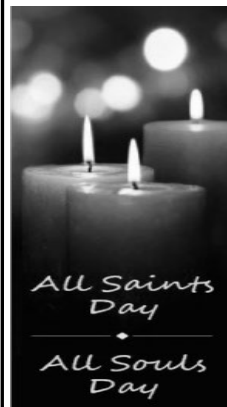
For the People of the Parishes



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

## Robert Buldak

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord;  
and let the perpetual light shine upon  
him. May his soul 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



**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.

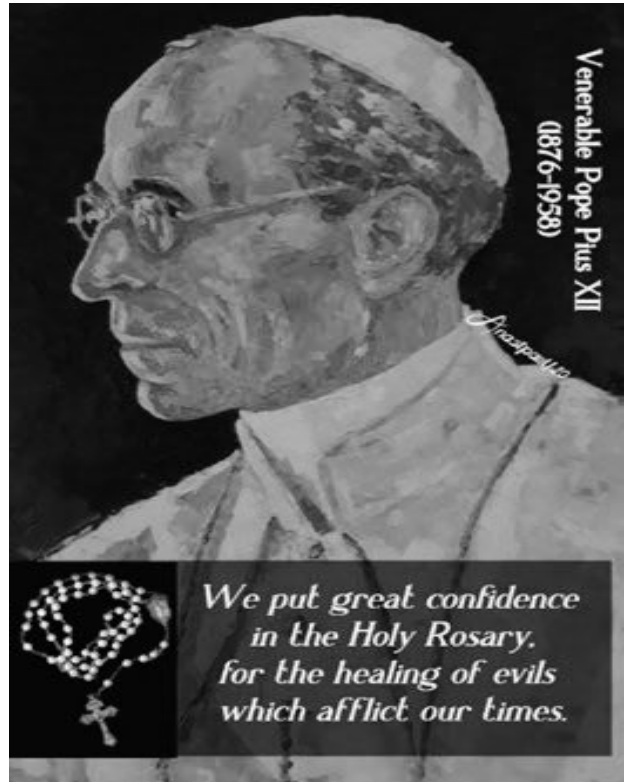
This will make our Christmas gift to our lord timely.) Our parishes have once again begun our 'Spiritual Adoption' program. Each month we will keep you up to date with the development of your baby.

**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...***

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|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 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 Friehe      | 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



Dear St. Mary Nativity Families,

We want to thank all of you for your continued financial support to our parish. Your Sunday contributions, Maintenance Fund contributions, and other fundraisers made our parish financially stable last year. We are sharing with you our parish financial summary that shows what we have accomplished together in our last fiscal year which ended June 30, 2024.

The parish showed a small surplus of \$20,583 for the fiscal year end 6/30/2024. The parish investment in education for our school was \$240,091. Per the Diocese of Joliet financial guidelines, the Investment in Education must not be more than 25% of school operating expenses. We are at 22% and in conformance with that guideline.

Sunday collections remained consistent with the prior year with the help of online and mail in donations. The school also received additional financial awards through Empower and Catholic Education Foundation (CEF). Empower contributed over \$245,000 and CEF approximately \$50,000 to our school finances this last school year. Additional funds were also raised through fundraising for both the school and parish.

During the last fiscal year, the Robert Svetlecic unrestricted bequest was distributed to us in the amount of \$4,330,345. Per diocesan guidelines, a 5% assessment was paid to the diocese. The remaining balance generated \$87,871 in interest.

Our Capital Campaign fund is nearly depleted. Major future capital expenses of tuckpointing, church painting, sidewalk repairs, and other projects will probably be paid from the bequest. In addition, the loss of EMPOWER for the 2024/2025 school year (per discontinuance by the state of Illinois) means we must closely monitor our school expenses. We will use the interest from the bequest as needed to meet these expenses. Delinquent tuition was and is closely monitored by our business manager and school administration. Maintenance expenses for the church and school continue, so we ask that you prayerfully continue to make contributions to restore our Maintenance Fund.

Our Annual Financial Report for the past fiscal year 2023-2024 (July 1 – June 30) is on the next page. It shows a surplus for the year due to the items mentioned above. The Finance Council will continue to monitor our parish and school income and expenses.

We want to thank Father Jerome and Mary Nemanich, SMN business manager, for keeping us informed about our parish and school finances. We will look for new and effective ways to manage our financial situations under the guidance of Father Clive.

Please keep our parish and school in your prayers.

