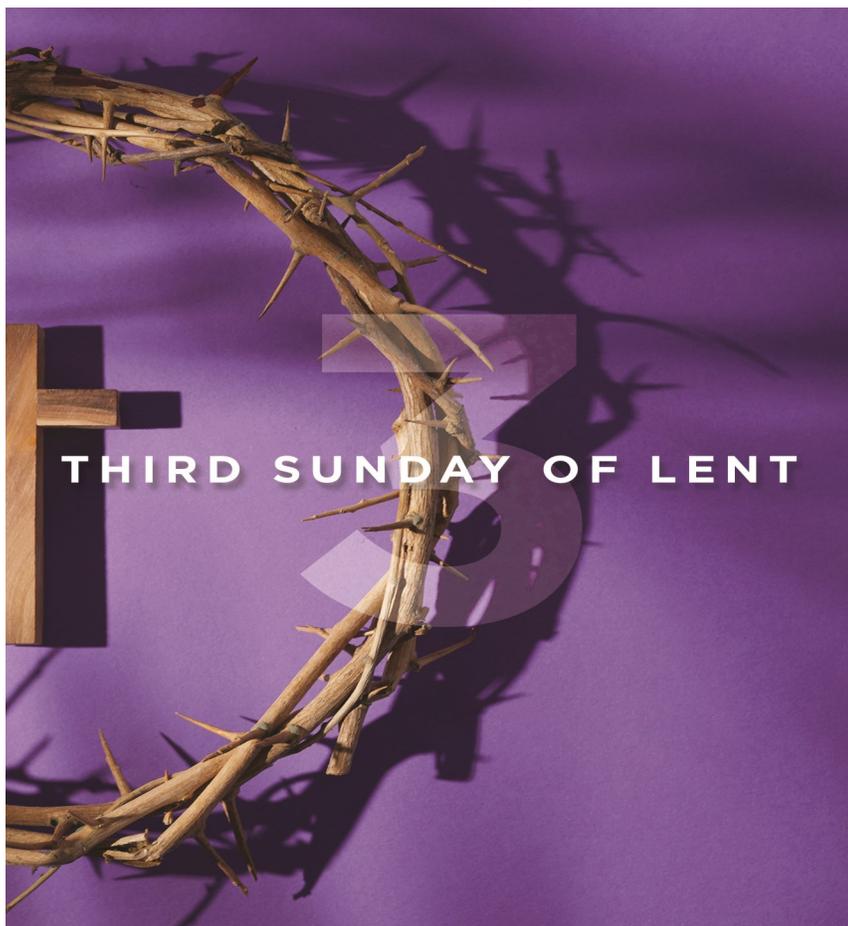


March
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2026

St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

 815-726-4031

 info@stmarynativity.org

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

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 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



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CATHOLIC CHURCH



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

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Office Hours



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THE DEADLINE**

Submit Articles by
Monday no later than
2 pm for the upcoming
Sunday Bulletin.

Please send all articles
for the bulletin to
smammosser@stmarynativity.org
Thank you for your
cooperation!



The Sacrament of Baptism

For Baptisms at St. Mary Nativity Church, please call the Faith Formation Office for more information. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month after the 12:30 PM Mass. Baptism preparation classes are scheduled upon need.

For Baptisms at Holy Cross Mission, contact Fr. Tomasz Sielicki



The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony (Marriage)

Please call the Parish Office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding.



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office if you or someone you know are in need of the sacrament.

Funerals

Call the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.



St. Mary Nativity Catholic School

702 North Broadway Street Joliet, Illinois 60435
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Office Hours:

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w Joliet**

Barbara Szuba,
Polish School Principal
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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 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

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 (Świeconka) 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

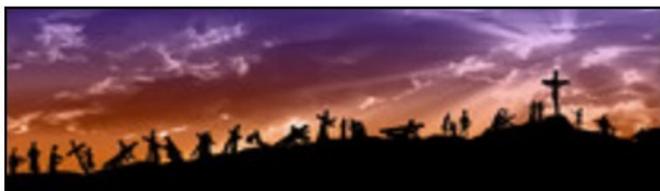
April 6: Easter Monday 7:00 pm in Polish at HC
April 12: Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 3:00 pm (not a Mass) at SMN and at HC (Polish)



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 13: Stations led by Fr. Clive

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.



