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2024

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 7:00 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...

Father Clive Otieno, Pastor
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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

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

Faith Formation Office
(331) 316-4366

Office Hours



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Visit us at www.stmarynativityholycross.org

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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Christina Hinojosa, School Secretary
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Polskiej Szkoły im.
Świętego Krzyża
w Joliet

Barbara Szuba,
Polish School Principal
polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com



Dear parishioners and friends,

As we ready ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth, putting up the tree, doing the baking and cooking, going shopping and wrapping the gifts, decorating the house with lights and all the other many things that go into making this such a special family time of year with our own cultural traditions, it is good for us to remember that *the best preparation is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord.* **Come to Christmas Mass** to praise and thank God for the gift of His Son Jesus.

I invite you to come celebrate with us at our many Masses between our two places of worship: St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross. Please see our Christmas celebration schedule and plan accordingly. Bring your family and friends. Bring a neighbor or a friend who needs a ride or hasn't been to Church in a while. You never know, God's grace may work through you to bring someone close to God. What a gift you would be!

Lastly, please remember your Parish in your giving at Christmas as we continue to proclaim God's love here in Joliet.

To you and yours, May God bless you with what you need and more. My love and prayers for a Merry Christmas!

Fr. Clive

Qualified Charitable Distribution

A Qualified Charitable Distribution is a transfer of funds from your IRA donated to a qualified charity. These funds can be considered toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year. There are certain guidelines that apply, but your RMD, as a charitable contribution, will exclude that amount from your adjusted gross income for the year and you might get tax advantaged savings.

The IRS requires withdrawals from IRA's based on age. The funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline which is usually December 31.



**Please consider making your
Qualified Charitable Distribution to
St. Mary Nativity or Holy Cross.
Both are 501(c)(3) organizations
eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.**

**You should consult your financial advisor and
tax preparer when making this distribution.**

thank you



Saturday - December 21

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Bob Jaskowiak by Family
- † Peceniak & Kipilla Families by Ed & Judy Kipilla
- † Daniel Harry Mahalik & Stephen L. Mahalik by Family
- † Gary Edward Mahalik by Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Dick Boban by Family
- † Sharon Gutierrez by Felipe
- † Michael Terdic Jr. by Family
- † Jeannie Mance by Jim and Debi O'Rourke

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Tadeusz Gotard

Sunday - December 22- 4th Week of Advent

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Robert Buldak by Darrell & Lydia Marquardt

9:00 am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

- † † Józefa i Jan Dubernas

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † † Daniel Harry Mahalik & Stephen L. Mahalik by Family
- † Gary Edward Mahalik by Family
- † † Joseph & Cecilia Wolf by Marianne
- † Veronica Mahalik by Family

- † † Maria Grabarczyk & Sister by Grand-daughter

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Monday - December 23

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Monika Sielicka (1. rocznica śmierci)

Tuesday - December 24

8:30 am Mass (HC)

- † Ewa Sędacka (w rocznicę imienin)

3:00 pm Mass SMN (Christmas Vigil)

- † Irene Chinderle by Chinderle Family

3:00 pm Mass HC (Christmas Vigil)

- † Mathew T. Mammosser by Family

11:00 pm Mass SMN (Christmas Vigil)

For the People of the Parishes

Wednesday - December 25

12:00 am Mass HC (Polish)

W intencji Panu Bogu wiadomej

- † † Maria, Stanisław oraz Józef Janik + Władysław Skolarus
- † † Helena i Józef Waliczek oraz +Maria Waliczek
- † Emilka Remiasz oraz + Jan Sieczka
- † Mariusz Mucha
- † Janina Kasperek
- † Janusz Szymczak

Wednesday - December 25

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

George & Raymond MacZura by George MacZura

9:00 am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

- † Jan Zima
- † Władysława Krosta
- † † Zdzisław i Krystyna Miska
- † Helena Hełdak
- † Stanisław Mrowca

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † † Raymond & Elizabeth Marso by Edward & Deborah Marso
- † † Martin, Stephen & Irene Chinderle by Chinderle Family
- † † Albert W. & Catherine Hochevar by Al Hochevar Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Madonna Rae Churchill by Stewart Ferreira
- † † Benjamin & Lupe Ferreira by Stewart Ferreira
- † David Lopez by Stewart Ferreira

