

Oct.  
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2025

# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**O GOD,**  
BE MERCIFUL TO  
ME A SINNER.  
— LUKE 18:13 —



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 815-726-4031

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

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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...

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**st. mary nativity**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday**

**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Friday - 8:00 am 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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### 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  
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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:**

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Świętego Krzyża  
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THANKFUL FOR YOU

PLEASE JOIN  
US FOR OUR  
**VOLUNTEER**

## **APPRECIATION DINNER**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2025**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**at CHATEAU NATIVITY (school gym)**

We would like to recognize your commitment and service to our faith community! We invite you and your spouse/guest to join us for a delightful evening of dinner and cocktails.

Please call the Parish Office to RSVP  
by November 4



## Saturday - October 25

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Doug Petan by Family

† Jim Putrich "Birthday" by Mary Lou

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

† Ludwika Majerczyk (20. rocznica śmierci)

## Sunday - October 26

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Charlie Kirk by The Pottorff Family

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę dla rodzin uczniów oraz dla grona nauczycielskiego w 20. rocznicę istnienia Polskiej Szkoły Św. Krzyża

† Maria, Stanisław i syn Józef Janik, + Władysław Skolarus, + Helena i Józef Waliczek oraz + Maria Waliczek

† Janina Kasperek, + Emily Remiasz, + Jan Sieczka

† Joanna Niejadlik

† Józef Klikuszowian (5. rocznica śmierci)

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

† Antonio Brandolino by The Mazur Family

† Richard W. Serdar "Wedding Anniversary" by Family

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

† Langston Britton by The Miranda Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

## Monday - October 27

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

† Martin Lpacek Sr. "Birthday" by Pat Lpacek

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

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

† ks. Aleksander Melbruda SChr (zmarł w Polsce)

## Tuesday - October 28

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

† In honor of the Holy Angels

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

† Ewa Sędacka (w 46. rocznicę przyjazdu do USA)

## Wednesday - October 29

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

† Connie Mazur by Family

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

† Regina Kimeklis

## Thursday - October 30

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

† Mike Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

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

Dziękczynna za dar dobrego męża i z prośbą o opiekę Matki Bożej nad nim

## Friday - October 31

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

† Walter Mueller by Family

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

† ks. Ryszard Kaczor SChr (zmarł w Polsce)

## Saturday - November 1

### **10:00am Mass (SMN) All Saints Day Mass**

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

For all the Souls in Purgatory

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

† † Raymond & Elizabeth Marso by Edward & Deborah Marso

† † Diane Rodriguez by The Rodriguez Family

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

† *Wypominki (Novena for the deceased)*

## Sunday - November 2

### **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)**

† *Wypominki (Novena for the deceased)*

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

† Martin, Irene and Stephen Chinderle by The Chinderle Family

† Albert W. & Catherine P. Hochevar by The Al Hochevar Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

### **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:

*Nancy S. Serdar*  
*Mary E. Lorenzo*

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.



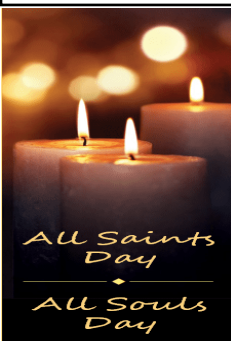


## October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary

**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
has given us a great weapon in the rosary.  
Pray it. Live it. Amen!**

"O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for Thee; keep me closely united with Thee, may my heart be near to Thine. I want to be to Thee like the apostle John. O Mary of the Rosary, keep me recollected when I say these prayers of thine; bind me forever, with thy rosary, to Jesus of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed be Jesus, my love."  
(Pope John XXIII, Journal of a Soul)



**All Saints Day Mass**  
**Saturday, November 1, 2025**  
**10:00am SMN Bilingual Mass**

**All Souls Day**  
**All weekend masses will be for**  
**All Souls Day with the 4:00pm Mass**  
**at St. Mary Nativity being the**  
**Candlelight Memorial Mass.**

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 CELEBRATIONS



On October 27 to November 1, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with ministers in the World of Education. This would be an opportune time to reflect on the many teachers and catechists whose teaching has formed us in our religious and academic lives. A note of thanks to them and a prayerful acknowledgement at Mass would be most appropriate on these days.



## 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 EIGHTH MONTH - OCTOBER 25 THRU 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 eight 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.



