

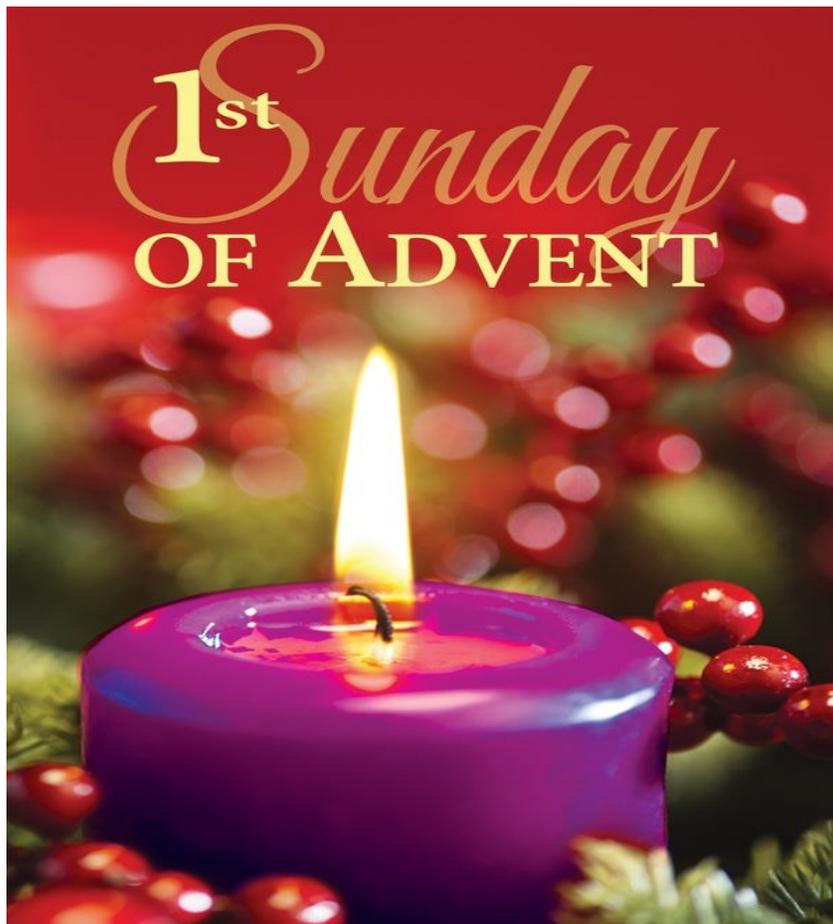
Nov.  
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2025

# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
OF ADVENT



 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/](http://www.facebook.com/SMNandHC/)

## Welcome!



### Mass Schedule

#### St. Mary Nativity Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm  
Sunday - 7:00 am  
11:00 am 12:30 pm  
5:30 pm  
Weekday -  
Tuesday 8:30am  
Wednesday (School Mass)  
8:30am  
Thursday 8:30am

#### Holy Cross Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm English  
and 7:00 pm Polish  
Sunday - 9:00 am English  
and 10:30 am Polish  
Weekday - Monday and  
Friday 8:30 am English  
Tuesday 8:30 am Polish  
Monday Wednesday  
Thursday Friday  
7:00 pm Polish

St. Mary Nativity  
and Holy Cross Confessions:

Saturdays  
3:15pm to 3:45pm  
or by Appointment.

Also 30 minutes before all  
Polish Masses at Holy Cross

# Parish and School Centers

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## Meet Our Staff...



706 North Broadway Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435



830 Elizabeth Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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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

Office Hours



Find us on:  
**facebook**

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

Faith Formation Office  
(331) 316-4366

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:

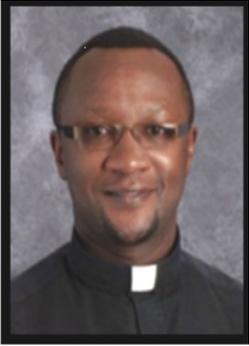
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Christina Hinojosa, School Secretary  
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**Polskiej Szkoły im.  
Świętego Krzyża  
w Joliet**

Barbara Szuba,  
Polish School Principal  
[polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com](mailto:polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com)



Dear Friends and Family of SMN/HC,

Last weekend, we celebrated the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. The celebration was to remind us that everything is ordered towards Christ, who came so that we can have life, and live it fully. Hopefully, this abundance of life was part of our gratitude to God as we sat around our Thanksgiving table counting our blessings.

