

July
26,
2026

St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

Deeply Committed. Christ at Heart.



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

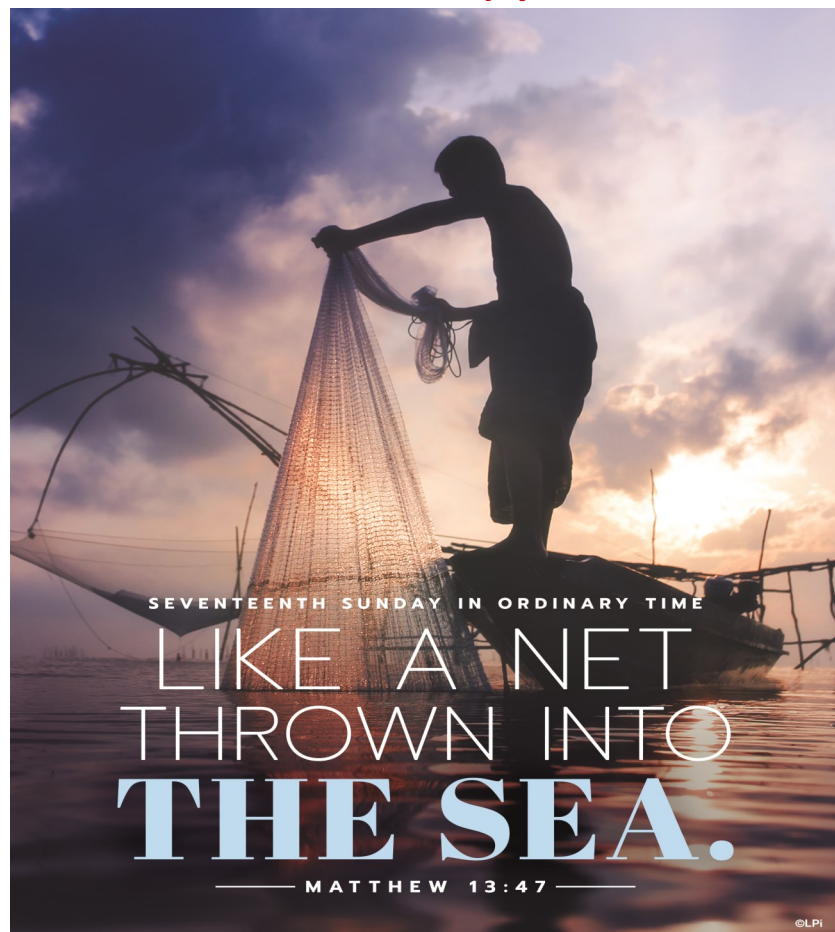
Monday Wednesday

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 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/



**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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Friday - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Parish Office (815) 726-4031
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Faith Formation Office
(815) 726-4073

Office Hours



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Visit us at www.stmarynativityholycross.org

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

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bmata@stmarynativity.org

Polskiej Szkoły im.
Świętego Krzyża
w Joliet

Barbara Szuba,
Polish School Principal
polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

ST. MARY NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Preschool - 8th grade

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- ✓ Community Service

For more information:
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stmarynativity.org






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/>

SUMMER
Enjoy Vacation
See you soon!



**Enroll today 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.
Please call 815-722-8518.**

**Let's make memories together!
We welcome all new students to our
school community!**





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 Former 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 Sr. "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

Monday - July 27

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Genowefa i Henryk

Tuesday - July 28

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Gerald A. Scheffler "Birthday" by Family

8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish

† ks. Józef Kołodziej SChr (zmarł w Australii)

Wednesday - July 29

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Veronica Mahalik "Birthday" by Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O pomoc Opatrzności Bożej w znalezieniu odpowiedniego domu dla młodego małżeństwa

Thursday - July 30

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Frank LaBuda by Caryn LaBuda

† Norma Strahanoski by Doris & Mike Warren

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Anna i syn Przemysław Ilukowicz

