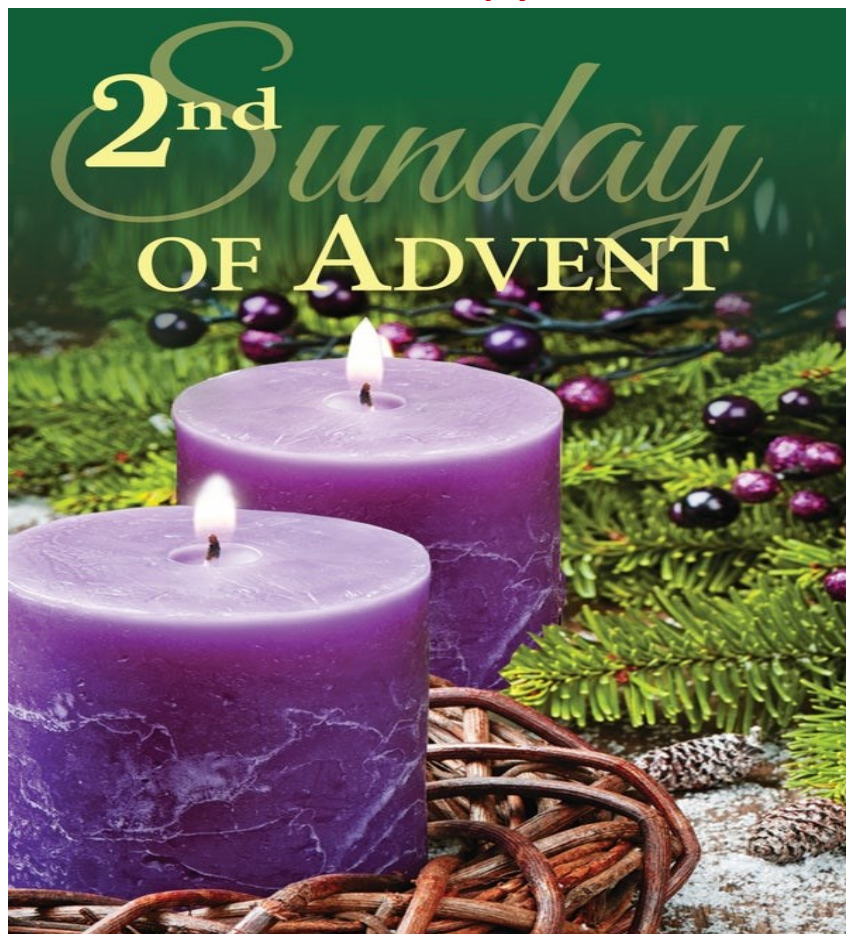



Dec.
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2025

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

 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/

Welcome!



Mass
Schedule

St. Mary Nativity Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 7:00 am
11:00 am 12:30 pm
5:30 pm

Weekday -

Tuesday 8:30am
Wednesday (School Mass)
8:30am
Thursday 8:30am

Holy Cross Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm English
and 7:00 pm Polish

Sunday - 9:00 am English
and 10:30 am Polish

Weekday - Monday and
Friday 8:30 am English

Tuesday 8:30 am Polish

Monday Wednesday

Thursday Friday
7:00 pm Polish

St. Mary Nativity
and Holy Cross Confessions:

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

Also 30 minutes before all
Polish Masses at Holy Cross



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



**830 Elizabeth Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435**

Parish and School Centers

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Meet Our Staff...

Father Clive Otieno, Pastor

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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
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

Office Hours:

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

Barbara Szuba,

Polish School Principal

polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

Catholic Kids Column

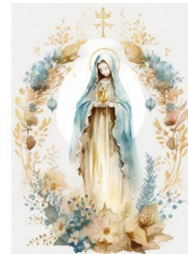
Second Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist calls people to repentance. He's not gentle about it either. He speaks with bold words to people who were very sure of their own holiness. Some of them thought they were fine just because they were part of Abraham's family. In today's language, that would be like saying, "I'm Catholic, I go to church, so I'm good." But John said that wasn't enough. God wanted their hearts to change. He wanted them to show real signs of that change. Not just talk about being good. Not just look holy on the outside. But to actually live differently, with honesty and humility.

Immaculate Conception

Catholics celebrate the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. This feast day reminds us of God's special plan for Mary. It is a day to honor her and thank God for her purity.