We are grateful for the many blessings that God, our Father, through his Son Our Lord Jesus and the action of the Holy Spirit, has given us. Welcome to the season of Advent as we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent, Cycle Year A, the Year of Grace!** As the responsorial psalm exults, **“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”**

I am grateful for each and everyone of you who make part of our awesome warm Parish. Thank you to our Staff who make things happen behind the scenes and our teachers who impart love of knowledge to our children. In a special way, let me again personally thank our volunteers who help us keep our many ministries running. **“Whatever you do to the least of mine, you did it for me.”** (Matthew 25:40). Thank you for putting your faith into action and commitment to Christ. I invite each and everyone of us, joyful disciples of Jesus Christ, to renew our faith in Christ and with trust, look forward to another awesome year! Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord! *Maranatha!*- Come Lord Jesus!

Thank you for your continuous support to our Parish needs. May Jesus, who is our eternal Pastor, reward you with what you need and more!

Fr. Clive



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Monday,  
December 8th**

12:00pm at SMN  
(School Mass)  
6:00pm at SMN

8:30am at HC  
(English)  
7:00pm at HC (Polish)  
**Holy Day of Obligation**



### St. Mary Nativity Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday, December 12th

Our heavenly Mother, through her appearance on the American continent in 1531, serves the spiritual needs of all those who suffer in body and soul. Am I not here, I who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?

Wszyscy są zaproszeni do  
uczczenia Matki Bożej  
i przyniesienia Jej róż.

Regular Daily Mass Schedule

Extra Mass at 5pm with  
SMN Family Faith Formation.  
Fiesta after in SMN Gym.



*Flame of Faith  
Special Intentions of  
Lois Furlong*



# Mass Intentions

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**Saturday - November 29**

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† George Abday by Family

The Miguel & Malva Zavala Family

† Gerald Bebar By Bob & Jean Verbiscer

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

O pogłębienie wiary i dobre owoce duchowe Adwentu

oraz nowego roku kościelnego dla Polskiej Misji Św. Krzyża

**Sunday - November 30**

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

† For the People of the Parishes

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

† Gerald Bebar by Carol Kaufman

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

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Małgorzaty i Stanisława z okazji 20. rocznicy ślubu

† Andrzej Rychtarczyk (w 30. dniu od śmierci)

† Maria Długopolska (zam. Emilia)

† † Maria i Józef Knapczyk

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

† Irene Siefert "Anniversary" by Marge & Jean Zanella

† Sally Bruggeman by Sandy

† Gary Mahalik by Family

† Cynthia Powers by Craig & Sue Mazur

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

For the People of the Parishes

**Monday - December 1**

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

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

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

O szczerze poświęcenie się sprawie dobra wspólnego dla wszystkich rządzących

**Tuesday - December 2**

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

† Dorothy Fischer by Family

† † Rufino & Amparo Lara by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

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

O uzdrowienie duchowe i odnowienie miłości dla małżeństw przeżywających kryzys

**Wednesday - December 3**

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

† Richard W. Serdar by Maxine & Fred Sienko

† † Bob & Mary Larkin by Family

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

O szczęśliwą podróż dla Jolanty z synem

**Thursday - December 4**

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

† Stephen, Kenneth, Honeylet & Unborn Sibling By Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

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

Za wstawiennictwem św. Barbary o Bożą opiekę dla wszystkich

pracujących w niebezpiecznych zawodach

**Friday - December 5**

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

O miłość, jedność i zrozumienie w naszych rodzinach

**Saturday - December 6**

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Lucille Kararo by Family

† Ray Colclasure by Family

† Joseph & Cecilia Wolf by Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas

† † Andrew & Mary Jenco by Daughter Jean

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

O opiekę Matki Bożej dla Mikołaja

**Sunday - December 7**

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

† Lee Weiskop by Wife

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

† Frank LaBuda by The Dan Lajcin Family

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

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Julii i Andrzeja z okazji 10. urodzin

