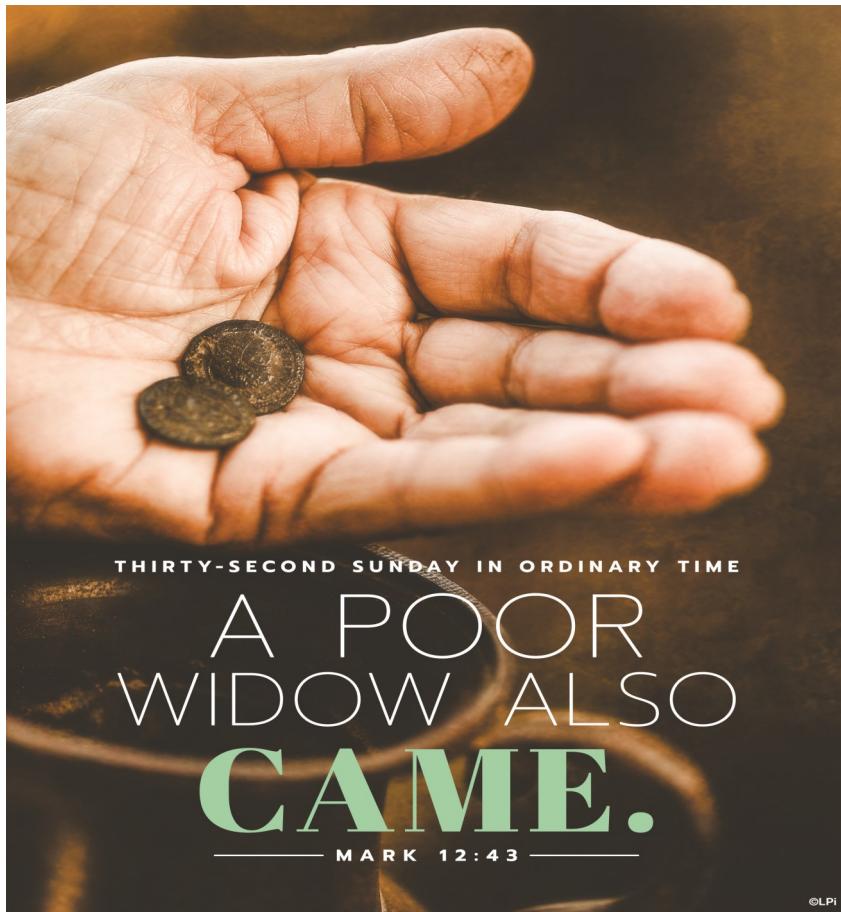


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# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*



706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

815-726-4031

[info@stmarynativity.org](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/](https://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



706 North Broadway Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435



830 Elizabeth Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

## 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  
[smammoser@stmarynativity.org](mailto:smammoser@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.



# Parish and School Centers

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## Meet Our Staff...

**Father Clive Otieno**, Pastor  
[frclive@stmarynativity.org](mailto:frclive@stmarynativity.org)  
**Father Tomasz Sielicki**, Parochial Vicar  
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**Donald Legerski**, Director of Music  
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**Mariusz Madej**, Polish Organist  
**Mary Nemanich**, Business Manager  
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**Allen Kramerich**, Facilities Manager  
[facilities@stmarynativity.org](mailto:facilities@stmarynativity.org)



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

New Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday 8:00am to 3:00 pm

Parish Office ( 815) 726-4031  
Parish Fax ( 815) 727-4393

Faith Formation Office  
(331) 316-4366

## Office Hours



Find us on:  
**facebook**®

Visit us at [www.stmarynativityholycross.org](http://www.stmarynativityholycross.org)

### St. Mary Nativity Catholic School

702 North Broadway Street Joliet, Illinois 60435

( 815) 722-8518 [www.stmarynativity.org](http://www.stmarynativity.org)

