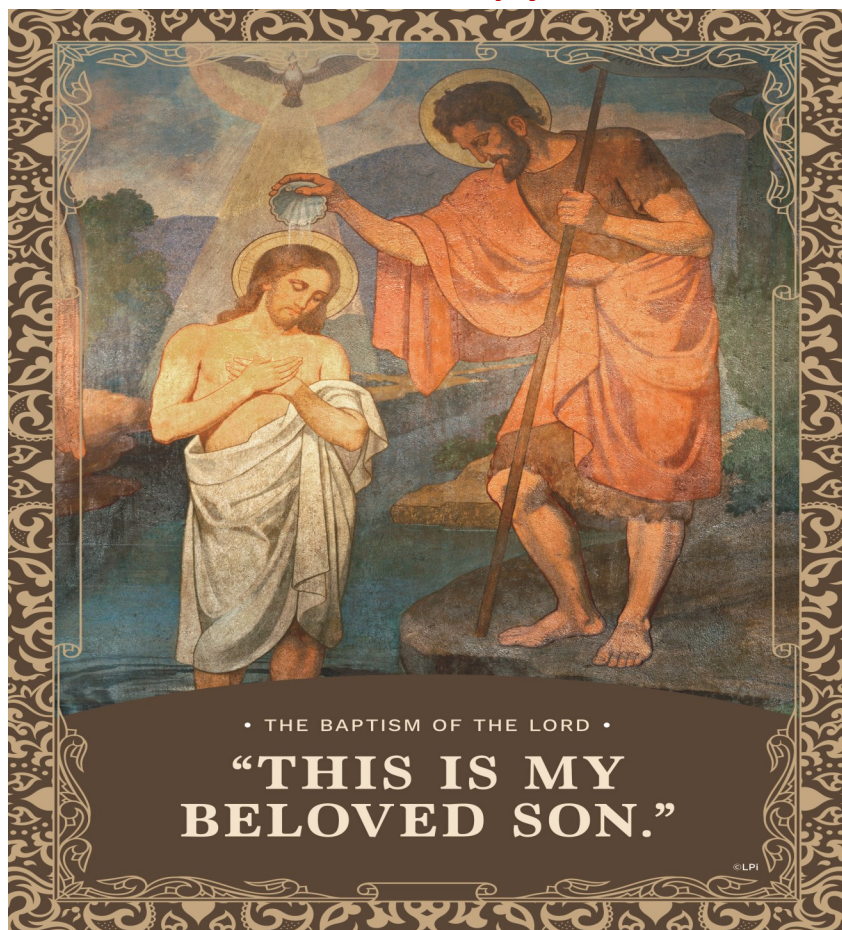



Jan.
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St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission


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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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

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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:

Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Dr. Elias Alonzo, School Principal

elonzo@stmarynativity.org

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bmata@stmarynativity.org

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

Barbara Szuba,

Polish School Principal

polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

Prayer for New Year

*Another year with Jesus!
I thank Thee, Lord, today
for Thy unfailing
presence along
life's rugged way.*

*Guide me, O blest
Redeemer,
teach me to do Thy will,
and Thine own perfect
purpose in me
each day fulfill.*

Southern Cross



The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway.

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is Faith that Elevates. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone.

Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our 2026 CMAA parishes' goals are:

St. Mary Nativity \$39,800

Holy Cross is \$13,700

70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish.

Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS:

Faith that Elevates!

2026 | Diocese of Joliet

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.



Thank You



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.

Maintenance Fund - December 2025

Thank you for your support throughout the year!