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 10th 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



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 błogosławieństwo 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)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo oraz opiekę Matki Bożej dla Edyty i Anety z okazji urodzin

† Danuta Mąka

† Małgorzata Janas (5. rocznica śmierci)

oraz + Romuald Ryzewski (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

Monday - March 9

8:30am Mass (HC)

† Darlene Bistry by Ray & Annette Koncar

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

O udaną operację dla Krystyny Madej

Tuesday - March 10

8:30am Mass (SMN)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

8:30am Mass (HC)

Za zmarłych przyjaciół i dobrodziejów

Wednesday - March 11

8:30am Mass (SMN)

† † Delfa Ochotorena & Asuncion Triunfo by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

7:00pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Ewa, Helena i Wacław Sędaccy

Thursday - March 12

8:30am Mass (SMN)

† Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family by Family

7:00pm Mass (HC)

† † Ludwika i Jan Bryniarscy

Friday - March 13

8:30am Mass (HC)

† † Ray & Sophie Levek by Family

7:00pm Mass (HC)

† Kazimierz Jankowski (32. rocznica śmierci)

Saturday - March 14

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Jeanne Stofko "Birthday" by Judy & David Stofko

† Julia Fordonski "Birthday" by Family

† † Steve & Adeline Jenco by Steve & Linda Jenco

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Andy Orosco by The Martinez Family

Special Intentions of the Al Hochevar Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Józef Klikuszowian

Sunday - March 15

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† † John & Anne Martis by Goddaughter

9:00 am Mass (HC)

Kathy Jaskowiak "71st Birthday" by Marcia Groves & Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Joanny i Julianny z okazji urodzin

Z podziękowaniem za otrzymane łaski i z prośbą o dalszą opiekę dla rodziny Rybiarczyków

† Mieczysław Kaszuba (24. rocznica śmierci) oraz żona + Maria oraz syn + Roman

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† † Joseph & Matthew Gasparich by Lon Spesia

† Merle Hoebing by The Salas Family

† Frank LaBuda by Irene Tomala

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† Carmen DeNardis by The Nemanich 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.*

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 25th 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.



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



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!

**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.**



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





Calling all Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, and Ushers at SMN and Holy Cross:

All existing ministers and *new members discerning* to join these ministries are requested to attend an important meeting on

Saturday, March 21, 2026

10 AM at St. Mary Nativity in the Nativity Room.

These ministries require a loving commitment.

If you have a calling to use your gifts and talents in any of these ministries, plan on attending.

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.

“St. Mary Nativity School and Religious Education Students worked together to present Silhouette Stations of the Cross for parishioners on February 27. It was inspiring to see these young Catholics working together in such a beautiful devotion.”



The Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors had an inspirational meeting with Catholic Speaker and Confidence Coach for Teens, Jenny Krumdrick. The morning began in the gym with an ice breaker game called “Group Juggling.” There were talks and times for discussions between Candidates and Sponsors. Besides the snacks, one highlight was a demonstration of “Trusting God.” The blindfolded contestants were told by “God” that the item over their head was either good or bad for them. Since the contestant could not see the item, they had to rely on the audience to help them decide if they in fact wanted the item. Some items were good because God tells us they are good and we know they are. Some items were bad because God tells us they are and our friends (if they are good friends) agree. The tough choice comes when God tells us something is good, but our friends don’t think so. Who do we trust what God says or the rest of the world thinks? That is a decision we all must make. The day ended with all the Candidates and Sponsors attending the 11am Mass with Fr. Jerry. Students were lectors, ushers, and gift bearers. Fr. Jerry had a special petition just for the Candidates. We ask for your continued prayers for these young people as they continue their journey to Confirmation.



7 Stewardship



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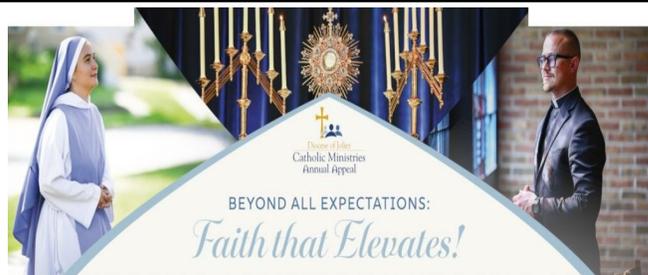
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<u>March 1, 2026</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$11,994	\$3,208
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$295,281	\$90,754
YTD Budget Need	\$315,700	\$96,075
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$20,419)	(\$5,321)
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.



