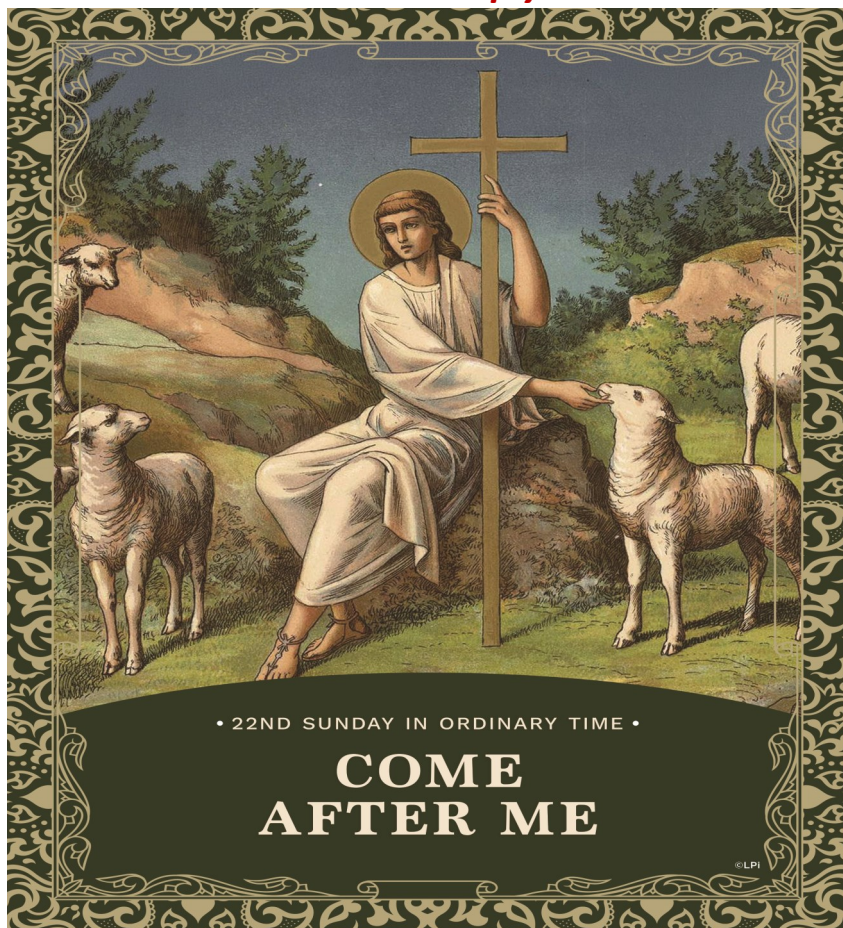


**Aug.
30,
2026**

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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sielicki59@gmail.com
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Tony Brandolino, Director of Music
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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Parish Fax (815) 727-4393

Faith Formation Office
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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

Bianca Mata, School Secretary
bmata@stmarynativity.org

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

Barbara Szuba,
Polish School Principal
polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

3 SMN & HC School News

St. Mary Nativity
Parish's
Feast
Day

Join Us for a Birthday Celebration for Mary!



Tuesday, September 8th
After the 8:30 Mass.

**Stay for Hospitality and Prayers of Celebration
at Mary's outdoor shrine.**
(Flowers for the Blessed Mother are welcomed)

DZIEŃ OTWARTYCH DRZWI



702 N. Broadway
Joliet, IL 60435

polskaskolajoliet@gmail.com

<https://www.polskaskolajoliet.com>

Zapraszamy na Dzień Otwartych Drzwi
w naszej szkole.

W tym dniu będzie można poznać
nauczycieli, zwiedzić szkołę oraz zapoznać się
z ofertą dydaktyczną i wychowawczą naszej
szkoły.

Rodzice, którzy zakupili już podręczniki będą
mogli je odebrać.

Dzień Otwartych Drzwi jest wspaniałą
okazją, aby poznać bliżej naszą szkołę i
przekonać się, że to jest miejsce właśnie dla
Państwa pociech.