Mary's role in Salvation History is deeply connected to Jesus' mission. She is called the new Eve. This title shows her importance in redemption. Just as Eve played a part in mankind's fall, Mary played a part in our salvation.



Eve's disobedience led to the fall of mankind. She did not follow God's command. In contrast, Mary's purity and obedience played a vital role in salvation. She followed God's will perfectly.

The Immaculate Conception means Mary was free from original sin. This special grace made her the perfect vessel for Jesus. Her purity set her apart from all others. The angel Gabriel announced that Mary would bear the Son of God. This event is called the Annunciation. Mary responded with complete trust and surrender to God's plan.

Mary's "Yes" at the Annunciation is called her fiat. Her agreement allowed the Incarnation to take place. This shows the importance of human cooperation in God's plan. Without her "Yes," the world would not have received Jesus.

Mary's role as Jesus' mother is central to her mission. She nurtured and cared for Him. Her faith and obedience make her a model for all Christians. She always followed God's will.

Mary's example inspires believers to trust in God's plan. Her life is a guide for us. She encourages us to say "Yes" to God's will, just as she did. Her trust in God was complete.

As the new Eve, Mary reversed the disobedience of the first Eve. Her purity and obedience brought salvation. She played a vital role in God's plan.

Mary's role is multifaceted: new Eve, pure vessel, and obedient servant. Each aspect of her life teaches us something important. Her example helps believers follow God's will in their own lives. We look to her for inspiration and guidance.

Young-catholics.com

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


A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet



MAKE is a call to action — rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into action — to follow Jesus' Great Commission: Go and make disciples.

1 | CONVERSION → 2 | CONFESSION
PRAYER
4 | COMMISSION ← 3 | COMMUNION

2. CONFESSION

Our conversion moves us to a deeper life of faith in Jesus and a desire to shape our lives according to His Gospel. In Jesus, we have a personal Savior who wants to forgive our sins so that we can live freely as beloved children of God.

If it has been a while since you have experienced the abundant mercy of God by confessing your sins in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we invite you to pray for the courage and grace to return and seek it out.

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



Greenery Sale

Thank You

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

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,009.00

Congratulations to the raffle winners:

Claudia Angeles who won the Advent Calendar

Nicki Anderson who won the Advent Wreath and Pregnant Madonna statue



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 Zając
- † Wojciech Chramiec

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

Monday - December 8

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † Charlene "Hazer" Rodgers by The Dan Lajcin Family
- † Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

O Boże prowadzenie i potrzebne łaski dla Dominika Nestorowicza i jego najbliższych

Tuesday - December 9

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † George & Marie MacZura by George MacZura

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † Maria Długopolska (zam. Emilia)

Wednesday - December 10

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Dorothy Fischer by Family

7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † Bożena Pawlak (3. rocznica)

Thursday - December 11

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Phillip Torres by Mom & Dad

7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † Maria Gruszka (1. rocznica śmierci)

Friday - December 12

8:30am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

7:00pm Mass (HC)

O powrót do zdrowia dla Anny Glodek

Saturday - December 13

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Shirley Lambert by Family
- † Carl A. Pottorff by Family
- † Victor Wicevic by David & Darlene Badorski
- † Sharon Trizna by Gerry Troppe
- 7:00 pm Mass (HC)
- † Emily Remiasz (w rocznicę urodzin)
- † Grażyna Dziadkowiec (6. rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - December 14

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Thomas Deredita by Anthony Deredita

9:00 am Mass (HC)

- † For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

- † Witold Kowal (5. rocznica śmierci)
- † Janet Smith-Leet

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Nancy Serdar by Mary Therese Serdar
- † Joyce Ozella by The Traina Family
- † Richard W. Serdar by Maxine & Fred Sienko

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Jessie Cambic by Caryn LaBuda



Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased.

We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of:

Irving Jimenez

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord;
and let the perpetual light shine upon
him. May their souls and the souls of all
the faithful departed, through the mercy
of God rest in peace. Amen.



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.

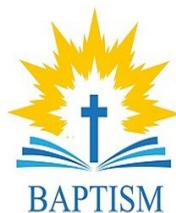
For this child I prayed.

1 Samuel 1:27



Please pick up your spiritually adopted baby's ornament! We are inviting you to place this ornament on your own Christmas tree every year as a reminder to keep this child in your prayers that he/she may come to know the love of God and His precious gift of life that they are!

