

June
14,
2026

St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.




11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


“Without cost you have received; without cost
you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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 815-726-4031

 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

Meet Our Staff...



706 North Broadway Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435



830 Elizabeth Street
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

Faith Formation Office
(815) 726-4073

Office Hours



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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

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

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Maintenance

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for your donations to our maintenance fund. Your support helps us preserve and improve our campuses so it can continue serving our community for years to come. Thank you!

May 2026 Maintenance

Holy Cross

Snow Plowing - 4th and Final Bill
Spring Clean Up/Fertilizing/Grass Cutting (April 2026)
Miscellaneous Items (Amazon and Menards)

<u>Donations</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$1,798	\$2,707	\$3,975

\$1,685	\$830	\$192
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Saint Mary Nativity

Primus Keys for Campus
Water Treatment for Boiler
Snow Plowing - 3rd Bill (Partial)
Spring Clean Up/Fertilizing/Grass Cutting (April 2026)
Miscellaneous Items (Amazon and Menards)

<u>Donations</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$4,138	\$5,881	\$6,150

\$139	\$130	\$4,800
\$440	\$372	

Upcoming projects

Holy Cross

Church shingle repair - Cost \$850
Church north gutter painting - man lift needed - Pending Finance Council Review
Church plumbing in the basement - Pending bids
Church door hinge - Pending availability
Church - Replace damage grass - Pending bid
Rectory gutter leak - Pending Finance Council Review
Rectory 2-car garage needs new siding - Pending Finance Council Review
Rectory retaining wall in need of some repairs - Pending bids
Masonry work around outside stairs in front of church - Pending bids

St. Mary Nativity

Sealcoating of North and South parking lots
Estimated cost \$5,700 - Approved

South lot parkway - removal of existing asphalt, grind tree stumps and install new asphalt
Estimated cost \$9,000
Pending inquiry submitted to the City of Joliet
Proposals also requested for brick pavers versus asphalt

Clock Tower Repair - pending crane/lift availability
Concrete repair in front of church - Pending bids

New rooftop chiller has been installed. Waiting on final invoice.
Estimated cost \$131,000
There will be a letter published in an upcoming bulletin about the chiller project.

Our community appreciates Aaron Murr, SMN parishioner, and Darek Kulon, HC parishioner, who continue to do many things around both campuses "pro bono". Thank you both!

Some new paneling in the Holy Cross School basement hall



Removal of old chiller at SMN



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

Mass Intentions

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Saturday - June 13

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Joseph & Cecilia Wolf by Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas

† Frank LaBuda by Daughter Caryn

† MacZura & Plisich Families by George MacZura

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Antoniego w dniu imienin oraz dla Filipa z okazji 3. urodzin

Sunday - June 14

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Bonnie Ardaugh by Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Helena Warmusz by Godson, Stanislaw & Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Maji z okazji 13. urodzin

† Jerzy Nowak

Dziękczynna i o Boże błogosławieństwo i dalszą opiekę Matki Bożej dla Teresy i Zbigniewa z okazji 40. rocznicy ślubu

† Mikołaj Mroczek

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

The living and deceased mothers of our Parishes

† Patricia Gudac by The Gudac Family

† Kenneth Hrusosky by Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† Jerry Lakota by The Pervan Family

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Monday - June 15

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Lorraine Jaskowiak "97th Birthday" by Marcia Groves & Family

† Ray Dennis by Mother

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

br. Stanislaw Lewandowski SChr (13. rocznica śmierci)

Tuesday - June 16

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Suellyn Booklund by The Pottorff Family

8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish

ks. Kazimierz Kotlarz SChr (7. rocznica śmierci)

Wednesday - June 17

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Richard W. Serdar by Janet & John Brandolino

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O trwałą i sprawiedliwy pokój dla Ukrainy, Iranu, Ziemi Świętej i Libanu

Thursday - June 18

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

† Joseph Wolf by Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O nowe, liczne i święte powołania do kapłaństwa i życia zakonnego

Friday - June 19

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O zbliżenie do Stwórcy dla wszystkich wypoczywających na wakacjach

Saturday - June 20

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Fathers of the Kirincich Family by Family

† Martin Lepacek Jr. "Birthday" by Pat Lepacek

† Lillian Kucharz by Marge & Jean Zanella

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† Helena Sędacka (13. rocznica śmierci)

† Florentyna Sielicka (rocznica urodzin i imienin)

Sunday - June 21 Father's Day

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Ray Levek by Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Agnieszki z okazji urodzin

† † Teresa i Antoni Stafińscy

† Tadeusz Gotard

† † Emilia i Jan Gągor

† † Leokadia i Edward Mucha

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

The living and deceased mothers of our Parishes

† Deceased members of the Roman Kurator Family by The Mahalik Family

† Merle Hoebing by The Salas Family

Williamj Pedersen by Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† Carmen DeNardis by Family

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

Stanley by Sister



Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased.

