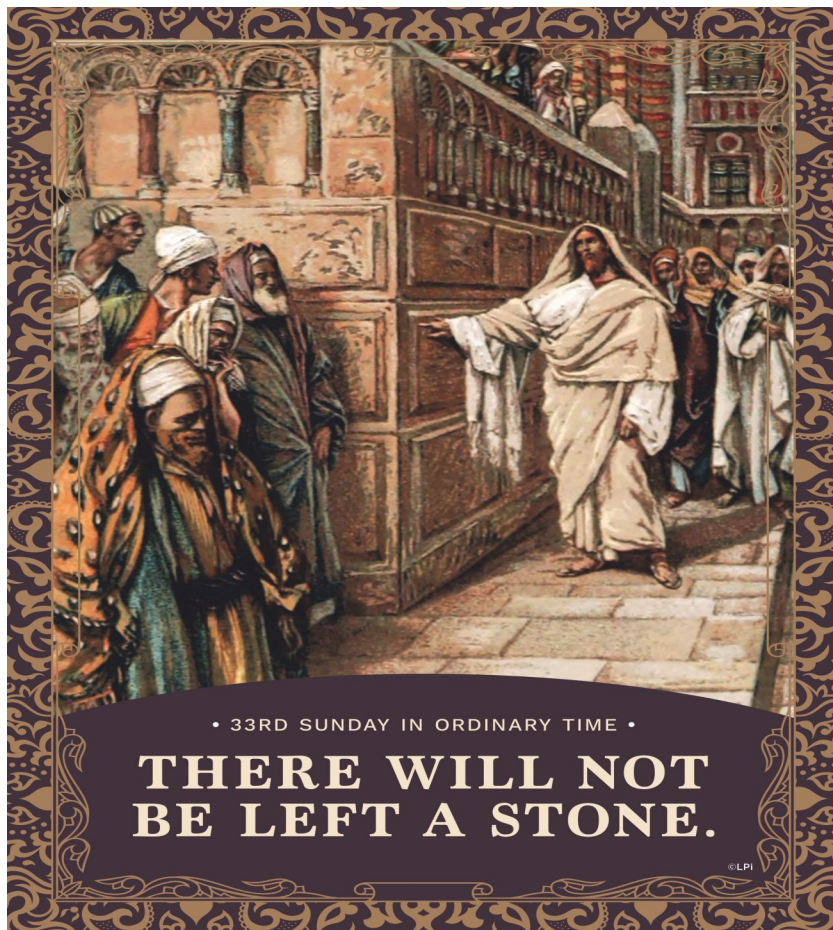


Nov.  
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2025

# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*



 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

 815-726-4031

 [info@stmarynativity.org](mailto:info@stmarynativity.org)

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

 <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

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

 [www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/](https://www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/)

## Welcome!



Mass  
Schedule

### St. Mary Nativity Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 7:00 am

11:00 am 12:30 pm  
5:30 pm

Weekday -

Tuesday 8:30am

Wednesday (School Mass)  
8:30am

Thursday 8:30am

### Holy Cross Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm English  
and 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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**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:**

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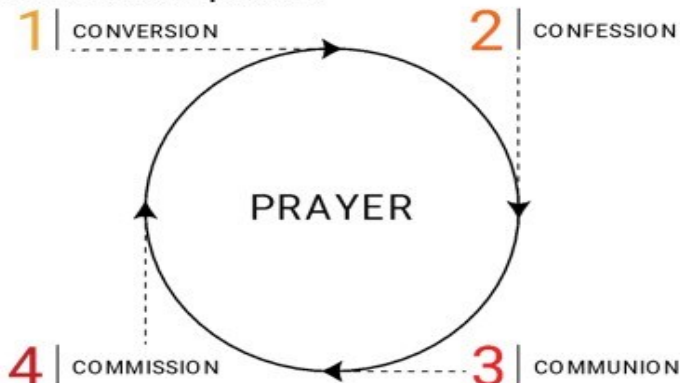
A Pastoral Letter for the People  
of the Diocese of Joliet

Scan here to download  
(there is now a printer  
friendly version), or  
come to the parish  
office for a paper copy:



## HOW DO WE MAKE DISCIPLES?

As Bishop Hicks has shared, the process of discipleship is deeply personal and unique to each one of us. And yet, our common bond is the person of Jesus Christ. Because of this, we all share a common pathway to this transformative experience.



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Forming Catholics for Life.



Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In How to Advent, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

## Catholic Kids Column Finding Peace

Let's be real—life can feel overwhelming. There's so much going on around us that we can't control. We hear about wars and violence on the news. We see natural disasters and protests. Maybe someone in your family is sick. Maybe there's fighting at home or drama with friends. School might feel like too much. Or maybe you just feel anxious, tired, or lost. It's easy to feel like everything is falling apart.

