

July
19,
2026

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

 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**

Parish and School Centers

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Meet Our Staff...

Father Clive Otieno, Pastor
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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

Ms. Catherine Scotkovsky, School Principal
cscotkovsky@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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Christ at Heart.

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a tour**

702 N. Broadway St.
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- ✓ Certified staff
- ✓ Standard-based curriculum
- ✓ Catholic Education
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Extra Curricular Programs
- ✓ Community Service



For more information:

815-722-8518

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**St. Mary Nativity
School
welcomes
Ms. Catherine
Scotkovsky**

As the new principal at St. Mary Nativity, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Ms. Catherine Scotkovsky, and I come to St. Mary Nativity with a great love for Catholic education. I grew up and still live on the far Northwest side of Chicago near O'Hare airport. I had the privilege of attending 12 years of Catholic school and being a Catholic School educator for 39 years. I taught for 25 years and have been an administrator for 14 years. I hope you can see how much I value Catholic education.

I begin this school year with great excitement and joy as a Catholic School leader who looks forward to working with students, parents, and teachers. Parishioners, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Thank you in advance for welcoming me. I am honored to grow together with you in this faithful community.

If you are interested in contacting me I can be reached at cscotkovsky@stmarynativity.org



**Registration is
now underway
for the 2026-2027
School year.**

**Please contact
Bianca, the school secretary,
if you would like to
schedule a tour of the
school or if you have any
questions regarding
enrollment. 815-722-8518**



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

Mass Intentions

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Saturday - July 18

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† † Feliz and Kitty Burzawa by Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Michaeline LaBuda by Frank LaBuda & Daughter Caryn

† Veronica Mahalik "Anniversary" by Family

† Deceased members of the Pluth Family by Betty & Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Anny i Pawła z okazji 39. rocznicy ślubu

Sunday - July 19

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Jan Crosetto by Friends

† William Jones by Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Raymond Stofko "Birthday" by Family

† Lorraine Jaskowiak "5th Anniversary" by Marcia Groves & Family

† Andrew Jaskowiak "13th Anniversary" by Marcia Groves & Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę MB dla Heleny Muchy wraz z rodziną

† † Eugenia i Władysław Gawron

† Danuta Mąka

† Mikołaj Mroczek

† † Anna i Czesław Styrzcula

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Kenneth Hrusosky "Birthday" by Family

† Carol Widlowski "Anniversary" by The Zagoda Family

† Brad Chinderle by Wife

Itzel Romero "Birthday" by The Romero Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† Ann Jelinek "Birthday" by Family

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Monday - July 20

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Fred Ferebee Jr. by Sister

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Stanisław, Stefania i Jan Leśniccy

Tuesday - July 21

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Anna & John B. Gorski by Son, Jack

8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish

† † Aleksander i Wiktoria Wróbel

Wednesday - July 22

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† For the Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Romero Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† Anna Nykaza

Thursday - July 23

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

† Joanne Lepacek "Birthday" by Pat Lepacek

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Ewa, Helena i Wacław Sędaccy

Friday - July 24

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

W pewnej intencji

Saturday - July 25

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Dorothy Bucciarelli by Betty and Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Anna Shepich by Family

† Denise Lynn Boudreau by the Women's Club of SMN

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O opiekę MB z Góry Karmel dla wszystkich ze wspólnoty Św. Krzyża noszących szkaplerz

† ks. Tadeusz Ziółkowski SChr (zmarł w Australii)

Sunday - July 26

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 am Mass (HC)

For the People of the Parishes

10:30 am Mass (HC)

Duchowy bukiet w dniu Świętej Patronki: Za żyjące i śp. Anny (według osobnej listy)

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla żyjących i przyjęcie do nieba

dla zmarłych członków Żywego Różańca

O Boże błogosławieństwo z okazji 43. rocznicy ślubu dla Michała i Elżbiety Palar

† † Józef i Maria Oleś

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Harry & Anne Smith by Judy & Bob Hintze

† Nancy Obrzut by Family & Friends

† Mr. & Mrs. Martin Lepacek "Wedding Anniversary" by Pat Lepacek

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† Norma Strahanoski by Maggie & Bill Whitgrove

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Prayers for Our Beloved Deceased.