I wish to thank all the people who attended the Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 18th at Lockport City Hall. 40 people came! We also had at least 6 Knights of Columbus there. We were also blessed to have Fr. Dan from St. Dennis/St. Joe's with us, opening up our rosary & blessing us at the end. We prayed the Joyful Mysteries for sanctity of life and the healing of our country along with the Litany to Our Blessed Mother. The Lord greatly blessed us, as the forecast prior to Saturday was rain. We were blessed with sun & breeze, dry pavements & benches. I am sure Our Blessed Mother Mary was shining on us! I think all who were there could feel Jesus blessing us! We were so grateful that we want to do this again next year, hopefully with even more people. By witnessing our faith in public, we can help others turn to God. Save October 2026 to join us in prayer to our Blessed Mother. It was great to have people from different parishes praying together, from Joliet, Crest Hill,, Romeoville, Homer & Lockport. - **Denise Adelman**



## 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 Maurer, Air Force



## Heavenly Father, we pray for...

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

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



Droży Parafianie!

Dziękujemy za poświęcenie czasu na przeczytanie naszego Roczego Sprawozdania Finansowego. Z przyjemnością przedstawiamy Wam roczne sprawozdanie dotyczące stanu naszej parafii za rok podatkowy, który skończył się 30 czerwca 2025 r.

Doceniamy wszystko, co czynicie jako członkowie rodziny parafialnej Świętego Krzyża. Tylko dzięki Waszej silnej wierze w Boga, Waszemu udziałowi w wydarzeniach kościelnych i hojnemu dzieleniu się Waszymi środkami finansowymi mogliśmy zrealizować wszystko, co osiągnęliśmy, wychwalając naszego Pana Jezusa Chrystusa we wszystkim, co robimy.

Przy tym wszystkim pragniemy, abyście wiedzieli, że bycie członkiem Parafii Świętego Krzyża to coś więcej niż Wasze wsparcie finansowe i zaangażowanie osobiste. Wiemy, że wielu młodych i odchodzących od Kościoła katolików nie czuje się związanych z tym Przymierzem miłości. Wielu nie czuje się związanych ze swoją wiarą, spełnionych i świadomych; jeszcze inni mają trudności ze zrozumieniem misji naszego kościoła.

Możecie to zmienić! Razem możemy podnieść na duchu naszą wspólnotę wiary. Po pierwsze, prosimy Was o modlitwę i do zachęcania innych do modlitwy razem z Wami. Może być pomocne zaproszenie kogoś, kogo znacie, na niedzielną Mszę świętą. Wiele lat temu czyjś dobry przyjaciel miał trudności z powrotem do Kościoła katolickiego w pojedynkę. Ale kiedy mógł przyjść z kimś z parafii, ta decyzja powrotu stała się łatwiejsza i zasiane zostało ziarno, które pomogło mu wrócić do Kościoła katolickiego. i dziś jest on katolikiem o silnej wierze.

Chcielibyśmy podziękować za wszystko, co już ofiarowaliście naszej parafii. Pamiętajcie, że Wasze datki sprawiają, że ta parafia tętni życiem i ma ogromny wpływ na otoczenie. Prosimy, pamiętajcie o naszej parafii również w tym roku i rozważcie w połączeniu z modlitwą zwiększenie wkładu w jej działalność, abyśmy mogli nieść Eucharystię tym, którzy jej tak rozpaczliwie potrzebują.

Miniony rok podatkowy kolejny raz ukazał wielkiego ducha parafii Świętego Krzyża. Przyznajemy, że parafia nadal odnotowuje niewielki deficyt w wysokości (\$ 5280,00) za rok podatkowy od 1 lipca 2024 r. do 30 czerwca 2025 r. Jednakże jest to znacznie mniej niż w poprzednim roku podatkowym, kiedy to deficyt wynosił (\$ 53 830,00).

Całkowity dochód za rok podatkowy wyniósł \$ 336 366,00. Stanowi to wzrost o około 7% w porównaniu z poprzednim rokiem podatkowym. Niedzielne zbiórki w roku podatkowym kończącym się 30 czerwca 2025 r. wyniosły \$ 135 602,00. Był to spadek w porównaniu z poprzednim rokiem podatkowym o \$ 2368,00.

Jednym ze sposobów, aby pomóc nam kontynuować naszą posługę w Parafii Świętego Krzyża, jest rozważenie przekazywania darowizn online. Pomoże nam to zapewnić solidną bazę składanych ofiar.

Zakończyliśmy trzyletni projekt fugowania zewnętrznych ścian naszej świątyni. Teraz będziemy mogli skupić się na innych potrzebach remontowych w naszych trzech budynkach.

Nasz budynek szkolny jest nadal wynajmowany przez Centrum BHP Pracowników Latynoskich (Latino Worker Safety Center) za miesięczny czynsz \$ 2101,50. Zapewnia to dodatkowe dochody dla naszego kościoła, za co jesteśmy naprawdę wdzięczni. Całkowity dochód z wynajmu, jaki otrzymaliśmy w bieżącym roku fiskalnym, wyniósł \$ 25 218,00.

