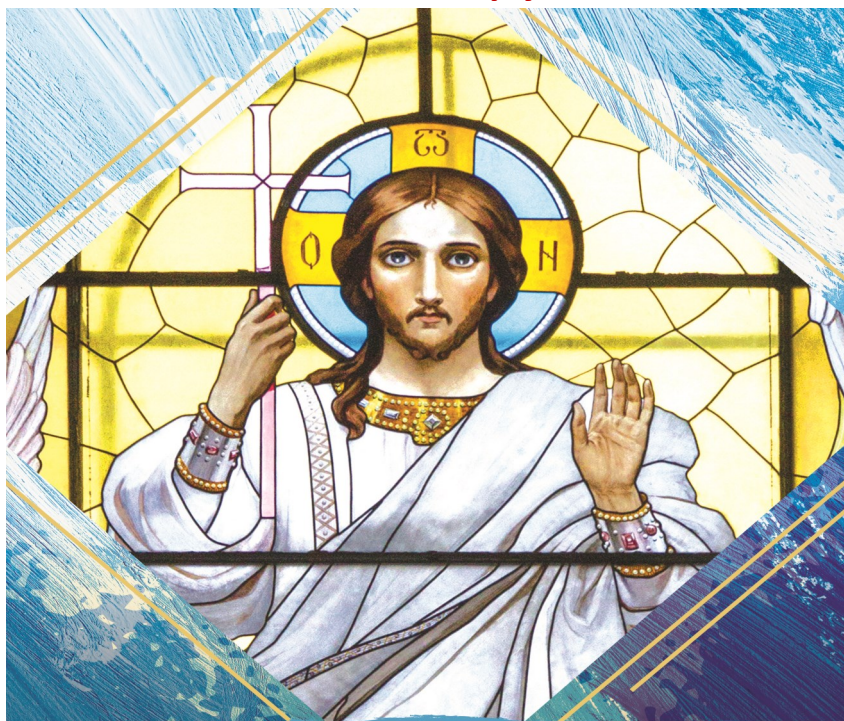


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St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish Holy Cross Mission

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00—3:00pm

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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
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Joliet, Illinois 60435**

Parish and School Centers

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Meet Our Staff...

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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

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Barbara Szuba,

Polish School Principal

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Saturday - October 3

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † Leonard Fordonski "Birthday" by Family
- † † Edward & Ann Buldak by Family
- † † Josephine & Joseph Costello by Family

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

Faith Formation by the Parish

- † Denise Boudreau by Deanna Serdar
- † Diane Zanella by Marge & Jean Zanella

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Krzysztofa z okazji urodzin

- † Józef Niejadlik

Sunday - October 4

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Jerry Lakota by Fred & Diane Hafner
- † Bud Miller by Marge Lakota and Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

- † William Henning by Larry & Laurie Pottorff
- † Richard Vanderlinden by Patty & Tony Torres

10:30 am Mass (HC)

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Nicole i Pawła z okazji urodzin

- † Danuta Mąka
- † Ewa

- † Barbara Lazarowicz

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Merle Hoebing by The Salas Family
- † George Reader & Alison Halpin by Judy & Bob Hintze
- † Fr. John Doyle by The Salas Family
- † Karen Kuban by Tom & Bobbi Hafner

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

5:30 pm Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

Monday - October 5

8:30 am Mass (HC)

- † Walter Daniel Heap by The Pawlowski Family
- † Andres Ochotorena by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

- † † Józef, Zenobia, Marzena, Iwona

Tuesday - October 6

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

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

8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish

O zdrowie i łaskę wiary dla Adriana i Filipa

Wednesday - October 7

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

- † Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family by Family
- † Sue Tierney by Family
- † Amparo Lara by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla żyjących i przyjęcie do nieba dla zmarłych członków Żywego Różańca

Thursday - October 8

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

Julie Bednarzyk by SVDP SMN/HC Conference

- † Holy Souls in Purgatory by George MacZura

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Marii Łęckiej z okazji imienin

Friday - October 9

8:30 am Mass (HC)

- † Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O Bożą opiekę i szczęśliwy powrót do domu dla wnuka Angelo oraz o nastanie trwałego pokoju na świecie

Saturday - October 10

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

- † † Bern & Sis Olszta by Kathy Laken
- † Ray Page "65th Wedding Anniversary" by Wife, Jean

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

- † Joseph R. Kararo by Family
- † Gerald Bebar by Wife, Carol
- † Nora Tierney by Family
- Christopher Dorval by Mom Dania

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

- † ks. Kazimierz Świątliński SChr (rocznica śmierci)
- † br. Stefan Faryna SChr (rocznica śmierci)

Sunday - October 11

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Marie Rodawold by Family

9:00 am Mass (HC)

- † Helena Warmuz by Godson, Stanisław & Family
- † Peggy & Paul Bartolotta by Tony and Patty Torres

10:30 am Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna i z prośbą o dalsze Boże błogosławieństwo dla rodziny Szopińskich

- † Edward Styrzcula
- † † Aniela i Józef Długosz

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

- † Rutilio Suarez by Family
- † Delores Bebej by Andrea McIntosh & Family
- Faith Formation by the Parish

- † Tim Gruber "Anniversary" by Family

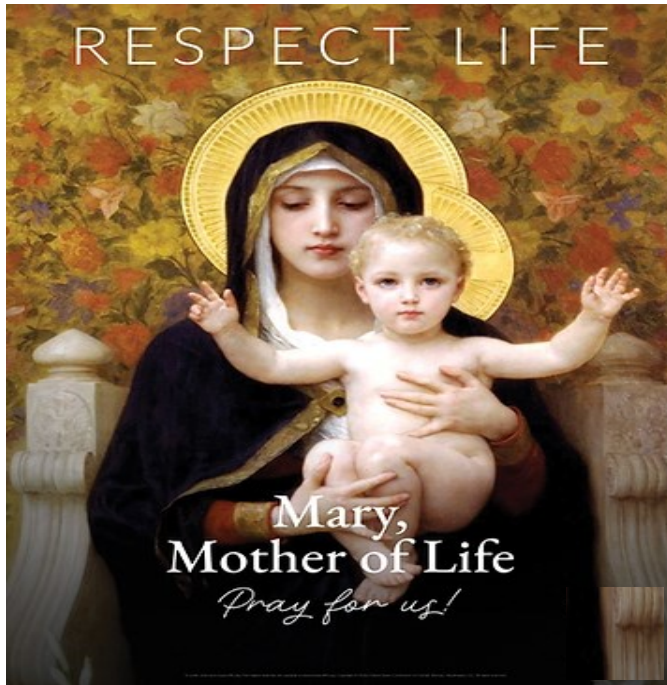
12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

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.**



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 SEVENTH MONTH – SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 25

Mary and Joseph knew in advance that their baby would be a boy. And although Jesus was not his biological child, Joseph eagerly anticipated his birth. By the seventh month, the baby's hands grip strongly. His eyelids open and close as he surveys his increasingly cramped surroundings. The baby is now 15 inches long and weighs 2-3 pounds. The infant Jesus listens intently for his mother's recognizable voice. A child of seven months would survive birth. Four to 20 couples wait to adopt each available child. The average abortion takes 5-10 minutes. The average wait for adoption is 2-10 years.

Pray for all adoptive parents who provide the loving care and nourishing environment which every child deserves, and for foster parents who lend their hearts and homes to those whose fates hang in the balance.



October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary

The Blessed Virgin Mary has given us a great weapon in the rosary. Pray it. Live it. Amen!

"O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for Thee; keep me closely united with Thee, may my heart be near to Thine.

I want to be to Thee like the apostle John. O Mary of the Rosary, keep me recollected when I say these prayers of thine; bind me forever, with thy rosary, to Jesus of the Blessed Sacrament. Blessed be Jesus, my love."

