

May  
18,  
2025

# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*




## POPE LEO XIV


Vicar of Jesus Christ  
*Vicario de Jesucristo*  
5th Sunday of Easter

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 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 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**

frclive@stmarynativity.org

**Father Tomasz Sielicki, Parochial Vicar**

sielicki59@gmail.com

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

**Tony Brandolino, Director of Music**

**Mariusz Madej, Polish Organist**

**Mary Nemanich, Business Manager**

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**Susan Mammosser, Parish Secretary**

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**Craig Mazur, Director of Faith Formation**

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**Allen Kramerich, Facilities Manager**

facilities@stmarynativity.org



**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



**Find us on:  
facebook®**

**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)**

**Office Hours : Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Dr. Elias Alonzo, School Principal**

ealonzo@stmarynativity.org

**Christina Hinojosa, School Secretary**

chinojosa@stmarynativity.org

**Polskiej Szkoły im.  
Świętego Krzyża  
w Joliet**

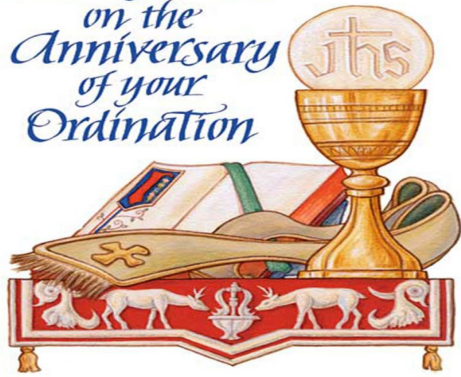
**Barbara Szuba,**

**Polish School Principal**

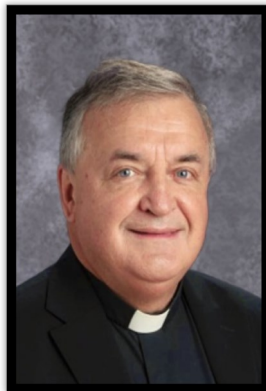
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*BLESSINGS  
on the  
Anniversary  
of your  
Ordination*



**Congratulations  
Father Clive!**  
On May 16th,  
he celebrated  
10 years of  
priesthood!  
God's blessings on  
him and thank you  
for all you do in the  
service of God!



**Congratulations  
Father Tomasz!**  
On May 22nd,  
he celebrates  
45 years of  
priesthood!  
God's blessings on  
him and thank you  
for all you do in the  
service of God!



**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD  
AS WE CELEBRATE THE**

**SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY ORDERS**

***FATHER CLIVE OTIENO***  
***(10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY)***

**AND**

***FATHER TOMASZ SIELICKI***  
***(45 YEAR ANNIVERSARY)***



**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 19, 2025**

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

*I am the vine, you are the branches.*

*Whoever remains in me*

*and I in him will bear much fruit.*

*John 15:5*

***May God Bless***

***Father Clive and Father Tomasz!***

***Congratulations to both of them!***



**In His Love we are saved,  
In His Light we are guided,  
In Him We are One.**

## Mass Intentions

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### 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

O dar uzdrowienia dla Teresy

† † 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

### Monday - May 19

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

† † Nancy & Kathleen O'Reilly by Family

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

† Apolinary i Helena Biedrzyccy

### Tuesday - May 20

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

† Lorraine Grzesik by The Lay Apostolates

† George W. Buhmann "Anniversary" by Sheila

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

† Jadwiga Karwicka (26. rocznica śmierci)

### Wednesday - May 21

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

† Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family by O'Reilly Family

† Loving Brother of Ms. Watson

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

† Tadeusz Zagórski

### Thursday - May 22

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

† Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family by O'Reilly Family

† Frankie Metes by Jean Page

#### **6:00pm Mass (SMN) Bilingual (Fr. Clive & Fr. Tomasz Celebration)**

Dziękczynna za 10 lat kapłaństwa ks. prob. Clive'a Otieno i 45 lat

kapłaństwa ks. Tomasza

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

No mass at Holy Cross

### Friday - May 23

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

† Mary Lojeski by The Dan Lajcin Family

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

† Jadwiga Karwicka (26. rocznica śmierci)

