

Sept.
6,
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

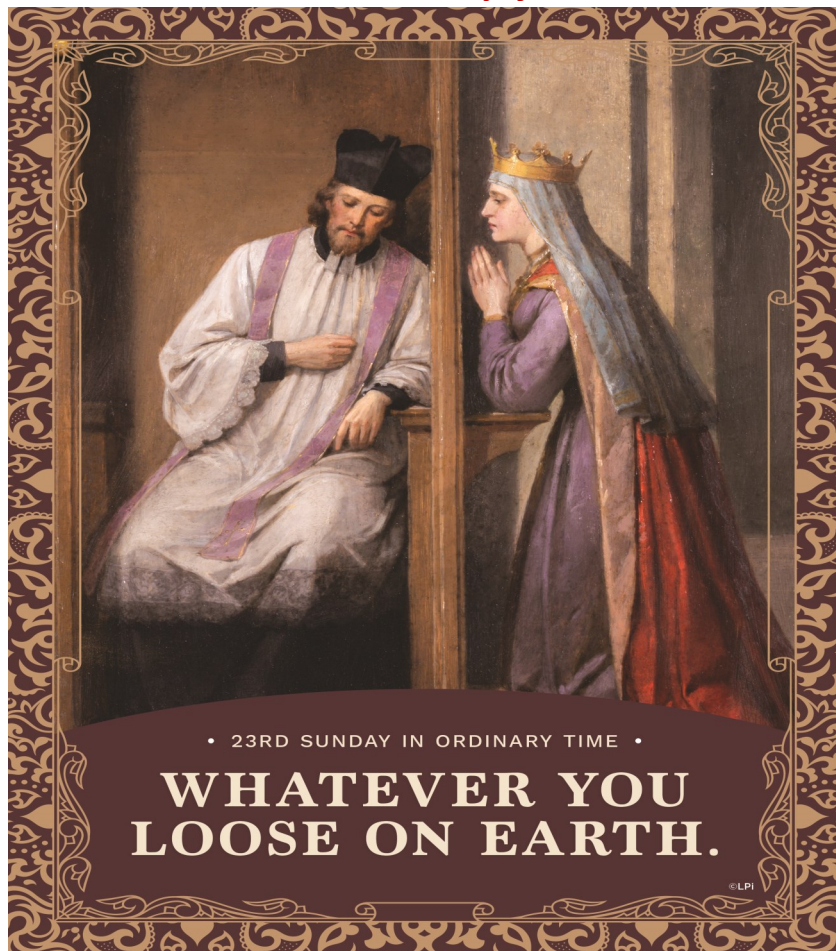
Monday Wednesday

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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Father Tomasz Sielicki, Parochial Vicar
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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
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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
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Bianca Mata, School Secretary
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Polskiej Szkoły im.
Świętego Krzyża
w Joliet

Barbara Szuba,
Polish School Principal
polskaszkolajoliet@gmail.com

3 Rosary Walk

*Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross
Parishes Feast Days*

A Rosary Walk Through Our Parish Cemetery's

REMEMBER YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES ON OUR PARISH FEAST DAYS

September 9, 2026

St. Mary Nativity Cemetery
Caton Farm Road,
Crest Hill
(East of Weber Road
& West of Rt. 53)

10:00 a.m. in front of the Chapel

"Though the deceased is buried
in the earth, thou must not omit to
burn oil and wax on this grave,
for this is pleasing to God and
merits great reward" - St. Athanasius

Join Us



September 14, 2026

Holy Cross Cemetery
Theodore Street,
Crest Hill
(West of Larkin Avenue
& East of Essington)

10:00 a.m. in front of Cemetery

Remember.....
The Light of a Candle
shines as a symbol of
Life and Love.



Lighting a candle
at the graveside of
your loved one(s)
is a beautiful and
meaningful way to
capture the spirit
and life of those
who have died.
We encourage you
to light your
cemetery candles
on the eve of our
feast day or before
we begin the
rosary walk.





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

O nowego, świętego biskupa ordynariusza dla diecezji Joliet

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

† Mikołaj Mroczek

† Jan Mścisz (2. rocznica śmierci)

† Józef Kubacka (8. rocznica śmierci)

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

Monday - September 7

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Jacquelyn Sicinski by The Dan Lajcin Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O dary Ducha Świętego z okazji początku roku akademickiego dla Sabiny

Tuesday - September 8

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Kevin Hansen by Mike & Beth Hansen

† Lorraine Popovich by The Pottorff Family

8:30 am Mass (HC) Polish

O Boże błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla wnuków i chrześniaków:

Heleny, Jana, Henry'ego, Macieja, Zuzanny, Agnieszki, drugiej AGNIESZKI i Anny

Wednesday - September 9

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Charles Horvath "Anniversary" by Family

Steve Walker and Raynell Bradford

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† Teresa Kościelak

Thursday - September 10

8:30 am Mass (SMN)

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Charlie Kirk by The Pottorff Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Davida z okazji 7. urodzin

Friday - September 11

8:30 am Mass (HC)

