

March
29,
2026

St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

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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

*Palm
Sunday*

*My God,
why have you
abandoned me?*

PSALM 22

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 info@stmarynativity.org

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

 <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

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Parish and School Centers

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Meet Our Staff...



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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



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Parish Office (815) 726-4031
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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

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

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

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

Confessions at SMN: **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)

Palm
SUNDAY

Hosanna!
Blessed is He
who comes in
the name of
the Lord! The
King of Israel!



LIVING STATIONS of the CROSS



Presented By:

**St. Mary Nativity School
8th Grade Students**

**Wednesday, April 1st
2:00pm**

St. Mary Nativity Church

The Living Stations of the Cross is a re-enactment of the final hours of what Jesus Christ our Lord endured before He gave His life for us on the cross. Because of His sacrifice, we have the promise of eternal life in heaven with Him.





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

Mass Intentions

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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 Haight 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)

O cud uzdrowienia dla Małgorzaty i dla Marii

† 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

Monday - March 30

8:30am Mass (HC)

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

† Raymond MacZura "Birthday" by Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Antoniny Kulon z okazji 95. urodzin

Tuesday - March 31

8:30am Mass (SMN)

† Pauline Ellis & Mary Lloyd by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

8:30am Mass (HC)

† Cezary Gałagus

Wednesday - April 1

8:30am Mass (SMN)

For the needy and the poor of our Parishes

7:00pm Mass (HC) Polish

† Krystyna Strojny (20. rocznica śmierci)

Thursday - April 2 - Holy Thursday

6:30pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

7:00pm Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna za dar Eucharystii i kapłaństwa

Friday - April 3 - Good Friday

3:00pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

No Mass (HC)

Saturday - April 4 - Holy Saturday

8:00 pm Mass (SMN) Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy

† Richard Serdar by Lorraine Rolih

† Mary Ann O'Brien by Family

No Easter Vigil Mass at HC, moved to 5:00am Easter Sunday

Sunday - April 5 - Easter Sunday

5:00am Mass (HC) Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy

O zdrowie Boże błogosławieństwo dla Janiny i Stanisława Ciufaczów oraz syna Andrzeja

† Władysław Mąka (33. rocznica śmierci)

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† George M. Weiskop by Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Phillip Torres by Larry & Laurie Pottorff

10:30 am Mass (HC)

† Danuta Mąka

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Robert & Genevieve Susner by Frank LaBuda & Daughter, Caryn

† Richard W. Serdar by Family

† Albert W. & Catherine P. Hochevar by Albert P. Hochevar

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

NO 5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased.

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

**Carol A. Maloney
Carol Jean Konc**

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.



5 Parish Prayer

It is never too late to have the



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THE NINE MONTHS OF THE CHILD, JESUS IN THE WOMB OF MARY

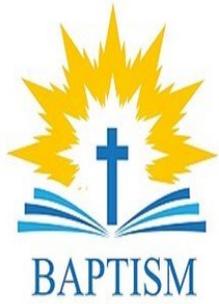
Each year on December 25th we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For centuries the Church has also celebrated his conception on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation.

Our parishes have once again begun our "Spiritual Adoption" program. Each month we will be keeping you up to date with the development of your baby.

THE FIRST MONTH - MARCH 25 TO APRIL 25

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee..." With her acceptance of God's will, Mary's body prepares to carry Jesus in her womb. During this first month of pregnancy, the baby's heart is beating, and by the 20th day, the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are developed. He has arms, legs, eyes, ears, kidneys, a liver, a mouth and an umbilical cord. A placenta forms as a barrier to keep his mother's blood separate, while allowing nourishment and oxygen to pass through. The awesome news that a mother is with child can be greeted with great joy or dread-filled sorrow. Each year in the U.S. some 1.6 million mothers and fathers choose to still those beating hearts and reject those budding lives. Pray for all mothers and fathers that they may choose life for their unborn children.

Congratulations To Our Newly Baptized!



Mia Rae Bibian
Marie Rae Bibian
 At St. Mary Nativity Church
 March 22, 2026

May Jesus, who loves all children, bless them with His love and grace as they grow close to Our Lord throughout their lives.



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...

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| 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 Reconciliation



The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness. Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time sinners reconcile with the Church who is also wounded by our sins.

St. Mary Nativity:

April 1: 9AM-10AM, 12PM-1PM, 5PM-6PM

Holy Cross:

March 30, 31, and April 1: 6:00-6:50 PM and after the 7 PM Polish Mass as needed, but no longer than 8:30 PM

Catholic Kids Column
Am I Willing to Follow?

Palm Sunday begins the journey of Holy Week, the most important time in the Church year. The readings show the joy of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and the deep suffering he faced in the days that followed. The people welcomed him with cheers, waving palm branches and calling him their king. But soon, everything changed. He was betrayed, arrested, and sentenced to death. The same crowds that praised him later called for his crucifixion.

Jesus endured pain, rejection, and humiliation. He was beaten, mocked, and left to carry his cross alone. Even his closest friends abandoned him. Peter, who had promised to stand by him, denied knowing him three times. Judas, one of his own disciples, betrayed him for money. In his suffering, Jesus felt completely alone.

On the cross, Jesus cried out, asking why God had forsaken him. This moment shows his deep pain, but it also connects him to anyone who has ever felt abandoned. People sometimes feel distant from God in times of suffering. Jesus understands this because he experienced it himself.