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

*Richard T. Haller
Louis E. Regganie
Denise L. Boudreau*

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





Month of July Most Precious Blood

"The Saviour has instituted the most glorious Sacrament of the Eucharist, which truly contains His Body and His Blood, so that, whoever eats it will live forever. Therefore, those who receive it frequently, with devotion, strengthen their spiritual life and well-being, to such an extent, that it is almost impossible for them to be poisoned by any kind of evil attachment."

(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 20)
St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
Doctor of the Church



(MT 13) Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can encourage our marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience s are Sept. 18-20 in Batavia or October 9-11 in Rockford.

For more information go to:
wwme.org or call (888) 574-5653



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 FIFTH MONTH – JULY 25 to AUGUST 25

It is now apparent, even in the shapeless fashions of her time, that Mary is with child. Little can she imagine an innkeeper in Bethlehem who will in the future offer her all that he can in hospitality? At five months there is no mistaking Jesus' presence. Mothers feel baby's reaction when startled by outside noises or even a subtle hiccup. The baby now tastes of what he drinks. Sweet is fine; sour, uh-uh! The baby is now 10 inches long and weighs more than a half-pound. Despite these evidence of life, 44 abortions are performed each day in the U.S. on women carrying a child five months or older. Pray for all who respect and foster life through education, support and peaceful witnessing.



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...

Ann	Janet Horvath	Patricia Phinney
Bill	Jacqueline H.	Phyllis Popek
Mary Bellos	Violet Hyndman	Ronald Pruss
Vietta Bews	Harriet Kazlauskas	Armando Rodriguez
Sheri Bokholdt	James Kozar	Father Pete Rossa
Christopher Borsom	Dan Kramerich	Lesa Ruth
Denise Boudreau	Bernadette (Lajcin)	Kimberly Schlegel
Stephanie Cavanagh	Marilyn Lajcin	Steve Senisais
Tyler Centorbi	Don Legerski	Terri Shepherd
Yolanda Costa	Kathleen Lepacek	Ashly Smith
Dianne Cerpen-Verlare	Darlene Likar	Scott & Adam
Bob DeLach	Ann Marie Linko	Elizabeth Mary Sobolak
Anthony Deredita	George MacZura	Mary Suarez
John Drnek	Phil May	Thomure Family
Gerald Drobick	Alex McKeel	Joseph Trubich
Linda Eck	Charlene Molnar	Jim Thompson
Dosse Houseaj Elise	Robert Nasenbenny	Margaret Thompson
Kelly G.	Raymond John Nickel	Sister Elaine Teders
Anthony Gregory	Paul Norris	Tommy Turner
Anthony Harnes	Gliceria Nunez	Susan Ward
Alba Hensley	Parnell	
Janet	James Partak	

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



**Holy Cross 125th Anniversary Celebration
September 13, 2026!**

Parish News

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Please contact Nicole Kulon at holycross125th@gmail.com to purchase tickets!