Pope John XXIII, Journal of a Soul



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
Jonathan Schroll, USMC Special Forces
Petty Officer 1st Class Tyley Hintzsche, Navy
Airman Jack Maurer, Air Force
Airman, Josh Maurer, Air Force

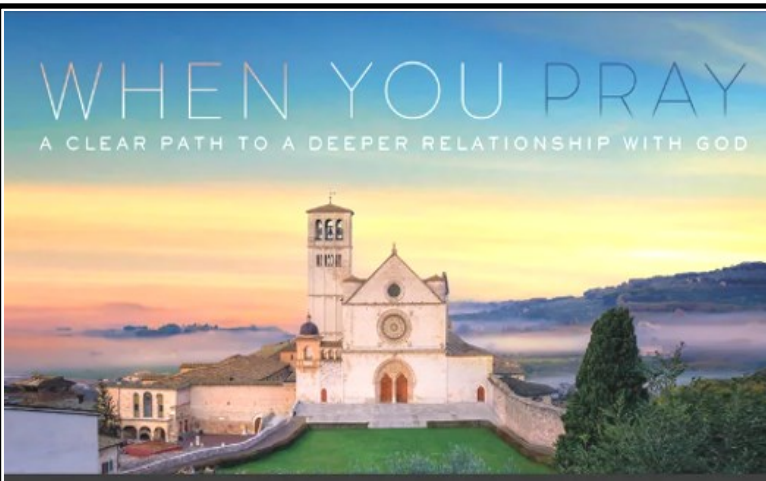


Heavenly Father, we pray for...

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

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





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When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God, a seven-session study designed to help transform your prayer life. Through each session, you will learn simple and powerful steps for prayer, gain tools to overcome distractions and discouragement, and discover how God desires to draw you into a deeper relationship with him. This adult study is open for all to join for one session or all sessions at St. Mary Nativity at 7pm to 8:15 in the Nativity Room.

For more information contact Christine at 815-726-4031 or by email at faithfomation@stmarynativity.org

**Join us for When You Pray:
A Clear Path to a Deeper
Relationship with God**

Session One – “I Thirst”

Sept. 24

Session Two – The Battle for Prayer

Oct. 15

Session Three – Trust and Surrender

Oct 29

Session Four – Meeting God in the Valley

Nov. 5

Session Five – The Living Flame of Love

Nov. 19

Session Six – In the World, Not of the World

Dec. 3

Session Seven – Radiating Christ

Dec. 17

Tacos, Guaraches & Quesadillas Fundraiser

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
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St. Vincent de Paul Conference



The St. Mary Nativity/Holy Cross St. Vincent de Paul Conference is participating in Undy Sunday, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet's annual collection of basic necessities for individuals and families in need.

Donate during
**October
12 to 18,
2026**

THIS YEAR WE ARE COLLECTING:
- Toddler underwear – sizes 12 months–3T
- Children's pajamas – sizes 3T–6
- Men's Boxer-brief - All Sizes
- women's underwear - sizes sm-2xl
Please donate new, unopened items
and bring them to Nativity Room

Donation Drop-off Hours: Monday-Sunday

DURING RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS AND AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.



St. Mary Nativity Church
706 N. Broadway Street
Joliet, IL 60435



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 Communion, 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.

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 Faithformation@stmarynativity.org
Scan code to Sign up.



Faith Formation Catholic Kids Column 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings we hear parables about the way God is like the owner of a vineyard, a farm for grapes. God does everything to help the plants in His kingdom grow and bear lots of good grapes. He also asks us to work with Him to make His kingdom fruitful by taking care of other people, sharing the talents we have, and telling others about Jesus. God wants us to become the best disciples we can become.

From LTP Sourcebook

Religious Faith Formation First Day of Class



Thank you for a great first class!
It was great seeing everyone and joining together to learn about God and enjoying activities.

Next Week is the Stuff Animal Blessing! So don't forget to bring your favorite Stuff animal with you to class.



Stuffed Animal Blessing

Classes Begin September 20/21

Help your child meet their Best Friend

Register Now for Religious Education Classes

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Can you lend a hand?

Is God Calling you?