### Saturday - May 24

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

† † Raymond & Margaret Smith by Thomas & Linda Friedrich

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

† George MacZura IV by George MacZura

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

† Jan Pańszczyk (20. rocznica śmierci)

† Janusz Szymczak

### Sunday - May 25

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Ronald Klen by The Dan Lajcin Family

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Victorii Jasielec z okazji urodzin

O opiekę i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Claudii

† † Maria i Józef Oleś

† Krystyna Miska, + Władysława Krosta oraz + Maria Mietła

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

The living and deceased mothers of our parishes

† Juan Montoya by Andrea McIntoch & Family

† Richards Serdar by The DeNardis Family

† Jan Swank by Bob & Judy Hintze

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

† William E. Pedersen by Family

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

† Nick & Richie Pervan by The Eric Family



## 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 - MAY 25 TO JUNE 25

Faith filled Joseph, believing the revelation that he is to be the protector of the Messiah, bravely stands by Mary’s side, offering his strength and sense of mission as her body begins to accommodate her child. How many fathers have abandoned the mothers of their children? Indeed, how many fathers who have treasured a child never know of its existence or of its terrible end? Babies denied life who can at this stage hear, open and close their lips, hiccup and suck their thumbs. At three inches, the baby now begins to kick, curl and fan toes, make a fist, and practice breathing. Pray for all fathers that they may use the power of life-giving to be a true protector.



### 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







**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
Click button below or scan QR code to register

REGISTER NOW



**¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!**  
Haga clic en el botón de abajo o escanee Código QR para registrarse

REGISTRESE AHORA

Department of Catechesis and Evangelization  
Departamento de Catequesis y Evangelización

You are cordially invited to the Diocese of Joliet

**Jubilee Mass for Persons with disABILITIES**  
**June 1, 2025**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond**  
**604 N. Raynor Ave.**  
**Joliet, Illinois**

*The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.*

Están cordialmente invitadados a la Diócesis de Joliet

**Misa Jubilar para Las Personas con disCAPACIDADES**  
**1 de junio de 2025**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Catedral de San Raimundo**  
**604 N. Raynor Ave.**  
**Joliet, Illinois**

*La misa será celebrada por el obispo Ronald Hicks; refrescos y compañerismo a seguir. Aquellos con disCAPACIDADES, y sus cuidadores, recibirán una bendición especial.*

Questions? ¿Preguntas?

Martha Torres  
(815) 221-6128

[mtorres@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:mtorres@dioceseofjoliet.org)

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**



## QUO VADIS DAYS

**Sunday, July 27 – Wednesday, July 30, 2025**  
**Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL**

Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Seminarians, open to young men who have graduated middle school and have an openness to growing in discipleship and fraternity, and learning more about the priesthood.



**SCAN QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION!**

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL



**August 17, 2025**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond**  
**604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL**  
**Registration Required**

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpflkr>



Office of Lifelong Lay Formation  
Questions? Contact Jim Elias  
(815) 221-6134  
[jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**



## JUBILEE MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Join us for our annual  
Diocese of Joliet

*Pilgrims of Hope*

**Sunday, October 4, 2025**  
**11:00 AM**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond**  
**604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL**

RSVP by scanning the QR code or by calling 815-221-6192



Questions? Call Jim Elias 815-221-6134



# 7 Stewardship



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**Scan now  
to donate!**

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>

## May 11, 2025

St. Mary Nativity \$10,388.00  
Holy Cross \$ 2,464.00

## Mother's Day

St. Mary Nativity \$ 1,924.00  
Holy Cross \$ 608.00

*Thankful  
Grateful  
Blessed*

Thank you for attending.  
Thank you for serving.  
Thank you for giving.  
Thank you for growing with us.



## Saint Mary Nativity

2025 Goal \$40,600  
Amount Pledged \$29,040  
Amount Paid \$24,666  
Balance Due \$ 4,374  
Donor Count 108  
2025 Rebate \$0

## Holy Cross

2025 Goal \$14,000  
Amount Pledged \$15,989  
Amount Paid \$12,339  
Balance Due \$ 3,650  
Donor Count 61  
2025 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.



