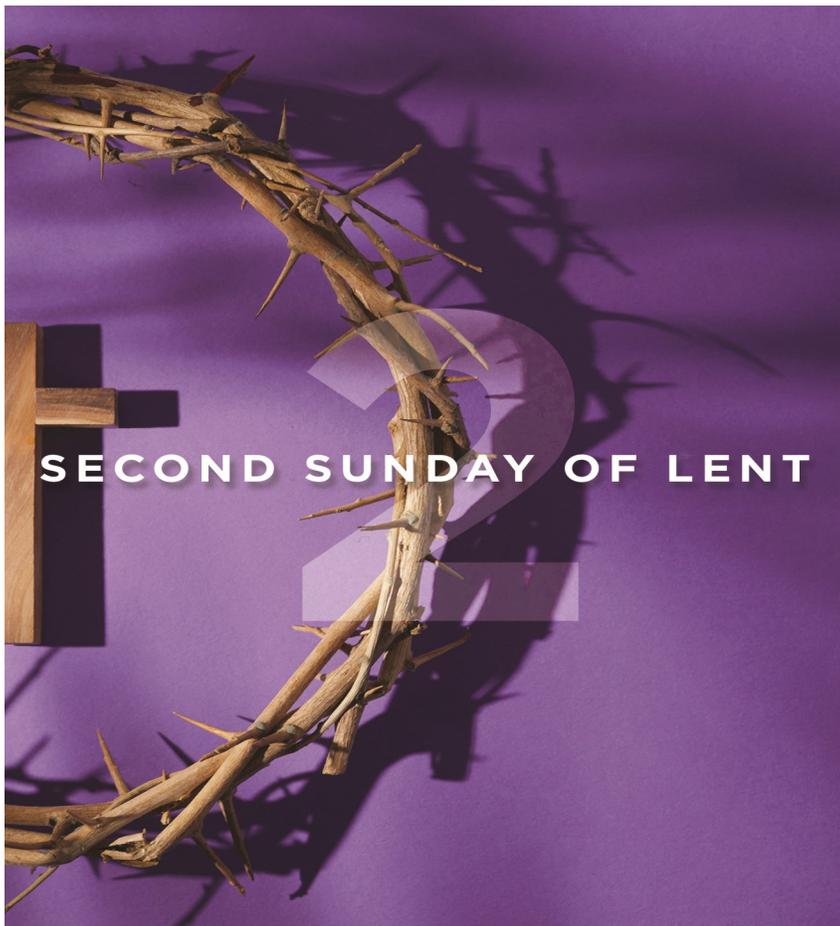


March  
1,  
2026

# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

 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

**Father Clive Otieno, Pastor**  
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**Tony Brandolino, Director of Music**

**Mariusz Madej, Polish Organist**

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

Faith Formation Office  
(815) 726-4031

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:

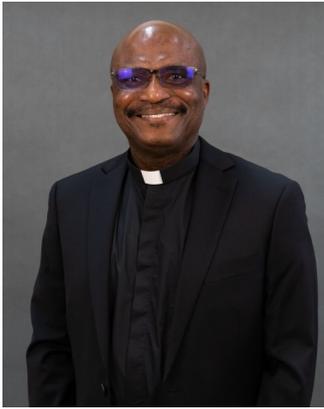
Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Dr. Elias Alonzo, School Principal**  
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**Bianca Mata, 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)



## Deacon Emmanuel Kodzo Eklou

Good News, we have a Deacon! Deacon Emmanuel Kodzo was born in Togo, West Africa. He and his wife, Juliet, are blessed with two children, Vanessa and Ange. Ordained in August 2023, he has served in St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church ministry assisting with Baptisms, Marriage and Funeral Rites before his reassignment to St. Mary Nativity in Joliet. Professionally, Deacon Emmanuel is a Data Scientist. He is also an active member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He looks forward to serving the parish community of St. Mary Nativity with faith and dedication.

Welcome Deacon Emmanuel to our Faith community!

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

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

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

**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 8:30pm

**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 11pm

**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

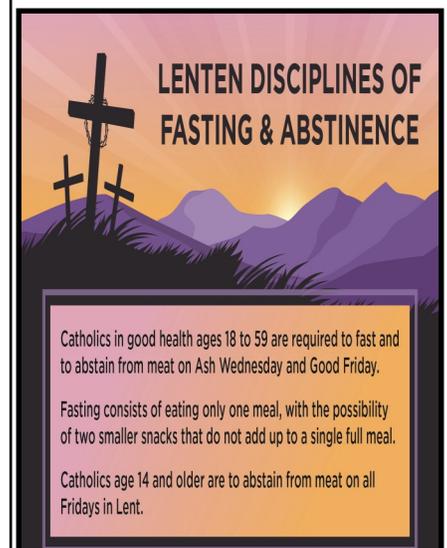
**Holy Cross**  
Adoration from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm with the guards at the Tomb  
Blessing of Food Baskets (Święconka) 1:00-2:00-3:00 pm  
No Easter Vigil Mass-moved to Easter Sunday early morning 5:00 am