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SCHEDULE

THE SACRED LITURGY OF THE HOLY MASS

- BILINGUAL -

10:30 AM

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

830 ELIZABETH ST, JOLIET, IL 60435

A CELEBRATORY RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW

3:30 PM

CRYSTAL GRAND BANQUETS

12416 S. ARCHER, LEMONT, IL 60439

THE EVENING'S PROCEEDINGS

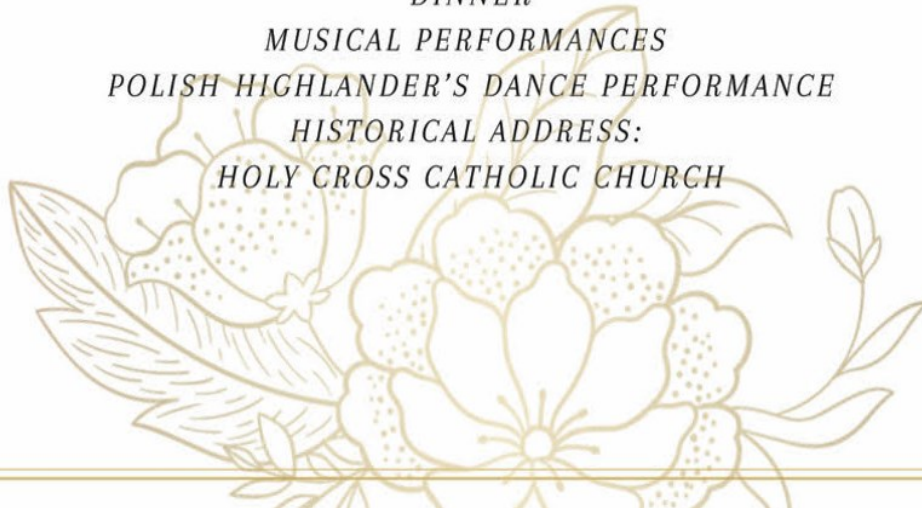
DINNER

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

POLISH HIGHLANDER'S DANCE PERFORMANCE

HISTORICAL ADDRESS:

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Our
Faithful
Journey**

**Growing
Together**

**Generations
of Grace**

**Honoring
the Past,
Embracing
the
Future**

Jeremiah 29:11

Blessed

7 Stewardship



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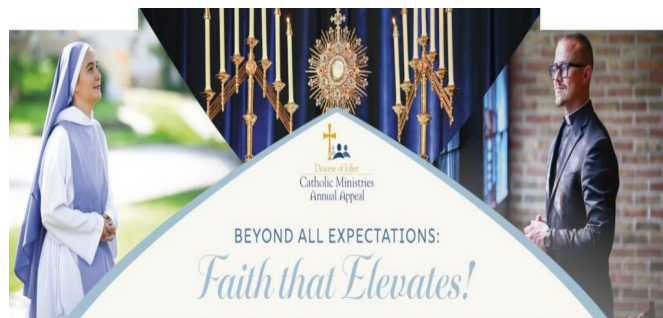
You can also donate by visiting our website at <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

<u>July 12, 2026</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$8,447	\$2,361
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,215	\$2,843
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$16,243	\$4,695
YTD Budget Need	\$18,430	\$5,686
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$2,187)	(\$991)
Annual Budget	\$470,000	\$145,000
<i>(July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)</i>		

Thank you for attending. Thank you for serving.

Thank you for giving.

Thank you for growing with us.



Saint Mary Nativity

2025 Goal	\$39,800
Amount Pledged	\$37,450
Amount Paid	\$32,874
Balance Due	\$ 4,576
Donor Count	137
2025 Rebate	\$0

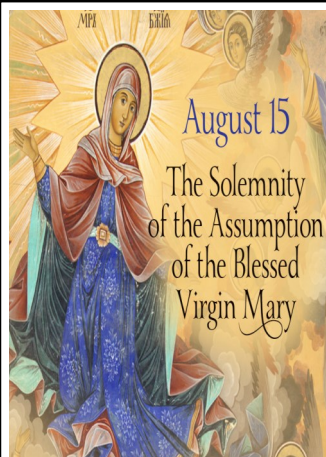
Holy Cross

2025 Goal	\$13,700
Amount Pledged	\$17,500
Amount Paid	\$16,040
Balance Due	\$ 1,460
Donor Count	57
2025 Rebate	\$1,638

Thank You

Once our parishes reach their goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to the parishes.

SMN, we are so close to reaching our goal, we need roughly \$2500 more. If you have not donated yet to the CMAA, please prayerfully considering making a donation to help us reach our goal!!