Thursday - December 26

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

- † Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Jan Pawlak (1. rocznica śmierci)

Friday - December 27

8:30 am Mass (HC)

- † Patricia Gudac "Anniversary" by Gudac Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

God's providence and God's loving heart for Shannon Nestorowicz and her family

Saturday - December 28

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Frances Weeditz by Family
- † John Klen by Dan Lajcin Family
- † Joan Kozar by Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Mary Ann Clennon by Art & Julie Paul

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

O Boże błogostawieństwo dla Marii Zilligen z rodziną

Sunday - December 29

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Robert Buldak by Anna & Jack Adamic

9:00 am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogostawieństwo dla Helenki z okazji urodzin

- † † Adam i Lucyna Bluj (rocznica śmierci)
- † † Za zmarłych kapłanów
- W 3. rocznicę śmierci: + Helena Piorun oraz + Stanisława Mosson

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † † Delores Bebej by Deanne & Cameron McIntosh
- † Gary E. Mahalik by Cynthia Pirc (Aunt)

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes



THE NINE MONTHS OF THE CHILD, JESUS IN THE WOMB OF MARY

This is the last in a series of nine monthly reflections on the development of Jesus in the womb. Our parish began the series on March 25 when we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. (Even though the feast of the Annunciation is designated as April 8th of 2024, we will continue to use March 25th date. This will make our Christmas gift to our lord timely.) Soon we will celebrate the wonderful Feast of the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

THE EIGHTH MONTH – NOVEMBER 25 to DECEMBER 25

Bolstered by provisions and buoyed upon a cushion of carpets, Mary perches upon their patient donkey as she and Joseph start their journey. The trip to Bethlehem should take four days, but Mary's pregnancy forces them to travel slowly. Do they perhaps fall behind their fellow travelers? Soon they will be entrusted with the life of God made man. How must they reflect on this awesome responsibility as they journey toward their destiny? At nine months, the baby is posed head down for its descent into the world. At birth, approximately 280 days from conception, a baby normally weighs from 6-9 pounds; it may be 19-21 inches long. Its tiny heart pumps 300 gallons of blood per day. How can this not be a child? Give prayerful thanks to God for his most precious gift to humanity - Jesus Christ, his only son.



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
- Airman Jack Mauer, Air Force



Heavenly Father, we pray for...

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

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



**Donations for Christmas Flowers were made by the following people to beautify
St. Mary Nativity Church in celebration of Jesus' birth this Christmas Season.**

In Memory of ...

Joseph & Cecilia Wolf
Charles & Anna Gecan
Kathy Giaudrone
Norm & Marilyn Nemanich
Ben & Marie Tekel
Mathew T. Mammosser
Janet & Ernie Hintz
Martha Estes
Kermit Estes
Maria Mejia
Vicente Mejia
Julia & Ernest Bortoli
Carl Sowa
David M. Hurd
Marge Cassani
Chuck Cassani
Joe Cassani
Ethel Cassani
Marguerite Zlogar-Nelson
Albin & Margaret Zlogar
Mom & Dad Aguilera
Martin Lepacek Sr.
Margaret Lepacek
Martin Lepacek Jr.
Joanne Lepacek
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Mr. Lalo Torres
Mrs. Rafaela P. Gomez
Mrs. Victoria B. Torres
Mrs. Conception Rodriguez
John Tomac Family
John Picha Family
Bob Baldigo
Kathy Yack
Bill Crook
Benedict Waldvogel
Nancy Waldvogel
Maureen Waldvogel
Elizabeth & Ed Smrekar
Pat & Bill O'Hara
Jack Maloney
Don & Dorothy Adelmann
George & Florence Adelmann
Joe & Ann Cunico
Tim & Tom Adelmann
William & Ann Budzinski
Gaspar & Mary Dorich
Joseph & Sophia Budzinski
Daniel & Joe Harvey
Elizabeth Morman
Frank & Evelyn Biegun
Walter & Catherine Mueller
Robert Buldak
Brian J. Buldak
John & Vera Senffner