**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 28

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

† Rufino & Ampara Lara by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

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

† Catherine P. Hochevar by Albert R. Hochevar

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

† Florentyna Sielicka (16. rocznica śmierci)

## Sunday - March 1

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Helena Warmuz by God Son Stanislaw & Family

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

† Władysława Jasielc

† Jan Mucha (26. rocznica śmierci)

Alina Majcher (5. rocznica śmierci) oraz ++ Emilia i Stefan Góra i + Darlene Wunderlich

† Mirosław Szociński

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

† Conrad Majeski by The Mazur Family

† Joyce Ozella by The Traina Family

† Veronica Keigher by The Traina Family

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

† Josephine Miracle "Birthday" by Daughter Jodi & Husband Sean

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

† Carmen DeNardis by The Nemanich Family

## Monday - March 2

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

† Christine McDonnell "Birthday" by Family

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

ks. Władysław Pyclik SChr (35. rocznica śmierci)

## Tuesday - March 3

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

† Bonnie Ardaugh by Family

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

O pomyślne zdanie matury i wybór dalszej drogi wg planu Bożego dla Amelii Golińskiej

## Thursday - March 5

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

† The Holy Souls in Purgatory by George MacZura

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

ks. Władysław Dobroć SChr (5. rocznica śmierci)

## Friday - March 6

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

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Elizabeth Hansen

Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena by Same

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

O dary Ducha Św. dla młodzieży z Polskiej Szkoły mającej jutro otrzymać sakrament bierzmowania.

## Saturday - March 7

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

† Darlene Bistry by The Dan Lajcin Family

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

† Gary Mahalik "Birthday" by Family

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

O Boże błogostawieństwo dla Agnieszki z okazji urodzin

## Sunday - March 8

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

George & Marie MacZura by Family

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

For the People of the Parishes

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

† Danuta Mąka

† Małgorzata Janas (5. rocznica śmierci)

oraz + Romuald Ryżewski (25. rocznica śmierci)

Helena Kuruc (14. rocznica śmierci) oraz + Michał Kuruc

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

† Jessie Cambic by Caryn LaBuda

† Mary Traina by The Traina Family

† Joe Jelinek "Birthday" by Family

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

† Eleanor Hojnacki by Frank LaBuda & Daughter, Caryn

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

For the People of the Parishes

Pray for Unborn Human Life



## Our 15th Year

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION AT ST. MARY NATIVITY AND HOLY CROSS PARISHES

You are invited to spiritually adopt a baby. Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged this practice by praying that one particular child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

Simply name your baby, begin to pray for your baby on March 25<sup>th</sup> and continue to pray every day until Christmas Day.

We will be taking your name as a spiritual parent and the name of your baby after all Masses on March 7th and March 8th in the Nativity Room at St. Mary Nativity and the back of church at Holy Cross.

**Our parishes will present our babies as a Christmas gift to our Lord on Christmas day.**

**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.**



**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



### **Special Station of the Cross Devotion for Married Couples**

"For this reason, a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"

Stations of the Cross for Married Couples will be held at SMN

**Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Dessert following in the Nativity Room

This is an opportunity for couples to pray together and celebrate their holy union that symbolizes the marriage of Christ and His Church.

For information or questions contact

**Jim and Jane Richards**

**jrichards75@hotmail.com**



### **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         |
| 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   | 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

## Stations of the Cross



Plan to join us at  
Holy Cross Friday at 6 PM  
March 6 stations are led by  
the Parish Staff.  
(no Soup Supper)

## 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! The bulletin board in the Nativity Room displays 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. These will be brought forward with the offertory on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your commitment to making this your best Lent.



Dear Parishioners, We would like to invite you to continue fanning the flames of the Eucharistic Revival alongside fellow parishioners through the brand-new 8-part small-group study, **The Heart of Prayer**. This study was created by the National Eucharistic Congress in partnership with the Augustine Institute and designed as an intimate, peaceful retreat, led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Through his practical, down-to-earth guidance, participants will learn to quiet their hearts and minds to hear God's voice calling to them.

**Thursdays after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Nativity Room.**

**Donuts and Coffee will be available!**

If you're looking to provide a spark in your prayer life, then this is the study for you! We really hope you'll join us!

## Faith Formation

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The Religious Education Confirmation Class completed a group service project at Feed My Starving Children. Please pray for these and all of our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on April 19.



The Religious Ed First Communion Class learned about Ash Wednesday and the pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.



