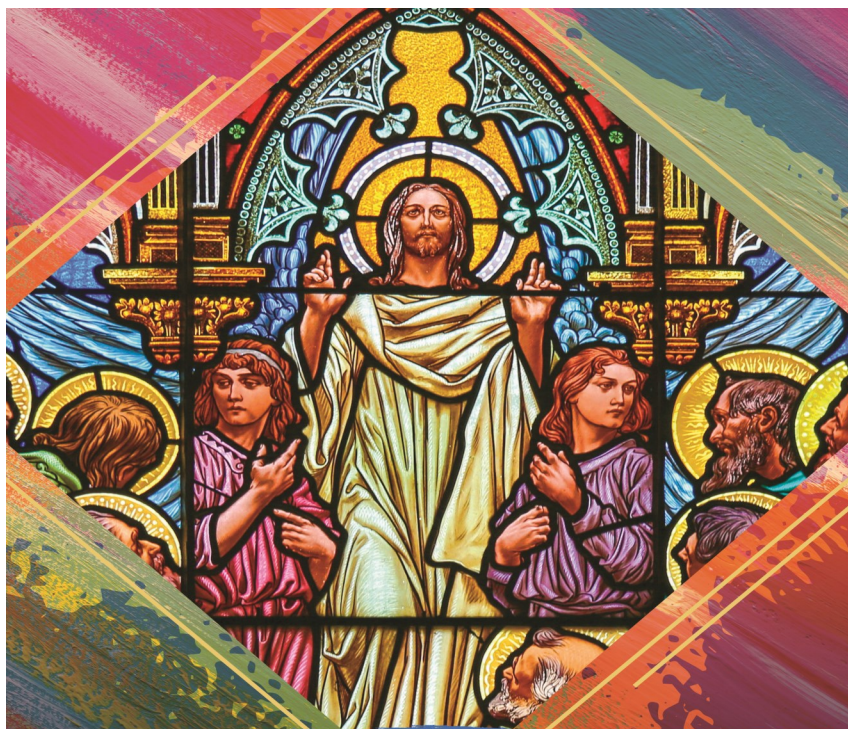


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# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

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## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother  
will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

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## Welcome!



### Mass Schedule

#### St. Mary Nativity Church

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 7:00 am

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

Weekday -

Tuesday 8:30am

Wednesday (School Mass)  
8:30am

Thursday 8:30am

#### Holy Cross Church

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

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

Weekday - Monday and  
Friday 8:30 am English

Tuesday 8:30 am Polish

Monday Wednesday

Thursday Friday  
7:00 pm Polish

St. Mary Nativity  
and Holy Cross Confessions:

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

Also 30 minutes before all  
Polish Masses at Holy Cross



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## Parish and School Centers

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### Meet Our Staff...

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Thank you for your  
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#### 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.



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# Lent and Easter Schedule

## St. Mary Nativity (SMN) and Holy Cross (HC) Lent and Easter Schedule 2026

### February 18: Ash Wednesday

8:30 am SMN (School Mass), Service: 12:00 pm SMN, 6:30 pm SMN Mass  
7:00 am HC (English), 7:00 pm HC (Polish)

**Stations of the Cross:** March 6 (NO SOUP) Stations HC in English 6:00 pm  
St. Mary Nativity: February 20th, 27th, March 13th, 20th & 27th  
5:00 pm Soup (NR), 6:00 pm Stations  
*In Polish (HC): Fridays 6:30 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass*

### February 27: Silhouette Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm SMN

**Stations for Married Couples:** March 10th (Tuesday) 6:30 pm SMN

**Gorzkie Żale** ('Bitter Sorrows' Sung Service) at HC (Polish): Sunday 10:10 am

**Polish Lenten Retreat at HC:** March 20 (Friday) 7:00 pm; March 21 (Saturday) 7:00 pm; March 22 (Sunday) 10:30 am  
Confessions during the Retreat at HC: Friday and Saturday 5:30 pm to 6:50 pm and as needed after the Mass  
Sunday, March 22 10:00 am and as needed after the 10:30 am Mass

**Confessions at SMN:** March 24th (Tuesday) Lent Reflection & Reconciliation Service  
Lent Reflection 6:00 pm, Confession 7:00 pm  
April 1st : 9:00-10:00 am, 12:00-1:00 pm and 5:00-6:00 pm

**Confessions at HC (Polish):** Holy Monday, March 30, Holy Tuesday, March 31 and Holy Wednesday, April 1:  
6:00 pm to 6:50 pm and after the 7:00 pm Polish Mass as needed, but no longer than 8:30 pm

