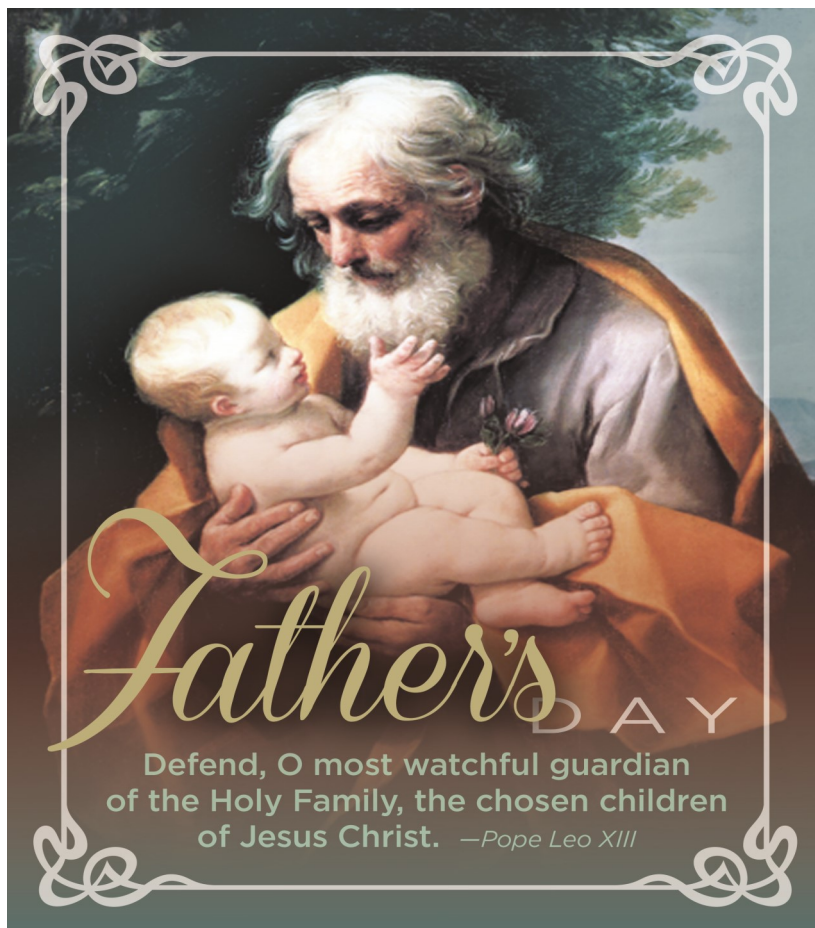



June  
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# St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission


*Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.*



 706 N. Broadway St., Joliet, IL 60435

 815-726-4031

 [info@stmarynativity.org](mailto: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/](http://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



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- Father Clive Otieno**, Pastor  
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
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 (815) 726-4073

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarynativity.org)

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

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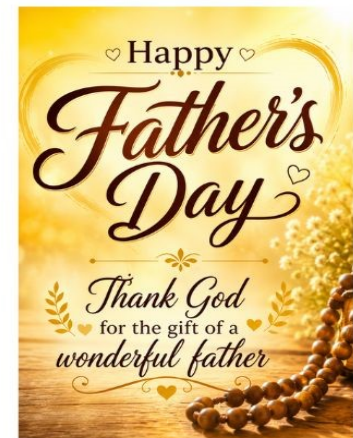
### *In Memory and Honor of...*

