


May  
11,  
2025

# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission


*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*



 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

 815-726-4031

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

 <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

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

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## 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



**706 North Broadway Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435**



**830 Elizabeth Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435**

## Parish and School Centers

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### Meet Our Staff...

**Father Clive Otieno, Pastor**

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**Father Tomasz Sielicki, Parochial Vicar**

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**Father Gerald Nicholas, OSA, Weekend Associate**

**Tony Brandolino, Director of Music**

**Mariusz Madej, Polish Organist**

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarynativity.org)**

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

**Dr. Elias Alonzo, 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**

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*I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me  
and I in him will bear much fruit.  
John 15:5*

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD  
AS WE CELEBRATE THE  
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS**  
***FATHER CLIVE OTIENO***  
**AND**  
**45 YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS**  
***FATHER TOMASZ SIELICKI***

**THURSDAY MAY 22, 2025**

**SAINT MARY NATIVITY CHURCH  
706 NORTH BROADWAY STREET  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS**

**MASS AT 6:00PM**

**COCKTAILS AND DINNER  
TO FOLLOW IN GYM**

**RSVP BY MAY 16, 2025**

**TO THE PARISH OFFICE  
(815) 726-4031**

*May God Bless **Father Clive** and **Father Tomasz***



*Flame of Faith*  
*Margaret Kirincich*  
*Mary Ann Clennon*



# Mass Intentions

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## Saturday - May 10

### 4:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Jacquelyn A. Sicinski by Len & Jane Kozak
- † Diana Fritz by Bob & Mary Grenchik & Family

### 4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † † Tom & Marilyn Kararo by Family
- † Margaret Kirincich by Family
- † Mary Ann Clennon
- † Juan Montoya by Mrs. Gloria Donelly

### 7:00 pm Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna za miniony rok szkolny i o Boże błogosławieństwo na czas wakacyjny dla uczniów i nauczycieli Szkoły Polskiej Św. Krzyża

## Sunday - May 11

### 7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Merle Hoebing by Joe Trubich

### 9:00 am Mass (HC)

- † Sophie Levek by Family
- † Peggy Bartolotta by Torres Family

### 10:30 am Mass (HC)

O dar powrotu do zdrowia dla Marzeny  
O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Franka z okazji 15. urodzin  
O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Marty Jasielec z okazji urodzin

- † Maria Janik oraz + Janina Kasperek
- † Aniela Długosz

### 11:00 am Mass (SMN)

The living and deceased mothers of our parishes

- † Delores Bebej by Andrea McIntosh & Family
- † Irene Chinderle by The Chinderle Family
- † Veronica Mahalik by Children

### 12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

### 5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Albin B. Zlogar by Family

## Monday - May 12

### 8:30am Mass (HC)

For the needy and poor of the World

### 7:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Marian Surowczyk

## Tuesday - May 13

### 8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † † Jim & Helen O'Connor by The Gudac Family

### 8:30am Mass (HC)

O powołania do kapłaństwa i życia zakonnego

## Wednesday - May 14

### 8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Gene Jevitz by Family

### 7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † Anastazja Ryżewska (zmarła w Polsce)

## Thursday - May 15

### 8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † † Martha & Stephen Chinderle by The Chinderle Family
- † Richard Serdar by Lorraine Rolih

### 7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † † Zofia i Władysław Złoz

## Friday - May 16

### 8:30am Mass (HC)

- † Judy Speckman by John Gudac

### 7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † Antoni Suchorabski

## Saturday - May 17

### 4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

### 4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Fran Hakey by Family
- † † Frank & Rita LaBuda by Frank LaBuda & Daughter Caryn
- † Richard Serdar by Barb & Mike Terdic

### 7:00 pm Mass (HC)

O Bożą moc i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla neoprezbitera ks. Vincenta Omondi

## Sunday - May 18

### 7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

### 9:00 am Mass (HC)

- † Bernadine Smith by Virginia Jasinski
- † Anna & John B. Gorski by Son, Jack

### 10:30 am Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna i o zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Piotra z okazji urodzin

- † † Ewa, Helena i Wacław Sędaccy
- † Józef Jasielec
- † † Maria i Józef Oleś

### 11:00 am Mass (SMN)

The living and deceased mothers of our parishes

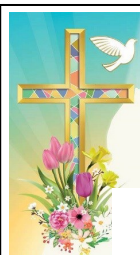
- † Veronica & Gary Mahalik by Family
- † Catherine P. Hochevar By Al Hochevar Family
- † Matthew Gregurich Jr. By Paul & Mary Schweitzer

### 12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Andy Orosco by The Martinez Family

### 5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Anthony & Mary Gaspich by Nina Gaspich



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

**Gerald A. Baudino**

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.