Judy Ristau
Kelly Ann Ristau
Mueller Family
Richie Pervan
Nick Pervan
Molly & Eugene Stogis
Arnold & Eleanor Bores
Kevin Stogis
Souls in Purgatory
Mary Fran Lakota
Helen Lakota
Laverne & Dominick ConFiliano
Mary A. Krupa
Mieczyslaw Krupa
Troppe & Shepich Families
Andrew Tomac Sr.
Frances Tomac
Loretta Lundstrom
Joseph Lundstrom
Charles Lundstrom
Thomas Briddick
James Kozar
Joan D. Kozar
Anton Kozar
Mary Kozar
Hilda Britz
Britz, Kozar & Krause Families
Lawnzak, Weeditz, Rachor Families
Julius Roark
Haggerty, Omotta & Paul Families
Marilyn Campus
Betty & Louis Omotta
Marie Cherven
Joseph J Grzincic, Sr.
Mary A. Grzincic
Doris A. MacIntyre
Michael A. Grzincic
Joseph J. Grzincic Jr.
Earl L. Poole
Frank G. Fuchs
Carmen F. Fuchs
Raymond Robinson
Mom & Dad
Ronald Pawlowski
Mr. & Mrs. Szczepaniak
Mr. & Mrs. B. Pawlowski
Edward Surma
Elizabeth Sellers
Perkins, Papach & Weiskop Families
Lakota, Garland & Kukla Families
John & Ann Stofko

Loretta Ferguson
Dick Boban
Nick & Margaret Kirincich
Andy Salata
Kathleen O'Reilly
Kathy Jones
Stanley Angus Jr.
Ryan Angus
Margaret Hinz
Robert Hinz Sr.
Richard Clennon
Mary Ann Clennon
Frank & Joyce Ozella
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Mary Traina
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Willard J. Brown
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Susan A. Brown
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Benedict Kanta
Matthias Senffner
Annette Senffner
Joyce Senffner
Louis Regganie
Margaret Regganie
Richard Regganie
Bob, Nora, & Sue Tierney
Earl Poole
Agnes Sefcik
Paul Sefcik
Albin B. Zlogar
Tyler Koscinski
Mason Santiago
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ursich
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Albert Minarich
Thelma Minarich
Alta Unland
Josephine Hibler
Tom Briddick
Deb Slucki
Rutherford Family
Jim Putrich
Ted & Lillian Juricic
Jim & Linda Randich
Bob Rymasa
Stephanie Schronski
Kris Toborg
Edward & Ann Buldak
Joseph & Josephine Costello

Perisich & Zanella Families

In Honor of

Don Legerski
Pete Waszak
Dan Hopkins
Cristine Clark

In Gift of ...

Josie & Bill Petan
Lois Furlong
Jean Brereton
Barbara & Baron Westphal
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Demsky
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Supergan
Mr. & Mrs. John Mihelich
Mr. John Gudac
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Rickmon
Mr. & Mrs. William Malinowski
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pluth
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Mr. Michael Tomac
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Torres
Mr. Richard Coatney
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Ms. Mary Frances Bajt
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bixenmann
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*thank
you*

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In Memory of ...

Bottino Family
Cemeno Family
Fisher Family
Pope Benedict XVI
Aniela Gawenda
Casimir Gawenda
Kathy Fordonski
Sean Fordonski
Marian Yasko
Veronica Mahalik
Gary Edward Mahalik
Sophia M. Mahalik
Stephen L. Mahalik
Bob Jaskowiak Family
Edward Weeditz Family
Wladyslawa Glowacz
Stanislaw Glowacz
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Martin Zavadsky
Janina Gawlik
Helena Fedorowicz
Mieczyslaw Fedorowicz
Teresa Antoni Stafinski
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Mahalik
Mr. & Mrs. Roman Kurator
Kozar & Britz Families

In Memory of ...