Jesus knows that feeling. In today's Gospel He talks to His followers about a time when things would get really bad. He says the temple in Jerusalem, the most holy place for the Jewish people, would be torn down. Then Jesus says even more hard things are coming: wars, earthquakes, hunger, and betrayal. People will be scared. People will suffer.

But then Jesus says something surprising. He says, "Do not be terrified." That's kind of crazy, right? How are we supposed to stay calm when everything is falling apart? But Jesus doesn't stop there. He promises that even in the middle of all that, God is still in control. He says, "Not a hair of your head will be destroyed." That doesn't mean nothing bad will ever happen to us. It means God sees us. He knows us. And He is with us through it all. Jesus finishes by saying, "By your endurance you will gain your souls." That means if we hold on to Him, we'll find something even greater than safety—we'll find peace that lasts.

Think about your life. What's been making you feel stressed or out of control lately? Maybe you've been worried about your grades, or your future, or your friendships. Maybe it's bigger stuff—like feeling unsure about the world or your place in it. You're not alone in that. Everyone feels that way sometimes.

Jesus says "do not be terrified." That doesn't mean we won't feel scared sometimes. It means we don't have to live in fear. We can bring our fear to Him. We can pray, even if it's just a simple, "Jesus, help me." He hears us. And He reminds us that peace isn't about everything being perfect. It's about knowing that God is with us, and we are not alone.

Think about someone in your life who helps you feel safe or calm. Maybe it's a parent, a friend, a teacher, or a youth leader. Why do they give you peace? Usually, it's because they listen, they care, and they stay with you. Jesus does all those things too. He listens. He cares. And He never leaves.

Jesus never promised a perfect life. But He promised to walk with us through every storm. He tells us not to give up, even when it's hard. He invites us to stay close to Him and trust Him one day at a time. That's how we start finding peace—by keeping our eyes on Jesus, even when the world feels like it's falling apart.

*Young-catholics.com*



*Greenery Sale  
Thank You*

...to everyone who purchased items supporting our  
Confirmation Class retreat.

Your generosity is overwhelming.

Pick-up will be on Monday, November 24 from 5 PM-7 PM

Raffle winners and final amount raised will be announced soon!



*Flame of Faith*  
James Bloch  
Lucille A. Clarke



## Mass Intentions

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### Saturday - November 15

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† † Robert & Lyman Brereton by Family

† John J. Spreitzer by Family

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

† † Marek i Anna Nykaza

### Sunday - November 16

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Johanna Klen by The Dan Lajcin Family

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

O powrót do praktykowania wiary dla Przemysława i Katarzyny

† Czesław Niejadlik

† Władysław Bluj (rocznica śmierci)

† Zenon Nestorowicz (3. rocznica śmierci)

† † Anna i Czesław Styrzula

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

† Mike Ludwick by Karen & Paul

† † Bill & Mary Jane Brenc by The Gudac Family

† Richard W. Serdar by Maxine & Fred Sienko

† Veronica Mahalik by Family

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

† † Al & Katie Gruber "Anniversary" by Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

### Monday - November 17

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

† Martin Lepacek Jr. "Anniversary" by Pat Lepacek

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

† † Olgierd i Regina Kimeklis

### Tuesday - November 18

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

Special Intentions of Nancy Bottino

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Romana Sielickiego z okazji imienin

### Wednesday - November 19

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

† John F. Lepacik Sr. "Anniversary" by Family

† Gerald Bebar by Wife Carol

† Cynthia Powers by SMN Staff

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

† Maria Długopolska

### Thursday - November 20

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

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

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

† Jan Zając

### Friday - November 21

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

† Marilyn Campus by Family

† Lucille A. Clarke "Birthday" by Julie Nelson

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

† † Ewa, Helena i Wacław Sędaccy

### Saturday - November 22

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

† Gerald Bebar by Carol Kaufman

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

† † Norman & Gloria Borman by Family

† Ann "Jeriha" Zigrossi by Bob & Ann Jeriha

† † Barbara & Joseph Govednik by Family

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

Przez wstawiennictwo św. Cecylii, patronki chórów -  
o Boże błogosławieństwo dla "Promieni  
Świętego Krzyża"

† Janina Kasperek (1. rocznica śmierci)

† Wiesław Szytko (3. rocznica śmierci)

### Sunday - November 23

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

† Willard Perkins by Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

O dar powrotu do zdrowia dla Michelle

† Danuta Mąka

† Mariusz Mucha (7. rocznica śmierci)

† † Zofia i Władysław Mikoś

† Stanisław Liptak (zmarł w Polsce)

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

† Antonio Brandolino by SMN Choir

† † George & Catherine Kozubek by Edward & Deborah Marso

† Delores Bebej by Andrea McIntosh & Family

† Cynthia Powers by The Mazur Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Richie Pervan "Birthday" by Family