## May - The Month of Mary



**"It is fitting that we should dedicate to Mary, the most beautiful month of the year, for she is the most beautiful of God's creatures. We should offer this month to Mary, by increasing our love for her.**

**Let us examine ourselves in front of Our Lady's Altar, by comparing our weakness with her magnificence of soul. We can spend everyday of this month, digging out those weeds in the garden of our soul, which, our passions and the influence of the devil have helped to flourish.**

**Let us plant and bring to perfection in their place, the flowers of Christian virtue."**

**Antonio Cardinal Bacci**

## 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.

Our parishes have once again begun our "Spiritual Adoption program." Each month we will be keeping you up to date with the development of your baby.

### THE THIRD MONTH - APRIL 25 to MAY 25

Surely by now Mary has told her parents, Joachim and Anne, of her pregnancy. What must they think? How will they tell Mary's betrothed, Joseph the Carpenter? The law would have Mary stoned for adultery. They must trust God! Today's unwed teenage mother may never know the comfort of loving parents or the warmth of understanding support. Without parental guidance or knowledge, the law allows her to terminate an infant before it has begun its journey into life. At two months, the child in the womb has a fully functioning body with fingers, toes, a brain, its tiny heart beating twice as fast as an adult's. His milk-teeth are present at 6 1/2 weeks. Though only a little over an inch, it is now apparent that the baby is a boy or girl. Pray for teens in crisis pregnancies, that God will strengthen them to make the right choice.



### 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...

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

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





## Happy Mother's Day

We celebrate the special mothers of our parishes, both living and deceased, with a Mother's Day Novena of Masses beginning on May 11 and continuing on the next eight Sundays. May we always honor our mothers with respect and remembrance.



### *—In Memory of—*

Marie Tekel  
Kathy Giaudrone  
Marilyn Nemanich  
Janet Hintz  
Emily Hintz  
Josephine Garavalia  
Margurita Aguilera  
Margaret Lepacek  
Sandy Slaboszewski  
Betty Slaboszewski  
Dede Cacia Neal  
Bernadine Garland  
Helen Lakota  
Catherine Brennan  
Patricia Kukla  
Mary Fran Lakota  
Frances Senffner  
Irene A. Krupinski  
Tillie Hankovcak  
Edith Krok  
Verna Mae Mihelich  
Theresa Barnes  
Julia H. Prybysz  
Marguerite Zlogar-Nelson  
Margaret M. Zlogar  
Irene Rolowicz  
Annette Leja  
Joyce Ozella  
Veronica Keigher  
Patricia Gudac  
Kathryn Gudac  
Sofia Szczepaniak  
Emily Pawlowski  
Genevieve Mondrella  
Catherine Mueller  
Dorothy Adelman  
Florence Adelman  
Ann Cunico

Norma Olson  
Teresa Johnson  
Margaret Hinz  
Marge Cassani  
Ruth Haggerty  
Evelyn Biegun  
Elizabeth Morman  
Janice Latz  
Ilah Brunner  
Dolores O'Neill  
Edith King  
Esther Brunner  
Jean Reinhardt  
Sylvia Prieboy  
Frances Yakich  
Veronica Demsky  
Margaret Zlogar  
Mary Scholtes  
Lucille Clarke  
JoHanna Becker  
Maris Knudsen  
Frances B. Ursich  
Mary Ann Fajfar  
Frances Tomac  
Laverne Confiliano  
Theresa Confiliano  
Elizabeth Guardia