† Maria Długopolska

† † Zofia i Andrzej Zajac

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

† Ann "Jeriha" Zigrossi by Marge & Jean Zanella

† Merle Hoebing by Family

† Julius Roark by Bob & Judy Hintze

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

† Langston Britton by The Miranda Family

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

For the People of the Parishes



### December is the month of The Divine Infancy

"On this Holy Night, adoration of the Child Jesus becomes Eucharistic adoration. We adore you, Lord, truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, the living Bread which gives life to humanity". John Paul II



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

This is the last in a series of nine monthly reflections on the development of Jesus in the womb. Our parish began the series on March 25 when we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. Soon we will celebrate the wonderful Feast of the Birth of Jesus at Christmas. *You and your baby's names will be lovingly framed and placed near the nativity scene at each parish as a birthday gift to Jesus.*

#### THE NINTH MONTH - NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 25

Bolstered by provisions and buoyed upon a cushion of carpets, Mary perches upon their patient donkey as she and Joseph start their journey. The trip to Bethlehem should take four days, but Mary's pregnancy forces them to travel slowly. Do they perhaps fall behind their fellow travelers? Soon they will be entrusted with the life of God made man. How must they reflect on this awesome responsibility as they journey toward their destiny? At nine months, the baby is posed head down for its descent into the world. At birth, approximately 280 days from conception, a baby normally weighs from 6-9 pounds; it may be 19-21 inches long. Its tiny heart pumps 300 gallons of blood per day.

How can this not be a child? Give prayerful thanks to God for his most precious gift to humanity—Jesus Christ, his only son.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Joliet invites you to witness and celebrate the

## Diaconate Ordination

of

Christopher Otieno  
Omondi



Joshua Allen  
White



Alex Markiso



December 6, 2025	10:00 AM	Our Lady of Mercy 701 S Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60504
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No RSVP required



### Wedding Congratulations

The Sacrament of Marriage is an understanding that holds the promise of many joyful years together.

## Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Chaparro

November 22, 2025  
at St. Mary Nativity Church



### 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...

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|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Ann                   | Janet Horvath       | Gliceria Nunez         |
| 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    | Bernadette (Lajcin) | Kimberly Schlegel      |
| Tyler Centorbi        | Marilyn Lajcin      | Steve Senisais         |
| Dianne Cerpen-Verlare | Jerry Lakota        | Ashly Smith            |
| Bob DeLach            | Don Legerski        | Scott & Adam           |
| Anthony Deredita      | Kathleen Lepacek    | Elizabeth Mary Sobolak |
| John Drnek            | Darlene Likar       | Mary Suarez            |
| Gerald Drobick        | Ann Marie Linko     | Thomure Family         |
| Bob Eberhard          | George MacZura      | Joseph Trubich         |
| Dosseh 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         |                        |

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



## Saint Mary Nativity (SMN) and Holy Cross (HC) Advent and Christmas Schedule 2025-2026

November 29 and November 30: First Sunday of Advent - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

December 8 (Monday): Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation):

12:00 pm (School Mass) and 6:00 pm at SMN

8:30 am English and 7:00 pm Polish at HC

December 12 (Friday): Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am Regular Mass HC

5:00 pm Mass SMN with Family Faith Formation - Fiesta after in Gym

### SMN Advent Reconciliation

December 16 (Tuesday): 6:00 - 7:00 pm

December 23 (Tuesday): 9:00 - 10:00 am, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

December 18 (Thursday): SMN School Christmas Program - 6:00 pm in Church

### HC Advent Reconciliation

December 19 (Friday) 9:00 - 10:00 am in English

December 20 (Saturday) December 22 (Monday) December 23 (Tuesday)

30 minutes BEFORE all Polish Masses, plus AFTER evening masses, as needed, up to 9:00 pm

December 19 (Friday): Deanery Reconciliation at Cathedral of St. Raymond 3:00-7:00 pm

Polish School Christmas Program in SMN Church at 7:00 pm

December 24 (Wednesday): Last Day of Advent English and Polish Masses

8:30 am - English at SMN 8:30 am - Polish at HC

### December 24 (Wednesday) CHRISTMAS VIGIL

SMN Masses 3:00 pm 11:00 pm at SMN with Christmas Prelude Music starting at 10:30pm

HC Masses 3:00 pm in English

### December 25 (Thursday) CHRISTMAS DAY

SMN Masses 7:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm (There is NO 5:30pm Mass)

