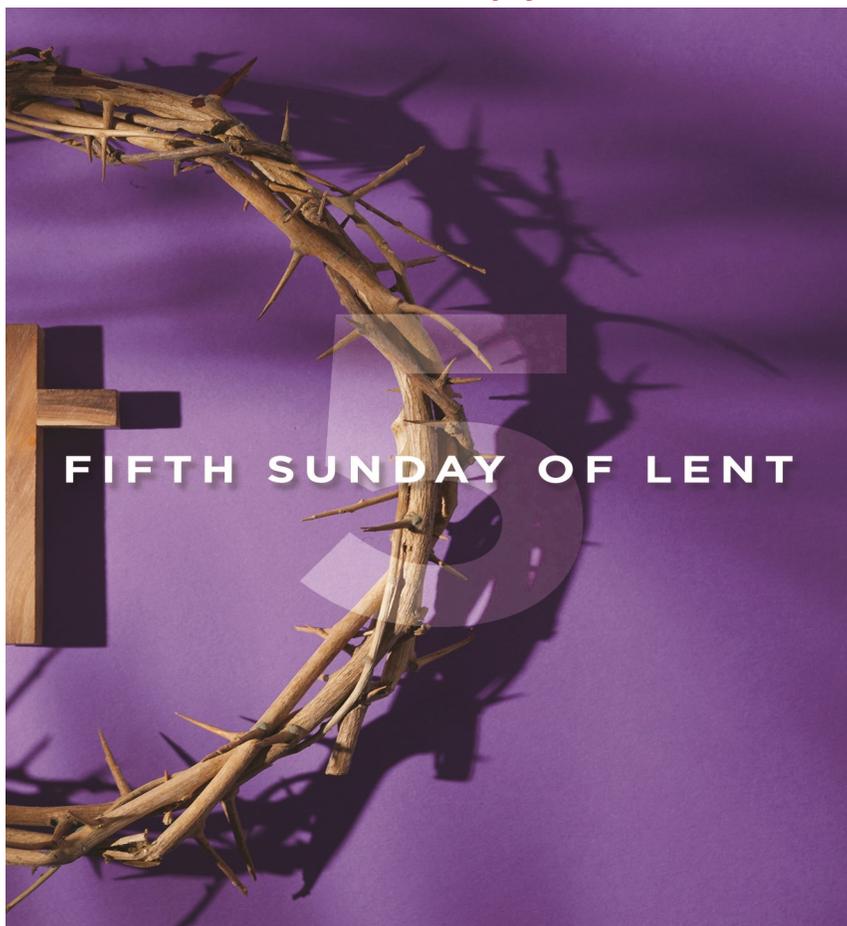


March
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2026

St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

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 info@stmarynativity.org

 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00—3:00pm

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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...



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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Office Hours:

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Friday - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Office Hours



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Submit Articles by
Monday no later than
2 pm for the upcoming
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Please send all articles
for the bulletin to
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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
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Świętego Krzyża
w Joliet**

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

Stations of the Cross: St. Mary Nativity: March 27th
5:00 pm Soup (NR), 6:00 pm Stations
In Polish (HC): Fridays 6:30 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass

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

Polish Lenten Retreat at HC: March 22(Sunday) 10:30am

Confessions during the Retreat at HC: 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

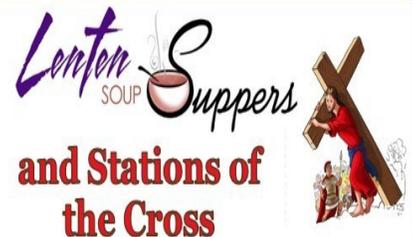
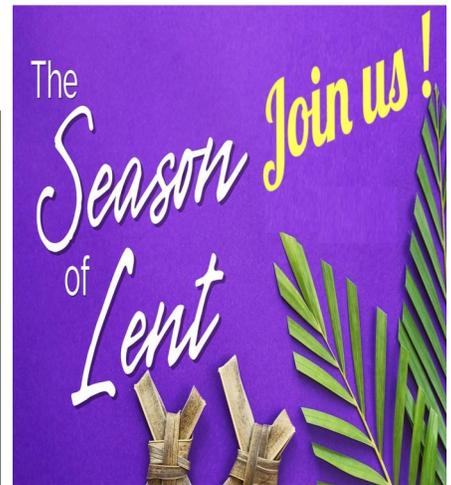
5:00 am Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy followed by Resurrection Procession

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)



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

March 27: Stations led by Lectors

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.