Ann Stofko  
Vera Senffner  
Troppe/Shepich Families  
Lillian Juricic  
Linda Randich  
Stephanie Schronski  
Kris Toborg  
Mary A. Grzincic  
Doris A. MacIntyre  
Hilda Britz  
Mary Kozar  
Alice Karpen  
Mary A. Miller  
Tillie Buldak  
Ellyn Himes  
Doris Behun  
Marie Cherven  
Margaret Kirincich  
Mary Salata  
Helen Kirincich  
Marilyn Campus  
Ann Buldak  
Josephine Costello  
Agnes Lawszak  
Frances Weeditz  
Rose Malinowski  
Amela Dlugosz

Dorothy Pasdertz  
Frances Kozak  
Fran Krizmanic  
Nell Christiansen  
Kathy Fordonski  
Catherine Jaskowiak  
Mary Sis Evans  
Mabel L. Huckaba  
Veronica Mahalik  
Sophia Mahalik  
Mary Kurator  
Joan Kozar  
Hilda Britz  
Mary Kozar  
Janet Grenchik  
Diana Fritz  
Mary McMurray  
Sophie Jasinski  
Eve Meyers  
Anna F. Gorski  
Maria Janik  
Rita Zavadsky  
Piorun Helena  
Janet Kapala  
Cecelia Kapala

### *—In Honor of—*

Theresa Angus  
Maria Gagor  
Maria Bieniek  
Natalia Bieniek  
Zofia Gzuba  
Beata Jandura  
Jenny Dunham  
Agnes Sefcik  
Doris Paul  
Eva Fulgencio

Carol J. Kozar  
Aldona Kozar  
Anna Skolarus  
Sykora Zofia  
Wladyslawa Glowacz  
Bronislawa Jandura  
Josefina Garcia  
Marie Rodawold  
Consuelo Chaidez

### *—In Gift of—*

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Rickmon  
Mrs. Phyllis Thompson  
Mr. Joseph Wilabay  
Ofelia G. Ramos  
Mr. & Mrs. Szymon Gorecki  
Mr. & Mrs. Jozef Szymon  
Marzena Pasek



*May our Blessed Mother Mary be always present to us,  
blessing us with her gifts of unending love!*







## Bishop Hicks' Column

May 2025

### Hasta Luego: The Language of Pope Francis



While standing in Saint Peter's Basilica on June 29, 2015, Cardinal Blase Cupich turned to me and asked, "Have you ever met the Pope?" When I replied, "No," he immediately grasped my arm and said with a smile, "well, now is your chance."

He led me briskly toward Pope Francis and introduced me in Italian: "Holy Father, this is Ron Hicks, my Vicar General, and he speaks Spanish." At once, Pope Francis turned to me and began speaking in Spanish — a language in which we could communicate freely, warmly, and deeply.

From that moment forward, whenever we encountered one another, we spoke exclusively in Spanish, always accompanied by his direct and attentive gaze. Pope Francis had a remarkable gift: he made me feel not only heard but truly seen.

His warmth, care, support, and joy were not reserved for a select few; they were the hallmarks of his presence with everyone he encountered.

No one who leads a Church of over a billion faithful can expect unanimity on every issue. Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis courageously engaged theological, ecclesial, spiritual — AND controversial — matters with conviction and pastoral tenderness. As we mourn his passing, it is fitting to give thanks for the many ways he shaped the life of the Church and touched the soul of the world, among them:

- **Evangelii Gaudium** – his first apostolic exhortation, joyfully setting forth a bold vision for a missionary Church that is merciful, inclusive, and centered on the poor;
- **Laudato Si'** – his groundbreaking encyclical calling humanity to respect, cherish, and protect our common home;
- **A Synodal Church** – a historic invitation and process for the People of God to walk together, listen to one another, and discern the voice of the Holy Spirit;
- **Fratelli Tutti** – his powerful call to recognize every person as a brother or sister, and to build a global culture of solidarity and peace;
- **A Church of the Margins** – his unwavering insistence that the Church must go forth to the peripheries to encounter and accompany the poor, the forgotten, and the excluded; and

- **The Jubilee Year of Hope** – announced just this year, reminding us that hope is a divine gift rooted not in mere human optimism, but in the sure promise of Christ's victory over sin and death.

The list of his contributions to the Church and to humanity is truly inexhaustible.