Piątek, 28 Sierpnia 2026

godz. 5:00-7:00pm

(815) 630 6190



**WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL**





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

Mass Intentions

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Saturday - August 29

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Scott Terdic by Mom, Carol & Lisa & Bill Vertin (Sister & Brother-in-law)

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Juan Rodriguez by The Rodriguez Family

† Judy Georgantas by Gerry, Jim & George

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Bożą opiekę, zdrowie i błogosławieństwo dla Anny i Stanisława w 33. rocznicę ślubu

† ks. Zdzisław Król SChr (rocznica śmierci)

Maria Janik (10. rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - August 30

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Marie Rodawold by The Heckler Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Thomas E Kemp by Larry & Laurie Pottorff

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Małgorzaty z okazji urodzin

† Danuta Mąka

† Jan Burzyński (zmarł w Polsce)

† Eugeniusz Pietruszak

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Mary Traina by The Traina Family

† Albert by Bob & Judy Hintze

† Delores Bebej by Andrea McIntosh & Family

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Monday - August 31

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Kevin Hansen by Elizabeth A. Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Barbary i Wojciecha w rocznicę ślubu

Tuesday - September 1

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† † Joseph & Cecilia Wolf by Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas

8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish

† Krystyna Grochocińska

Wednesday - September 2

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

St. Mary Nativity School Staff & Students

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Emilii z okazji 5. urodzin

† Mikołaj Mroczek

Thursday - September 3

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

† Nancy Serdar by Deanna Serdar

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Andrzeja i Beaty w rocznicę ślubu

Friday - September 4

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Albert W. & Catherine Hochevar by Albert R. Hochevar

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† † Leon i Teresa

Saturday - September 5

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Mary Jean Jaskowiak by Peg Zagoda

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Victoria Hernandez by Family

† Michael C. Gruben by Laurie & Larry Pottorff

Adoude Moevi by Self

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla kapłanów

Sunday - September 6

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Marie Rodawold by Rick & Janice Rodawold

Clara Chamberlin "Birthday" by SMN Parish Staff

9:00 am Mass (HC)

† Deceased members of the Gorski Family by Jack Gorski

10:30 am Mass (HC)

W pewnej intencji

† † Zofia i Władysław Złoz

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Faith Formation by The Parish

† John & Rosemary McCormack "Birthdays" by Karen McCormack

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

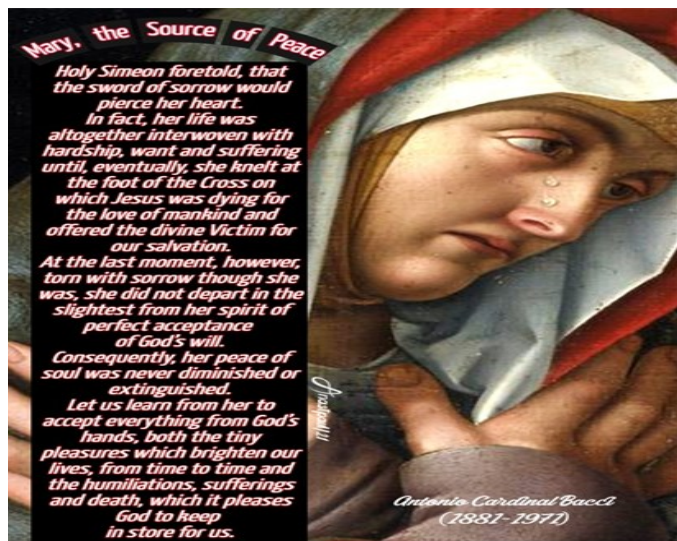
Jeanine Gauer "Anniversary" by Terry Gruber

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.**

September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows



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 – AUGUST 25 to SEPTEMBER 25

Mary now feels the quickening of the Child Jesus that proclaims his presence within her womb. She sings to him and feels his response. At six months, a special covering (vernix) forms to protect the baby's skin from the fetal waters. The baby's eyes, closed since the seventh week, are now open to its surroundings. The infant is now 12 inches long and weighs 1 1/2 pounds. This baby could survive birth. Despite the fact that a child of six months has a chance at life, women may legally abort their unborn at any time throughout the nine months of their pregnancy. Pray for all physicians, midwives and nurses that they may recognize the sanctity of life and God as the author of life.



Novenas in Preparation for Our Parishes Feast Days

The Feast of Our Lady's Nativity Novena

Prayed from August 30th through September 7th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena

Prayed from September 5th through September 13th

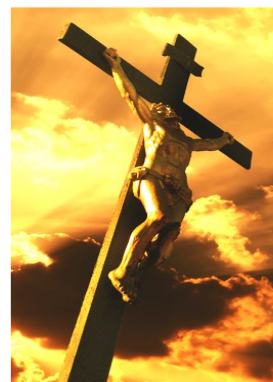
Nowenny Przed Naszymi Odpustami Parafialnymi:

Przed świętem Narodzenia NMP:

od 30 sierpnia do 7 września

Przed świętem Podwyższenia Krzyża Świętego: od 5 do 13 września

Copies of the Novenas can be found in the back of both Churches.



