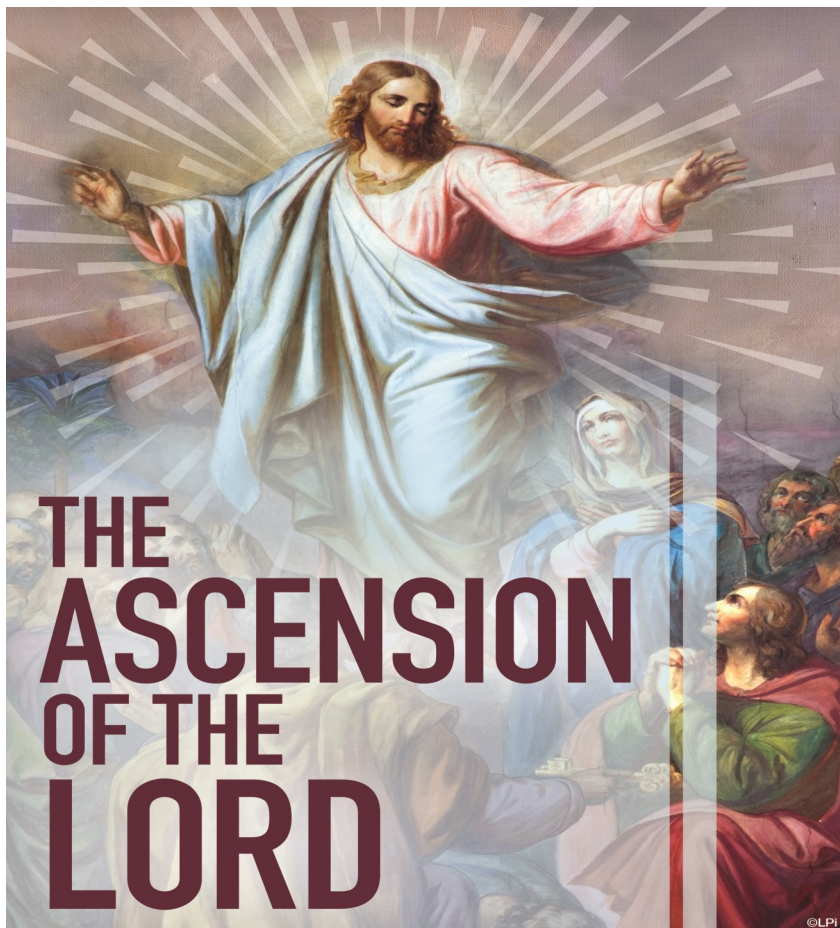


May
17,
2026


St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

 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

 <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

 <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/st706296>

 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



706 North Broadway Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435



830 Elizabeth Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Meet Our Staff...

- Father Clive Otieno**, Pastor
frclive@stmarynativity.org
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Faith Formation Office
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Office Hours



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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
(815) 722-8518 www.stmarynativity.org

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

Dr. Elias Alonzo, School Principal
ealonzo@stmarynativity.org

Bianca Mata, School Secretary
bmata@stmarynativity.org

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

Barbara Szuba,
Polish School Principal
polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

3 Congratulations to our First Communicants

St. Mary Nativity Church - May 2, 2026



May the Holy Spirit continue to enlighten each of them.



Holy Cross Polish Mission - May 9, 2026





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

Mass Intentions

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Saturday - May 16

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† † Butch & Sis Evans by Tom & Nancy Huckaba

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Zachary LaBuda by Frank LaBuda & Daughter, Caryn

† Frances Hakey by Family

† Jerry Lakota by Chris Boban

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

Dziękczynna za przeprowadzoną operację i o dalsze Boże błogosławieństwo dla Zofi

† Jolanta Mucha

† Józef Kliuszowian (22. rocznica śmierci)

† Józef Matyga (25. rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - May 17

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the people of the Parishes

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Wanda T. Bindas "3rd Anniversary" by Daughter, Marysia & Family

† Bill Schmitz Jr. By Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Zuzanny Matras z okazji 14. urodzin

Z podziękowaniem za otrzymane łaski i o dalsze Boże błogosławieństwo dla Piotra z okazji 54. urodzin

† Józef Jasielec

† Mikołaj Mroczek (zam Koło Różańcowe)