Frank Villanueva
Cecilia Kapala
Al Kapala
Len Kapala
Dolly Kapala
Mr. & Mrs. McMurray & Son
Mr. & Mrs. A. Jasinski
Don Jasinski
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Anna & John B. Gorski
Barbara & Janusz Kublik
Jozef Klikuszowian
George Wojtinske
Mary Canfield
William Dietz



In Gift of ...

Mr. & Mrs. Dariusz Kulon
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Stanislaw & Marysia Rafacz
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Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sojka
Mr. & Mrs. Franciszek Dlugosz
Mr. & Mrs. Stanislaw Janik
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sykala
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Sedacki
Mr. & Mrs. Jozef Szymon Pasek
Sophie Wrobel
Mr. & Mrs. Witold Jarosz
Mr. & Mrs. Stanislaw Mucha
Mr. & Mrs. Miroslaw Szocinski
Mr. & Mrs. Krzysztof Niechcial
Mike & Trich Blacklock
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sepich
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Binda
Mr. James Pirc
Anonymous
Krzysztof & Magdalena Moczarny

In Gift of ...

Mr. & Mrs. Jozef Jasiolec
Michael Kobart
Mr. & Mrs. Janusz Poznanski
Peggy Spolnik
Mr. & Mrs. Szymon Gorecki
David & Mary Leja



PRAISE GOD FOR THE GIFT OF JESUS!

We rejoice in His birth! His coming is a message of hope, peace, joy, and love with the promise of our salvation. Let the joy of Christmas fill our hearts and souls. With gratitude for all you have done to grace our parishes. We hold you in our hearts and in our prayers.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas!

*Father Clive, Father Tomasz,
and the Parish Staff*



You're invited to
Join Us

St. Mary Nativity (SMN)
and Holy Cross (HC)

HC Advent Reconciliation:

Monday, December 23

5:30 pm to 6:50 pm and
after 7:00 pm Polish Mass if
needed until 8:30pm

Tuesday– December 24

8:30 am Polish Mass at HC

Christmas Vigil:

SMN– 3pm, 11pm

HC– 3pm

Monday

December 25

Christmas Day:

SMN– 7am, 11am
and 12:30pm

HC– 12am Polish
Pasterka Midnight Mass
9am English
10:30am Polish

Solemnity of Mary

Mother of God:

Tuesday—December 31

4:00 pm at SMN

7:00 pm Polish at HC

Wednesday—January 1

11:00 am at SMN

9:00 am English &

10:30 am Polish at HC

January 4 and 5

Epiphany

Regular Sunday schedule

Saturday - January 11

Family Opłatek Ball

Crystal Grand Banquets,
Lemont

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas season ends.

9 Stewardship

**Sunday,
December 15, 2024**
**Due to early bulletin
submission, the parish
weekly collection for
December 15th
will be posted later.**

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!



Parish Office Hours:

The office will close on Monday, December 23rd at 4:00pm and reopen on Thursday, January 2nd at 8:00am.

Church will be open for 8:30am Mass and Spanish Rosary on December 26th only. NO ADORATION on Friday, December 27th.

See the Holiday Mass Schedule on page 8.

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.

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025



On Sunday, December 29, throughout the world Catholics will gather at their Cathedral Churches to celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year 2025.

The Diocese of Joliet will celebrate the opening of this Jubilee Year at the 10:30 am Mass on December 29, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Everyone is invited to this very special Mass as a worldwide celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025 begins. This will be a very special time for the Church and plans have been made to celebrate this Jubilee Year throughout the Diocese. In the coming weeks, we will be sharing with you these important days, times and places where we will gather to continue our celebration of the Jubilee Year.

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!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

**St. Mary Nativity Catholic School
150 DAYS OF WINNING
CALENDAR RAFFLE - January to May 2025**

**\$11,500
in Total Payouts**

Every Weekday	\$20
Every Saturday	\$40
Every Sunday	\$150
1st Day of the Month	\$200
Last Day of the Month	\$200

All Tickets Can Win More Than Once

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



ATTENTION!!!

Offertory Envelopes for the Entire Year (2025) are available for pick up.

St. Mary Nativity in the Nativity Room

Holy Cross in the back of the church

Your boxed set will include all Sundays, Holy Days, and second collections.