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.	Phyllis Popek
Bill	Alyssa Hrusosky	Ronald Pruss
Mary Bellos	Violet Hyndman	Armando Rodriguez
Vietta Bews	Harriet Kazlauskas	Father Pete Rossa
Sheri Bokholdt	James Kozar	Lesa Ruth
Christopher Borsom	Dan Kramerich	Kimberly Schlegel
Stephanie Cavanagh	Bernadette (Lajcin)	Steve Senisais
Tyler Centorbi	Marilyn Lajcin	Terri Shepherd
Yolanda Costa	Don Legerski	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 Harmes	Gliceria Nunez	Susan Ward
Alba Hensley	Parnell	
Janet	James Partak	
Janet Horvath	Patricia Phinney	

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



See insert for the Holy Cross 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Coming this Fall: Adult Study

Thursday Evenings at St. Mary Nativity

WHEN YOU PRAY

A CLEAR PATH TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.



August is National “Make-A-Will” Month

Gifts given through wills and trusts are a vital part of financial support to our church and mission.

A bequest to St. Mary Nativity or Holy Cross Mission enables you to support our legacy and make a difference in the lives of future generations.

A general bequest designates that St. Mary Nativity Church or Holy Cross Mission receives a specific sum of money.

Example:

I give the sum of \$_____ to St. Mary Nativity Church or Holy Cross Mission to be used as an unrestricted gift for it's general purposes.

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>

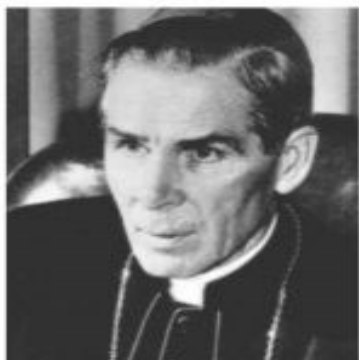
August 23, 2026	St. Mary Nativity	Holy Cross
Sunday Offertory	\$8,513	\$2,741
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,215	\$2,843
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$70,566	\$19,741
YTD Budget Need	\$73,720	\$22,744
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$3,154)	(\$3,003)
Annual Budget (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)	\$470,000	\$145,000
Average Weekly Shortage	(\$394)	(\$375)

*Thank you for attending. Thank you for serving.
Thank you for giving.
Thank you for growing with us.*

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Attend the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24, 2026 in St. Louis, MO.

Get your tickets here:



Bishop Dennis Spies
Diocesan Administrator

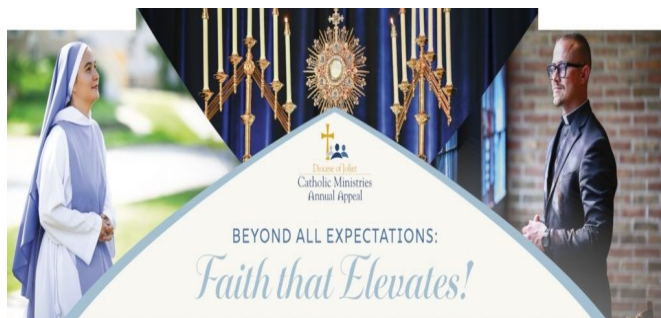
Are You Being Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

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



BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS:

Faith that Elevates!

Saint Mary Nativity

2026 Goal	\$39,800
Amount Pledged	\$41,690
Amount Paid	\$38,276
Balance Due	\$ 3,412
Donor Count	141
2026 Rebate	\$0

Holy Cross

2026 Goal	\$13,700
Amount Pledged	\$17,697
Amount Paid	\$16,617
Balance Due	\$ 1,080
Donor Count	57
2026 Rebate	\$2,042

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.

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



She wasn't alone when she became principal

When Colleen Carroll stepped into her second year as principal of St. Jude Catholic School in New Lenox, she wasn't walking the path alone. Through the Emmaus Mentor Program, supported by your gifts to the CMAA, Colleen was paired with veteran principal Carol Albreski, giving Colleen support and a person to reach out to with the everyday challenges of a first year in the principal's office.



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

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

Wednesday, September 2

8:30am Mass - SMJN Church (School Mass)

2:00pm Early Dismissal - SMN School -
(Faculty Meeting)

Thursday, September 3

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

4:00pm Volleyball Games - SMN Gym

Friday, September 4

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

Saturday, September 5

Food Pantry Collection - SMN

Sunday, September 6

Food Pantry Collection - SMN

Monday, September 7th



Have a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday!



**Non Perishable items may be
dropped off at the SMN Church
vestibule on
September 5th & 6th
Thank you!**



(MT 16) Jesus said,
"If anyone is willing to come
after me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and
follow me." Learn
techniques to help face

challenges in your marriage by participating in a
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on
Sept. 18-20 in Batavia or
October 9-11 in Rockford
or December 4-6 in Lemont.