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

Holy Cross received its final 2025 CMAA rebate check for \$3,004.75.

Total 2025 CMAA Rebate for Holy Cross was \$4,568.90



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



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).

For a listing of DOJ Events, please visit <https://www.diojoliet.org/events>



February 2026 Maintenance

	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Available Funds</u>
Holy Cross	\$1,882	\$2,985	\$7,758
January 2026 Invoice Campus Snow Removal and Salting		\$2,985	
Saint Mary Nativity	\$5,334	\$5,282	\$6,804
January 2026 Invoice Campus Snow Removal and Salting (Partial Payment)		\$4,000	
School Cafeteria Refrigerator Repair		\$205	
School Gym Pump Float for Heating System		\$292	
Water Treatment for Boiler		\$130	
Miscellaneous Items (Amazon and Menards)		\$655	

Thank You!

Upcoming Events

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The Week Ahead

Monday, March 9th

Tuesday, March 10th

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

6:30pm Stations for Married Couples - SMN Church

Wednesday, March 11th

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

Thursday, March 12th

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

Friday, March 13th

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

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Lenten Soup - SMN NR

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School

6:00pm Stations - SMN Church

Saturday, March 14th

1:00pm Wedding - SMN Church- (Danielewicz/Ruscitti)

Sunday, March 15th

8:35am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary – HC Church

9:15am Religious Ed - SMN School

10:35am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary – SMN Church

5:00pm Magnificat Table - SMN Cafeteria



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!



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



Jesus told the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well that whoever shall drink from the water I will give will not thirst again. Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage by participating in an upcoming Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Experience in Geneva, IL on April 10-12 at St. Mary's in Lemont, May 16-17 at St. Mary of the Angels 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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**2026-2027
Financial Aid
Opportunities**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
FOUNDATION
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

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**.

Apply Now! Don't Wait!

The CEF awarded \$135,000 this school year to 73 SMN Students!

CEF SCHOLARSHIP

The Catholic Education Foundation scholarship program is designed for K-12 students with demonstrated financial need currently enrolled or applying for the next school year in any CEF-supported Catholic schools within the Diocese of Joliet.

ONLINE APPLICATION
online.factsmgt.com



**DEADLINE IS
APRIL 1, 2026**

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

Easter Breakfast

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

St. Mary Nativity
Cafeteria

Breakfast \$12.00

- Chilaquiles
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Hashbrowns
- Pancakes

Pop \$2.00
Water \$1.00

Individually priced baked goods

St. Mary Nativity Gym 702 N. Broadway St. Joliet, IL. 60435

Spring Craft Fair

Sunday, March 29, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Vendor set up 7:00 a.m.)

Vendors Wanted

Vendor FEE:

\$55.00 for a 10x10 space and 8ft table

\$15.00 for an additional 6ft table

Application deadline March 10, 2026

Payment options:

*Payments can be made at the school office or sent by mail.

*Please ensure checks are made payable to St. Mary Nativity.

*Alternatively, you can pay online using the following link:

<https://SMNCraftShow25.givesmart.com>

Apply: <https://form.jotform.com/260485700771054>

For more information email:
smncraftshow@stmarynativity.org

Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to the
following WINNERS!

Thursday - February 26

Julia Reyes - \$150
Seller: School Family

Friday - February 27

Sally Stofko - \$20
Seller: Mailing
(Donated Back to Church)

Saturday - February 28

Devin McGlinn - \$200
Seller: School Family

Sunday - March 1

Mary E. Harris - \$200
Seller: Mailing

Monday - March 2

Alice Melesio - \$20
Seller: School Family

Tuesday - March 3

Maria Sandoval - \$20
Seller: School Mailing

Wednesday - March 4

Miriam Martinez - \$20
Seller: School Family

*Thank
you!*

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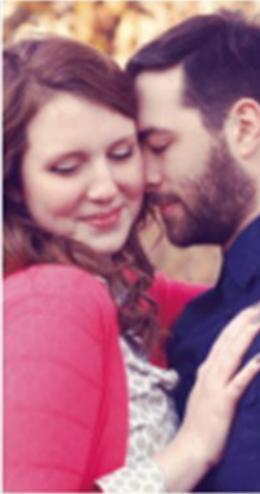
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