Friday - July 31

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Eleanor Lajcin by The Dan Lajcin Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

Za parafian

Saturday - August 1

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† James Hazer by The Dan Lajcin Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Carmen Rodriguez by The Rodriguez Family

† Nancy Obrzut by Marge & Jean Zanella

† Marie Kanta "Birthday" by The Ramos Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

Z podziękowaniem za otrzymane łaski i z prośbą o dalsze błogosławieństwo z okazji 48. rocznicy ślubu dla Krystyny i Mariana wraz z rodziną

† † Teresa i Władysław Zapotoczni

† † Aniela, Wincenty i Stanisław Haber

† Krystian Furczoń (5. rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - August 2

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Dorothy Perkins by Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Helena Warmuz by Godson, Stanisław & Family

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo, opiekę NMP i wszelkie łaski na nowej drodze życia dla Emilii i Samuela

† † Teresa i Julian Strojny

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Norma Strahanoski by Kieran & Susan Kirby

† † Jimmy & Mary Lou Smolik by Judy & Bob Hintze

† Lillian Kucharz by Deanna Serdar

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

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



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	Jacqueline H.	Patricia Phinney
Bill	Alyssa Hrusosky	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
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
Dosse 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	Parnell	
Janet Horvath	James Partak	

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



Holy Cross 125th Anniversary Celebration
September 13, 2026! (\$120 per ticket)

Parish News

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



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PLAN
WYDARZENIA

ŚWIĘTA LITURGIA MSZY ŚWIĘTEJ

10:30 AM

*KOŚCIÓŁ KATOLICKI ŚWIĘTEGO KRZYŻA
830 ELIZABETH ST, FOLIET, IL 60435*

PO UROCZYSTOŚCI ZAPRASZAMY NA BANKIET

15:30

*CRYSTAL GRAND BANQUETS
12416 S. ARCHER, LEMONT, IL 60439*

PROGRAM WIECZORU

OBIAD

WYSTĘPY MUZYCZNE

WYSTĘP ZESPOŁU GÓRALSKIEGO

WYKŁAD HISTORYCZNY:

KOŚCIÓŁ ŚWIĘTEGO KRZYŻA

**Our
Faithful
Journey**

**Growing
Together**

**Generations
of Grace**

**Honoring
the Past,
Embracing
the
Future**

Jeremiah 29:11

Blessed

7 Stewardship



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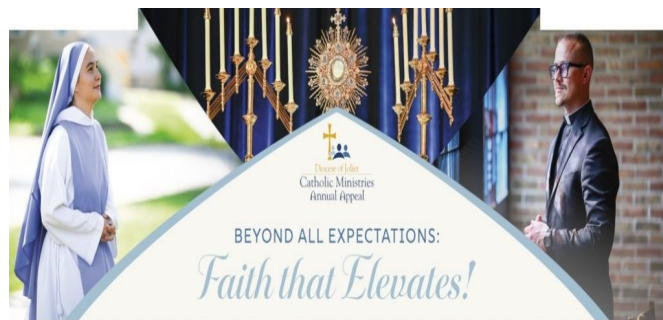
You can also donate by visiting our website at <https://stmarynativityholycross.com>

<u>July 19, 2026</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$8,518	\$2,585
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,215	\$2,843
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$24,761	\$7,280
YTD Budget Need	\$27,645	\$8,529
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$2,884)	(\$1,249)
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

2026 Goal	\$39,800
Amount Pledged	\$40,050
Amount Paid	\$35,728
Balance Due	\$ 4,322
Donor Count	139
2026 Rebate	\$0

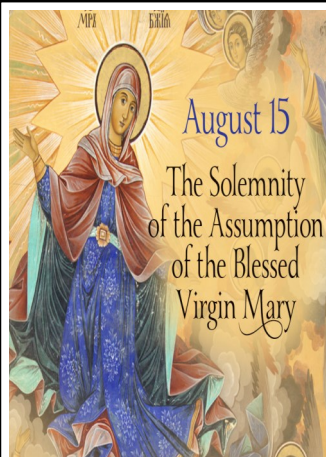
Holy Cross

2026 Goal	\$13,700
Amount Pledged	\$17,586
Amount Paid	\$16,176
Balance Due	\$ 1,410
Donor Count	57
2026 Rebate	\$1,733

Thank You

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

Congratulations to Holy Cross Mission and St. Mary Nativity Church for reaching their goals for the 2026 CMAA.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15