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

Lillian A. Kucharz

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



June is
the
month
of the
Sacred
Heart



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 – MAY 25 to JUNE 25

Faith-filled Joseph, believing the revelation that he is to be the protector of the Messiah, bravely stands by Mary's side, offering his strength and sense of mission as her body begins to accommodate her child. How many fathers have abandoned the mothers of their children? Indeed, how many fathers who have treasured a child never know of its existence or of its terrible end? Babies denied life who can at this stage hear, open and close their lips, hiccup and suck their thumbs. At three inches, the baby now begins to kick, curl and fan toes, make a fist, and practice breathing. Pray for all fathers that they may use the awesome power of life-giving to be a true protector.



Bishop Dennis Spies
Diocesan Administrator

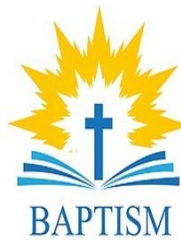
Are You Being Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Joliet is in the process of inviting men to discern the call to the next diaconate class of formation.

If the thought of becoming a deacon has whispered to your soul, I encourage you to contact the diaconate office for more information.



Office for the Diaconate
815-221-6174
vocations.diojoliet.org/start-a-conversation



Congratulations To Our Newly Baptized!

Lukas Gustavo Salas

**At Holy Cross Mission
June 14, 2026**

May Jesus, who loves all children, bless him 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...

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
Dosseh 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



**Faith Formation
Catholic Kids Column**

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings focus on God's love, mercy and call to service. The readings show how God chooses His people, saves them, and sends them out to share His Message. In the first reading from Exodus, God forms a covenant with His people, calling them into a special relationship. At Mount Sinai, He reminds them of His saving work in Egypt and asks for their obedience. This moment highlights Israel's identity as chosen people, set apart to live faithfully. This call to covenant reminds us of God's faithful love.

In today's second reading, Paul stresses that salvation is God's work, not ours. Christ died for us when we were still sinners, showing that God's love is unconditional. In Matthew's Gospel today Jesus shows that Love by responding to the needs of the crowds with love. Jesus calls the twelve disciples and gives them authority to heal and proclaim the kingdom. The Gospel shows Jesus teaching and sending others to continue His work. Service flows from freely receiving God's gifts and sharing them with others. Matthew emphasizes that the kingdom grows through generosity, care, and mission.

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**Journey
in Faith**

**St. Mary Nativity
Vacation Bible School**



Send your kids on an icy expedition!

**At Everest VBS,
kids embark on the coolest adventure**



**of the summer!
Only \$30/child
entering pre-k-5th grade
(Child must be toilet independent)**



**Teen and Adult
Volunteers
Are Needed!**

**Embrace the Expedition
Challenge!**
Join the Everest VBS as a Crew
Leader/Volunteer

If you are interested in being an Everest Volunteer sign-up below and return to Faith Formation Office.

- Start your adventure at a staff training meeting (we will make it fun)
- Hike to Everest VBS each Day June 15-19 (that will be great fun)
- Gear up and participate in fun activities while building relationships with a group of Kids.
- Arrive 20 min. early to greet kids (your Crew) each day



**St. Mary Nativity
Religious Education**
Register Now for 2026-2027
Classes meet from
September through April
Info and Registration is online at
www.stmarynativityholycross.com



7 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://stmarynativityholycross.com>