Saturday - March 21

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Eugene Kostyra by Frank LaBuda & Daughter, Caryn
- † Carmen Rodriguez by The Rodriguez Family
- † Marguerite Zlogar-Nelson "2nd Anniversary" by Julie Nelson
- † Julius Roark by John & Gloria Wilson

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

O trwały i sprawiedliwy pokój dla Ukrainy i Bliskiego Wschodu

- † Jan Czerniak (27. rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - March 22

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 am Mass (HC)

- † Thomas Hazer by The Dan Lajcin Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna za otrzymane łaski i o zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Victorii z okazji 15. urodzin

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Adriana z okazji 20. urodzin

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Marii Rybiarczyk z okazji urodzin

- † Jan Bochnak (1. rocznica śmierci)
- † Maria Janik (w rocznicę urodzin)

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Kenneth Hrusosky by Family
- † Deceased Members of the Zdunich Family
- † Amy Pedersen-Rabb by Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Deceased Members of the Smolkovich Family by Josephine Sepich

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † † Magdalino, Kenneth, Stephen & Honeylet by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

Monday - March 23

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † Ralph Domenech by Friend

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Cezary Gałagus (rocznica urodzin)

Tuesday - March 24

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family by Family

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † Katarzyna Totzke (zmarła w Polsce)

Wednesday - March 25

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family by Family

7:00pm Mass (HC) Polish

O opiekę Bożą, w tym o sprzyjającą pogodę dla uczestników XXVI Mistrzostw Polonii w narciarstwie alpejskim w Keystone, CO

Thursday - March 26

8:30am Mass (SMN)

- † Frank LaBuda by Irene Tomala

7:00pm Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo oraz opiekę Matki Bożej dla Angeliki z okazji 33. urodzin az dla Weroniki z okazji 24. urodzin

Friday - March 27

8:30am Mass (HC)

- † Claudette Jean Gruben by The Pottorff Family

- † Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

7:00pm Mass (HC)

- † Jan Sielicki (14. rocznica śmierci)

Saturday - March 28

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † John Gudac III by The Gudac Family

- † † Judy and Greg Machak by Family

- † Margaret Hagt O'Connor by Fr. Clive and Parish

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

Za zmarłe członkinie Żywego Różańca: ++ Rozalię Bednarz, Teresę Kościelak i Janinę Kasperek

Sunday - March 29

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 am Mass (HC)

- † Bill Wysocki by Pat Weiskop

10:30 am Mass (HC)

- † Bolesław Łowisz (8. rocznica śmierci)

- † Damian Topór

- † Danuta Mąka

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Richard W. Serdar by Mary Fran Smaron

- † James Phinney by Wife

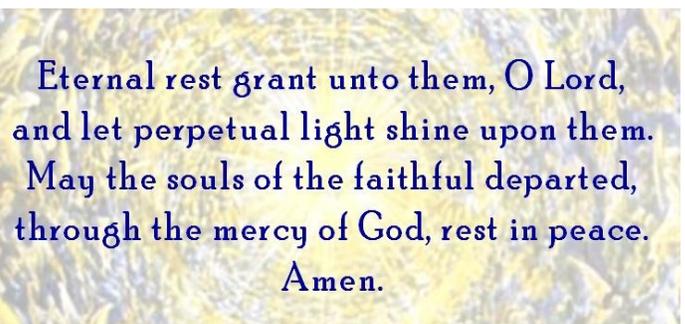
- † Deceased members of Phinney, Sheehan, Carneghi Families by Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Nick and Rosie Charletta by Family

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes



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



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!