December 2025 Maintenance

| | Donations | Expenses | Account Balance |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Holy Cross | \$3,727 | \$345 | \$15,908 |
| Fire Alarm Inspection | | \$345 | |
| Saint Mary Nativity | \$11,901 | \$8,725 | \$13,384 |
| Fire Alarm Inspection | | \$485 | |
| Rectory Heat Repairs | | \$495 | |
| Water Treatment for Boilers (October and December Invoices) | | \$260 | |
| Preschool Radiator Repairs | | \$733 | |
| School Painting | | \$250 | |
| Nativity Room A/C Repair (July Invoice) | | \$477 | |
| Miscellaneous Items (Menards) | | \$299 | |
| Campus Cleaning Equipment | | \$1,001 | |
| Chiller (Final Payment Activity) | | | |
| Temporary Unit 9-12-2025 to 10-09-2025 | | \$8,897 | |
| Generator 9-12-2025 to 10-09-2025 | | \$5,160 | |
| Temporary Unit and Generator Credit | | (\$1,985) | |
| Diesel Fuel 9-11-2025 to 10-09-2025 | | \$8,786 | |
| Diesel Fuel Credit | | (\$1,133) | |

(\$15,000 withdrawn from Capital Campaign to cover expenses)

We are grateful to our parishioners and friends of St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross for their continuing faithful support. May God Bless You!



Saturday - January 10

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Jeanne Stofko "Anniversary" by Judy & Dave Stofko
- † Joan Kozar by Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Andy Orosco by The Martinez Family
- † Loretta Larsen by Karen McCormack

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

NO MASS at Holy Cross

Sunday - January 11

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Jim Perkins by Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O Bożą Opatrzność i błogosławieństwo dla Dylana Nestorowicza z okazji 12. urodzin (*God's providence and His blessings for Dylan Nestorowicz on his 12th birthday*)
O światło Bożej mądrości dla lekarzy i o dar uzdrowienia dla ich pacjentki Teresy
O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Aleksa z okazji 10. urodzin

- † Alicja Kowal (5. rocznica śmierci)
- † Maria Leśniak
- † Bronisław Fidermak

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Merle Hoebing "Anniversary" by The Salas Family
- † Phillip Torres by Dad, Mom, Nick, Julie & Stephanie

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Jim Venditti "Anniversary" by Chris & Opal

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Monday - January 12

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † † Bill & Mary Jane Benc by The Gudac Family
- † Sue Tierney "Birthday" by Family
- † Frank Lojeski by The Dan Lajcin Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna za szczęśliwe rozwiązanie i za syna Łukasza

Tuesday - January 13

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Mathew T. Mammosser "Birthday" by Family
- † Nancy M. Wruk "Birthday" by Sue Mammosser
- † Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

8:30am Mass (HC)

O dar uzdrowienia dla Teresy

Wednesday - January 14

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Richard W. Serdar by Maria Sikic
- † Dorothy Fischer by Family

7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † Józef Strojny (34. rocznica śmierci)

Thursday - January 15

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Martin Lepacek Sr. "Anniversary" by Pat Lepacek
- † † Anna & John B. Gorski by Son, Jack

7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † Teresa Dąbrowska (5. rocznica śmierci)

Friday - January 16

8:30am Mass (HC)

Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena by Same

7:00pm Mass (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla ks. Antoniego Hebdy SChr z okazji imienin

Saturday - January 17

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Albert W. Hochevar by Albert R. Hochevar
- † † Steve & Anna Evesich by Fran Evesich
- † Deceased member of the Sprajcar & Dunajewski Families by Dorothy Forte Dunajewski

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

- O wyniesienie na ołtarze Sługi Bożego ks. Ignacego Posadzego SChr
- † bp. Stanisław Stefanek SChr (6. rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - January 18

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Donald Lambert by the Lambert Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

- O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Ireny z okazji urodzin
- O nawrócenie dla syna
- O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Heleny i Daniela z okazji urodzin

- † Dariusz Gardawski
- Mirosław Szociński (zam. lektorzy Św. Krzyża)

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

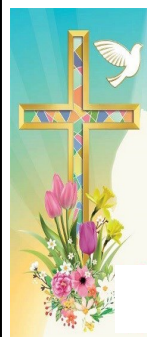
- † Veronica Mahalik by Family
- † Jessie Cambic by Caryn LaBuda
- † Tim Gruber "Birthday" by Family

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:

Carmen DeNardis
Mary Jean Jaskowiak

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.