June 7, 2026	St. Mary Nativity	Holy Cross
Sunday Offertory	\$10,427	\$3,172
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,020	\$2,745
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$406,668	\$128,647
YTD Budget Need	\$432,960	\$131,760
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$26,292)	(\$3,113)
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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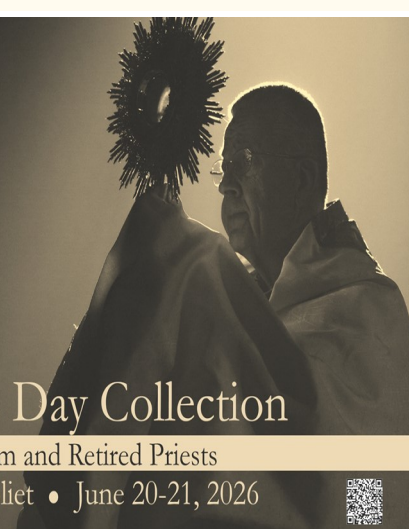
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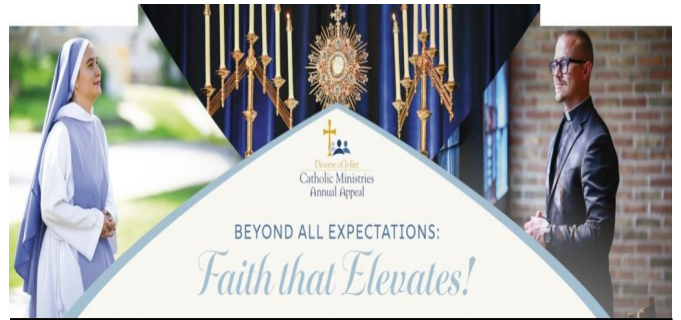
For *God* is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the *love* you have demonstrated for His name by having served and continuing to *serve* the holy ones.

- Hebrews 6:10



Father's Day Collection

For Infirm and Retired Priests
Diocese of Joliet • June 20-21, 2026



Saint Mary Nativity		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	\$36,875		
Amount Paid	\$31,344		
Balance Due	\$ 5,531		
Donor Count	134		
2025 Rebate	\$0		
Holy Cross			
2025 Goal	\$13,700		
Amount Pledged	\$16,089		
Amount Paid	\$14,249		
Balance Due	\$ 1,840		
Donor Count	53		
2025 Rebate	\$ 384		

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.

DONATE TODAY



From pre-med to priesthood – one man's answer to God's call.

Joshua felt empty despite every worldly success. Through a community that prayed, encouraged, and walked with him, he discovered his calling. Now he's preparing for ordination in 2027. Your support through the CMAA helps form the future priests of our diocese.

*"I finally knew what I was being called to do."
– Joshua*



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

Upcoming Events

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The Week Ahead

Monday, June 15
9:00am Vacation Bible School - Entire SMN Campus

Tuesday, June 16
9:00am Vacation Bible School - Entire SMN Campus
9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room
1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church
3:30pm SMN & HC Parish Finance Meeting - SMN NR
6:30pm SMN & HC Parish Council Meeting - SMN NR

Wednesday, June 17
9:00am Vacation Bible School - Entire SMN Campus

Thursday, June 18
9:00am Vacation Bible School - Entire SMN Campus
1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church
Mass - Holy Cross in Polish

Friday, June 19
9:00am Vacation Bible School - Entire SMN Campus
12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

Saturday, June 20
1:15pm Catholic Church Tours - SMN Church

Sunday, June 21 Father's Day
8:35am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary - HC Church
10:35am Monthly Pro-Life Rosary - SMN Church



**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**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration will continue
on Fridays from 12:00pm - 3:00pm
throughout the Summer months.**

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, June 14th 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
July 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



(MT 9:9)... he saw a man named Matthew. And he said to him, "Follow me." And rising up, he followed him.

Learn how to increase trust in your spouse by attending 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) or Sept. 18-20 in Batavia. 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/>

SMN's Grand Sweepstakes Raffle!

385 Tickets purchased!
Thank you to all who participated!
Congratulations to the winners!

Grand Prize Winner: Gabriel Chaidez
Ticket #163 \$3,850

2nd Prize: Steve Bixenmann
Ticket #088 \$482

3rd Prize: Bill & Josie Petan
Ticket #613 \$97

4th Prize: Robert O'Reilly
Ticket #476 \$97

5th Prize: Bill & Juli Grenchik
Ticket #096 \$97

Seller of the winning ticket Jose Fulgencio \$97

Seller of the Most Tickets (40)
Frank Jurmann \$97

Early Bird Winners \$1,000 Vic & Donna Biasetti

Proceeds from the fundraiser was \$4,808



St. Mary Nativity/Holy Cross Magnificat Table Fellowship Meal



Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken and Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Drinks

Sunday, June 14, 2026
From 5:00-7:00pm

Volunteers Needed:
If interested please call Jan Nahorski at
(815) 351-6968

FREE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS A HOT MEAL
Join us for great food & fellowship!
Free will offering appreciated, but not required.