† Paul Berg by Friend

† Amparo Lara by Rosamaria & Richie Ochotorena

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

O ustanie nienawiści, pojednanie i pokojowe współzycie między narodami

Saturday - September 12

4:00 pm Mass (HC)

† Deceased members of the Widlowski Family by Betty & Family

† Robert Terdic by Wife Carol & Lisa & Bill Vertin (Daughter & Son-in-Law)

4:00 pm Mass (SMN)

† Nick Kirincich & Dick Boban by Family

† Jerry Lakota by Carol Bebar

† Kristin Missig Chung by Dorothy Tacchia

† Louis Ivezich "Happy 95th Birthday" by Family

7:00 pm Mass (HC) Polish

† Maria Bujalski

Sunday - September 13 125th Anniversary Celebration HC

7:00 am Mass (SMN)

For the People of the Parishes

9:00 am Mass (HC)

NO MASS AT Holy Cross

10:30 am Mass (HC)

Dziękczynna i o dalszą Bożą opiekę dla wspólnoty kościoła Św. Krzyża w 125. rocznicę jego poświęcenia

† Edward Styrzcula

† Maria Ciurkot (zmarła w Polsce)

† Helena Warmuz by Godson Stanislaw & Family

† Michael C. Gruben by Laurie & Larry Pottorff

11:00 am Mass (SMN)

† Carmen DeNardis by Kevin Rutkowski

† Merle Hoebing by The Salas Family

† Frank Ozella by The Traina Family

† † Michaeline and Frank LaBuda by Caryn LaBuda

12:30 pm Mass (SMN)

† Ann, Len, & Son Mark Fumagalli by Family

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



Tickets are still available for the Holy Cross 125th Anniversary Celebration on September 13th. Please call the Parish Office if interested or contact Nicole Kulon at holycross125th@gmail.com

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.

HELLO
SEPTEMBER

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

National Day of Remembrance Saturday
for Aborted Children Sept. 12 2026

On Saturday, September 12, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 66 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time
Saturday, September 12, [1:00 pm]

Location
Resurrection Cemetery
200 W. Romeo Rd. (135th St.)
Romeoville, IL. 60446

Details
Presider: Most Rev Dennis E Spies
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Joliet,
Speakers: Dr Monica Migliorino Miller
Ph.D Founder of Citizens for a Pro-Life
Society, Author and Speaker
Sharon Leavitt Letter-to My UnbornSon

Local Contact
Don Hrdlicka 630-415-6603
pharmdon@hotmail.com

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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

7 Stewardship



Scan now to donate!

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With the simple click of a button from your computer or smart device, you can securely set-up one-time or recurring donations.

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

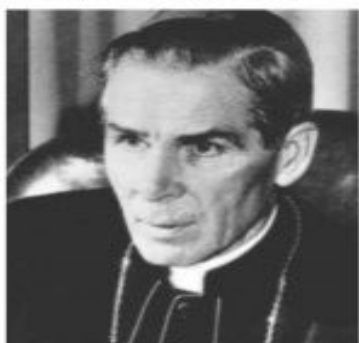
August 30, 2026	St. Mary Nativity	Holy Cross
Sunday Offertory	\$6,972	\$2,213
Sunday Offertory		
Budget Need	\$9,215	\$2,843
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$77,538	\$21,954
YTD Budget Need	\$82,935	\$25,587
Overage/(Shortage) Amount (\$5,397)		(\$3,633)
Annual Budget	\$470,000	\$145,000
(July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)		
Average Weekly Shortage (\$600)		(\$404)

*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

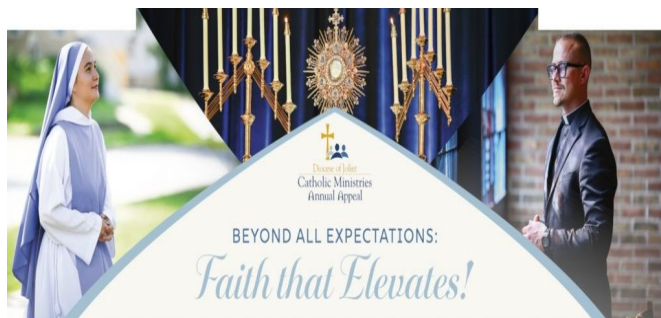
Are You Being Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

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	\$41,790
Amount Paid	\$38,519
Balance Due	\$ 3,271
Donor Count	141
2026 Rebate	\$0

Holy Cross

2026 Goal	\$13,700
Amount Pledged	\$17,697
Amount Paid	\$16,797
Balance Due	\$ 900
Donor Count	57
2026 Rebate	\$2,168

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.

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

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.

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 7

SMN School and Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

8:30am SMN (School Mass)

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hospitality after in Nativity Room

1:00pm Rosary - SMN Church

Wednesday, September 9

10:00am SMN Cemetery - **Rosary Walk**

Thursday, September 10

1:00pm Rosary in Spanish - SMN Church

Friday, September 11 First Responder Recognition

12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - SMN Church

5:00pm Polish School - SMN School

Saturday, September 12

Sunday, September 13

NO 9:00am Mass at Holy Cross

10:30am Mass (Bilingual) 125th Celebration

3:30pm Holy Cross 125th Anniversary

Celebratory Reception at Crystal Grand

Banquets, 12416 S. Archer, Lemont



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.