And as the years unfold, the world will continue to draw strength from some of his most unforgettable words.

- "The Church is a field hospital" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 2013, §49).
- "Be shepherds with the smell of the sheep" (Chrism Mass Homily, March 28, 2013).
- "Reality is greater than ideas" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 2013, §231).

Since the news of our Holy Father's death, I have received a profound outpouring of letters, emails, and notes of condolence from priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. What moved me especially were the unexpected expressions of sympathy and gratitude from Protestant ministers, rabbis, imams, and government leaders.

Pope Francis's life and leadership transcended boundaries, reaching hearts across religious, cultural, and political divides. In life, he brought hands and hearts together. In death, he continues to gather us — united in prayer, in gratitude, and in hope.

I will never forget that iconic moment twelve years ago, when Pope Francis, newly elected, stepped out onto the balcony of Saint Peter's Basilica and humbly asked the whole world to pray for him. And I was deeply moved when, at the close of the funeral Mass, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re brought everything full circle in the final words of his homily. With great affection, he said:

"Dear Pope Francis, we now ask you to pray for us. May you bless the Church, bless Rome, and bless the whole world from heaven."

As we remember and give thanks to God for the gift of Pope Francis, my heart returns once more to the moments we shared speaking in Spanish. Because of the Resurrection and the hope we have in Jesus Christ, we do not say "adiós" (goodbye) to Pope Francis. Rather, with faith, with hope, and with profound gratitude, we say "*hasta luego*" (until later) — and until we meet again, let us pray: "*May God hold him in the palm of His hand.*"



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You can also donate by visiting our website at  
<https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

#### May 4, 2025

St. Mary Nativity	\$ 7,259.00
Holy Cross	\$ 2,633.00

#### Easter

St. Mary Nativity	\$18,232.00
Holy Cross	\$ 7,291.00

#### Easter Flowers

St. Mary Nativity	\$ 3,377.00
Holy Cross	\$ 993.00

*Thank you to our parishioners and friends  
of St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross  
for their continuing faithful support.*



## Stewardship

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Catholic Ministries  
Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Joliet

#### Saint Mary Nativity

2024 Goal	\$40,600
Amount Pledged	\$28,740
Amount Paid	\$24,318
Balance Due	\$ 4,422
Donor Count	107
2023 Rebate	\$0

#### Holy Cross

2024 Goal	\$14,000
Amount Pledged	\$15,989
Amount Paid	\$12,039
Balance Due	\$ 3,950
Donor Count	61
2023 Rebate	\$0

Thank  
You

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

### Maintenance Fund Donations and Expenses

#### Holy Cross Donations

Maintenance Fund	
(Period January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025)	\$18,537

#### Saint Mary Nativity Donations

Maintenance Fund	
(Period January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025)	\$21,548

#### Maintenance Fund

Balance as of April 30, 2025

#### St. Mary Nativity

\$41,986

#### Holy Cross

\$6,827

#### St. Mary Nativity Expenses

Water Treatment for Boilers \$522  
Exterior Gym Door Repair \$150  
School Convection Oven Repair \$646  
Rectory Boiler Repair \$567  
School Panic Alarm Repair \$1,515  
School Walk-In Cooler Controller and Couplers \$702  
School Walk-In Compressor \$1,989  
School Heating Coil Leak \$357  
Rectory Thermostats and Zone Valve Replacements \$1,456  
Campus Cylinder ReKeying and Keys \$658  
School Kitchen Hood Inspection \$195  
School Water Pipe Replacement \$909  
Rectory Bedroom Heat Repair \$299  
Fire System New Equipment and Updated Modules - City Codes - \$7,888

#### Holy Cross Expenses

School Kitchen Hood Inspection \$180  
Cast Iron Boiler Certificate Fee \$70  
3 Car Garage Rectory - Storm Damage - Deductible \$1,000  
School New Boiler Pump \$4,550  
Church Heat Exchanger \$6,679  
Church Roof Shingles \$2,900