HC Masses 12:00 am Polish Pasterka Midnight 9:00 am in English 10:30 am in Polish

December 27 and December 28: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Octave of Christmas

December 31 (Wednesday)

SMN - 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

HC - 6:00 pm Adoration Confessions; 6:45 pm OLD YEAR Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm Vigil Mass in Polish

January 1 (Thursday) *New Year*

SMN - 11:00 am Mass HC - 9:00 am English Mass 10:30 am Polish Mass

January 3 and January 4: Epiphany - Regular Sunday Schedule

January 3 (Saturday): Family Oplatek Ball 6:30 pm at Crystal Grand Banquets, Lemont

(NO Polish Mass at Holy Cross at 7:00 pm)

January 11 (Sunday): Baptism of the Lord - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Christmas Season ends



# 7 Stewardship



Scan now to donate!



Scan here

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>

<u>November 16, 2025</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$9,893	\$3,280
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$168,771	\$50,574
YTD Budget Need	\$180,400	\$54,900
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$11,629)	(\$4,326)
Annual Budget	\$460,000	\$140,000

*(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)*

Campaign for Human Development \$ 2,199.00 \$ 967.00

Due to early submission, the counts for the weekend of November 23, 2025 will be published in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you.

## Qualified Charitable Distribution

A Qualified Charitable Distribution is a transfer of funds from your IRA donated to a qualified charity. These funds can be considered toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year. There are certain guidelines that apply, but your RMD, as a charitable contribution, will exclude that amount from your adjusted-gross income for the year and you might get tax advantaged savings. The IRS requires withdrawals from IRA's based on age. The funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline which is usually December 31.



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

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



## Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

### Saint Mary Nativity

2025 Goal	\$40,600
Amount Pledged	\$34,055
Amount Paid	\$33,435
Balance Due	\$ 620
Donor Count	132
2025 Rebate	\$0

### Holy Cross

2025 Goal	\$14,000
Amount Pledged	\$17,937
Amount Paid	\$17,037
Balance Due	\$ 900
Donor Count	65
2025 Rebate	\$ 2,126

Thank YOU

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



Monday Morning Counters are needed. Please call the parish office if you are interested.



### ATTENTION!!!

Offering Envelopes for the Entire Year (2026) will be available for pick up the weekend of December 6th & 7th

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

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



- Altar Server
- Lector
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Usher
- Choir

Serving in a Liturgical Ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Parishioner contributions help our liturgies to be truly life-giving celebrations. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries. Training is provided. Contact the Faith Formation Office.

## Catholic Kids Column Spiritually Awake

"Spiritually awake" might sound like a strange phrase at first. We usually think about being awake or asleep in a physical way. But Jesus talks about a different kind of sleep. It's when we stop paying attention to what really matters. It's when we live our lives without thinking about God, others, or even our own hearts. It's easy to fall into that kind of sleep, especially when life is busy or stressful.

Think about your daily routine. You go to school, do homework, maybe play sports or music, hang out with friends, spend time online, watch videos, scroll through your phone. None of these things are bad. In fact, they're often good. But when we fill every moment with noise and activity, we can start to forget about deeper things. We stop making time for prayer. We stop noticing when someone needs help. We stop asking big questions like, "Why am I here?" or "What does God want for my life?" That's when we start to fall asleep inside.

To be spiritually awake means we live with our eyes open to God. It means we try to see the world the way He sees it. It means we remember that every day is a gift, and we don't just go through the motions. When we're awake, we notice when someone is left out and we choose to include them. We notice when someone is hurting and we offer a kind word. We look for moments to be honest, to be generous, to be faithful. We make time to talk to God, even if it's just a short prayer during the day.



Advent is a great time to focus on this. We might think of Advent as just the countdown to Christmas. But in the Church, Advent is a season of waiting and watching. It's a time to prepare—not just for the celebration of Jesus' birth, but for the way He wants to come into our lives right now. It's a season that reminds us to open our eyes, open our hearts, and stay alert. Jesus doesn't just come once a year. He wants to meet us every day.

This isn't about being perfect. You're going to mess up sometimes. We all do. But staying awake means you keep trying. You don't give up. You ask God for help when you feel tired, distracted, or lost. You tell Him when you're struggling. And you trust that He listens and cares.

