Saint Mary Nativity

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Weekend Associate: Father Gerald Nicholas, O.S.A.

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"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drive out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them." Mk 6:7, 13

St. Mary Nativity Weekend Masses in Church
Saturdays: 4pm
Sundays: 7am, 11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Weekday Masses in Church
8:30am: Tuesday & Thursday
at St. Mary Nativity

Parish Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm
Fridays 8:30am – 3pm

MASKS Required

Rectory Office (815) 726-4031
Rectory Fax (815) 727-4393
School Phone Number (815)-722-8518
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Holy Cross *Kościół Świętego Krzyża*

830 Elizabeth Street Joliet, IL 60435
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Parochial Vicar: Father Tomasz Sielicki

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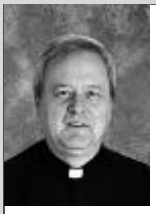
Holy Cross Weekend Masses in Church
Saturdays: 4pm & 7pm in Polish
Sundays: 9am & 10:30am in Polish

Weekday Masses in Church
8:30am: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at Holy Cross
7:00pm: Monday—Friday in Polish at Holy Cross

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time *July 11, 2021*



The Boy of Summer

Strict rules had to be followed during the summer. The long, green garden hose had to be attached to the faucet at the side of the house. Its other end had to be connected to the clunky, aluminum sprinkler. Then the water had to be turned on full blast so that the streams of water could shoot back and forth, again and again. There was only one thing left to do—jump in! Oh, it was too cold, the water coming from the well, deep beneath the ground. Cold as it was, you jumped in again and again. There was no purpose behind it; this water wasn't meant to water the grass. The meaning was clear, as clear as the water itself—it was time to play. And who made us this way, with this beautiful ability to play? God himself. God the Father delights in his Son, playing as he makes the world, then playing in that world, and playing among us and with us. God the Son came into our world as a little boy who loved to play. As we read in Proverbs 8:30-31, "I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing over the whole of his earth, having my delight with human beings." God loves to play with us.

I hope we keep this playful spirit no matter how old we are. Because no matter how old we are, we are always children before God. You may have lost the physical ability to run through the sprinkler, but you can always enjoy watching children do it. And you can dream of the day when you will do it forever in heaven, running through the spring of eternal life. Yes, life is serious, but it is also playful. Christ himself invites you to play with him in this most refreshing of all springs when he says, "Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. (John 7:38-39)

Don't wait until heaven to begin playing with Christ. He invites us to this at every Sunday Mass. At the Mass, Christ has opened wide the spring of his love and mercy so that you can run through again and again and refresh yourself. Yes, the Mass is serious, but it is also playful. The rules must be followed to open wide the Heart of Christ, just as the rules must be followed to opened up the garden sprinkler. But once it is opened, you are free to pray and play as the Holy Spirit leads you. The invitation 'Let us pray' is also the invitation "Let us play." Who knows what paths you have traveled along with God or from him during the past week? Who knows what prayers you hold in the depths of your heart? Who knows what graces God holds in the depths of his Heart for you? And yet there we are, all playing and praying together if only we could look at Mass with the eyes of that little boy of summer named Jesus.

No wonder God commands us to keep holy his day, the Lord's Day Sunday. So let's make plans during these days of summer to stay close to Jesus in the Mass. If we are traveling, let's make plans to find the churches and the Mass times at our vacation spots. If we are planning cookouts, let's make plans to keep our Mass on our weekend calendar. If we are inviting family and friends to join us at home, let's invite them to join us at Mass. Let's make sure we receive Christ's mercy in Confession to prepare our Hearts to receive him well in Communion. These are all parts of God's commandment. But the commandment is also an invitation. Who wouldn't say 'YES!' to the chance to enjoy ourselves and refresh ourselves? May you always hear offering this beautiful invitation from Jesus to you: Will you come out and play with me?