John Picha Jr.	John Picha Jr.
Ben Tekel	Ben Tekel
Norm Nemanich	Norm Nemanich
John P. Furlong Jr.	John P. Furlong Jr.
John P. Furlong Sr.	John P. Furlong Sr.
John J. Spreitzer	John J. Spreitzer
John Horvat	John Horvat
David Scott	David Scott
Nicholas Walsh	Nicholas Walsh
Scott Walsh	Scott Walsh
Frank Biegun	Frank Biegun
Daniel Harvey	Daniel Harvey
Jim Randich	Jim Randich
Ted Juricic	Ted Juricic
Bob Rymysza	Bob Rymysza
Raymond Barnes	Raymond Barnes
Andrew N. Mihelich	Andrew N. Mihelich
Mario Aguilera	Mario Aguilera
Stanley Widlowski	Stanley Widlowski
Bob Pluth Sr.	Bob Pluth Sr.
Ernie Hintz	Ernie Hintz
Henry Hintz	Henry Hintz
Rico Garavalia	Rico Garavalia
William Budzinski	William Budzinski
Gaspar Dorich	Gaspar Dorich
Joseph Budzinski	Joseph Budzinski
Al Zanella	Al Zanella
Joseph Perisich	Joseph Perisich
Matthew Sandal	Matthew Sandal
Walter Mueller Sr.	Walter Mueller Sr.
Edward Weeditz	Edward Weeditz
John Lawnzak	John Lawnzak
Robert Jaskowiak	Robert Jaskowiak
Earl L. Poole	Earl L. Poole
Frank G. Fuchs	Frank G. Fuchs
Ralph Musholt	Ralph Musholt
Frank Supergan	Frank Supergan
John Picha Sr.	John Picha Sr.
John Picha Jr.	John Picha Jr.
Bob Baldigo	Bob Baldigo
Matthew P. Senffner	Matthew P. Senffner
Walter J. Krupinski	Walter J. Krupinski
Dick Boban	Dick Boban
Nick Kirincich	Nick Kirincich
Andy Salata	Andy Salata
Albin C. Zlogar	Albin C. Zlogar
Martin Lepacek Sr.	Martin Lepacek Sr.
Martin Lepacek Jr.	Martin Lepacek Jr.
Corwin Brunne	Corwin Brunne
John J. O'Neill	John J. O'Neill
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Walter Brunnen	John F. Gudac Sr.

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 Robert Hinz Jr.  
 John M. Senffner  
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 Bill Smith  
 Joseph J. Grzincic Sr.  
 Terrance Takacs  
 Troppe/Shepich Families  
 Julius Roark  
 Anton Youskevitch Sr.  
 Anton Youskevitch Jr.  
 Kermit Estes  
 Vicente Mejia  
 Walter Mueller Sr.  
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 Jan Szczepaniak  
 Robert J. Ursich Sr.  
 Mieczyslaw Krupa  
 Albert Babiaryz  
 Mike Needham  
 Albin B. Zlogar  
 Earl L. Poole

### *In Gift of...*

Barbara Walsh  
 Mr. & Mrs. Clark Garland  
 Mr. & Mrs. Benedict Midlock  
 Mrs. & Mrs. Roger Rickmon



Strength  
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 Tenderness  
 Patience  
 Love



**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 Staffińscy
- † Tadeusz Gotard
- † † Emilia i Jan Gagor
- † † 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
- † Juan Montoya by Family
- † William E. Pedersen by Family

**12:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

- † Carmen DeNardis by Family

**5:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

Stanley by Sister

**Monday - June 22**

**8:30 am Mass (HC)**

- † Patricia Gudac by The Gudac Family
- † Ray & Sophie Levek "Wedding Anniversary" by Family

**7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish**

- † Kazimierz Kotlarz SChr (7. rocznica śmierci)

**Tuesday - June 23**

**8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

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

**8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish**

Dziękczynna za szczęśliwe rozwiązanie i z prośbą o Boże błogosławieństwo dla matki Katarzyny i dla jej dziecka Izabelli

**Wednesday - June 24**

**8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

- † Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family by Family Adam & Bobby Wilk "49th Anniversary"

**7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish**

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Patrycji z okazji urodzin

**Thursday - June 25**

**8:30 am Mass (SMN)**

- † Frank LaBuda by Daughter, Caryn
- † Norma Strahanoski by Doris & Mike Warren

**7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish**

O pomyślną pogodę i dobre plony w tegorocznych zbiorach

**Friday - June 26**

**8:30 am Mass (HC)**

- † Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen
- † Chris Dennis by Mother

**7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish**

O otwarcie młodego pokolenia na dar wiary i prawdę Ewangelii we wspólnocie Kościoła