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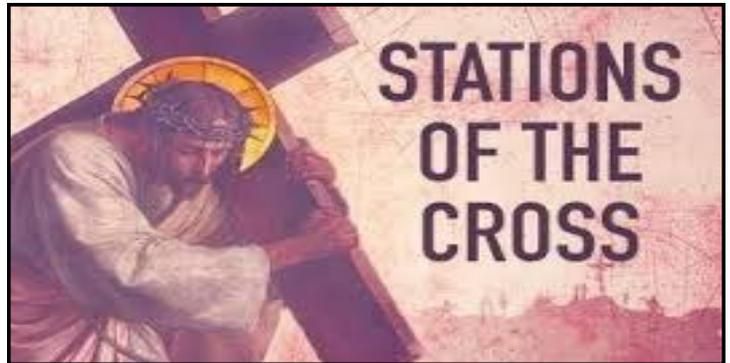
April 24 – 26, 2026 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL

For more information, call us at 815-246-2080, email us at JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org, or visit us online at HelpOurMarriage.org/Joliet



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
Linda Eck	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



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.

Catholic Kids Column Jesus Weeps With Us

Today we hear about Jesus' close friend, Lazarus. Lazarus becomes very sick, and his sisters, Mary and Martha, send for Jesus to come and help. But by the time Jesus arrives, Lazarus has already died. The sisters are heartbroken. They both say to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." You can almost hear the pain and disappointment in their voices. They believed in Jesus, but they didn't understand why He didn't come sooner.

When Jesus sees their grief, He doesn't give them a quick answer or tell them not to cry. He doesn't say, "It's okay, I'll fix this." Instead, He looks at them, feels their pain, and begins to cry too. The shortest verse in the whole Bible says, "Jesus wept." That one sentence tells us a lot about who Jesus is. He doesn't just see our sadness—He shares it. When we cry, Jesus is not far away. He is beside us, crying too.

That's hard to believe sometimes. When we go through tough times—like losing someone we love, being hurt by friends, or feeling alone—it can seem like God doesn't care. But this story reminds us that He does care. Jesus didn't just cry for Lazarus; He cried because He loved deeply. He cried because He saw how much Mary and Martha were hurting. He entered into their pain. That means when you are hurting, Jesus is with you too. He doesn't turn away or tell you to "get over it." He stays with you, just like He stayed with them.

Sometimes people think faith means always being happy or pretending everything is fine. But Jesus shows us a different kind of faith. Faith means trusting God even when things hurt. It means believing that God is with you, even when you can't feel Him. Mary and Martha were sad and confused, but they still came to Jesus. They still believed He could help. That's what faith looks like—it's coming to Jesus with your real feelings, not hiding them.

Maybe you've been through something painful. Maybe you've lost someone or something important to you. Maybe you've been disappointed, or you're struggling with things you can't control. This story tells you that Jesus is not far away. He knows what it's like to feel heartbroken. He understands every tear you cry. You don't have to act strong in front of Him. You can tell Him exactly how you feel. He listens. He cares. And He stays.

But the story doesn't end with tears. After Jesus weeps, He goes to the tomb where Lazarus is buried. People think it's too late, but Jesus calls Lazarus by name and brings him back to life. The same Jesus who cried also brings resurrection and joy. That shows us something amazing—our sadness doesn't last forever. God's love has the power to bring life even out of death, hope out of despair, and joy out of sorrow.

So when you face sadness, remember this: Jesus is right there with you. He's not watching from a distance. He's by your side, holding your pain with you. He weeps when you weep. But He also brings hope. The same voice that called Lazarus out of the tomb calls to you too. He calls you toward life, toward healing, and toward peace. You are never alone in your grief. Jesus walks with you every step of the way, until the tears turn into joy again.

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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.

An Invitation for Us All

The Annunciation shows us Mary's incredible trust in God. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, she was young, humble, and living an ordinary life. But Mary did not hesitate when God asked her to be the mother of Jesus. Her willingness to step into an unknown future shows her deep faith. This moment invites us to think about our own faith and how we respond to God's call in our lives.