# 7 Stewardship



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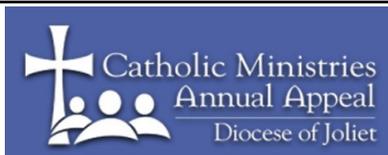
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With the simple click of a button from your computer or smart device, you can securely set-up one-time or recurring donations.

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

| <u>February 22, 2026</u>                                | <u>St. Mary Nativity</u> | <u>Holy Cross</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Offertory  | \$6,780                  | \$2,541           |
| Sunday Offertory Budget Need                            | \$9,020                  | \$2,745           |
| YTD Sunday Offertory                                    | \$283,287                | \$87,546          |
| YTD Budget Need   | \$306,680                | \$93,330          |
| Overage/(Shortage) Amount                               | (\$23,393)               | (\$5,784)         |
| Annual Budget<br><i>(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)</i> | \$460,000                | \$140,000         |
| Ash Wednesday   | \$2,225.00               | \$797.00          |

Thank you for attending.  
Thank you for serving.  
Thank you for giving.  
Thank you for growing with us.



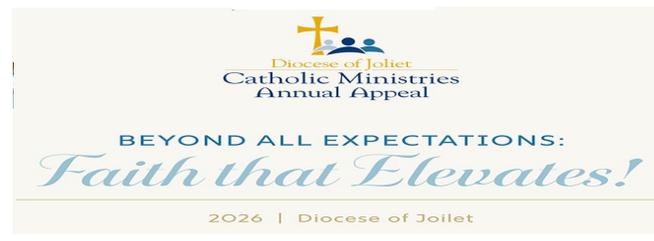
The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goals. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in back of church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [Jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://Jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parishes. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

**Our 2026 CMAA parishes' goals are:**  
**St. Mary Nativity \$39,800**  
**Holy Cross is \$13,700**

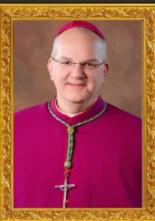




## SUNDAY

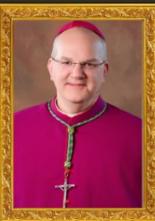
# MARCH 1, 2026

DisABILITIES Mass



**OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH**  
701 S. EOLA RD.  
AURORA, IL

Reception to Follow



Most Reverend  
Dennis E. Spies



Scan to Register!



## MAKE

### How Do We MAKE Disciples for Jesus?

**What:** Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

**Where:** St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

**When:** Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm



Scan the QR Code to RSVP



MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).

[make.diojoliet.org](http://make.diojoliet.org)

# Upcoming Events

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## The Week Ahead

### Monday, March 2

Casimir Pulaski Day - NO SCHOOL

### Tuesday, March 3

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

### Wednesday, March 4

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

1:30pm Early Dismissal - SMN SCHOOL

### Thursday, March 5

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

### Friday, March 6

8:15am SMN School Stations of the Cross - SMN Church

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School

6:00pm Stations - HC Church (**NO SOUP BEFORE**)

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

### Saturday, March 7

Food Pantry Collection—SMN Church



### Sunday, March 8

Food Pantry Collection - SMN Church

Hospitality Sunday - SMN Nativity Room



9:15am Religious Ed - SMN School



## 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.

*Sweet!*  
**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**  
*Bring the Family!*  
**All Are Welcome**



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



“At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”

If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin.

Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience in Geneva, IL on April 10-12 at St. Mary's in Lemont, May 16-17 in Chicago, IL or June 12-14 in Arlington Heights.

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.**

## Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to the following WINNERS!

Thursday - February 19

Ryan Arseneau - \$20

Seller: School Family

Friday - February 20

Stephen Serdar - \$150

Seller: Mailing

Saturday - February 21

Francisco Pantoja - \$40

Seller: School Family

Sunday - February 22

Deidre R. Thompson - \$150

Seller: School Family

Monday - February 23

Robert Pena - \$20

Seller: School Family

Tuesday - February 24

Denise Hiller - \$20

Seller: Mailing

Wednesday - February 25

Claudia Angeles - \$20

Seller: School Family

*Thank  
you!*



## Easter Breakfast

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
**7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

St. Mary Nativity  
Cafeteria

**Breakfast \$12.00**  
Chilaquiles  
Eggs  
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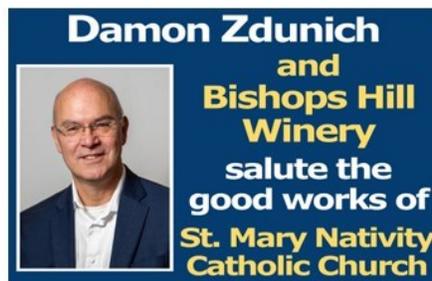
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