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

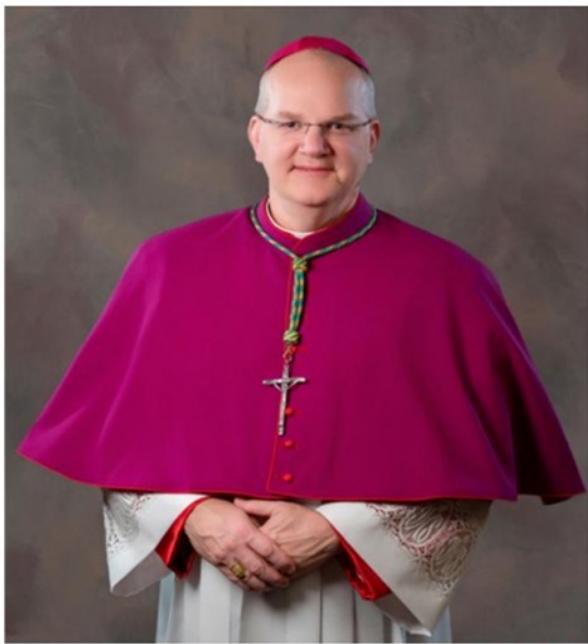
Dr. Elias Alonso, School Principal  
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Christina Hinojosa, School Secretary  
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Polskiej Szkoły im.  
Świętego Krzyża  
w Joliet

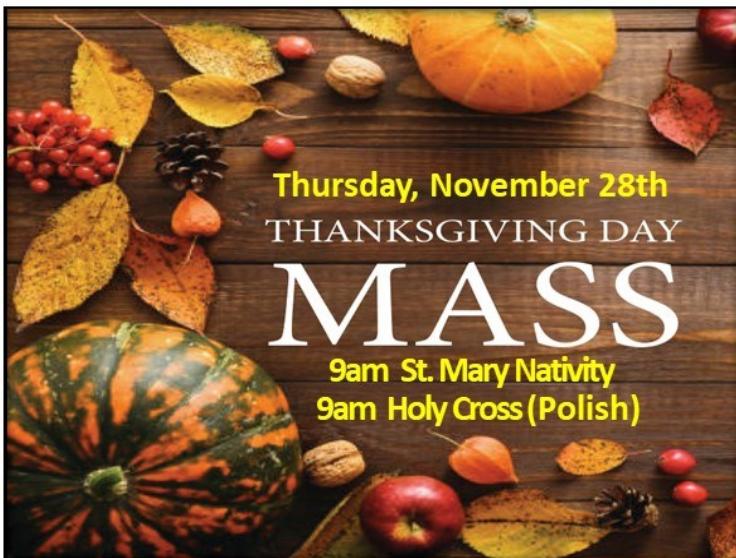
Barbara Szuba,  
Polish School Principal  
[polkaszkolajoliet@gmail.com](mailto:polkaszkolajoliet@gmail.com)

## Congratulations

**MOST REVEREND  
DENNIS EDWARD SPIES**

Ordained as Auxiliary  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Joliet-in-Illinois

November 6, 2024

*You Are Invited*

To The Father Vincent Capodanno-Father Emile Kapaun  
Memorial Mass and Healing Service

*The Knights of Columbus of Queen of Apostles Parish,  
Joliet, Illinois*

*Invites you to attend this special Memorial Mass  
Honoring*

*Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno,  
Chaplain (Lt. USNR), 3<sup>rd</sup>. Btl. 5<sup>th</sup> Marines*

*And Servant of God Father Emile Kapaun,  
Chaplain (Capt.) U.S. Army, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division*

**Saturday, November 23, 2024, 10:00 A.M.**

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

Location:

Queen of Apostles Parish  
West Campus

18 N. Woodlawn Ave, Joliet, Illinois 60436

Questions? Call Jim Kubalewski, 815-272-3512

St. Mary Nativity and  
Holy Cross Churches  
are once again  
sponsoring  
"Giving Trees"  
this Christmas.



More information will be  
published in upcoming  
bulletins.



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 3 on page 6.