Catechist and Helpers are needed for the 2026-2027 school year

Call Christine at (815) 726-4031
For more information




The Week Ahead

Monday, October 5

4:45pm Religious Education Class
SMN Church and School



Tuesday, October 6

9:30am Bible Study - SMN Nativity Room
1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

Wednesday, October 7

8:30am Mass – SMN Church
2:00pm Early Dismissal - SMN School -
(Faculty Meeting)



Thursday, October 8

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church
4:00pm Volleyball Games - SMN Gym
7:00pm OCIA Class - SMN Joann Room



Friday, October 9

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church
5:00pm Polish School - SMN School, Nativity Room

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

Hospitality Sunday - SMN Nativity Room

**HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY**



**Non Perishable items may
be dropped off at the
SMN Church vestibule on
October 3rd & 4th
Thank you!**

**Sunday, October 11th in the Nativity Room
after the morning Masses.**



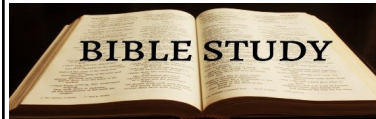
(MT 21) "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Accept God's ways of marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on October 9-11 in Rockford or December 4-6 in Lemont.

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



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



SMN MUSIC MINISTRY CALLING ALL SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS!

The St. Mary Nativity Music
Ministry is welcoming new
members as we begin the

2026-2027 year on Sunday, September 13, 2026. The choir, cantors
and instrumentalists participate at the 11:00 am Sunday Masses and
for all other special Liturgies throughout the year. Practice is on
Sunday from 10:00 am until 10:50 am. We sing from September
through the end of May and take the Summer months of June,
July and August off. Please consider joining and helping
us build the Kingdom of God!

Call Tony Brandolino, Music Director at 815-531-9257.



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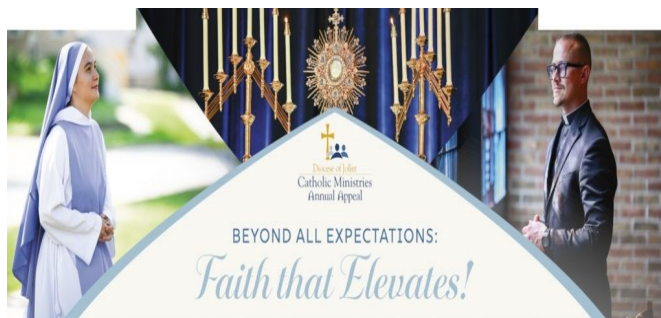
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<u>September 27, 2026</u>	<u>St. Mary Nativity</u>	<u>Holy Cross</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$7,563	\$2,356
Sunday Offertory Budget Need	\$9,215	\$2,843
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$111,608	\$31,567
YTD Budget Need	\$119,795	\$36,959
Overage/(Shortage) Amount	(\$8,187)	(\$5,392)
Annual Budget	\$470,000	\$145,000
(July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)		
Average Weekly Shortage	(\$630)	(\$415)

*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	\$41,850
Amount Paid	\$39,459
Balance Due	\$ 2,391
Donor Count	141
2026 Rebate	\$0

Holy Cross

2026 Goal	\$13,700
Amount Pledged	\$17,808
Amount Paid	\$17,188
Balance Due	\$ 620
Donor Count	57
2026 Rebate	\$2,442

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.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to rising costs, our 12 page bulletin will no longer be free of charge. As a result, starting November 1, 2026 we will be switching to an 8 page bulletin.

Please be aware that space will be limited, and refer to the week ahead and the monthly schedule for upcoming events at St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross. Deadline to submit for bulletin will still be on Monday. Thank you!



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



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
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Office for the Diaconate
815-221-6174

vocations.diojoliet.org/start-a-conversation



class of 06 20 YEARS LATER

SMN School News

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How time flies by!! On September 19th, students from St. Mary Nativity School, Class of 2006 came together to celebrate their 20th reunion. They took a trip down memory lane by walking the halls, sitting in their old classrooms and sharing stories in the cafeteria of their years here at SMN.