**March 29: Palm Sunday:** Regular Saturday and Sunday Schedule

**April 1: Living Stations:** Presented by 8th Grade Students at 2:00 pm at Saint Mary Nativity



## THE SACRED TRIDUUM

### April 2: Holy Thursday (No morning Mass)

**St. Mary Nativity**  
6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration continues until 11:30 pm

**Holy Cross**  
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Polish)  
8:30 pm Gorzkie Żale ('Bitter Sorrows' Sung Service All Parts)  
Adoration until 11 pm

### April 3: Good Friday (No Morning Mass) (No Exposition and Adoration)

**St. Mary Nativity**  
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Cross**  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Polish)  
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Polish)  
Adoration until 11 pm

### April 4: Holy Saturday (There are no 4:00 pm Masses on Holy Saturday)

**St. Mary Nativity**  
12:00 pm Blessing of Food Baskets  
8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy

**Holy Cross**  
Adoration from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm with the guards at the Tomb  
Blessing of Food Baskets (Święconka) 1:00-2:00-3:00 pm  
No Easter Vigil Mass-moved to Easter Sunday early morning 5:00 am

### April 5: EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**St. Mary Nativity**  
7:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm  
There is no 5:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

**Holy Cross**  
5:00 am Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy followed by Resurrection Procession  
9:00 am English Easter Mass, 10:30 am Polish Easter Mass

April 6: Easter Monday 7:00 pm in Polish at HC

April 12: Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 3:00 pm (not a Mass) at SMN and at HC (Polish)





**In His Love we are saved,  
In His Light we are guided,  
In Him We are One.**

## Mass Intentions

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### Saturday - February 14

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

† † Joseph & Cecilia Wolf by Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas

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

† † Michael & Catherine Hojnacki by Frank LaBuda & Daughter, Caryn

† Andy Orosco by The Martinez Family

† Amy Pedersen/Rabb by Family

† Bob Tierney "Birthday" by Family

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

O powrót do zdrowia dla Józefy Mokrzyckiej

† Andrzej Tylka (3. rocznica śmierci)

† Władysława Tylka

† Marian Niejadlik

### Sunday - February 15

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Bernadine Smith by Virginia Jasinski

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

Za uzależnionych od alkoholu i narkotyków:

O siłę do przezwyciężenia zgubnych nałogów

O Boże błogosławieństwo i uzdrowienie dla Artura z okazji urodzin

† Witold Seroka

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

† Al Gruber "Birthday" by Family

† Richard W. Serdar by Maria Sikic

† Frank LaBuda by Karen & Tom Tomac

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

† John Verklan Jr. by Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

### Monday - February 16

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

† Beatrice Hazer by The Dan Lajcin Family

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

† ks. Józef Kosobucki SChr (8. rocznica śmierci)

### Tuesday - February 17

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

† Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family

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

O beatyfikację Sługi Bożego ks. Ignacego Posadzego w rocznicę urodzin (1898)

### Wednesday - February 18 Ash Wednesday

#### **7:00am Mass (HC) English**

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family

#### **12:00pm Service (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes

#### **6:30pm Mass (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes

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

Za parafian: O dobre przeżycie Wielkiego Postu

### Thursday - February 19

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

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

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

† Maria Jachym (zmarła w Polsce)

### Friday - February 20

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

O dar sprawiedliwego i trwałego pokoju dla Ukrainy

### Saturday - February 21

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

† Robert Kozar by Family

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

† Dorothy Fischer by Family

† Kay & John Mazur by The Evesichy Family

† Victoria Hernandez by Family

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

O zdrowie i Boże dla Doroty i Tomasza Klikuszowianów oraz ich dzieci

† † Teresa i Władysław Zapotoczni

### Sunday - February 22

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Anna Rafacz "11 yr. Passing" by Son Stanislaw & Family

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

† † Ewa, Helena i Wacław Sędaccy

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Heleny i Stanisława z okazji 44. rocznicy ślubu

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Eweliny z okazji urodzin

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

† Leo Hojnacki by Frank LaBuda & Daughter, Caryn

† Richard W. Serdar by Mike & Karen Nawa

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

† Conrad Majeski by The Mazur Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

**Heavenly Father,  
In Your presence with hearts full of faith and gratitude.  
We lift up to You all these intentions.  
For the living, that they may be strengthened in hope,  
For the sick, that they may be comforted and healed,  
For the departed, that they may rest in Your eternal peace.  
Bless our families, our community, and all  
who seek Your mercy.  
Guide us to walk in love, serve with humility,  
and remain steadfast in our trust in You.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



### Remember the Holy Souls in Purgatory this Lent while participating in the Stations of the Cross!

"If a ray of heavenly light could draw aside the veil from your eyes, you would see these suffering souls hovering around each station with upraised arms imploring you, 'Have pity on me, have pity on me! In Pity for us, make the Way of the Cross for me, your father your mother, your Friend.'