## Flame of Faith James Bloch



# Mass Intentions

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### 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 Ochotoreno "Birthday" by Richie Ochotoreno

### Monday - November 11

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

† Andy Orosco by Marlene Poeser

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

† Władysława Jankowska (9. rocznica śmierci)

### Tuesday - November 12

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

† Zora Sikic by Eric Family

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

† Ewa Sędacka (10. rocznica śmierci)



All who participated in the "All Souls Day Memorial Ceremony" and Mass are invited to take home their memorial candle. Candles are available for pick up in the Nativity Room.

### Wednesday - November 13

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

† † Bob & Mary Larkin by Family

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

† Anna I Czesław Styrczula

### Thursday - November 14

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

† Angela Bretz by Laurie Pottoroff

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Zofii

### Friday - November 15

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

† Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

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

† Stanisław Gruszka (w rocznicę urodzin)

### Saturday - November 16

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

† Johanna Klen by Dan Lajcin Family

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

† Marguerite Nelson by Kay & Stan Senffner

† Kevin Stogis by Bores & Stalker Families

† Mary Ann Clendon by Joe & Karen Bannon

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

† Józef Klikuszowian

† Jan Zająć

### Sunday - November 17

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

Brian Stewack "Birthday" by Rob Stewack

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Antoniego z okazji urodzin

† Zofia i Edward Rotniccy (zam. siostra)

† Michał Kuruc (22. rocznica śmierci) i żona Helena

† Za zmarłych kapłanów

† Władysław Złoza

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

† Katie Gruber by Family

† Martin Lepacek Jr. "Anniversary" by Family

† Jim Flanery "Anniversary" by Family

Bill & Mary Jane Brenc by Gudac Family

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

Mary Ann DeNardis by 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:

**Douglas W. Zdunich**

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.



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 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.**



**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



**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 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 eighth 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.

***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





DIOCESE OF JOLIET



## VOCATIONS OFFICE

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

### The impact of formation into priesthood

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO  
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

When someone asks me what the seminary is, I liken it to a garden bed which takes the seeds of a vocation to the priesthood, plants them in rich and nutritious soil, provides them with the necessary sun, moisture, and darkness so that the seed can grow and bear much fruit. It provides a space to remove the weeds of human weakness and protect the vocation from the buffets of the storms and winds that come with life.

I see this in my own experience of formation. When I began seminary after my four years at the University of Illinois, where I studied chemical engineering, I thought I had my life together and knew a thing or two. What I discovered living with 150 other men was that I was embarking upon a journey to grow in honesty with myself, my heart, and God. One day on retreat, I was telling God I wanted to be a great priest, and He responded, 'then you must know what people are feeling and experiencing.' I told him I did, and He gently corrected me and said, 'to do that, you must know what you are feeling and

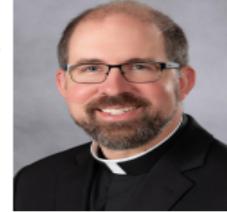
experiencing.'

I didn't know that I had closed off my heart to love of my neighbor due to all the bullying I encountered in grade school. I was usually angry, but wouldn't let anyone see it, except when I exploded. I didn't trust people.

In seminary, a space was created to assist me in being honest with myself, my heart and God about the pain and betrayals of life. It gave me a space to avail myself to counseling, spiritual direction and good friendships which helped me grow, heal, and forgive. The beautiful fruit of this time was that I grew in a genuine love for my brother and all who I would be called to serve in the Church as a priest.

It was through the generosity of the Diocese of Joliet faithful that I was able to attend seminary. I invite you to prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit, how he might be inviting you to support our current seminarians in their formation to the priesthood.

God Bless you and be assured of my prayers for you.



#### ABOUT FR. BORELLO

Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations.

Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children.

He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering.

While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood.

He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011.

He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014.

In August of 2015, he began serving at St. John Vianney College Seminary as a spiritual director, director of human formation, and instructor to over 120 men discerning a priestly vocation.

He returned to the Diocese of Joliet in August 2018 to begin as the Director of Vocations.