**Saturday - June 27**

**4:00 pm Mass (HC)**

For the People of the Parishes

**4:00 pm Mass (SMN)**

- † † CJ & Louis Bruce by Frank LaBuda & Daughter Caryn
- † Judy Georgantas by Jean & Marge Zanella

Hope Daga by Family

**7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish**

- † ks. Witold Stańczak SChr (13. rocznica śmierci)

**Sunday - June 28**

**7:00 am Mass (SMN)**

- † Jerry Lakota by Wife, Kids & Grandkids

**9:00 am Mass (HC)**

- † Deceased members of the Wlodarski Family by Jack Gorski
- † Bernadine "Hazer" Caldwell by The Dan Lajcin Family

**10:30 am Mass (HC)**

- † † Józef i Maria Oleś
- † Mieczysław Sokołowski (rocznica urodzin)

- † Danuta Mąka

**11:00 am Mass (SMN)**

The living and deceased mothers of our Parishes

- † Deceased members of the Mahalik Family by Lawrence Mahalik
- † Herculana Hernandez "Anniversary" by The Rosas Family

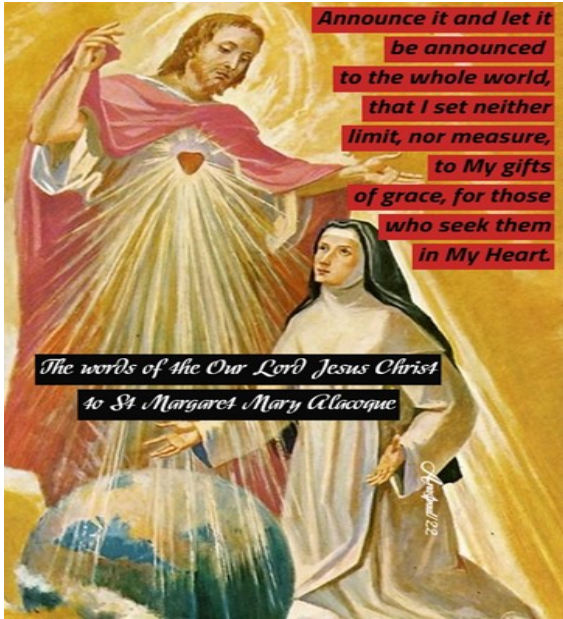
- † Alexis Rosas "5th Anniversary" by The Rosas Family

**12:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

- † Norma Strahanoski by The Pervan Family

**5:30 pm Mass (SMN)**

For the People of the Parishes



**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.

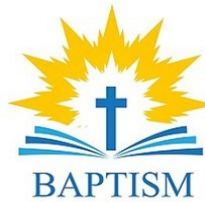
Our parishes have once again begun our 'Spiritual Adoption' program. Each month we will be keeping you up to date with the development of your baby.

**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.

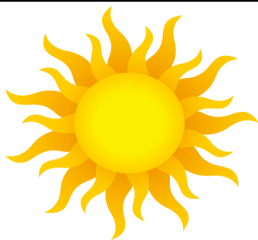
***Congratulations To Our Newly Baptized!***

***Evian Caballero  
Milani DeBenedetti  
Ayra DeBenedetti***



***at St. Mary Nativity Church  
June 21, 2026***

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



**Blessing for the Summer ~ Praise God!**

Pour Your mercy upon this season, Lord! As the days fill with sun, fill our hearts with the fire of Your love. As we gather to share story and song, campfires and connection, be with us. Bless our work, our rest, and our play in Your goodness. Amen. Please join us this summer for weekend Masses! Have a safe and blessed Summer!



**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
- Airman, Josh Maurer, Air Force



**Heavenly Father, we pray for...**

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

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



## Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/  
Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/  
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/  
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/  
Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/  
Mt 10:37-42)

## Faith Formation

### Catholic Kids Column 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Be Not Afraid

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells His followers not to be afraid. Fear is something everyone deals with, even if we don't always talk about it. It can show up in small ways, like worrying about a test or feeling nervous before a game. It can also show up in bigger ways like being afraid of rejection, failure or not knowing what your future will look like. Fear can be loud in your mind. It can make you doubt yourself or back from doing what is right.