St. Leonard of Port Maurice



### 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	Tommy Turner
Alba Hensley	Raymond John Nickel	Susan Ward
Janet	Paul Norris	

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



## Lenten SOUP Suppers



### and Stations of the Cross

Lent begins this week. Plan to join us at St. Mary Nativity on Fridays during Lent for:

**Meatless Soup Supper at 5 PM**  
in the Nativity Room

**Stations of the Cross at 6 PM**  
in Church

Thank you to the following ministry groups for leading each week:

**February 20: Lay Apostolate**

**February 27: RE and SMN School Students**  
Silhouette Stations (soup help needed)

**March 6: Parish Staff at Holy Cross (no soup)**

**March 13: open**

**March 20: SMN Choir**

**March 27: open**

To sign up your school or ministry group for an open day or for more information, please contact Craig at: [cmazur@stmarynativity.org](mailto:cmazur@stmarynativity.org)

## The Seven Last Words of Christ with Adoration and Reconciliation

**March 24, 2026—6 PM**

Join your fellow parishioners for a beautiful reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ. Hear personal stories of how Christ's words spoken from the cross are relevant in our lives today.

The reflection will be followed with Reconciliation at 7 PM. Priests will be available for individual confessions.



# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Calling all penitents! Lent is right around the corner, and it is time to decide how you will use this Lenten Season to prepare for Easter. Beginning next week, there will be a bulletin board in the Nativity Room with the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. At the back of the church, are slips of paper for each pillar. Please prayerfully consider how you can focus on one, two or all three of these facets this year. Fill out a slip with words or a picture and place it in the corresponding bag in the Nativity Room. You can also drop your slips in the collection basket because these intentions are being made anonymously. Put your plan in writing and add it to our collection. These will be brought forward with the offertory on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your commitment to making this your best Lent.

## Catholic Kids Column

# TRUTH

Let's talk honestly about relationships. You spend time with friends every day, and some of you may already be thinking about dating. These connections can be great. They can help you feel supported, accepted, and loved. But they can also be confusing, frustrating, and sometimes even hurtful. That's why it's important to look at what Jesus says about how we treat each other.

In Matthew 5:17-37, Jesus doesn't just tell us to follow a list of rules. He goes deeper. He wants us to look at what's going on inside our hearts. He talks about anger, lies, lust, and making promises. But what He's really showing us is that relationships only work when they're built on truth and respect. You can't fake love. You can't fake loyalty. You can't fake friendship. And you can't just say the right words if your heart is not in the right place.

Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" That means be real with people. Say what you mean and mean what you say. Don't lie to get attention. Don't pretend to care about someone just to look cool. If you're in a friendship, be a good friend. Stand by them. Tell them the truth. Don't say one thing to their face and something else behind their back.

In a true friendship, honesty builds trust. That might mean telling a friend something they need to hear, even if it's not easy. Maybe they're heading down a bad path, and you care enough to say something. Or maybe it means admitting when you've hurt their feelings, even if you didn't mean to. Being honest doesn't mean being harsh. It means speaking with love and listening with care. It means giving your friend space to be honest with you too.



Jesus teaches us that real love starts with truth. That's not just a nice idea—it's something we live out every day. When we're honest, we protect our hearts and the hearts of others. We show that we care. We build trust. We grow stronger as friends and as followers of Jesus. This kind of honesty isn't always easy. It takes courage. But it also brings peace and joy.

You don't have to be perfect to have good relationships. But you do need to try to be honest and kind. Ask Jesus to help you speak the truth and act with love. Pray for the strength to be the kind of friend who shows up, who listens, who tells the truth even when it's hard. That's how we follow Jesus. That's how we love like He does. And that's how we build friendships that really last.

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## LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Weekly Lenten Reflections from Bishop Barron can be emailed to you during Lent. Watch for the first reflection on your Flocknote feed on Ash Wednesday, and sign up to receive future reflections each Sunday during Lent.



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<u>February 8, 2026</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$7,716	\$2,840
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$265,169	\$82,592
YTD Budget Need	\$288,640	\$87,840
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$23,471)	(\$5,248)
Annual Budget (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)	\$460,000	\$140,000

**Bishop Dennis E. Spies Appointed Apostolic Administrator  
for the Diocese of Joliet**

Joliet, Illinois — [February 6, 2026] — The Diocese of Joliet announces that Bishop Dennis E. Spies has been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, effective immediately. Bishop Spies assumes this role in accordance with the norms of the Catholic Church, ensuring continuity of leadership and pastoral care for the nearly half-million Catholics across the seven counties of the diocese.

Bishop Spies, who has been serving as Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet and Titular Bishop of Cenculiana, brings more than two decades of pastoral, administrative, and formational experience to this responsibility. Ordained to the priesthood in 2002, he has served the Diocese of Joliet as pastor, seminary formator, and most recently as Vicar for Clergy, a role in which he has been widely recognized for his pastoral sensitivity, collaborative leadership style, and deep commitment to the well-being of priests and parish communities.