On Monday - May 26th

Parish Office will be closed!

(NO 8:30am Mass at either church)

Memorial Day Mass will be at 10:00 am at

## St. Mary Nativity Cemetery

Caton Farm Rd. & Oakland Av., Crest Hill  
(Please bring lawn chairs)



## Additional Polish Mass

Holy Cross Mission will be having an additional Polish Mass on Sunday mornings at 7:30am for the summer months of June, July and August. The 10:30am mass will remain.

**UWAGA! W czerwcu, lipcu i sierpniu w kościele Świętego Krzyża będzie dodatkowa (oprócz stałej Mszy św. o 10.30) niedzielna Msza św. w języku polskim o godz. 7.30**



## Happy Mother's Day

*In Memory of*



Anna Budzinski  
Judy Ristau  
Kelly Ann Ristau  
Clementine Perisich  
Catherine Sicinski  
Rose Schranz  
Elizabeth Widlowski  
Mayme Pluth  
Dorothy T. Perkins  
Anne Martis  
Louise Weiskop  
Mary Canfield  
Helena Mucha  
Carmen F. Fuchs  
Janina Gawlik  
Helena Fedorowicz  
Teresa Stafinska

Elizabeth Spreitzer  
Dorothy Furlong  
Emma & Louise Spreitzer  
May Picha  
Catherine Tomac  
Grandma Mary Picha  
Christine Herbert  
Catherine Sicinski  
Rose Schranz  
Clementine Perisich  
Mildred Kraske  
Mary Aroch  
Julia Jerzycki  
Christine Calcaterra  
Sue Guzman  
Velma Parker  
Bronislawa Mroczek  
Lottie Fisher

Mary Aroch  
Anna Rafacz  
Teresa W. Bindas  
Mary Horvat  
Mayme Pluth  
Evelyn Mauro  
Ann Smith  
Mary Youskeutch  
Thelma Minerich  
Alta Unland  
Josephine Hibler  
Ann Jelinek  
Mary Zelko  
Katie Gruber  
Violet Rutherford  
Catherine Putrich  
Theresa Cemen

Loretta Cemen  
Elsie Cemen  
Mary Bottino  
Nona Bottino  
Gene Handzik  
Olga Nahorski  
Emily Pawlowski  
Sofia Szczepaniak

*In Gift of*

Patricia S. Phinney  
Jean A. Brereton  
Mrs. Rosemary Horvath  
John Lucaora  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale O'Connell



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





**\*\$25 per ticket  
or 5 Tickets for \$100**

**Only 2000  
tickets sold!**



**GRAND PRIZE**

**40% of Total Revenue**

**2nd Prize ..... 5% of Total Revenue**

**3rd Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue**

**4th Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue**

**5th Prize ..... 1% of Total Revenue**

**PLUS**

**Early Bird Drawing ..... \$1000 (5/30/25)**

**Seller of Winning Ticket . 1% of Total Revenue**

**Seller of Most Tickets .... 1% of Total Revenue**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ St. Mary Nativity GRAND SWEEPSTAKES ticket(s). \$25 ea. or 5 for \$100.

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ Method of payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Online

To purchase tickets online call Mary at the St. Mary Nativity Office 726-4031

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: St. Mary Nativity Church - Please do not send Cash

**Please mail or drop off to: St. Mary Nativity Church**

**706 N. Broadway, Joliet, IL 60435**

**Early Bird Drawing winner will also be eligible for Grand Prize Drawing**

**\*Winner need not be present**

If all tickets are not sold, prizes will be awarded on a pro-rated basis.

\*No ticket stub will be entered in the raffle until payment is received.

\*All prizes subject to applicable Federal, State, and local taxes.

Winners of prizes of \$5,000 or more must complete a W9 form before receiving their prize.