Jesus speaks clearly and directly into those fears in the Gospel. He says, "Do not be afraid." He doesn't ignore fear or pretend it doesn't exist. Instead, he reminds you of something deeper and stronger than fear: God's care for you. Jesus uses the example of sparrows, small birds that people didn't think were worth much. Even those little birds are known and cared for by God. Not one of them falls without God noticing. Then Jesus says something even more important: you are worth more than many sparrows. Think about that for a moment. If God cares about small birds, how much more does he care about you? "Be not afraid!"

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# Journey in Faith



## St. Mary Nativity Religious Education

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# Stewardship



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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>

**Due to early bulletin submission, the parish weekly collection for June 14, 2026 will be posted later.**

## Please note:

**The North and South Parking Lots will be sealcoated with yellow striping being done the week of July 6th.**

**Thanking you in advance.**

*Thank you for attending. Thank you for serving.*

*Thank you for giving.*

*Thank you for growing with us.*



**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](http://vocations.diojoliet.org/start-a-conversation)

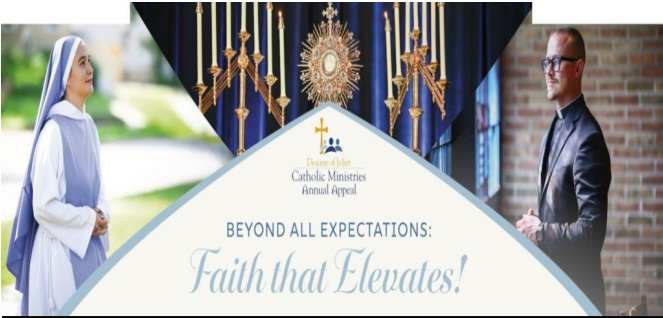
For *God* is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the *love* you have demonstrated for His name by having served and continuing to *serve* the holy ones.

- Hebrews 6:10

## Father's Day Collection

For Infirm and Retired Priests

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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	<b>\$39,800</b>		
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	<b>\$16,089</b>		
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.

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*"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 22**

**Tuesday, June 23**

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting -

SMN Nativity Room



**Wednesday, June 24**

**Thursday, June 25**

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

**Friday, June 26**

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

**Saturday, June 27**

10:00am Funeral - SMN Church (Juricic)

**Sunday, June 28**



## 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.



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, July 12th in the Nativity Room after the morning masses.**



*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!**



### 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](mailto:mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com)



Happy Father's Day! (MT 10:38) "And whoever does not take up his cross, and follow me is not worthy of me." Learn how you can share the cross of Christ in your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



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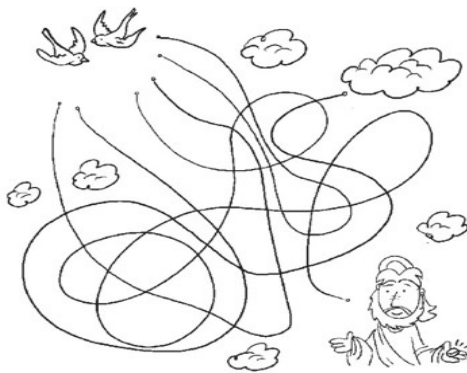
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### PUZZLE

Find the right path to Jesus



### MISSION

I will exercise my body and pray-er-cise my soul for 10 minutes every afternoon.

## GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL

CYCLE A

### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:26-33



**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:**

Tony Blazonczyk's  
New Phaze  
12:00 - 3:30pm

Hoodwink'd  
5:00 - 9:00pm

# Car Cruise

Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Picnic

Sunday - August 23, 2026 **12pm to 9pm**

## No Entry Fee

*St. Joe's Park* at Theodore and Raynor



and come to our picnic!

# Join Us

Activities for All Ages



## 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 have been mailed this week. 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



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.

A DAY OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!



Donations of water and pop 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.

WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE PARK!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## 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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**CROATIAN CULTURAL FOLKLORE SHOW**  
Featuring **-Hearts of Zagreb-**  
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](mailto: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**  
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