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



**HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY**

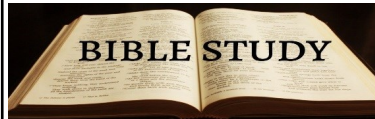
Please note:

There will be no
Hospitality Sunday

in September. Please join us on Tuesday,
September 8th for our Birthday Celebration for
Mary. See page 3 for details.

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. For more information, contact Christine at faithformation@stmarynativity.org.

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.

Adult Sacrament & OCIA Classes



- If you have been interested in the Catholic Faith
- If you are missing a Sacrament like Com Reconciliation or Confirmation
- If you are a non-Catholic married to a Catholic who has wanted to share in your family's religious life more completely.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA is designed for those who are considering joining the Catholic Church through celebrating the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. The process welcomes adults who have never been baptized and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition.

Adult Confirmation Classes!

It is never too late to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation! If you missed it when you were a teenager, you are invited to participate in our Adult Confirmation program.

The Catholic Church welcomes you and looks forward to you becoming a full part of our family of faith!

Classes Begin in September, For more information email Christine at Faithformaton@stmarynativity.org
Scan code to Sign up.



Today's readings show that following Jesus is not always easy. Jeremiah feels pushed to speak God's word, even when others mock him. Paul asks believers to offer their lives to God and not follow the ways of the world. These readings remind us that faith calls for courage and steady trust.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His followers to deny themselves and carry their crosses. He warns that gaining the world means nothing if the soul is lost. Peter struggles to accept this path, but Jesus stays firm. This Sunday invites us to choose Jesus each day, even when it brings sacrifice, and to trust that this path leads to real life.

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.

Tabernacle comes from a lengthy Latin word, *tabernaculum* which means "hut" or "tent" and is the fixed, locked box, usually behind the altar or in a side chapel. The tabernacle can be thought of as the little house or "tent" where Jesus resides sacramentally—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in each consecrated Host. Hosts that remain after Holy Communion are then stored in the tabernacle and locked to protect the precious gift of Jesus inside. Tabernacles, after Christianity became legal in the fourth century, began to be the storage places for Jesus present in the Eucharist. But tabernacle has roots in the Old Testament when Moses commissioned a tabernacle to be built to hold the Ark of the Covenant, the dwelling place of God among the Israelites. Today we also honor Mary as the first tabernacle that held the presence of Jesus, so we call Mary the Ark of the New Covenant.



Since we are created for relationships with each other and with God, Jesus remains present to strength our relationship with Him by dwelling in his little "tent" waiting for us. St. Therese once wrote, "do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you—for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love."

Help your child meet their

Best Friend

Register Now for
Religious Education Classes

Fun, Friendly, Flexible Times
(Now Sunday, Monday or online)



St. Mary
Nativity
815-726-4031



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 different ways to help, like there are many different types of children.

Come join us as we work to make a difference, one child at a time. Please email the RF Director Christine Goba at cgoba@rcdoj.org if you are able to give time to help during the year.

Diocese of Joliet
Blanchette Catholic Center



Office of the Diaconate
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403
(815) 221-6174



8-Day Our Lady of GUADALUPE & Colonial Mexico Pilgrimage

APRIL 2 - 9, 2027

Join the Diaconate Office and the
Class of 2027 on a pilgrimage to
Our Lady of Guadalupe &
Colonial Mexico!

For questions and more information, please contact:

Penny Borello
Intele Travel
630-309-1851
Email: pborello@gmail.com

Upcoming events 10

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Announcing the 48th Annual

Wedding Anniversary Mass

AUGUST

SUN **30** 1:00 PM

2026

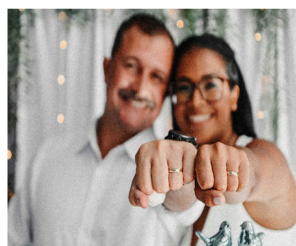
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL 60435

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Deadline to register: August 10, 2026

Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine:
815-221-6136
dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org





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RETRouvaille
OF JOLIET ILLINOIS



Stop fighting *with* each other, and start fighting *for* each other!
Retrouvaille helps you rediscover calm conversation, productive conflict management, and a deeper understanding of each other that leads to improved trust, commitment, forgiveness, and love.

Our next weekend program is

**September 18 - 20, 2026 at the
Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, IL**

For more information, call us at 815-246-2080, email us at
JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org, or visit us online at
HelpOurMarriage.org/Joliet

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SMN & HC Picnic

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