† Stanisław Zajęc oraz + Stanisław Mrowca

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

The living & deceased mothers of our Parishes

† † Daniel & Stephen Mahalik by The Lawrence Mahalik Family

† Elsie D. Birch by Albert R. Hochevar

† Kenneth Hrusosky by Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the people of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† † Anthony & Mary Gaspich by Nina Gaspich

Monday - May 18

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Catherine P. Hochevar by Albert R. Hochevar

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Ewa, Helena i Waclaw Sędacy

Tuesday - May 19

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family by Family

8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish

† Siostra Gumberta (zmarła w Niemczech)

Wednesday - May 20

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family by Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

W Panu Bogu wiadomej intencji

Thursday - May 21

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O dobre rozeznanie życiowego powołania dla tegorocznych maturzystów

Friday - May 22

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† William R. Birch by Albert R. Hochevar

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† Helena i Józef Piorun

Saturday - May 23

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† † Raymond & Margaret Smith by Linda Friedrich

† Mary Lojeski by The Dan Lajcin Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Norma G. Strahanoski by Dolores Pavich

† Jerry Lakota by Wife, Kids & Grandkids

† Judy Georgantas by Jean & Marge Zanella

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† ks. Józef Dudziak SChr (1. rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - May 24

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† † Bonnie & Leo Ardaugh by Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Ronald Klen by The Dan Lajcin Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Małgorzaty z okazji urodzin

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Victorii z okazji urodzin

† Danuta Mąka

† Jerzy Nowak

† Tadeusz Gotard

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

The living and deceased mothers of our Parishes

† William K. Skadow by Albert R. Hochevar

† George MacZura IV "Anniversary" by Family

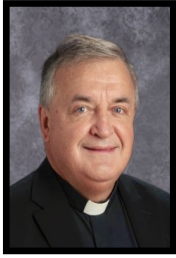
12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† † Frank & Rita LaBuda by Frank LaBuda & Daughter, Caryn

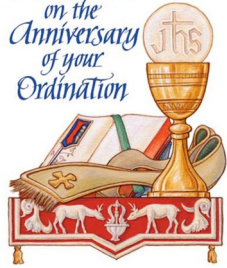
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



*Gratitude and Joy
on 46 years in the
Priesthood*

Father Tomasz Sielicki

*BLESSINGS
on the
Anniversary
of your
Ordination*



*May the love of
the Lord be with
you always!
Ordained
May 22, 1980*



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 SECOND MONTH –APRIL 25 TO MAY 25

Surely by now Mary has told her parents, Joachim and Anne, of her pregnancy. What must they think? How will they tell Mary's betrothed, Joseph the Carpenter? The law would have Mary stoned for adultery. They must trust in God! Today's unwed teenage mother may never know the comfort of loving parents or the warmth of understanding support. Without parental guidance or knowledge, the law allows her to terminate an infant before it has begun its journey into life. At two months, the child in the womb has a fully functioning body with fingers, toes, a brain, its tiny heart beating twice as fast as an adult's. His milk teeth are present at 6 ½ weeks. Though only a little over an inch, it is now apparent that the baby is a boy or girl. Pray for teens in crisis pregnancies, that God will strengthen them to make the right choice.



On Monday - May 25th
Parish Office will be closed!
(NO 8:30am Mass at either church)
Memorial Day Mass will be
at 10:00 am at

St. Mary Nativity Cemetery
Caton Farm Rd. & Oakland Av., Crest Hill
(Please bring lawn chairs)



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	Parnell
Bill	Jacqueline H.	James Partak
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	Don Legerski	Terri Shepherd
Bob DeLach	Kathleen Lepacek	Ashly Smith
Anthony Deredita	Darlene Likar	Scott & Adam
John Drnek	Ann Marie Linko	Elizabeth Mary Sobolak
Gerald Drobick	George MacZura	Mary Suarez
Linda Eck	Phil May	Thomure Family
Dosse Houseaj Elise	Alex McKeel	Joseph Trubich
Kelly G.	Charlene Molnar	Jim Thompson
Anthony Gregory	Robert Nasenbenny	Margaret Thompson
Anthony Harmes	Raymond John Nickel	Sister Elaine Teders
Alba Hensley	Paul Norris	Tommy Turner
Janet	Gliceria Nunez	Susan Ward

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



Save the Date **VACATION Bible School**

St. Mary Nativity

 June 15
 thru
 June 19

EVEREST
 Conquering Challenges with
 God's Mighty Power



**Welcome
 Christine Goba
 Director of
 Faith Formation**

Greetings to the Parishioners of St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Mission! My name is Christine Goba and I am truly honored and excited to be joining your community as the new Director of Faith Formation.