Sincerely,

St. Mary Nativity Finance Council

Frank Jurmann, Josie Petan, and Tom Hafner



**Saint Mary Nativity Catholic Church and School**  
**Parish Year End Financial Statement**  
**July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Faith Formation</u>	<u>School (K-8)</u>	<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Extended Care</u>	<u>Cafeteria</u>	<u>Athletics</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>									
Sunday Collections	\$ 445,688							\$ 445,688	\$ 453,000
Other Collections	\$ 15,194							\$ 15,194	\$ 13,900
Christmas Collection	\$ 23,948							\$ 23,948	\$ 29,000
Easter Collection	\$ 19,012							\$ 19,012	\$ 21,000
Interest Income	\$ 91,891		\$ 1,318					\$ 93,209	\$ 55,875
CMAA Rebate	\$ 4,145							\$ 4,145	\$ -
Fundraisers	\$ 5,602		\$ 87,541					\$ 93,143	\$ 110,500
Tuition and Fees		\$ 2,345	\$ 555,952	\$ 32,822	\$ 11,468	\$ 81,550		\$ 684,137	\$ 788,220
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 24,511	\$ 400						\$ 24,911	\$ 24,700
Unrestricted Donations - Robert J Svetlecic Bequest**	\$ 4,330,345							\$ 4,330,345	\$ -
Educational Appeal Envelopes	\$ 19,135							\$ 19,135	\$ 18,000
Restricted Donations - Alice Christopher			\$ 12,730					\$ 12,730	\$ 30,000
Restricted Donations - Other	\$ 5,780		\$ 19,286					\$ 25,066	\$ 14,900
Endowment Revenue			\$ 72,335					\$ 72,335	\$ 72,335
Organization(s) Transfers							\$ 4,521	\$ 4,521	\$ 4,521
Rental Income	\$ 225		\$ 3,125					\$ 3,350	\$ 3,150
Capital Campaign	\$ 85,678							\$ 85,678	\$ 200,000
Maintenance Fund	\$ 91,791							\$ 91,791	\$ 50,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,162,945</b>	<b>\$ 2,745</b>	<b>\$ 752,287</b>	<b>\$ 32,822</b>	<b>\$ 11,468</b>	<b>\$ 81,550</b>	<b>\$ 4,521</b>	<b>\$ 6,048,338</b>	<b>\$ 1,889,101</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>									
Salaries	\$ 127,372	\$ -	\$ 605,460	\$ 34,861	\$ 7,940	\$ 26,644	\$ 4,000	\$ 806,277	\$ 801,491
Fringe Benefits	\$ 61,806	\$ 181	\$ 177,333	\$ 8,880	\$ 776	\$ 2,253	\$ 509	\$ 251,738	\$ 307,985
Services	\$ 77,691	\$ 1,792	\$ 72,884	\$ 160				\$ 152,527	\$ 161,310
Materials & Supplies	\$ 21,781	\$ -	\$ 8,764			\$ 72,835		\$ 103,381	\$ 91,750
Insurance	\$ 36,908							\$ 36,908	\$ 36,910
Utilities	\$ 31,024	\$ 3,154	\$ 35,728					\$ 69,906	\$ 74,675
Curriculum/Textbooks		\$ 1,273	\$ 25,927	\$ 1,256				\$ 28,456	\$ 45,500
Restricted Expenses - Athletic Field			\$ 3,532					\$ 3,532	\$ 3,000
Restricted Expenses - Other	\$ 3,777							\$ 3,777	\$ 3,600
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 20,316							\$ 20,316	\$ 20,316
Ministry and Outreach	\$ 1,591							\$ 1,591	\$ 1,550
Other Operating Expense	\$ 657	\$ 4,274	\$ 26,990	\$ 6,007				\$ 37,928	\$ 49,880
Maintenance Fund Expenses	\$ 94,074							\$ 94,074	\$ 50,000
Capital Expenditures	\$ 87,000							\$ 87,000	\$ 200,000
RCIA								\$ -	\$ -
Investment in Education *	\$ 248,021	\$ (7,930)	\$ (240,091)					\$ -	\$ -
Robert J Svetlecic Bequest**	\$ 4,113,827							\$ 4,113,827	\$ -
Robert J Svetlecic Bequest Assessment***	\$ 216,517							\$ 216,517	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,142,362</b>	<b>\$ 2,745</b>	<b>\$ 716,527</b>	<b>\$ 51,164</b>	<b>\$ 8,717</b>	<b>\$ 101,732</b>	<b>\$ 4,509</b>	<b>\$ 6,027,755</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,967</b>
<b>Revenue Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,583</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 35,761</b>	<b>\$(18,342)</b>	<b>\$ 2,751</b>	<b>\$(20,182)</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ 20,583</b>	<b>\$ 41,134</b>
Other Parish Subsidy									
Loan Payments									
<b>Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 20,583</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 35,761</b>	<b>\$(18,342)</b>	<b>\$ 2,751</b>	<b>\$(20,182)</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ 20,583</b>	<b>\$ 41,134</b>