Jesteśmy wdzięczni wszystkim członkom naszej parafii, którzy nadal ofiarnie wspierają naszą posługę parafialną, pomimo trudności finansowych, z jakimi boryka się wiele rodzin.

Niech Pan Bóg Wam błogosławi, abyście nadal sami byli błogosławieństwem dla naszej parafii Świętego Krzyża.

Z poważaniem,  
Rada Finansowa Świętego Krzyża

## VOCATIONS OFFICE

### DIOCESE OF JOLIET

#### How to Support Your Priests

*Parishioners can encourage the priesthood by praying daily for vocations and for priests, by encouraging men they know to consider the priesthood, and by actively supporting the church's vocation ministry. Encouraging a priestly vocation includes recognizing spiritual commitment, such as regular participation in prayer and spiritual events, and speaking to potential candidates to offer support and invite them to explore the possibility of a vocation. A supportive community that fosters openness to God's call is crucial for men and women to discern and respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.*

# The Four Dimensions of Priestly Formation

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO  
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

When a man enters seminary to discern the priesthood, he begins a journey of conversion and formation that touches every part of his life. The Church, through the Program for Priestly Formation (PPF), outlines four key dimensions—sometimes called “pillars”—that shape this journey.

The first is human formation, the foundation of it all. A priest must be a man of integrity, balanced and virtuous, capable of relating well to others. Next comes spiritual formation, which roots him in friendship

with Christ through daily prayer, the Eucharist, and a life centered on holiness. Intellectual formation, the rigorous studies in philosophy and theology, prepare the man to explain the faith clearly and faithfully. Finally, pastoral formation prepares them to be shepherds—through hospital visits, parish ministry, encounters with the poor, and hands-on experiences of serving God's people.

These dimensions aren't separate boxes to be checked. They are woven together so that the seminarian is gradually shaped into a man configured to Christ

the Good Shepherd. Formation is not just training but transformation—a work of grace, in cooperation with human effort. In the end, priestly formation aims at this: a man so conformed to Christ that he can lay down his life for the flock.



**This is Part 1 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests**

#### ABOUT FATHER 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







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| <u>October 19, 2025</u>                          | <u>St. Mary Nativity</u> | <u>Holy Cross</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Offertory                                 | \$7,932                  | \$2,441           |
| Sunday Offertory Budget Need                     | \$9,020                  | \$2,745           |
| YTD Sunday Offertory                             | \$133,105                | \$38,243          |
| YTD Budget Need                                  | \$144,320                | \$43,920          |
| Overage/(Shortage) Amount                        | (\$11,215)               | (\$5,677)         |
| Annual Budget<br>(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) | \$460,000                | \$140,000         |
| World Mission                                    | \$2,706                  | \$1,023           |

### Saint Mary Nativity

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| 2025 Goal      | \$40,600 |
| Amount Pledged | \$32,945 |
| Amount Paid    | \$31,902 |
| Balance Due    | \$ 1,043 |
| Donor Count    | 129      |
| 2025 Rebate    | \$0      |

### Holy Cross

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| 2025 Goal      | \$14,000 |
| Amount Pledged | \$17,817 |
| Amount Paid    | \$16,477 |
| Balance Due    | \$ 1,340 |
| Donor Count    | 63       |
| 2025 Rebate    | \$ 1,734 |

Thank  
You

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



### SMN Parishioners

Please help us reach our Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal goal and receive our rebate.

We did it last year - Let's do it again!! Keep our SMN parish going strong!  
Holy Cross has already reached its CMAA goal and received their first rebate check \$1,734.

**Follow up on Lost UPS envelopes:** The Diocese has reached out to parishes to let us know that those packages with envelopes were caught in the sorting machine and shredded. There was no fraud reported. This included 5 SMN envelopes. Thank you to the ones who have reissued payment for the CMAA.



### Keeping Catholic Education Strong

Since 1996, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has secured the future of Catholic schools in our diocese. Through generous donors, more than 50,000 students at 40+ schools across five counties have received a faith-filled education. This year, we aim to raise \$1 million to keep Catholic education vibrant for generations to come. Join us! Visit [CEFJoliet.org](http://CEFJoliet.org) to learn more or use this QR Code to give today.