If you do not find yours, please call the parish office for a boxed set for the year.



Christmas Blessings

From the FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
Classes resume on January 7, 2025

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers are a silent witness to the mysteries of the altar. As an altar server, you are involved in the holiest and most sacred events of Catholic worship. As you assist the priest, so you make worship more reverent, efficient, and beautiful. Your service is very important!



At the altar, your service is directed firstly to God, secondly to help the clergy, and thirdly as assistance to the people who are gathered by God for worship. Your actions are visible and public, but you are never a performer. A good server is not only skilled in craft or duty at the altar, but also a humble and sincere person. The good server is a member of a team working together in harmony with others, serving for the glory of God. The good server is careful and reverent. Altar serving is part of a noble tradition that has developed in the Church and is a serious responsibility.

We are seeking altar servers to assist the priests in the celebration of Sunday Masses, Weddings, Funerals and other special Liturgical events. All children in grades 4 and above are invited to be Altar Servers. If you feel called to serve in this important ministry, please contact Craig in the Faith Formation Office: cmazur@stmarynativity.org



If you like to sing, then we invite you to consider joining the St. Mary Nativity Choir. The choir meets for rehearsal every Sunday from 10 am to right before the 11 am Mass which is the Choir Mass. The Choir also sings for special and Holy Day Liturgies. We meet from the First Sunday of September to the Last Sunday of May and break for the months of June, July and August. We currently have approximately 10 members and would like to double that to 20. If you are interested in joining please contact Tony Brandolino at 815-531-9257.

Faith Formation

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Catholic Kids Column SHARING FAITH



In this week's Gospel on the fourth Sunday of Advent, Mary literally brought Jesus Christ to her cousin Elizabeth. And Elizabeth recognized Him within Mary. It is not recorded, and it is not likely, that when Mary was walking down the street that strangers recognized her as the Christ Bearer. Elizabeth's experience was an encounter that came as a result of their relationship with each other.

We know this to be true of how we bring Christ to others also. Just walking up to someone you don't know and inviting them to encounter Jesus probably won't be very effective. Evangelization starts with people we know and care about. And it comes from a place of love. You might think that all of your friends know Jesus already. If they do, that's great. But even in that case, you can work together to deepen your faith.

Mary didn't make a grand announcement or try to show off her role. She simply went to see her cousin, bringing Jesus with her. In the same way, we don't need to make a big show of our faith. We can share Jesus with others through our everyday actions and relationships. Remember, like Mary and Elizabeth, our evangelization efforts are most effective when they come from genuine, loving relationships. Mary brought Jesus to Elizabeth quietly and humbly. We can do the same by bringing Jesus into our interactions with friends and family.



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11 Upcoming Events

Monday, December 23

Winter Break - SMN No School

Tuesday, December 24

Winter Break - SMN No School

8:30am Mass - Holy Cross in Polish

NO Bible Study today

NO Rosary today

3pm Mass - HC Church - Christmas Vigil

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11pm Mass - SMN Church - Christmas Vigil

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

12am Polish Pasterka Midnight Mass – HC Church

7am Mass - SMN Church

9am Mass - HC Church - (English)

10:30am Mass - HC Church - (Polish)

11:00am Mass - SMN Church

12:30pm Mass - SMN Church

Thursday, December 26

Winter Break - SMN No School

8:30am Mass – SMN Church

1pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

7pm Mass - Holy Cross in Polish

Friday, December 27

Winter Break - SMN No School

8:30am Mass - Holy Cross

7pm Mass - Holy Cross in Polish

Saturday, December 28

Regular mass schedule

Sunday, December 29

Regular mass schedule



If you requested an ornament for your 'Spiritually Adopted Baby' this year and have not yet picked it up, the parish office will have them available through Friday, December 20th.

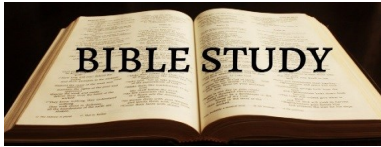


**Tuesday,
December 24th**

**Happy
Birthday**

Fr. Clive Otieno

**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**
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needed for these times.

**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.

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