I have been blessed to have served as the Director of Elementary Religious Education at St. Thomas the Apostle in Naperville and previously as the Director of Religious Formation at Christ the Servant in Woodridge. I am bringing with me to St. Mary and Holy Cross 38 years of experience in religious education, with work experience from St. Micheal in Wheaton and Sacred Heart in Lombard.

In addition to being a Director of Religious Education, I have been an active member of the Catholic Church and have participated over the years as a member of the New Evangelization Committee, Adult Enrichment Committee, children's Mass coordinator, Shepard Youth Group leader, eucharistic minister, lector, church softball league co-founder and one of the founders of the Sacred Heart adoration chapel and served as its coordinator for seven years. My home parish is Christ the King in Lombard where I live with my husband Mike. We have three daughters and one son that live in the area.

I am especially honored to join such a beautiful and welcoming community. As I have gotten to know the staff and children at St. Mary and Holy Cross and learn about the good work being done here, I have become even more grateful to be part of this parish family. I pray that God will bless me as I contribute to the mission of St. Mary and Holy Cross and walk alongside you and your family. I am truly grateful to be part of this mission.

Please feel free to email, call or stop by to talk to me. I can't wait to talk with you.

Christine Goba,
 Director of Religious Faith Formation

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER FOR TEENS!

SJ JOLIET
 June 26-28, 2026

Say "yes" to lifting up the next generation

Adults (18+) are invited to donate their time, energy, and joy to help create a powerful weekend of faith for our youth during the Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference June 26-28 at Benedictine University.

- We need 100 enthusiastic volunteers who can serve for the full weekend (Friday-Sunday) or shorter shifts.
- Registration is open through early June and includes the standard Virtus and background check process.
- Meals are provided for volunteers during mealtimes.

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

QUESTIONS?
 Contact Kristin Laszlo
 joliet@partnershipforyouth.org

Wear RED for PENTECOST

May 23rd & 24th

St. Mary Nativity Religious Education

Register now for 2026-27!

Early Registration Tuition Rates in effect now through May 31

Classes meet on Sunday mornings from September-April
 Info and Registration is online at www.stmarynativityholycross.com

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Stewardship



Scan now to donate!

Scan here

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

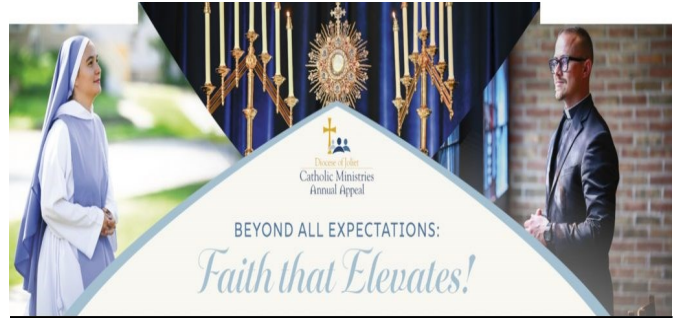
You can also donate by visiting our website at <https://stmarnativityholycross.com>

<u>May 10, 2026</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$8,102	\$2,689
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$370,782	\$117,295
YTD Budget Need	\$396,880	\$120,780
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$26,098)	(\$3,485)
Annual Budget <i>(July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)</i>	\$460,000	\$140,000
Mother's Day	\$1,902	\$488

Thank you for attending. Thank you for serving.

Thank you for giving.

Thank you for growing with us.