Diocese of Joliet

### SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

A second collection for the education and formation of our future priests



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#### Diocese of Joliet Office of Child and Youth Protection

Reporting Sexual Abuse: Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities.

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.

## Bishop Hicks' Column — November 2024 — Faith in Action: Jubilee Style

During our year-long celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois, we have emphasized that we are “Founded in Faith, Called to Witness, Sent Forth to Serve.” During the month of October, we decided to focus on the last four words, “Sent Forth to Serve.”

Specifically, I asked every parish to undertake a communal service project during the month of October. I did not care what date they selected or what type of service project they chose. The goal was simply for every parish to do something –anything - of service in the name of the Lord.

As our parishes participated, each in their own way, I recognized that, as the Shepherd of the Diocese, it was important that I “walk the talk” by joining a parish in their service project. So, on the morning of Saturday, October 19, 2024, I arrived eagerly at one of our parishes to pitch in on their service day. I was greeted by hundreds of parishioners of all ages who were ready to assemble food for the hungry, pack boxes of dry ingredients at a “Feed My Starving Children” event, visit the elderly in nursing homes and extended care, give donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor, make autumn cards for the homebound and veterans, and carry out clean-up projects that included washing windows, pulling weeds, and raking leaves at the homes of people in need of assistance.

I joined a group of 10 wonderful team members that delightfully included grade school students and their parents. We went to the home of a man named George. It was a warm, sunny autumn day. We immediately took off our jackets, donned work gloves and began raking, pulling weeds, and sweeping. As I was raking, George approached me, and we engaged in a friendly conversation. Eventually, I said, “George, I love talking to you! But I need to be a good example, so I better get back to my chore.” He kindly replied, “Oh, Bishop, I want to tell you something. Just by being here, you are setting a good example for everyone. Thank you for your service.”

George shared about his amazing life, including how he went to New York City after 9/11 to help rescue people from the ash and how he went to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to assist with the cleanup efforts. “But I have to tell you,” he added, “I feel a little embarrassed now that I have my bishop and this group helping me with my leaves and weeds. I have three dislocated discs in my back, and I cannot bend or twist.” He sighed and lamented, “I really wish I could work alongside all of you right now, but I can no longer be of service.”

I stopped him and said, “George, you’ve shared with me that you pray a daily rosary for peace in the world, attend daily Mass, and once a week bring Holy Communion to the sick in the hospital. You might not be able to serve in the ways you used to, but you are still serving the Lord and your neighbor with your prayers and by bringing the Eucharist to the sick.” Believing that one kind word deserves another in return, I expressed, “Thank YOU for your service!”

My warm chat with George can be summed up with the powerful quote from Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta: “I cannot do what you do, and you cannot do what I do, but together we can do great things!” That’s it! Depending on our age, abilities, time constraints, and other life challenges, we will all put our faith into action in different ways. The goal is to do something - anything - always in the name of the Lord to build the Kingdom of God.

And remember, when we serve, we may feel good about ourselves with what we did. But there is more to it than that. Jesus himself commanded us to love and serve others. Therefore, as Catholics, our service to others is an outward expression of our love for God, whose Son we follow. To paraphrase the Gospel of Matthew 25:40, “Whatever you do for the least of your brothers or sisters, you do for Jesus!”

As we approach the conclusion of our Jubilee year, with faith, let us never cease to witness Christ by being, “Sent Forth to Serve!”

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 16/17 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, you empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because one quarter of our collection stays within the Diocese of Joliet.

Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families. You can find more information on our local grants at <https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd> or by scanning the QR code below.

When you contribute to CCHD in your parish, not only do you help address the symptoms of poverty, but your donation also helps alleviate the root causes of poverty—both globally and locally. Twenty-five percent of your donation stays in your diocese to support organizations making a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the national collection and the people it supports, visit the “CCHD Collection” section on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website at [usccb.org/cchd](https://usccb.org/cchd).