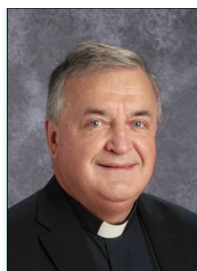
Our Thank You to all who spiritually adopted a baby as a Christmas gift to our Lord this year!

Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby.

Your prayers saved her/his life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!"
-from stmichaelstillwater.org

You and your baby's names were lovingly framed and placed near the nativity scene at each parish.

Note: If you requested an ornament for your baby this year and have not yet picked it up, the parish office will have them available through January 15th.



Drodzy Parafianie St. Mary Nativity i Polskiej Misji Świętego Krzyża!

Kolejny rok z okazji Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Nowego Roku 2026 otrzymałem od Was wiele pięknych kartek z życzeniami, podziękowaniami, dobrymi słowami i zapewnieniem o Waszej modlitwie.

Ponieważ nie jestem w stanie odpowiedzieć każdemu z Was indywidualnie i osobiście, pragnę tą drogą wyrazić moją szczerą wdzięczność. To właśnie Wasza życzliwość, cierpliwa akceptacja mojej osoby i kapłańskiej posługi sprawiają, że czuję się w Joliet tak dobrze i uważam wyznaczenie mi tego miejsca za wielką Bożą łaskę.

Odwziedzić się mogę jedynie moją pokorną modlitwą, życząc wzajemnie wszelkich potrzebnych łask Bożych i opieki Bożej Matki w naszym wspólnym pielgrzymowaniu drogami wiary.

Bóg zapłać! Szczęść Boże!

Ks. Tomasz Sielicki SChr

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary Nativity and of the Holy Cross Polish Mission,

Once again, on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year 2026, I received many beautiful cards from you with best wishes, kind words of appreciation and assurances of your prayers.

Since I am unable to respond to each of you individually and personally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude in this way. It is your kindness, patient acceptance of me and of my priestly ministry that makes me feel so good in Joliet, and I sincerely consider my assignment to this place a great grace from God.

I can only repay you with my humble prayers, wishing you in return all the necessary graces of the newborn Infant Jesus, and the protection of the Blessed Mother in our common pilgrimage on the paths of faith.

Thank you and God bless you!

Fr. Tomasz Sielicki SChr



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



PLEASE!
NOTE

The Faith Formation Phone number has been deactivated. Craig Mazur can still be reached via email: cmazur@stmarynativity.org, or by leaving a message with the parish office: 815-726-4031.

Catholic Kids Column The Baptism of the Lord

Let's take a moment to look at something that might seem strange at first. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus goes to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. But here's the thing—Jesus never sinned. So why would he need to be baptized? Isn't baptism about washing away sin? If Jesus is perfect, why does he step into the water like everyone else?

The answer teaches us something very important about who Jesus is. He didn't get baptized because he needed to be cleaned from sin. He got baptized to show us that he is with us. He lined up with regular people. He didn't act like he was above them. He stepped into their world. He stepped into our world. He chose to share in our human experience.

Jesus didn't come to show off. He came to show up.



He came to be near us—in our joy, in our struggles, in our mistakes, and in our hopes. He knows what it's like to be human. He understands what we go through. He came to stand with us so we wouldn't be alone.

And then something amazing happens in the story. As soon as Jesus is baptized, the sky opens up. The Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. And God the Father speaks from heaven. He says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." It's a moment where we see the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—all present. And it shows that Jesus is fully known, fully loved, and fully sent.

Now here's the part that connects to us. When we were baptized, even if we were babies, God did something very real. He claimed us. He said, "You are my beloved." That's who you are. And that never changes. Even if you forget it. Even if you mess up. You are still God's child. You are still loved.

Jesus showed us what it looks like to walk with others. He didn't stay separate. He didn't act too good for anyone. He listened. He cared. He got close. And we are called to do the same. When someone at school is left out, we can sit with them. When a friend is having a hard time, we can be there. When someone is hurting, we can show love. This is what following Jesus looks like.