Ornaments will be available in the Nativity Room on December 6th and 7th for those who adopted a baby through St. Mary Nativity. A representative from Holy Cross will be available with the ornaments after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses for those who adopted a baby through Holy Cross Parish on December 7th.



Congratulations To Our Newly Baptized!

**Maximilian John
Bieniek**

At Holy Cross Church

May Jesus, who loves all children,
bless him with His love and grace as
he grows close to Our Lord
throughout his life.



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 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
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	

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

We invite you to join us! "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

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



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<u>November 30, 2025</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$5,567	\$1,696
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$182,087	\$55,186
YTD Budget Need	\$198,440	\$60,390
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$16,353)	(\$5,204)
Annual Budget (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)	\$460,000	\$140,000



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



ATTENTION!!!

Offertory 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.



Please return all giving tree (unwrapped) presents by the weekend of December 13th & 14th.

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.



2026 CALENDAR

2026 Parish Calendars are here!

Calendars will be available the weekend of December 6th & 7th at both parishes. Please feel free to take one home.

We would like to thank Tezak's Home to Celebrate Life for providing our parishioners with the beautiful Calendars.

Their generous support to our parishes is greatly appreciated!



- 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.

Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop



2025 Retirement Fund for Religious

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This important annual appeal benefits more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church.

These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our communities. I am personally grateful for the religious who helped shape my own faith journey. Perhaps you, too, have known an elderly sister, brother, or religious order priest whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts left a lasting impression on your life.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little to no pay for their service, and their communities struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. The financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is urgent.

Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for their future.

I know you are asked to support many worthy causes, and I thank you for the many ways you give. Please consider making a gift to this year's collection if you are able—and continue to pray for all our elderly religious. They also remember us daily in their prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly with peace and health.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate at your local parish, or by mail at:

National Religious Retirement Office

3211 Fourth Street NE

Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2025photos to meet the religious pictured.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, December 8

8:30am Mass - Holy Cross
Immaculate Conception (English)
12:00pm Mass - SMN School Mass
Immaculate Conception
6:00pm Mass - SMN - Immaculate Conception
7:00pm Mass in Polish at Holy Cross
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 9

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room
1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

Friday, December 12

8:30am Mass - Holy Cross - Our Lady of Guadalupe
12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church
4:30pm Spanish Rosary - SMN Church
5:00pm Polish School - SMN School
5:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Feast - SMN Church, Cafeteria, Gym, NR

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

9:15am Religious Ed - SMN School
10:00am SMN Christmas Craft Fair - SMN Gym

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



"So may the God of patience and solace
grant you to be of one mind toward one
another, in accord with Jesus Christ."

Learn how to be patient with your
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on February 13-15 in Geneva, IL or April 10-12
at St. Mary's in Lemont.

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.



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

Join St. Mary Nativity at Our Annual Celebration of the

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025
ROSARY IN SPANISH 4:30 PM
5:00 PM MASS

Our heavenly Mother, through her appearances 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?"*

*"¿No estoy aquí, yo, que soy tu madre?"
"¿No estás bajo mi sombra y mi protección?"*

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

A Children's Skit after the Mass
Food in the School Cafeteria &
a Piñata in the School Gym



1st grade learns about the liturgical calendar

The Meaning of the ADVENT WREATH



Symbol

Meaning

Circle	Eternity of God
Evergreen Wreath	Life, Immortality
Candle	Jesus is the light of the world.
4x Candles	Four weeks of Advent
3x Purple	Purple = prayer, penance, & preparation
1x Rose (Pink)	Rose = Rejoicing



Join us at
St. Mary Nativity School

BREAKFAST

With Santa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 7-12 PM

Photo with Santa Available

\$12 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
INCLUDES EGGS, BEANS, SAUSAGE,
HASH BROWNS, AND CHILAQUILES,
WITH A CHOICE OF MILK OR JUICE.

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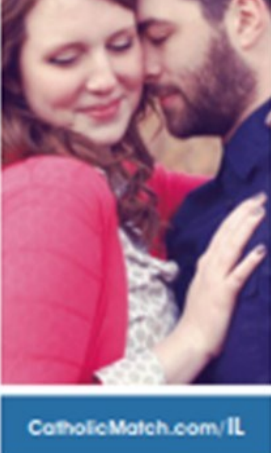
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