Mary's "yes" reminds us that God calls each of us to something special. His plan may be different for each person, but He asks for our openness just as He did with Mary. Often, we may not fully understand God's plans or where He is leading us, but the Annunciation reminds us that trust and faith can guide us. We are not asked to see the whole path but only to take one faithful step at a time.

Another lesson from the Annunciation is the beauty of saying "yes" to God's will, even when it is difficult. Mary knew that accepting God's call would change her life in big ways, and it would not always be easy. Yet she was willing to put her own plans aside to follow God's will. Her example challenges us to look at our own choices and ask if we are willing to let go of control and let God guide us.

Finally, the Annunciation shows us the power of openness. Mary was open to God's love and call, even though it seemed impossible. Through her openness, Jesus came into the world, bringing light and hope to all. This moment reminds us that when we are open to God's work in our lives, He can accomplish great things through us, too. Each of us has the potential to bring goodness and hope to others by our choices and actions.

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<u>March 15, 2026</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$7,519	\$3,173
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$312,297	\$96,828
YTD Budget Need	\$333,740	\$101,565
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$21,443)	(\$4,737)
Annual Budget <i>(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)</i>	\$460,000	\$140,000
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,905	\$1,031

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

2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS:
Faith that Elevates!

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

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 goals are:
St. Mary Nativity \$39,800 Holy Cross is \$13,700

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As a member of the deaf community, Diana longed for more than a seat in the pew. She yearned for genuine spiritual connection, for a liturgy where she could truly encounter Christ. That longing led her to the Deaf Formation Ministry — and your generosity to the CMAA helped make that possible.

Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community

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.

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. John Paul II Catholic Church, 907 S. 9th St., Kankakee

When: Mon., March 23, 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).

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Upcoming Events

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The Week Ahead

Monday, March 23

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - SMN Nativity Room



Tuesday, March 24

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

6:00pm Lent Reflection - SMN Church

7:00pm Confession - SMN Church

*The Seven Last Words of Christ
with Adoration and Reconciliation
March 24, 2026—6 PM*

Wednesday, March 25

8:30am Mass—SMN Church



Thursday, March 26

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church



Friday, March 27

8:00am SMN School Stations of the Cross - SMN Church

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Lenten Soup - SMN Nativity Room

6:00pm Silhouette Stations - SMN Church



Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

7:00am Easter Breakfast - SMN Gym

9:00am Spring Craft Fair

9:15am **No Religious Ed Class**

1:30pm Baptism Class - Joann Room



Sunday, April 12th 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 April 4th & 5th. 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



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Do you believe that Jesus is the Lord of your marriage? Bring God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 10-12 at St. Mary's in Lemont, at St. Mary of the Angels on May 16-17 in Chicago or June 12-14 in Arlington Heights.

For more info go to: 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 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.**

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Thursday - March 12

Cesar Martinez - \$20
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TAKE NOTE

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has updated the financial aid application requirements for the 2026-27 academic year. CEF will accept **2024 tax returns** as the basis for financial aid evaluation. The FACTS application portal opens on **November 1**.

CEF SCHOLARSHIP

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Questions about the application process or financial aid can be directed to Shirley Roberson at (815)221-6127 or SRoberson@dioceseofjoliet.org

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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



Terminy sesji zdjęciowych

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Niedziela, 12 kwietnia | **9:45 AM-1:45 PM**

Sobota, 6 czerwca | **3:00-7:00 PM**

Niedziela, 7 czerwca | **9:45 AM-1:45 PM**

Lokalizacja: sala gimnastyczna w St. Mary Nativity

Kontakt

NICOLE KULON

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PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

Saturday, April 11 | **3:00-7:00 PM**

Sunday, April 12 | **9:45 AM-1:45 PM**

Saturday, June 6 | **3:00-7:00 PM**

Sunday, June 7 | **9:45 AM-1:45 PM**

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Po więcej informacji prosimy kontaktować się z Nicole Kulon: 815-212-4910



February Students of the Month

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