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins. With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet

### National Effort, Local Impact

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Joliet to support the organizations addressing our parishioners’ needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities. To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit the “About” section at [usccb.org/cchd](https://usccb.org/cchd).



Local grant information:



# WANTED

St Mary Nativity needs your help

**Donations of Candy  
or Glow Sticks  
for the Holiday Parade**



drop off in school office  
or parish office  
by Thursday, November 21st

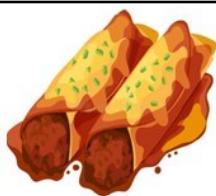


## Parish School

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Did someone say

# ENCHILADAS



Save the Date!  
November 26th  
**Enchilada Dinners  
at St. Mary Nativity  
Preorders will be taken.  
Order form will be in next  
week's bulletin.**



### "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas"

St. Mary Nativity

is selling a variety of Fresh Greenery as a school fundraiser.

These Balsam Fir items are ideal for indoor and outdoor decorating!

The beautiful holiday centerpiece are perfect for holiday gift giving and as hostess gifts.

Most items come with a red velvet bow.

The metal stand will allow you to use the 25" and 30" wreaths,  
cross or heart as grave decorations at the cemetery.

You may drop off the order form at the school or parish office, or collection basket.

Remember, payment is due at time of order.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary Nativity.

Also, please label your envelope – Wreath Sale c/o Gina Fleming.

All orders are due by Thursday, November 18, 2024.

The Greenery will be available for pick-up on:

Tuesday, November 26th from 12-6 pm at the gymnasium doors.

If you have any questions please contact Gina Fleming 630-234-4980.

Thank you for your support and we wish you a blessed Christmas Season!!

### Holiday Greenery Pricelist-Order Form

Quantity	Item	Cost	Total
_____	24" Heart	\$30	_____
_____	24" Christmas Tree	\$45	_____
_____	30" Cross	\$30	_____
_____	30" Star	\$60	_____
_____	30" Candy Cane	\$30	_____
_____	25" Door Swag	\$25	_____
_____	36" Mantle Piece (Plain only-No Decoration)	\$25	_____
_____	36" Mailbox Swag	\$38	_____
_____	Holiday Centerpiece (Special Red Plaid Bow)	\$35	_____
_____	18" Wreath	\$25	_____
_____	22" Wreath	\$27	_____
_____	25" Wreath	\$30	_____
_____	36" Wreath	\$38	_____
_____	48" Wreath	\$55	_____
_____	60" Wreath	\$80	_____
_____	72" Wreath	\$115	_____
_____	25 ft Garland (Balsam Roping)	\$40	_____
_____	50 ft Garland (Balsam Roping)	\$65	_____
_____	Cemetery Stand (3-Leg Model)	\$10	_____

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Joliet

### Saint Mary Nativity

2024 Goal	\$41,000
Amount Pledged	\$42,618
Amount Paid	\$40,583
Balance Due	\$2,035
Donor Count	169
2024 Rebate	\$0

### Holy Cross

2024 Goal	\$12,900
Amount Pledged	\$18,615
Amount Paid	\$17,832
Balance Due	\$783
Donor Count	71
2024 Rebate	\$3,452



Sunday, November 3, 2024

St. Mary Nativity	\$8,483.00
Holy Cross	\$2,796.00

### All Saints Day

St. Mary Nativity	\$2,029.00
Holy Cross	\$ 893.00

### All Souls Day

St. Mary Nativity	\$1,158.00
Holy Cross	\$3,649.00

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Mar. 19th	St. Joseph's Day	\$30	May 26th	Memorial Day	\$150