Dan's Homemade Candies Caramel Apples



Proceeds support St. Mary Nativity 8th Grade Class. The Caramel Apples are delicious and are only \$5.00 for caramel or \$6.00 for caramel with nuts. Please fill out the form and send it along with your payment by Wednesday, October 14th. Checks payable to St. Mary Nativity. Please drop off form and payment to the school office, parish office or in the weekend collection basket. Pickup will be in the School Parking Lot on Wednesday, October 21st at 2:50 pm. Thank you for your support! Questions, please contact Laurie at 815-600-0819

Name _____	Quantity _____	Total _____
Caramel Apple \$5.00 each	_____	_____
Caramel Apple with Nuts \$6.00	_____	_____
Phone Number _____	TOTAL COST	_____

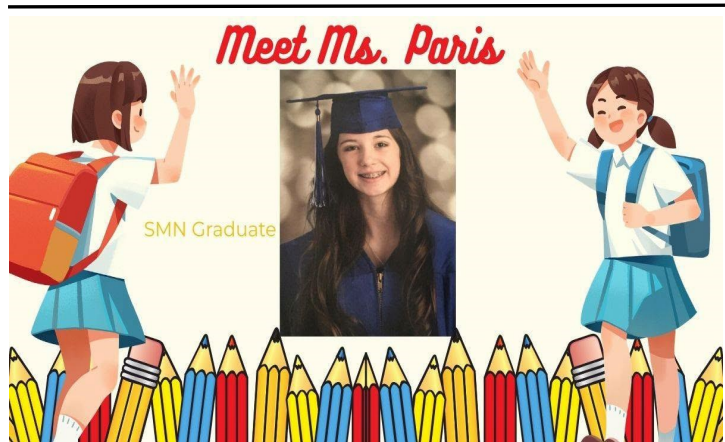


The 5th -8th grade SMN students went to the Cathedral of St. Raymond to participate in the Mass of the Holy Spirit. We were blessed to have Bishop Conlon, the 5th bishop of the Joliet Diocese as our presider.



I am happy to begin my third year at St. Mary Nativity teaching third grade. A graduate of University of St. Francis, I hold a B.A. in Elementary Education and an M.S. in Teaching and Learning with an endorsement in English Language Learning. I am also an adjunct instructor at Joliet Junior College working with students in the Department of Adult Education and Literacy. In 2023, I was a grateful recipient of the Joliet Area Great Teacher Award.

Outside of school, I enjoy cheering my daughters on from the sidelines, traveling, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. I am excited to be part of the St. Mary Nativity community and pursue my 33rd year as an educator in the Diocese of Joliet.



My name is Lauren Paris. I will be teaching 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th social studies this year.

One of my two undergraduate degrees is in criminal justice which really grew my love of history, law, and government!

I will also be teaching 5th grade ELA. I am working towards a masters degree in teaching.

I am a 2017 graduate of St. Mary Nativity!

I am so excited to start this year and I can't wait to make so many great memories!!

Meet the TEACHER



MEET MRS. RYAN

My name is Jill Ryan and I am excited to begin my 3rd year at St. Mary Nativity. This is my 18th year teaching in the Diocese of Joliet. I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with my 4th graders. My husband, Larry and I are the proud parents of three children. One is a graduate of Milwaukee School of engineering and two currently in college at Benedictine University and St. Mary's College. We all enjoyed a terrific family trip to Ireland this past summer. I also traveled to Slovenia with my mother and siblings to explore our native roots. As I attended Kindergarten at St. Mary Nativity, I am happy to return as a Fourth Grade Teacher and look forward to working with my students and families.



A New School Year, A New Adventure!

5th Grade-8th Grade Science Teacher

6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher

6th Grade Homeroom Teacher

MEET MS. WATSON

My name is Ms. Watson. I am in my tenth year teaching science and/or social studies at Saint Mary Nativity and my fifteenth year teaching overall. Prior to teaching I worked in market research and then in banking. The best part of my prior careers was training new employees and seeing them go on to be successful, so teaching was a natural next step for me.

Personally, I have always enjoyed reading and in grade school I would sometimes get in trouble during reading class because I would read ahead in the story and not know where we were when I was called upon. I grew up in a large family who had different tastes in music, so I like a little bit of everything musically.

I am looking forward to seeing how the seventh and eighth graders have changed over the summer. I am also looking forward to getting to know the fifth and sixth graders.

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