## 7th Graders and RE Students led the 11 am Mass





## The Week Ahead

**Monday, October 27**

**Tuesday, October 28**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00 Rosary - SMN Church

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting -

SMN Nativity Room



**Wednesday, October 29**

8:30am Mass - St. Mary Nativity



**Thursday, October 30**

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church



**Friday, October 31 Halloween**

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

1:30pm Early Dismissal - SMN School

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School & Gym

**Saturday, November 1 Food Pantry Collection—SMN**

10:00am All Saints Day Mass – SMN Church

4:00pm Mass – SMN Church



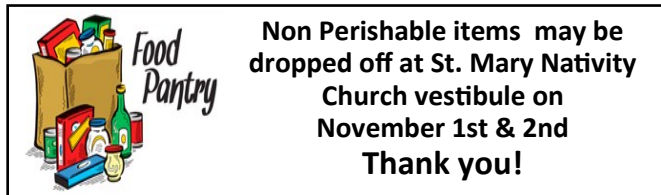
Candlelight Memorial Mass

**Sunday, November 2 Food Pantry Collection - SMN**

9:15am Religious Ed - SMN School



**Sunday, November 9th in the Nativity Room**  
after the morning masses.



**BIBLE STUDY**



English

Spanish (Livestream)

## PRAYER GROUP



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

**All Are Welcome**



## 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)



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**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 about 20. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Tony Brandolino at 815-531-9257.**



## Catholic Kids Column Value of Humility

Think about the Pharisee in this Sunday's Gospel. He stood up and prayed out loud about how great he was. He listed all the good things he did—fasting, giving money, following the rules. But then he did something worse. He said, "Thank you, God, that I'm not like other people," and even pointed to the tax collector as an example. He was using his prayer to brag. He wasn't really talking to God with a humble heart. He was trying to look good.



Now think about the tax collector. He didn't even look up. He stood far off and said only one thing: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." That was it. No big speech. No comparing. Just a simple, honest prayer. And Jesus says that he is the one who went home "justified." That means he was made right with God. He wasn't perfect, but he was honest.

Let's talk about comparing. Why do you think it's so easy to fall into that trap? Maybe you've looked at someone else and thought, "At least I'm not like that person." Or maybe you've felt bad because someone else seems smarter, more popular, better-looking, or more talented. Comparison goes both ways. It can make us feel proud, or it can make us feel like we're not good enough.

The Pharisee focused on other people's sins. He didn't look at his own heart. The tax collector did the opposite. He wasn't thinking about other people at all. He knew he needed God's mercy, and that's what he asked for. That's what made the difference.

So what does this parable teach us about how God sees us? It shows us that He values the heart more than actions done to impress others. He wants us to be real with Him. When we admit we need Him, when we stop pretending, that's when we grow closer to Him.

This story is an invitation. Jesus is telling us, "Come to Me as you are. Don't worry about being better than anyone else. Just be honest. Just be humble. I will meet you there."

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*Litururgical  
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- Choir

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If you purchased tickets last year, you will be receiving tickets in the mail shortly. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, please stop by the Parish Office for yours today.

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| Feb. 18th | Ash Wednesday     | \$100 | May. 10th | Mother's Day            | \$200 |
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| Mar. 19th | St. Joseph's Day  | \$40  | May 25th  | Memorial Day            | \$200 |

### Tickets drawn daily\*

\*Weekends and holidays will be drawn the next business day. There will be no drawing on 4/3/2026 Good Friday

\$20 per Ticket



## World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The 8th grade class is selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars to earn money for the 8th grade events at the end of the school year. Stop by the parish or school office and get yours today! Bars are \$2.00 each and come in Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Almond, Crisp, Caramel and Wafer. Cash or Checks made payable to St. Mary Nativity School.



## Veterans Day Coat Drive

Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day.

We honor all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, both living and deceased. It is a day to thank Veterans for their service, courage, and sacrifice, and to recognize their contributions to the nation's security and freedom.



Do you have a fleece, hoodie, jean jacket, leather jacket, parka, or windbreaker that you never wear or is simply too small? The St. Mary Nativity Student Council will be collecting coats of all kinds during the month of November.

Coats can be dropped in the Nativity Room or at the School Office anytime November 1-19.

Coats will be available to anyone who needs them on November 20 and 21 from 10 AM-2 PM

Anything left will be donated to Vietnam Veterans of America and Veterans Voice of America through their "Pick-up Please" Donation program. If someone cannot use the coat, the organization can sell it to help support the Veterans.

THANK YOU in advance for your support

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(VENDOR SET UP 7:00 A.M.)

ST. MARY NATIVITY SCHOOL GYM  
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Vendor Fees

- \$35 for one 8-foot table and two chairs
- \$15 for one additional 6-foot table

Payment Options

- Payments can be made at the school office or sent by mail.
- Please ensure checks are made payable to St. Mary Nativity.
- Alternatively, you can pay online using the following link:  
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