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15

10:00am Mass at SMN (Bilingual)

Directly after mass there will be a presentation of flowers to Mary.



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.

WHAT IS A
Calling
FROM
GOD

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



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



God can't be outdone

Years ago, Chris and Nena Lavoie began welcoming seminarians into their home for a meal and a blessing. Over time, 10 or 12 young men gathered around their table. They couldn't have known that this simple hospitality was planting a seed in their own son, Joshua, now a priest for the Diocese of Joliet, ordained just a few weeks ago. The diocese walked with Fr. Josh through eight years of formation. For the Lavoies, giving to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is one way to walk with the next young man, and the next.



The Week Ahead

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

Wednesday, July 22

6:00pm SMN/HC Church Picnic Meeting—SMN NR

Thursday, July 23

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

Friday, July 24

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

**Build your business and help us grow a vibrant
faith community!**

Julie Blanford from LPI, our
bulletin printer, will be securing
new ads for our church in the
coming weeks. As a valuable
member of the business
community, we invite you to
expand your reach and grow your
business with a print ad in our
parish bulletin and/or a digital ad
featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Julie Blanford
(800) 950-9952 x2141
JBlanford@4lpi.com



**Non Perishable items
may be dropped off at the
SMN Church vestibule
on August 1st and 2nd.
Thank you!**

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

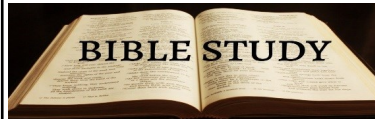
Sweet!
**HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY**

Bring the Family!

All Are Welcome

Parish Events

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PRAYER GROUP



**Join us every Thursday morning for
coffee and donuts after the 8:30am
mass in the Nativity Room.**

All Are Welcome



SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

**Eucharistic Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
at Saint Mary Nativity
every Friday - Noon to 3:00pm
All are welcome!**

Both regular adorers and substitutes
are needed for these times.

**The church is open for personal prayer Monday - Thursday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Friday 8:00am to 3:00 pm.**



Pro-Life Rosary Every Month Third Sunday

Holy Cross before the 9 am Mass,
starting at 8:35 am

St. Mary Nativity before the 11 am Mass,
starting at 10: 35 am.

**The next meeting of the St. Mary Nativity
Pro-Life Committee:**

Next date to be determined.

We are thankful for your continued help and look forward to
your participation in our events from now until that date.

For questions or for more information, please contact Mike Hansen
at 815-212-3661 or mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com



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. If you are interested in joining,
please contact

Tony Brandolino at 815-531-9257.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

We are glad to support your family on its faith journey. The Religious Formation Office works to help your child build a personal, grace-filled relationship with Jesus. Religious Formation partners with families to pass on the Catholic faith through a structured program tailored to each child's developmental stage, from kindergarten through eighth grade. We are committed to helping your child know and love God and to helping your family grow in faith. For more information, contact Christine at faithformation@stmarynativity.org.



St. Mary Nativity /Holy Cross church is genuinely happy to be able work with your family to prepare and receive the Sacraments.

Sacrament Reminder



Confirmation Students may begin preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in sixth and seventh grade; however, full participation in Religious Formation during seventh and eighth grade is the minimum requirement to receive Confirmation **at the end of eighth grade**. During these years, students will focus on the Kerygma, the nature and reality of God, the Bible, the pursuit of true happiness, the sacraments, prayer, encountering God, and discovering their personal mission.

Confirmation students will be participating in classes, guest speakers' series, service projects, saint party, Confirmation retreat, Lenten/Avent events, pizza party. These events are a planned part of the curriculum and contain content not covered in classes. Participation in these events will help to make receiving this sacrament a grace-filled event for your child. Confirmandi will also be responsible for completing various classwork including a saint project, service reflection sheet, and a letter to the pastor.

To be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, students must complete all parish requirements and meet the Diocese of Joliet's preparation requirements. This includes enrollment in Religious Formation and participation in RF classes during seventh and eighth grade, the minimum required preparation period.