<u>Saint Mary Nativity</u>		Thank YOU	Once our parishes reach their goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to the parishes.
2025 Goal	\$39,800		
Amount Pledged	\$36,415		
Amount Paid	\$30,074		
Balance Due	\$ 6,341		
Donor Count	133		
2025 Rebate	\$0		
<u>Holy Cross</u>			
2025 Goal	\$13,700		
Amount Pledged	\$15,728		
Amount Paid	\$13,508		
Balance Due	\$ 2,220		
Donor Count	50		
2025 Rebate	\$0		

DONATE TODAY



Healing From the Inside Out

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal funds counseling services at Daybreak, Catholic Charities' shelter for those experiencing homelessness. In two years, nearly 200 clients have received therapy, coping skills, and the compassionate care they need to heal — and hold on to — a stable home.



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 unflinching 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.

Our Grand Sweepstakes tickets are here! If you would like to enter the drawing, please call or stop by the Parish Office to purchase your tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 4th.

\$25 per ticket or 5 Tickets for \$100 **Only 2000 tickets sold!**

Grand Prize Drawing will be June 5, 2026

GRAND PRIZE
40% of Total Revenue

2nd Prize 5% of Total Revenue
3rd Prize 1% of Total Revenue
4th Prize 1% of Total Revenue
5th Prize 1% of Total Revenue

PLUS

Early Bird Drawing \$1000 (5/8/2026)
Seller of Winning Ticket . 1% of Total Revenue
Seller of Most Tickets 1% of Total Revenue

Get your chances for the Grand Prize on June 5th.

Current Grand Prize is \$3,410

Tickets available at the Rectory.

Congratulations to our Early Bird Winner!!

Vic & Donna Biasseti

\$1,000

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

3:30pm SMN and HC Parish Council Meeting - SMN NR

6:30pm SMN & HC Finance Meeting - SMN NR

Wednesday, May 20

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

6:00pm 8th Grade Graduation Dinner - SMN Gym

Thursday, May 21

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

6:00pm SMN 8th Grade Graduation -

SMN Church, NR

Friday, May 22

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday



**Parish Office
Summer Hours:**

Monday through Thursday

8:00am to 3:00pm

Fridays - CLOSED

From June 1 thru August 14

**Church will be open for Personal Prayer on
Fridays from 8:00am to 3:00pm**

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 this year. Contact the Parish Office with any questions. All pictures can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Save the Date - September 13, 2026

**Sunday, May 17th in the Nativity Room
after the morning masses.**



**Non Perishable items
may be dropped off at
St. Mary Nativity Church
vestibule on
June 6th & 7th
Thank you!**

Upcoming Events

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English

Spanish (Livestream)

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



**"And behold, I am with you always,
until the end of the age." Trust in the
Lord that He is in your marriage.**

**Attend the next Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Experience on June 12-14 at Holiday Inn Express
NW in Arlington Heights or July 10-12 at St. John Neumann
in St. Charles (2 day non-residential).**

For more info go to:
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.**

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Preschool - 8th grade

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ZAPISY NA NOWY ROK SZKOLNY 2026/2027



Rozpoczynamy zapisy na nowy rok szkolny 2026/2027

Nasza szkoła od 20 lat uczy i cieszy się językiem polskim, przekazuje wiedzę z literatury i kultury polskiej jak również z historii i geografii

Oferujemy zajęcia w małych grupach dla dzieci w wieku od przedszkola do liceum. Indywidualne podejście do ucznia oraz wykwalifikowana i z pasją kadra pedagogiczna pozwala na unikalny rozwój każdego dziecka. Przygotowujemy do sakramentów świętych – I Komunii oraz Bierzmowania

Polska Katolicka Szkoła im. Świętego Krzyża

Holy Cross Polish School

815 630 6190

polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

<https://www.polskaszkolajoliet.com/>

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

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

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

Contact Information

NICOLE KULON

815-212-4910

HOLYCROSS125TH@GMAIL.COM

Location: Gymnasium at St. Mary Nativity

Save the date!!

**Holy Cross Polish Mission
125th Anniversary
September 13, 2026**

Having your photo taken, you are helping preserve the legacy of Holy Cross Catholic Church, not just for today, but for generations yet to come.

We warmly invite and encourage all parishioners to take part. Let us show together what 125 years of faith looks like.
Reserve your spot today!

TERMINY SESJI ZDJĘCIOWYCH

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

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

KONTAKT

NICOLE KULON

815-212-4910

HOLYCROSS125TH@GMAIL.COM

Lokalizacja: sala gimnastyczna w St. Mary Nativity

Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to the WINNERS!