10:00am Mass at SMN (Bilingual)

Directly after mass there will be a Blessing of Produce of fields, gardens and orchards.



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 unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church of Joliet who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 27

Tuesday, July 28

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - SMN Nativity Room

Wednesday, July 29

Thursday, July 30

9:00am Visitation - SMN Nativity Room - (Imparl)

10:00am Funeral - SMN Church - (Imparl)

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

Friday, July 31

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

Saturday, August 1 Food Pantry Collection - SMN

1:00pm Wedding - HC Church (Dlugosz/Wagner)

Sunday, August 2 Food Pantry Collection - SMN



**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, August 9th in the Nativity Room
after the morning Masses.**

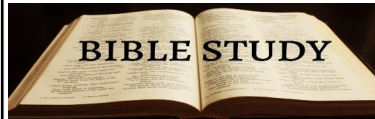
**Sweet!
HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY**

Bring the Family!

All Are Welcome

Parish 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, please contact Mike Hansen
at 815-212-3661 or mikehansen@mikehansenlaw.com



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. 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

Don't forget if your child is planning to make a sacrament that the Diocese of Joliet requires that children **complete a minimum of two consecutive years of religious formation** before receiving sacraments. Typically, in 2nd grade, our children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the late fall and the Sacrament of Eucharist in the spring. (Children must have participated in Religious Formation classes in first and second grade or two other consecutive years of preparation). Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, which will be conferred at the end of 8th grade begins in 6th and 7th grade. (Full participation in RF in 7th and 8th grade is the minimum enrollment required.)

Adult Sacrament Classes

Scan code To Sign up



Classes Begin in September

For more information email Christine at Faithformaton@stmarynativity.org

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

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



Recent Graduates Scan code to get connected.

www.newmanconnection.org



Faith Formation Catholic Kids Column 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we read about the Kingdom of God through parables that Jesus tells us that His Kingdom is like a great treasure or an expensive pearl. Being with Jesus is worth more than anything in the world! As we listen to the readings today think about those things or people in your life that are worth the most to you. What would you give up to have them? How much more would you give to be with Jesus? 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.

Sanctuary, from the Latin Sanctus (meaning "holy"), is an area in the church that is usually raised up a little and has the altar in the center. The ambo, the presider's chair and tabernacle are often located in the sanctuary as well. Our tradition of sanctuary has its origins in the Old Testament and in particular in Exodus 25:8, "And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst." God commissioned the building of the inner sanctuary in the temple called the holy of holies, as a place that God dwelt sometime. In Catholic Church today, this is where you will find our Lord truly present, upon the altar at Mass.

Help your child meet their

Best Friend



St. Mary Nativity Church Religious Education Classes

New Class Times Available
Sunday, Monday or Remote
Grades K-8

Our classes are: Flexible Times
Fun
Affordable
Friendly



Scan to register
for more information call 815-726-4031

St. Mary Nativity needs

Catechists and Helpers

Is God calling you to help our children to learn about Him and His love?

There are many ways to help in the Religious Education program. Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time.



For more information, please contact Christine Goba at 815-726-4031

MAMMO STRONG
INC.

Helping Youth to Succeed



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.

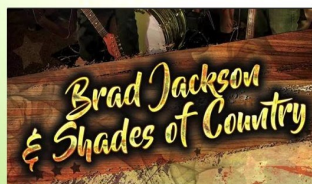
13th Annual

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

Midnight

www.midnightband.com

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Upcoming events

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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 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



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!

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