Is God calling you to share your faith with his children? No one else can answer God's call to His mission for your life but you. If you do not respond to God's call, the unique work that God wanted to accomplish through you will not get done.

Volunteers and Catechist are essential to running a successful RF program. There are many ways to help in the Religious Education program, just like there are many different types of children to help. Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time. Please call the RF Director Christine Goba at 815-726-4031 or email at faithformation@stmarynativity.org

Faith Formation Catholic Kids Column 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings focus on the Kingdom of God a place characterized by justice, kindness, and the power of faith. The First Reading from the book of Kings reminds us of God's desire for justice and His guidance in living with kindness. In the reading for Romans, we find comfort in the Holy Spirit's support, aiding us in our moments of weakness. And in the Gospel reading from Matthew, we read about the Kingdom of God through parables that Jesus tells. We hear how good seed grows alongside weeds until the harvest and we hear about the mustard seed and the yeast that show how something small can grow into something great. These images reveal the hidden but powerful work of God's kingdom. These parables fit into the larger message of discipleship and the call to live with patience, trust, and hope. Even when evil is present, God's plan is unfolding. The growth of the kingdom begins small but brings life to the world.

May we remember that God invites us to make His kingdom known by planting seeds of kindness and mercy among our family and our neighbors.
Based on Young-Catholics.com

What Religious Formation Class Will Be Learning

This coming school year, students will explore several topics, including the Mass. Because so much happens during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Some Religious Formation grades will learn about the sacred items used, the meaning behind the rituals, and the words heard in church. These lessons will help them understand and participate more fully in the Mass.

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Exclamation "holy, holy, holy" is found in Scripture in Isaiah 6:1-5 and Revelation 4:2-8. These passages reveal images of God's heavenly throne room and unceasing worship there. At Mass when we sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy" we are joining into the song of the angels and saints in heaven. It is a humble acknowledgment of God's majesty and a song of praise. The Sanctus, the Latin word for Holy, is a song that express the awe we feel that God would make His presence known to us in the Mass.



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



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Join the Faith Forward movement today to connect with your community wherever you are headed.



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www.newmanconnection.org



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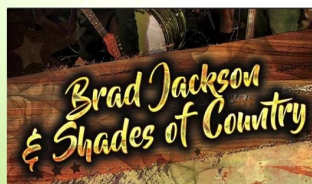
13th Annual

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

Midnight

www.midnightband.com

7:00pm - 10:00pm

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

Upcoming events

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**Picnic Meeting - Wednesday, July 22nd
at 6:00pm in the Nativity Room.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross
Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, August 23rd
12:00 - 9:00pm**

Come Join the Fun!!

SAVE
THE DATE!



August 23rd

Hoodwink'd

Tony Blazoneczyk's New Phaze

Live Bands:
Tony Blazoneczyk'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



Our Menu

Polish Food

Pierogis in 2 Flavors
Polish Sausage with Kraut



American Food

Italian Beef
Hot dogs
Pizza
Nachos
Popcorn



Mexican Food

Tacos
Corn in a Cup



Bake Sale Goodies in Gym

St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd

12:00 - 9:00pm

How Can You Help??



We need many volunteers for our Church Picnic. Please consider signing up to work a two hour shift.

Stations include:

Ticket Booth, Raffle Baskets, Money Raffle, Bingo, Popcorn, Beer Garden, Kitchen, Money Wheel, Bake Sale, 50/50, also Set Up and Clean Up.

Please contact the Parish Office at 815-726-4031 to volunteer!!



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



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



Donations of small prizes for Kid Games, Face Painting and Candy are being accepted at the Parish Office.



Donations for the Bake Sale can be dropped off the morning of the picnic in the gym at St. Joe's Park.

Hey, Students!

LOOKING FOR **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?**

6th, 7th, 8th graders and High School students, this is a great opportunity to complete your service hour requirements. Call the Parish Office to sign up for the picnic.

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