**Balance as of June 30, 2024**

<u>Accounts at Busey Bank</u>		<u>Accounts at Diocese</u>	
Checking - Operating	\$ 53,401	Parish Savings	\$ 4,101,563
Checking - Maintenance	\$ 3,228	Maintenance	\$ 66,177
Checking - Capital Campaign	\$ -	Capital Campaign	\$ 43,049
Home and School Association	\$ 102	School Savings - Alice Christopher	\$ 19,751
Women's Club	\$ 32	Athletic Field	\$ 10,994
Athletic Association	\$ 3,892	School Endowment	\$ 1,466,529

\* Per the Diocese of Joliet, Investment in Education nets Faith Formation and All School Entities to Zero with the Church resulting in a Deficit/Surplus.

\*\* Robert J Svetlecic Bequest is unrestricted. The bequest was recorded on the balance sheet as income and expense with a reserve set-up for future expenditures.

\*\*\* Robert J Svetlecic Bequest is unrestricted requiring a 5% assessment which was paid in full to the diocese.

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
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**

**ST. MARY NATIVITY**



**WINTER COAT DRIVE**  
 DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS

COATS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT:  
 SCHOOL OFFICE AND PARISH OFFICE

**OCTOBER 15TH THROUGH DECEMBER 6TH**

**Trunk OR Treat**



**SATURDAY Oct. 26th From 5-6 PM**

JOIN US FOR A **FUN TIME**

TREATS, COSTUME & MUCH MORE!

**ST. MARY NATIVITY SCHOOL**







# Stewardship and the Diocese

## Saint Mary Nativity

2024 Goal	\$41,000
Amount Pledged	\$41,868
Amount Paid	\$39,600
Balance Due	\$2,268
Donor Count	167
2024 Rebate	\$0

## Holy Cross

2024 Goal	\$12,900
Amount Pledged	\$18,590
Amount Paid	\$17,677
Balance Due	\$913
Donor Count	70
2024 Rebate	\$3,344

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



## Sunday, October 13, 2024

St. Mary Nativity	\$8,363.00
Holy Cross	\$2,373.00

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!*



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

## Mistwood Golf Club

1700 W Renwick Rd, Romeoville, IL 60446

For more information, contact Jim Ellas  
815-221-6134, [jellas@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jellas@dioceseofjoliet.org)



## 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.

SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Questions?  
Contact Renata Cichowicz, 815-221-6245  
[rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org)

## World Mission Sunday 2024 October 20th

# GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

- 38,140 Holy Masses
- 8,750 Holy Communion
- 12,000 Health Centers
- 844,000 Catholics
- 258,540 Holy Eucharists

TEXT "MISSION24" TO 44384

SHARE THE FEAST: *Give Now*

www.onefamilyinmission.org/wms

# 10 Upcoming Events

## Tuesday, October 22

No Polish Mass at Holy Cross  
 9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room  
 1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church  
 5:30pm Faith Formation Class -  
 SMN School & NR

## Wednesday, October 23

8:30am School Mass - SMN Church  
 1:00pm Living Rosary - SMN Church  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal - SMN Church

## Thursday, October 24

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

## Friday, October 25

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN  
 Church

7:00pm Mass - Holy Cross in Polish

## Saturday, October 26 Parish Service Day

4:00pm Trunk & Treat - SMN School  
 6:00pm Halloween Dance – SMN Gym

## Sunday, October 27




# 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  
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 (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.




### 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 in-  
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## WELCOME to the St. Mary Nativity Family.

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 through the years as they share His love with you.







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## Meet Our Staff...

- Father Clive Otieno, Pastor**  
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Faith Formation Office  
(331) 316-4366

### Office Hours



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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](mailto:smammosser@stmarynativity.org)**

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

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Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE or local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process.

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.



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