So take a minute and think: What helps me feel close to God? What makes me feel distant? What is one small thing I can do this week to stay more awake in my faith?

Jesus is always near. He's not waiting for you to get everything right. He's just asking you to stay awake, to be ready, and to let Him into your life. One step at a time. One day at a time. And He'll do the rest. *Young-catholics.com*

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED



SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!  
HELP IS NEEDED WITH THE MAGNIFICAT TABLE MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO SET UP, SERVE AND CLEAN.  
CONTACT MORGAN HUDSON AT 815-931-1397 OR CRAIG MAZUR AT 331-316-4366 TO SEE HOW YOU CAN BEST SERVE! THANK YOU!

St. Mary Nativity/  
Holy Cross  
*Magnificat Table*  
**Fellowship Meal**

JOIN US FOR A  
*Merry Christmas*  
**Dinner**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025  
5-7 PM

**Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut, Veggies, plus Dessert and Drinks**

**FREE for anyone who wants a hot meal!**  
FREE WILL OFFERING APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED

**St. Mary Nativity School Cafeteria**  
702 N. Broadway St. Joliet. IL

**MAKE**  
A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet

Over the next several weeks, we will look at the steps in the process of discipleship.

### 1. CONVERSION

For many of us, taking the first step to follow Jesus can be the most difficult. Nevertheless, if taken, it marks the beginning of a process of coming to know and love the Lord. We call it conversion, the moment when you receive an invitation from Jesus to enter into a personal, loving relationship with Him. It is that moment when you realize that God is real and not just a theory, and when you personally understand that God is connecting with and loving you to the point that you respond by deciding to follow Him forever.

For helpful resources, please visit:  
<https://make.diojoliet.org/#conversion>

# Upcoming Events

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, December 1**

**Tuesday, December 2**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00 Rosary - SMN Church

**Wednesday, December 3**

8:30am Mass - St. Mary Nativity (School Mass)

1:30pm Early Dismissal - SMN SCHOOL

**Thursday, December 4**

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

**Friday, December 5**

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School

7:00pm Mass - (First Friday) SMN Church (Polish)

**Saturday, December 6**

**Food Pantry Collection - SMN**

SMN Cafeteria & Gym Unavailable

**Sunday, December 7**

**Food Pantry Collection - SMN**

7:30am Hospitality Sunday - SMN Nativity Room

9:15am Religious Ed - SMN School

5:00pm Magnificat Table Fellowship Meal

SMN Nativity Room

### Holy Cross - Celebrating 125 Years

We are looking for pictures of the church or various events that took place through the years at Holy Cross Church as we celebrate this milestone next year. Contact the Parish Office with any questions. All pictures can be dropped at the Parish Office.

**Save the Date - September 13, 2026**

**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](mailto:mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com)



Take time to thank God for the gift of marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 13-15 in Geneva, IL or April 10-12 at St. Mary's in Lemont.

For more info go to: [wwme.org](http://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.**



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA PRE-ORDER FORM**

CUSTOMER INFORMATION:

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

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St. Mary Nativity Cafeteria

Dine in or Carry Out	\$12 pancake breakfast includes eggs, beans, sausage, hash browns, and chilaquiles, with a choice of milk or juice.	\$8 Bowl of Menudo with tortillas	Quantity	price

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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DUE DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2025

**ST. MARY NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS**

**Christmas Craft Show**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

**HOURS 10:00A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

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

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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



**Reminder:**  
Please place your unwrapped Giving Tree gifts under the tree in Church by December 7th

Questions?  
Contact Laurie Knick  
815-600-0819  
laurie.knick@comcast.net



**World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser**



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.

## The 5th through 8th graders attended a G.O.A.T retreat presented by Jenny Krumdrick.

She shared her “gratitude” glasses, showed our worth using a \$100 bill, and demonstrated how negative thoughts hammer us down while positive thoughts catapult us. In small group we answered questions based on M & M colors and worked together to untangle our human knot. The most powerful part of the day for the ladies was Jenny’s all girl session. We shared, we cried, we hugged, we came away with a better image of self and the fact that God will always be our friend even if classmates let us down. The gentlemen who were with Jenny’s husband, Matt, talked about the value of using our God given gifts and talents to band together and build each other up.



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