**For Information Contact: St. Mary Nativity Parish office at 815-726-4031**

**or Frank Jurmann (815) 727-3253**

## School News

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### Fieldtrip to



## Calendar Raffle

**Congratulations to the  
following WINNERS!**

Tuesday - May 6

Jerry Lakota - \$20

Seller: Mailing

Wednesday—May 7

Denise Towry - \$20

Seller: Mailing

Thursday - May 8

Dave & Ann Buldak - \$20

Seller: Mailing

(Donated back to School)

Friday - May 9

Dwayne Giaudrone - \$20

Seller: Mailing

(Donated Back to School)

Saturday—May 10

Jayden Uribe - \$40

Seller: School Family

Sunday - May 11

Oscar Contreras - \$200

Seller: School Family

Monday - May 12

Ivette Izquierdo - \$20

Seller: School Family

Tuesday—May 13

Della Salgado - \$20

Seller: School Family

*Thank  
you!*





## The Week Ahead

**Monday, May 19**

**Tuesday, May 20**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

3:30pm SMN & HC Joint Finance Council Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

6:30pm SMN & HC Joint Parish Council Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

**Wednesday, May 21**

8:30am School Mass – Ribbon Ceremony – SMN Church

**Thursday, May 22**

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

6:00pm Mass - SMN Church -

Honoring Fr. Clive & Fr. Tomasz Years of Ordination

7:00pm - Fr. Clive & Fr. Tomasz Celebration - SMN Gym

7:00pm **NO Mass at Holy Cross**

**Friday, May 23**

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal – SMN Church (Helton)

**Saturday, May 24**

1:00pm Wedding – SMN Church – (Helton)

**Sunday, May 25**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day**

**No 8:30am mass at either church**

10:00am Mass at

St. Mary Nativity Cemetery

(Please bring lawn chairs)



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



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

**All Are Welcome**



**Non Perishable items  
may be dropped off at  
St. Mary Nativity Church  
vestibule on  
June 7th & 8th  
Thank you!**



## 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)



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.**



Jesus said, "I give you a  
new commandment: love  
one another." Learn how  
to love your spouse more

on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter on  
June 27-29 in Rockford, IL or  
September 26-28 in Geneva, IL.

For more info go to:

**[wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call (888) 574-5653**





*May God Bless our First Communicants & Confirmandi!*



*May God  
Guide  
these  
children as  
they walk  
with  
Jesus!*

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## Catholic Kids Column

### Love One Another

We often think of love as an emotion, like happiness or excitement. But Jesus tells us to love one another, and this shows us that love is more than just a feeling. Love is something we can choose to do. It is an action and a decision. Emotions, on the other hand, are reactions to what is happening around us. They come and go depending on our mood or circumstances. Love is much deeper than that.



I give  
you a new  
commandment  
that you  
**love one  
another.**

John 13.34

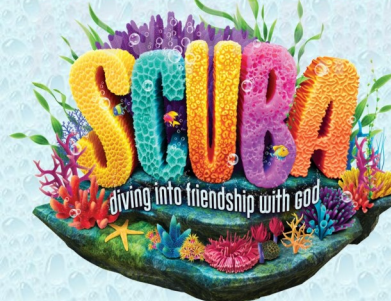
Loving others is not always easy. Sometimes, it means sacrificing what we want for the sake of another person. Jesus is our greatest example of this. He loved us so much that he gave up his life for us. While we might never be asked to die for someone, we are often called to make smaller sacrifices. Maybe it's giving up time to help someone in need. Maybe it's letting go of anger and forgiving someone who has hurt us. Maybe it's choosing to include someone who feels left out, even when it's inconvenient.

When Jesus tells us to love one another as I have loved you, he is not promising that it will always be easy. In fact, he is warning us that it might be hard. Love requires effort, patience, and sometimes sacrifice. But it is also the most important commandment he gives us. By loving others, we show that we belong to him. It is how the world will know we are his disciples.

So remember, love is not about how we feel—it is about what we choose to do. Jesus chose to love us when he gave his life for us, and now he calls us to do the same for one another. Love one another, not because it is easy, but because it is what Jesus asks of us.

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