And it all starts with baptism. Baptism isn't just something that happened once in the past. It's something we live every day. It reminds us that we belong to God and we belong to each other. We're part of a big family of faith. We're not alone.

So yes, following Jesus starts with water. But it doesn't stop there. It means choosing every day to love like he did. To care like he did. To stand with others, even when it's hard. That's what Jesus did for us. And now we get to do the same.

Young-catholics.com



Lent Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18, 2026. Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays during Lent following a meatless soup supper. Ministry groups are needed to prepare and serve soup, and to lead Stations of the Cross. To sign up your group for a day or for more information, please contact Craig at: cmazur@stmarynativity.org

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

LASAGNA DINNER

Dinner includes lasagna, garlic bread,
salad, drinks, and dessert.

**Saturday, January 10, 2026
4-6 PM**

Bring your appetite and enjoy a cozy night with family and friends.

FREE for anyone who wants a delicious hot meal!

St. Mary Nativity School Cafeteria

702 N. Broadway St, Joliet, IL

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You can also donate by visiting our website at <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

| <u>December 28, 2025</u> | <u>St. Mary Nativity</u> | <u>Holy Cross</u> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Offertory | \$9,396 | \$2,395 |
| Sunday Offertory Budget Need | \$9,020 | \$2,745 |
| YTD Sunday Offertory | \$217,459 | \$67,172 |
| YTD Budget Need | \$234,520 | \$71,370 |
| Overage/(Shortage) Amount | (\$17,061) | (\$4,198) |
| Annual Budget (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) | \$460,000 | \$140,000 |
| <u>January 4, 2026</u> | <u>St. Mary Nativity</u> | <u>Holy Cross</u> |
| Sunday Offertory | \$10,023 | \$2,567 |
| Sunday Offertory Budget Need | \$9,020 | \$2,745 |
| YTD Sunday Offertory | \$227,482 | \$69,739 |
| YTD Budget Need | \$243,540 | \$74,115 |
| Overage/(Shortage) Amount | (\$16,058) | (\$4,376) |
| Annual Budget (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) | \$460,000 | \$140,000 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$4,508 | \$1,540 |



Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our Food Pantry Collection. The month of January was an exceptional month with our bins overflowing to help many people in need.



Thank You for Your Generosity! The St. Mary Nativity Holy Cross Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who donated to December Senior Living Assistance Drive. We donated the items collected to the residents at Victory Centre of Joliet. The monetary donations will go to helping our local neighbors in need. Our next drive will be in March!



Additional donations for Christmas Flowers were made by the following people to beautify St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Church in celebration of Jesus' birth this Christmas Season.

Holy Cross

In Memory of ...

Mr. & Mrs. H. McMurray & Son
Mr. & Mrs. A. Jasinski & Son
Kay Gray
Carl & Elda McMurray
Eve & Don Meyers & Son

Holy Cross

In Gift of...

Mrs. Harriet Rotnicki
Stanislawa & Marysia Rafacz



Thank You



MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet

Learn How to MAKE Disciples!



Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, MAKE, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in 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

Where: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL (630) 355-1081

When: Tues., January 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm

Learn more about the bishop's pastoral letter, MAKE, by visiting: make.diojoliet.org



**Monday Morning Counters
are needed. Please call the
parish office if you are
interested.
(815) 726-4031**

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

Wednesday, January 14

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

7:00pm Basketball Girls 8A - SMN Gym

Thursday, January 15

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

Friday, January 16

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School

Saturday, January 17

5:00pm Loteria Night - SMN Gym, Cafeteria

Sunday, January 18

9:15am No Religious Ed Class

10:35am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary

6:00pm Basketball Girls 8A - SMN Gym

Holy Cross - Celebrating 125 Years of the Dedication of the New Church

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, January 11th in the Nativity Room after the morning masses.