*Faith in our Future!*

*Growing Together!*



## The Week Ahead

**Monday, May 12**

**Tuesday, May 13**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

**Wednesday, May 14**

**Thursday, May 15**

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

**Friday, May 16 SMN 8th Grade Field Trip**

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

**Saturday, May 17**

11:00am Priesthood Ordination -

Cathedral of St. Raymond -

Deacon Vincent Omondi

**Sunday, May 18**

7:30am Hospitality Sunday - SMN Nativity Room

10:30am Holy Cross (Baptism – Dargan, Wislocki)

10:35am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary

**Sunday, May 18th in the Nativity Room  
after the morning Masses.**



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



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



**The Mother's Day  
gift is courtesy  
of the  
Lay Apostolates.  
Happy Mother's Day!**



## 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.

**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:**

**Next 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)



**Join the  
St. Mary Nativity  
Choir!**

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 10am to  
right before the 11am 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 12 members and would like to double  
that to 20. If you are interested in joining, please contact

**Tony Brandolino at 815-531-9257.**



**Happy Mother's Day!**  
Allow Jesus to be Lord  
of your marriage  
relationship. Sign up

today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide  
Marriage Encounter Experiences on  
June 27-29 in Rockford, IL or  
September 26-28 in Geneva, IL.

For more info go to:

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With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,  
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at the ordination of

**Rev. Mr. Vincent Omondi**

**Rev. Mr. Christian Sinclair**

to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood  
through the imposition of hands  
and the invocation of the Holy Spirit  
by His Excellency,  
the Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks,  
Bishop of Joliet-in-Illinois.

Saturday, the Seventeenth of May  
In the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five  
at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus  
604 N. Raynor Ave.  
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A reception will follow.

*May God Bless You*

# A Time to *Celebrate*

Rev. Vincent Omondi  
will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving  
Sunday, the eighteenth of May  
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Our Lady Of Mercy Catholic Church  
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## Calendar Raffle

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*Thank  
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# 11 Faith Formation



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

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## Our Lady of the Broken

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**June 10,  
 2025 at  
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## Catholic Kids Column I Hear My Shepherd

Imagine you are a sheep standing in a large field, surrounded by about 100 other sheep. The field is noisy, full of the sounds of sheep bleating and moving around. In the distance, you see four or five shepherds, each trying to gather their own group of sheep. The shepherds are calling out, but with so many voices and so much noise, how do you know which one to follow? This scene helps us understand something important about our relationship with Jesus. In John 10:27, Jesus tells us, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

**My sheep hear my voice:** First of all, we need to be able to hear the Lord's voice. If we are too distracted by everything going on in our lives, we won't hear Him calling to us. In a world full of distractions—phones, social media, school, and friends—it can be really hard to focus on listening to God.



**I know them:** The next thing Jesus tells us is, "I know them." Think about that. Jesus knows you. Not just as part of a crowd, but personally. He knows everything about you—your strengths, your weaknesses, your hopes, and your struggles.

**They follow me:** The final part of Jesus' words is, "They follow me." It's not enough to just hear God's voice and feel the tug of the Holy Spirit. We have to take action. Listening to God requires us to do something. When we know God is calling us to take a step—whether it's big or small—we need to move.

Through Scripture, the Holy Spirit, prayer, and action, we are called to hear and follow God's voice. The more we listen, the closer we grow to Him and the better we can live according to His will.

*Young-catholics.com*

## 25 DAY ROSARY CHALLENGE

Daily recitation of the Rosary will help you get to know your Mother better. By getting to know Mary better, you will in turn get to know Jesus better. When you look at each mystery of the Rosary, you reflect upon different aspects of Jesus' life through the eyes of His mother. Mothers know and see their children much differently than others do.



Because the Rosary was given to us by Mary, it has great power. There have been many miracles associated with praying the Rosary. The Rosary is one of the most powerful weapons that we have against Satan. Prayed together with the family, it will create a focus of stability and peace in the home.

*The challenge began on May 7, but it is not too late to join! Contact Craig as [cmazur@stmarynativity.org](mailto:cmazur@stmarynativity.org) to be added to the list! You will receive a daily email with practical tips and inspiration to help you say your Rosary including:*

- The Fifteen Promises of the Rosary
- Stories of miracles performed through the Rosary
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*Our journey will culminate on May 30 which is the Feast of the Visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary.*

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