**Thursday, November 27th**

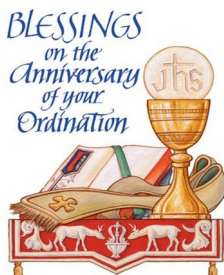
THANKSGIVING DAY

**MASS**

**9am St. Mary Nativity**  
**9am Holy Cross (Polish)**



*Gratitude  
and Joy  
on 59 years  
in the  
Priesthood*



*Father Gerald Nicholas  
May the love of the  
Lord be with you always!  
Ordained November 21, 1966*



## 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.

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 CELEBRATIONS



On November 16 our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with the poor. This is a time to acknowledge our responsibility to provide for the needs of the poor. Enhancing your individual participation in your Parish programs to assist those in need during this month and more importantly throughout the entire year would be a suitable means of responding to Jesus' call for us to live a life reflective of the Beatitudes.



**Candlelight  
Memorial  
Mass**



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

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



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16555 Weber Rd.  
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 15/16 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. For more than 50 years, CCHD has helped low-income people address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving "one-size-fits-all" handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower low-income people to make positive impacts in their own communities. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses, and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

When you give to the CCHD collection, you make an impact nationally and at home, because 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese. This way you help your own community build on this legacy of success while also helping communities across the country. Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families. You can find more information on our local CCHD grants at <https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd>.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the national collection and the people it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty. With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet

**Thank you for supporting the formation of our future shepherds!**

**Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection for the formation of our future priests. Our contributions will be invested in an endowed fund, the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education Endowment Trust, which is restricted for the purpose of educating seminarians.**

**If you have already made a gift to the second collection, please know how much our seminarians appreciate your generosity. You can make a gift online by scanning this QR code with your smart phone.**



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## The Week Ahead

**Monday, November 17**

**Tuesday, November 18**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

6:30pm SMN & HC Joint Parish Council

Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

**Wednesday, November 19**

8:30am Mass - St. Mary Nativity



3:30pm SMN & HC Joint Finance Council

Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

**Thursday, November 20** Family Reading Night

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

**Friday, November 21**

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal - SMN Church -  
(Chaparro/Candelas)

**Saturday, November 22**

1:00pm Wedding - SMN Church -  
(Chaparro/Candelas)



**Sunday, November 23**

9:15am Religious Ed - SMN School



**Sunday, December 7th in the Nativity Room  
after the morning masses.**

*Sweet!*  
**HOSPITALITY  
SUNDAY**

*Bring the Family!*

**All Are Welcome**



**Non Perishable items may  
be dropped off at  
St. Mary Nativity Church  
vestibule on  
December 6th & 7th  
Thank you!**



## 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



**"By your patience, you shall possess  
your souls." Learn how the  
virtue of patience can enhance  
your marriage on the next World-  
wide Marriage Encounter Experi-  
ences on November**

**14-16 or February 13-15 in Geneva, IL.**

For more info go to:

**wwme.org or call (888) 574-5653**



**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.**



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| <u>November 9, 2025</u>                          | <u>St. Mary Nativity</u> | <u>Holy Cross</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Offertory                                 | \$9,563                  | \$2,530           |
| Sunday Offertory Budget Need                     | \$9,020                  | \$2,745           |
| YTD Sunday Offertory                             | \$158,878                | \$47,294          |
| YTD Budget Need                                  | \$171,380                | \$52,155          |
| Overage/(Shortage) Amount                        | (\$12,502)               | (\$4,861)         |
| Annual Budget<br>(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) | \$460,000                | \$140,000         |
| Seminarian Endowment                             | \$ 3,538.00              | \$ 1,165.00       |

## Stewardship

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### Saint Mary Nativity

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| 2025 Goal      | \$40,600 |
| Amount Pledged | \$33,655 |
| Amount Paid    | \$32,785 |
| Balance Due    | \$ 870   |
| Donor Count    | 131      |
| 2025 Rebate    | \$0      |

### Holy Cross

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| 2025 Goal      | \$14,000 |
| Amount Pledged | \$17,917 |
| Amount Paid    | \$16,917 |
| Balance Due    | \$ 1,000 |
| Donor Count    | 65       |
| 2025 Rebate    | \$ 2,042 |

Thank  
You

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



Dear God,  
Thank you for every veteran who has  
served with courage and love.  
For every sleepless night, every sacrifice,  
every prayer whispered in the dark,  
we honor them.

Wrap them in Your peace.  
Heal what's unseen.  
Restore their strength and remind  
them they are never forgotten.

We thank You for freedom,  
and for the One who gave us  
freedom that lasts forever.

In Jesus' name Amen.

We hope you had a very  
Blessed Veterans Day!



### 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.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help local families in need by providing a little something extra during the Christmas season!