ST. MARY NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
702 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL



Mammo Strong Inc. is a 501(c)3 Illinois Non-Profit Organization, created to honor the life and giving heart of Mathew "Mammo" Mammosser (SMN Class of 2009) who lost his courageous battle with brain cancer in 2012. Matt's legacy and inspiration continues on through Mammo Strong Inc., whose purpose is to provide charitable support to children in the areas of health, education or to experience youth sports. Each year Mammo Strong Inc. donates to St. Mary Nativity School for scholarships for students here. To date, Mammo Strong Inc. has donated over \$206,000 to children in need in those 3 areas. The annual fundraiser Mammo-Palooza will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at St. Joe's Park in Joliet from 3:00-10:00 pm. Please join Sue Mammosser, our Secretary, in honoring her son Matt's life and supporting the fundraiser. If you would like to volunteer or become a sponsor for the event, please contact Sue at (815) 351-5727 or visit her in the parish office. Thank you!



Mammo Strong Inc. is an Illinois 501(c)3 Corporation that is dedicated to helping children succeed. All proceeds from these events will be donated to help children in the areas of medical needs, education and youth sports.

13th Annual MAMMO-PALOOZA

Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

St. Joseph Park
700 Theodore St, Joliet, IL 60435
3:00pm - 10:00pm

FREE ADMISSION



3:15pm—6:15pm

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



7:00pm - 10:00pm

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd

12:00 - 9:00pm

More details coming soon!!!



Tony Blazonczyk's
New Phaze

Live Bands:

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12:00 - 3:30pm

Hoodwink'd
5:00 - 9:00pm

Upcoming events

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Croatian Cultural Club has given us 10 free complimentary tickets. Please contact the Parish Office during our summer work hours if interested.



CROATIAN CULTURAL FOLKLORE SHOW

Featuring

-Hearts of Zagreb-

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Joliet Croatian Cultural Club
1503 Clement Street
Joliet, IL 60435



Sunday July 19, 2026 @2:00pm

Tickets available at Club Bar - \$10

2:00 - 4:00pm Youth Craft Workshop

Crafting Licitar Hearts and Wooden Horses

Listed by UNESCO Representative of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
Reserve a spot by emailing: george.gibsoniii@gmail.com or call 972-375-7972
Ages 5 - 15 : Limited Availability

2:00 - 4:00pm Croatian Culture Learning Display

A wide and varied selection of books and exhibit will be displayed for review, including; History, Language, Costume, Food, Geography & More

2:00 - 4:00pm Family Meal

Grilled Chicken, Italian Beef or Sausage Sandwich, potato salad, dessert and soft drink.
Continuous 2 hour serving period.

4:00 - 5:00pm Hearts of Zagreb Ensemble Show

Musical & Dance Heritage Journey featuring traditional instruments to modern tambura with accompanying dance in cultural costumes. Sound, rhythm, song and movement connect to an authentic Croatian cultural experience.

5:00 pm Door Prize Drawing

3 Croatian Cultural Items - Must be present to win
more information available - heartsofzagreb.com
Questions - george.gibsoniii@gmail.com or call 972-375-7972



Bakers Needed!!!

Bring your delicious bakery to the gym at St. Joe's Park the day of the Picnic. Cookies, Pies, Cakes, Donuts, Pastries, Cupcakes, Fudge, Breads, Potica, etc.

We will take them all!!!

Thank You

Parish Picnic Raffle Tickets will soon be sent in the mail. Please help support the picnic by selling or buying these tickets. Thank you!



Our parish picnic will need many volunteers for all areas, please call Bianca at the School Office at 815-722-8518 to sign up today.

How Can You Help?

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parish PICNIC

MANY HANDS
Make LIGHT WORK



Please call Bianca at the school office at 815-722-8518 to volunteer at the picnic.



Donations of Raffle Baskets are being accepted at the Parish Office.



Donations of small prizes for kids games, Face Painting supplies, Candy, etc. are being accepted at the Parish Office.

A DAY OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE PARK!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Donations of water and pop are being accepted at the Parish Office.

Opportunities for Service Hours

6th, 7th & 8th graders or High School students, this is a great opportunity to complete your service hour requirements.

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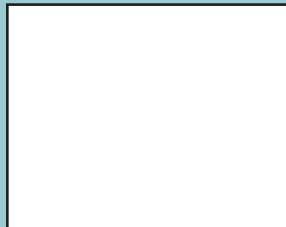
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