"I am humbled by the trust placed in me and remain committed to serving the people of God in the Diocese of Joliet with faith, integrity, and hope," Bishop Spies said. "Together, we will continue to proclaim the Gospel, strengthen our parishes, and accompany one another as disciples of Jesus Christ."

As Administrator, Bishop Spies will oversee the day-to-day governance of the diocese until the appointment of a new diocesan bishop. His responsibilities include supporting diocesan ministries, guiding clergy, and ensuring the smooth functioning of pastoral and administrative operations.

Born in Clifton, Illinois, Bishop Spies earned his undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale before completing seminary studies at Mundelein Seminary. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet by Pope Francis in 2024 and ordained later that year at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

The Diocese of Joliet asks the faithful to join in prayer for Bishop Spies as he undertakes this important new role in service to the Church.



The 2026 Catholic  
Ministries  
Annual Appeal  
has begun!

This is commitment weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a powerful way to put our faith into action.

This year's theme is *Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!* When we care for those in need, we answer the call. Our parish joins with other parishes to serve the vulnerable, grow children in faith, and strengthen vocations. We cannot foster these ministries alone. This is a diocese-wide effort.

**Our 2026 CMAA parishes' goals are:**

**St. Mary Nativity \$39,800**

**Holy Cross is \$13,700**

We receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift and help our parish reach our goal. Complete and return a pledge envelope in church today. Thank you for your support!



BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS:  
*Faith that Elevates!*

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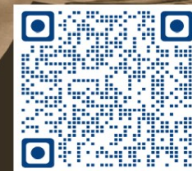
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Most Reverend  
Dennis E. Spies

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O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church of Joliet  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, February 16

Presidents' Day – Parish Office and School Closed

### Tuesday, February 17

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

### Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

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

12:00pm Service - SMN Church

6:30pm Mass - SMN Church

7:00pm Mass at Holy Cross (Polish)

### Thursday, February 19

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

7:00pm Basketball Girls 8A - SMN Gym

### Friday, February 20

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

4:00pm Trivia Knight Set Up - SMN Gym

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School & NR

5:00pm Lenten Soup - SMN NR

6:00pm Stations - SMN Church

### Saturday, February 21

7:00pm Trivia Knight - SMN Gym

Doors open at 6:30pm

### Sunday, February 22

9:00am 8th Grade Confirmation Sponsor Session -

SMN Cafeteria

9:15am Religious Ed - SMN School



The School & Parish Office will be closed  
on Monday, February 16, 2026

## 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, March 8th in the Nativity Room  
after the morning masses.**



**Non Perishable items may be  
dropped off at St. Mary  
Nativity Church vestibule  
on March 7th & 8th  
Thank you!**

## Upcoming Events

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## 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



"Just so, your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds and glorify  
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For more info go to: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)  
or call (888) 574-5653



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  
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tember to the Last Sunday of May and break for the months of June,  
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If you are interested in joining, please contact  
**Tony Brandolino at 815-531-9257.**

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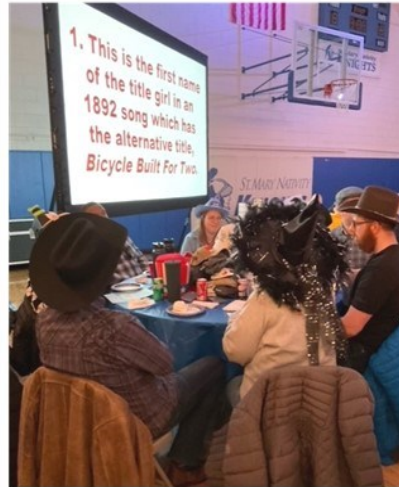
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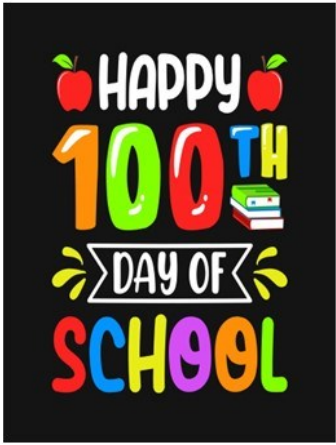
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On February 3rd, Fr. Tomasz did a special prayer service in honor of St. Blaise. There was a general blessing and then students went up individually to get their throats blessed. Thank you, Fr. Tomasz!





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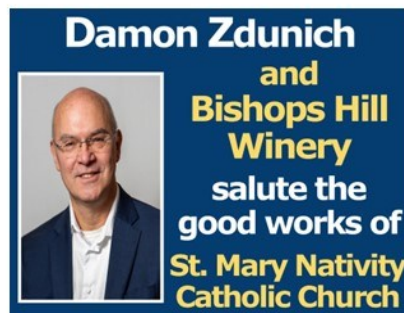
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