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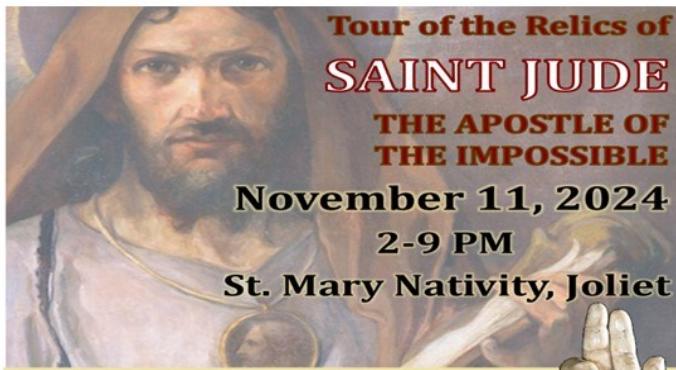
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The St. Jude relic is visiting St. Mary Nativity **Monday, November 11th**. Veneration of the relic will take place from 2pm to 9pm in our Church. There will be a special Mass in honor of St. Jude at 6:30pm.

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.

Come and experience his transformative presence. Come and see what he has for you.

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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.

Lynn Marie Shourek was acknowledged and blessed by Bishop Ronald Hicks at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus last Sunday at the **Call to Continuing Conversion**. Please pray with and for Lynn as she continues to prepare for Full Communion into the Catholic Church completing her Sacraments of Initiation.

Bishop Hicks stated in his affirmation, "During the period of their preparation they will reflect upon the mystery of their Baptism and come to appreciate more deeply the presence of Christ in their lives."

Pictured with Lynn (who is on the right) is her sponsor Irma Cano



**Are you celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in the month of November?**  
 At Masses this weekend, November 9-10, there will be a blessing for those who are celebrating this month!

## Faith Formation

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### Catholic Kids Column GIVING OUR ALL

In the first part of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus points out the behavior of the scribes. They loved showing off their position of power and being admired by others. In their culture, the scribes were highly respected because they knew a lot about Jewish laws and traditions. But Jesus wasn't impressed by their outward displays. He was more concerned with how they treated others, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Then we see Jesus notice the poor widow at the temple. She gave only two small coins—practically nothing in the eyes of others. But Jesus saw something much deeper. He saw her heart, her love, and her trust in God. This widow gave everything she had. Her gift was an act of faith. She didn't have much, but she trusted that God would take care of her.



So, what about us? Are we impressed when someone makes a big show of their generosity? When we see people spending lots of money, does that catch our attention more than small, quiet acts of kindness? Giving isn't just about money either. We can be generous with our time and our talents; and even with how we worship at Mass. If you come to mass, but your mind is focused on what you will be eating after mass or what you will be doing later on in the day, you aren't fully there. However, if you bring your body, mind, heart, and soul to mass and spend the full hour with Christ, you will have fully imitated the poor widow in today's Gospel.

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

# 11 Upcoming Events

## Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day

St. Jude Relic-All day SMN Church & Nativity Room  
SMN No School

## Tuesday, November 12

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room  
1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church  
5:30pm Faith Formation Class - SMN School & NR

## Wednesday, November 13

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

## Thursday, November 14

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

## Friday, November 15

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

## Saturday, November 16

1:00pm Wedding - SMN Church  
(Gaudio/Ruettiger) with Fr. Borello

## Sunday, November 17

8:35am Pro-Life Rosary - Holy Cross Church  
10:35am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary

Monday, November 11th

## VETERANS DAY



— Honoring All Who Served —



Sunday, December 8th in the Nativity Room  
after the morning Masses.



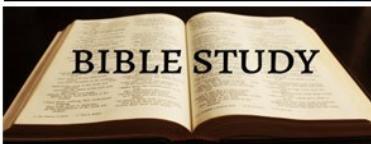
Food Pantry  
Non Perishable items may be dropped off at St. Mary Nativity in the Church vestibule on Dec. 7th & 8th  
Thank you!

Join us every Thursday morning for coffee and donuts after the 8:30am mass in the Nativity Room.

All Are Welcome



Saturday,  
November 9th  
Happy  
Birthday  
Fr. Tomasz  
Sielicki  
May God's  
Love and  
Peace be with  
you always!



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.

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:  
November 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



Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Sign up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on November 16-17, at the Blanchette Center, Crest Hill, IL or February 14-16, 2025 in Geneva, IL For more info go to: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



### Attention!

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