Food Pantry

Non Perishable items may be dropped off at St. Mary Nativity Church vestibule on February 7th & 8th



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



"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. Allow the Holy Spirit to deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 13-15 in Geneva, IL, April 10-12 at St. Mary's in Lemont, IL or May 16-17 in Chicago, 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.**



Join the Fun

TRIVIA KNIGHT 2026

Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to the
following WINNERS!

Thursday - January 1
Ashley Bruyn - \$500
Seller: School Family

Friday - January 2
Sergio Uribe - \$20
Seller: School Family

Saturday - January 3
Kali Fox - \$40
Seller: School Family

Sunday - January 4
Lucia Mata - \$150
Seller: School Family

Monday - January 5
Mary Robinson - \$20
Seller: School Family
(Donated Back to School)

Tuesday - January 6
Adriana Serrano M - \$50
Seller: School Family

Wednesday - January 7
Janet Rangel - \$20
Seller: School Family

*Thank
you!*

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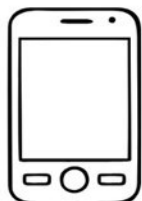
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DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 • TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00

\$200 PRIZE FOR 1ST PLACE

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21+ Event

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The poster is black with yellow and white text and graphics. It features several lightbulb icons with brains inside, lightning bolts, and question marks. The text is bold and easy to read, with the event name 'TRIVIA Knight' being the most prominent.



St. Mary Nativity School's "Through the Decades"

Open House to Kick off Catholic School's Week
Sunday, January 25th 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm

Calling all St. Mary Alumni, do you have memorabilia or memories to share? Please contact the office 815-722-8518

Parishioners are invited to attend



Join us for 11:00 am Mass hosted by 3rd and 4th grade followed by fun in every classroom!

The 1900s in the Art Room

The 1910s in Mrs. Watson's room (6th)

The 1920s in Ms. Franzone's room (2nd)

The 1930s in the Science Lab

The 1940s in Mrs. Sturdy's room (5th)

The 1950s in Mrs. Dziuba's room (1st)

The 1960s in Mrs. Mazur's room (7th)

The 1970s in Mrs. Grace's room (8th)

The 1980s in Mrs. Ryan's room (4th)

The 1990s in Ms. Larkin's room (3rd)

The 2000s in Mrs. Nelson's room (K)

The 2010s in Ms. Fountain's room (PK)



**St. Mary Nativity
NOCHE DE LOTERIA**

JANUARY 17, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
LOTERIA STARTS
AT 6:00-8:30 PM

\$10 DOLLARS PER CARD!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
PLEASE REACH OUT TO
SCHOOL (815)722-8518

**COME JOIN US FOR
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SOME LOTERIA
FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN PRIZES.
WE HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

11 Christmas

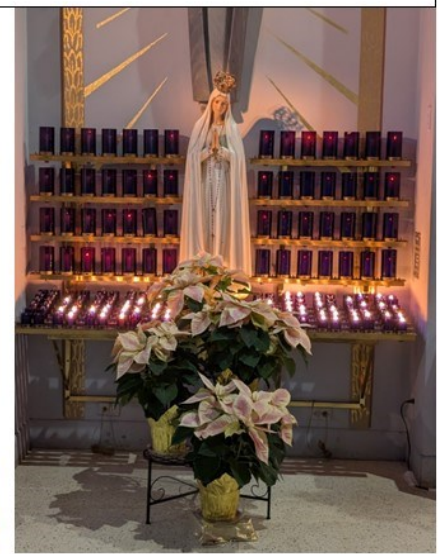
At the Christmas Eve Mass, children were a part of the procession and placed straw in the manger before presenting the Christ Child.



The Polish Carolers performed this year in the St. Mary Nativity Church for the Polish School students and parents on December 19th. Over 100 students along with their parents sang along with the carolers as part of the school's Christmas Program. The group consists of Chicago-area musicians who perform at various places and events throughout the area during the holiday season.



Thank you to all who generously contributed to the Christmas flower collection. The Christmas flowers beautify our sanctuaries during the Christmas season. A Huge Thank You to those who volunteered their time to decorate the Church this Christmas season.



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