Thursday - May 7

Jason Towry - \$20

Seller: Mailing

Friday - May 8

Roberto C. Romero - \$20

Seller: School Family

Saturday - May 9

Ivett Izquierdo - \$40

Seller: School Family

Sunday - May 10

Nuvia Cervantes - \$200

Seller: School Family

Monday - May 11

Eugene Fordonski - \$20

Seller: Mailing

Tuesday - May 12

Veronica Cisneros - \$20

Seller: School Family

Wednesday - May 13

John Fields - \$20

Seller: School Family

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Vatican Recognition:

Decree Signing and Papal Audience



Vatican City, March, 2026 – Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) has been formally recognized as an International Private Association of the Faithful by the Vatican’s Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. The recognition was formalized in Rome on March 11 with the signing of the decree, followed by an audience with the Holy Father on March 12, both attended by a delegation of WWME couples, priests, bishops and religious from around the world.

The decree, presented by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life affirms the place of Worldwide Marriage Encounter within the life of the Church as a lay movement serving married couples and clergy in their vocation.

For more than 55 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has provided experiences centered on reflection, intentional communication and renewed commitment, inviting couples, priests and religious to engage more fully in their relationships and responsibilities with the Church. What begins as one encounter experience continues through a sustained network of communities that support participants in daily life.

The Vatican’s recognition acknowledges not only the structure of the movement, but the lived witness of those who have carried it forward—couples, priests and religious who have dedicated themselves to fostering stronger marriages, supporting ministry and building relationships rooted in faith.

Founded in 1968, WWME is now present in nearly 100 countries, serving a global community through experiences that provide practical tools for communication, reflection and renewal. These experiences continue beyond the initial encounter, shaping how participants engage with their families, ministries and local church communities.

This is an invitation being offered to all married couples and priests to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience being offered on the following dates and locations:

June 12-14	Holiday Inn, Arlington Heights
July 11-12	St. John Neumann, St. Charles (2 day non-residential)
September 18-20	Comfort Inn, Geneva
October 9-11	Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford
December 4-6	St. Mary’s Retreat Center, Lemont



For more information and to sign up for an Experience use the QR Code:

Or visit our website at: wwme.org or call 888-574-5653 -or- contact parishioners

Karen & Paul McDermott @ (815) 955-1289 or Jane & Jim Richards @ (815) 955-1568
jrichards75@hotmail.com



Happy Mother’s Day



We celebrate the special mothers of our parishes, both living and deceased, with a Mother’s Day Novena of Masses beginning on May 10th and continuing on the next eight Sundays. May we always honor our mothers with respect and remembrance.



—In Memory of—

- Teresa Johnson
- Lillian Grenchik
- Mamie Johnson
- Sue Guzman
- Velma Parker
- Marguerite F. Zlogar– Nelson
- Margaret Zlogar
- Mary Miller
- Tillie Buldak
- Leokadia Mucha
- Teresa Stafinska
- Veronica Mahalik
- Sophia Mahalik
- Mary Kurator
- Anna F. Gorski
- Mary Aroch

- Herculana Hernandez
- Belem Rosas
- Victoria Hernandez
- Reyna Hernandez
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May our Blessed Mother Mary be always present to us, blessing us with her gifts of unending love!

April Students of the Month



Congratulations to the St. Mary Nativity Students who were awarded the Virtue of Respect for the month of April.



8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony



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Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

St. Joseph Park
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3:00pm - 10:00pm

FREE ADMISSION



3:15pm—6:15pm



7:00pm - 10:00pm

Live Bands - Food - Beer Garden - Games - Raffles - 50/50

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd

12:00 - 9:00pm

More details coming soon!!!

August 23rd

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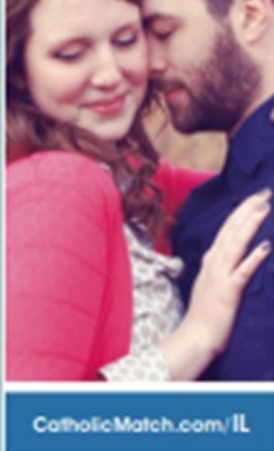
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