Even in his darkest hour, Jesus remained faithful. He did not fight back or seek revenge. He trusted that his suffering had meaning. Palm Sunday Year A reminds people that suffering is part of life, but they are never truly alone. Jesus knows what it is to feel abandoned, and he walks with them in their pain.

Place yourself in the story of Jesus' passion. There were many different people involved, each with their own reactions. Some welcomed Jesus with joy. Others turned against him. Some stayed close, while others ran away. It is worth asking, where would you have been?

Would you have been in the crowd, cheering for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem? Or would you have been annoyed by the commotion, not wanting your routine disturbed? When Jesus was arrested, would you have stood by him, or would you have denied knowing him like Peter?

Maybe you would have been like Simon of Cyrene, carrying the cross without wanting to, forced into service. Or perhaps like the women who stood by Jesus at the cross, refusing to leave him even when things got dangerous. Would you have helped, like Joseph of Arimathea, who gave Jesus a tomb? Or would you have joined the crowd in mocking him?

Jesus showed what true love looks like. He put others before himself. He accepted suffering instead of running from it. He forgave even those who hurt him. This is not the way of the world. The world teaches people to seek power, comfort, and success. Jesus teaches them to serve, sacrifice, and love.

It is easy to admire Jesus from a distance. It is harder to live as he did. Following him means choosing kindness over selfishness, patience over anger, and trust over fear. It means carrying our own crosses, whatever they may be. It means forgiving when it is difficult and loving even those who hurt us.

The passion story is not just about the past—it challenges people today. It asks them to reflect on their own faith, their willingness to follow Jesus, and their response to suffering. We are reminded that true greatness comes from humility and love. As Holy Week begins, we are invited to walk with Jesus, to stand by him in his suffering, and to follow his example of selfless love.

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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.

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The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and *gracias press*

The Heart of Prayer
A Study with Bishop Andrew Cozzens

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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March 22, 2026	St. Mary Nativity	Holy Cross
Sunday Offertory	\$7,335	\$2,867
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$319,632	\$99,695
YTD Budget Need	\$342,760	\$104,310
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$23,128)	(\$4,615)
Annual Budget <i>(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)</i>	\$460,000	\$140,000

Thank you for attending. Thank you for serving.

Thank you for giving.

Thank you for growing with us.

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March 28-29

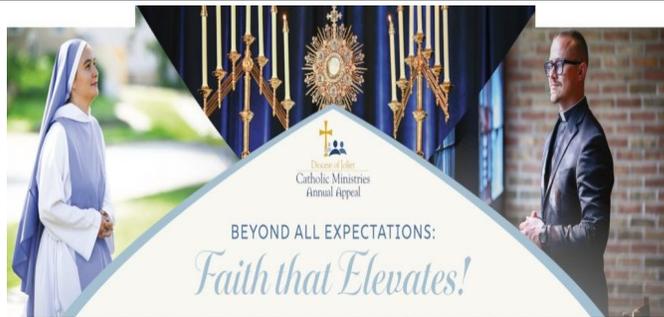
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- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Liquid Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Boxed Kleenex
- Disposable Wipes
- Paper Towels



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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

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



She drove hours just to hear Mass. Then everything changed.

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.

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 30

6:00pm Confession - HC Church
7:00pm Mass in Polish at Holy Cross

Tuesday, March 31

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room
1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church
6:00pm Confession - HC Church

Wednesday, April 1

8:30am Mass - St. Mary Nativity (School Mass)
9:00am Confession - SMN Church
12:00pm Confession - SMN Church
2:00pm 8th Grade Students - Living Stations - SMN Church
5:00pm Confession - SMN Church
6:00 Easter Choir Rehearsal - SMN Church
6:00pm Confession - HC Church
7:00pm Mass at Holy Cross

Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday

SMN NO School / Parish Office CLOSED

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church
6:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - SMN Church
(Adoration until 11:30pm)
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Holy Cross in Polish
8:00pm Bitter Sorrows Sung Service - HC Church
(Adoration until 11:00pm)

Friday, April 3 Good Friday

SMN NO School / Parish Office CLOSED

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church
3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - SMN Church
5:00pm **NO POLISH SCHOOL - Easter Break**
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (Polish) - HC Church
7:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - Holy Cross in Polish
(Adoration until 11:00pm)

Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday

(No food pantry this weekend)

11:00am Adoration - HC Church
12:00pm Blessing of the Food Baskets - SMN Church
8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy - SMN Church

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

5:00am Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy -
HC Church followed by Resurrection
Procession
7:00am Mass--St Mary Nativity
9:00am Mass--Holy Cross
10:30am Mass--Holy Cross in Polish
11:00am Mass --St Mary Nativity
12:30pm Mass--St Mary Nativity
NO 5:30pm MASS



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 11th & 12th
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



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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.**

9 School News

Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to the following WINNERS!

Thursday - March 19
Jim Hurd - \$40
Seller: School Family

Friday - March 20
Mary Lou Rutherford - \$150
Seller: Mailing

Saturday - March 21
David Mammosser - \$40
Seller: Mailing

Sunday - March 22
Juanita Estrada - \$150
Seller: School Family

Monday - March 23
Yesenia Gutierrez - \$20
Seller: School Family

Tuesday - March 24
Dan Campus - \$20
Seller: Mailing

Thank you!



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Preschool - 8th grade

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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

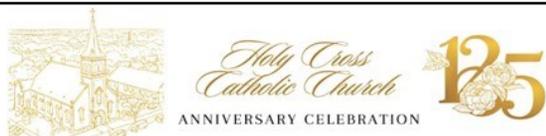
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Kontakt

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PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

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

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

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

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