Tags will be available  
November 22/23

## THE GIVING TREE

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1. Remove tag from the Giving Tree, located in church.
2. Go shopping!
3. Place purchased items in a gift bag. Please DO NOT wrap with wrapping paper!
4. Attach the original tag to the gift.
5. Place your gift under the Giving Tree the weekend of December 6th & 7th.

Questions? Contact Laurie Knick  
815-600-0819 [laurie.knick@comcast.net](mailto:laurie.knick@comcast.net)



**ST. MARY NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS**

# Christmas Craft Show

## Vendors Wanted!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**

**HOURS 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**  
(VENDOR SET UP 7:00 A.M.)

**ST. MARY NATIVITY SCHOOL GYM**  
702 N BROADWAY ST, JOLIET, IL 60435

**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:  
[https://SMNCraftShow25.givesmart.com]

**For more information email:**  
smncraftshow@stmarynativity.org

**Deadline to register: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**



# 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**



## World's Finest Chocolate

8th Grade is selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars! Proceeds are for 8th grade events. Stop by the parish or school office and get yours today! Bars are \$2.00! Thank you.

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY NATIVITY SCHOOL

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# WANTED

St Mary Nativity needs your help

## Donations of Candy or Glow Sticks

### for the Holiday Parade

Drop off at School or Parish Office  
by November 27th

**Celebrate the Start of the Holiday Season at Joliet's Light Up the Holidays Parade**

**Friday, November 28, 2025**  
**Downtown Joliet**

**Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, please stop by the Parish Office. Thank you!**

## St. Mary Nativity Catholic School 150 DAYS OF WINNING CALENDAR RAFFLE ~ January to May 2026

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

All Tickets Can Win More Than Once

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

### SPECIAL DAYS

Each Month win \$150 on the 20th and 26th!

|           |                   |       |           |                         |       |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| Jan. 1st  | New Year's Day    | \$500 | Mar. 29th | Palm Sunday             | \$500 |
| Jan. 6th  | Epiphany          | \$50  | Apr. 2nd  | Holy Thursday           | \$100 |
| Jan. 19th | MLK Jr. Day       | \$40  | Apr. 4th  | Holy Saturday           | \$200 |
| Feb. 2nd  | Groundhog Day     | \$40  | Apr. 5th  | Easter Sunday           | \$500 |
| Feb. 14th | Valentine's Day   | \$500 | Apr. 6th  | Easter Monday           | \$50  |
| Feb. 16th | President's Day   | \$40  | May. 5th  | Cinco de Mayo           | \$50  |
| Feb. 18th | Ash Wednesday     | \$100 | May. 10th | Mother's Day            | \$200 |
| Mar. 17th | St. Patrick's Day | \$40  | May 16th  | Fr. Clive's Anniversary | \$500 |
| Mar. 19th | St. Joseph's Day  | \$40  | May 25th  | Memorial Day            | \$200 |

**Tickets drawn daily\***

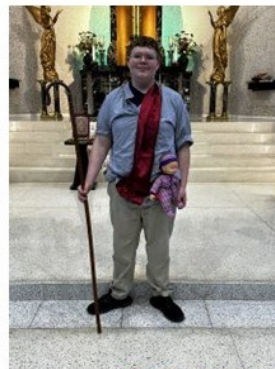
\*Weekends and holidays will be drawn the next business day.  
There will be no drawing on 4/3/2026 Good Friday

**\$20**  
per Ticket

In commemoration of All Saints Day, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class dressed as their Confirmation Saint to celebrate the school Mass. Can you guess who they are?

## All Saints Day

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# 11 First Reconciliation Retreat



Students preparing for First Reconciliation discussed the Prodigal Son parable; distinguished between an accident, a mistake, and a sin; learned the difference between mortal and venial sin and how each affects our relationship with God; and created "forgiveness bracelets."



## DIVINE MERCY ALL WEATHER YARD SIGNS

Signs will continue to be available until they run out. These are the last of the signs that we have in stock.

Please contact Cecilia Martinez at 815-919-6016 if you would like to purchase signs or have any questions.

### Order Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 Small 8x11 single sided \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Large 16x24 double sided \_\_\_\_\_

ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_

SPANISH \_\_\_\_\_

(Jesus, I Trust in You!)

(¡Jesus, en ti confío!)

## 3 GREEN ENCHILADAS WITH RICE AND BEANS DINNER- \$12.00

Preorder Form Deadline: Friday, November 21st

Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dine in or Carry out 3:00-7:00 p.m.

St. Mary Nativity Cafeteria

| DINE IN OR CARRY OUT | Type: cheese or chicken | QUANTITY | PRICE | AMOUNT | TOTAL |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------|--------|-------|--|
|                      |                         |          |       |        |       |  |
|                      |                         |          |       |        |       |  |

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