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 18) "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Learn how to bring God into your marriage by participating in

the next 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 11 for details.



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!

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.

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.



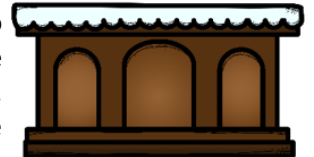
Today's readings show that faith is lived with others. God asks people to care for each other. The readings show that love and responsibility go together. Ezekiel speaks about warning others when they go the wrong way. Paul teaches that love guides all choices. Love helps people act with care and respect for one another.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows how to deal with conflict in a loving way. Jesus teaches people to speak first in private and seek peace. The goal is to heal, not hurt. When people gather in Jesus's name, He is with them. This Sunday teaches that faith grows in community, through love, honesty, and unity. 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.

The Altar, which comes from a Hebrew word that means "place of sacrifice," is where we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is the focal point of the sanctuary. The altar is the table we gather around to offer with Jesus his saving sacrifice and share in this sacred meal, a re-presentation of the Last Supper (see John 6:30-69; Matthew 26:20, 26-28; Mark 14:17, 22-24; and Luke 22:14-20). That is why it is appropriate to bow to the altar when entering the sanctuary to acknowledge the sacredness of the space and the saving actions of Jesus. How amazing it is that on the altar we can come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35).



Classes Begin September 20/21

Help your child meet their

Best Friend

Register Now for

Religious Education Classes

Fun, Friendly, Flexible Times

(Now Sunday, Monday or online)

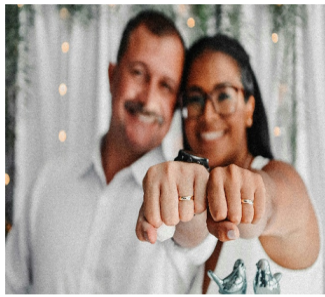
St. Mary's
Nativity

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.



A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
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

Upcoming events 10

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
SPONSORED

Wine, CHEESE & CHOCOLATE

A Night for Your Marriage

GOOD WINE.
GREAT COMPANY.
STRONGER TOGETHER.

WALKING DOWN MEMORY LANE while tasting wines, savoring cheese and topping it off with some chocolate

NO COST FREE EVENT for all married couples

DATE: September 26th
TIME: Starts at 5:30pm
LOCATION: The Parish Center
Holy Family Catholic Church
600 Brook Forest Ave
Shorewood IL 60404

LIMITED SPACE
SIGN UP TODAY!

Scan to register

OPERATION ANDREW DINNER



Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

Queen of Apostles Parish
18 Woodlawn Ave
Joliet, IL 60435

OCT 1 | 6 PM

Open to high school and young adult age men and their fathers

SCAN ME



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
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Mary!



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

**Stay for Hospitality and Prayers of Celebration
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(Flowers for the Blessed Mother are welcomed)

**Altar Servers are Called to
be Young Friends of Jesus**

St. John Paul II

**BECOME AN
ALTAR SERVER**

**4th graders and up are invited to serve in this
important ministry at St. Mary Nativity**

What Servers Do

- Assists the priest at Mass
- Prepares the altar
- Handles sacred items at Mass
- Sets and examples for parishioners

Requirements:

- Must be a practicing Catholic
- Must have already made your 1st Holy Communion and be in grades 4th–12th
- Must arrive 15 minutes before Mass to get vested and set up for Mass

SCAN TO SIGN-UP



Join the St. Mary Nativity Altar Server Ministry
Contact Christine at faithformation@stmarynativity.org

Training will be provided.

As parent/guardian for:

in _____ grade, I grant permission for him/her to be an
altar server and attend the training.

Signature: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



**YOUR
Teacher**

My name is Ms. C and I will be your teacher this year!



Meet Mrs. Nelson
Kindergarten Teacher



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Kindergarten Teacher

My name is Anne Nelson.

I have been teaching for 32 years.

Seven of those years were student teaching and

25 of those years were teaching full time.

This is my 24th year teaching Kindergarten.

I have been married for 33 years.

I have 2 adult daughters.

I enjoy traveling with my family.

My favorite place to travel to is the

Most Magical Place on Earth!

about me

Hi! My name is Ms. Cisneros, but most of the kids know me as Ms. C! I am so excited to
be your child's Preschool teacher this year!

I recently graduated with my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Special Education, with
endorsements in ELL and Bilingual Education. I was fortunate to complete part of my
student teaching here at St. Mary Nativity, and I am so happy to be returning!

I am currently attending Loyola University Chicago, where I am working toward my
master's degree in Behavior Analysis. I am passionate about creating an inclusive, engaging
classroom where children can learn through play, build confidence, and develop a lifelong
love of learning.

I can't wait to meet you and make this a wonderful year of learning, growth, and fun!

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