With my prayers,

Fr. Jerome

PS: This article borrows from the Fr. Romano Guardini, "The Spirit of the Liturgy"

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Mass Intentions

Saturday July 10th
4:00 PM † Stanley Angus Jr. by Barb & Tom Hinz **(SMN)**
† Jerry Mescher by Family **(SMN)**
4:00 PM For the Living and Deceased Fathers of Our Parishes **(HC)**
† † † Etfina, Francisco & Hilga by Roberto Lopez **(HC)**
7:00 PM O Boże błog. i wzrastanie w przyjaźni z Chrystusem w wypełnianiu powołania dla s. Agnieszki Gorczycy OP (**HC)**

Sunday July 11th
7:00 AM † Kevin Hansen by Barb & Tom Hinz **(SMN)**
9:00 AM For the People of the Parishes **(HC)**
10:30 AM O nawrócenie dla Ryszarda M. **(HC)**
Dziękczynna i o dalszą opiekę Bożą dla Pawła z okazji 27. urodzin **(HC)**
11:00 AM † Anne Jelinek "Birthday" by Family **(SMN)**
† Joseph Lakotich by Son **(SMN)**
12:30 PM † Victor Grimaud by Family **(SMN)**
5:30 PM For the People of the Parishes **(SMN)**

Monday July 12th
8:30 AM For the 2nd Graders of St. Mary Nativity by Mrs. Barney **(HC)**
7:00 PM † Leokadia i Mariusz Mucha **(HC)**

Tuesday July 13th
8:30 AM † Joyce Ozella by Janice Seddon (**SMN)**
7:00 PM † Zofia i Andrzej Zając **(HC)**

Wednesday July 14th
8:30 AM † † Edward & Frances Weeditz by Family **(HC)**
7:00 PM † Józef Jurczyk **(HC)**

Thursday July 15th
8:30 AM Holy Souls of Purgatory **(SMN)**
7:00 PM O uświęcenie dla naszych kapłanów (zam. Dorota) **(HC)**

Friday July 16th
8:30 AM † Kevin Hansen by Mike Hansen **(HC)**
7:00 PM † Józef Klikuszowian (zam. parafianie) **(HC)**

Saturday July 17th
4:00 PM † † John & Kathryn Gudac by Gudac Family **(SMN)**
† Joseph Perisich by Marge Zanella & Family **(SMN)**
4:00 PM For the People of the Parishes **(HC)**
7:00 PM O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Andżeliki i Mateusza w dniu ślubu (**HC)**
O wypełnienie się woli Bożej i pomyślne zamknięcie spraw biznesowych **(HC)**
† Jan Zając (zam. Koło Różańcowe) **(HC)**

Sunday July 18th
7:00 AM Personal Intention for Ryan by Family **(SMN)**
9:00 AM † Raymond Stofko "Birthday" by Family **(HC)**
10:30 AM † Józef Długosz **(HC)**
† † Jan i Stanisław Leja (13. rocznica śmierci) **(HC)**
11:00 AM † Anne Jelinek by Terry Gruber **(SMN)**
† Joyce Ozella by The Women's Club **(SMN)**
12:30 PM † Nadine Ferebee by Lora Ferebee **(SMN)**
5:30 PM † Scott Southcomb by Bill & Mary Whitmer **(SMN)**

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross News

Communion to the Homebound

The Holy Eucharist is the gift of Jesus himself at Mass. If you are confined to home and unable to receive him, we have volunteers who will bring him to you. Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home. We could also use new volunteers to help in this outreach, so also contact the parish office if you are able to help. Our parish office can be reached at 815-726-4031. Thank you!

There will be a Day of Recollection for Women on Wednesday, July 21st from 11:00am -1:00 pm here at St. Mary Nativity Church. The recollection will include several short talks, Eucharistic Adoration, the rosary, and the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. All of the women in the parish are invited to join us. Please bring a friend!

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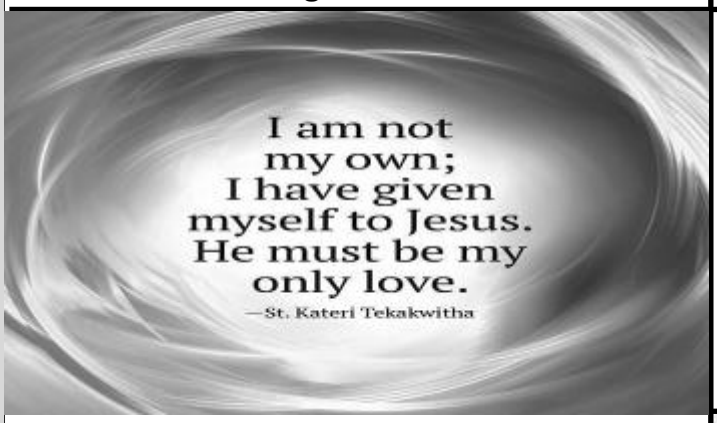

Thank you to Ray & Silvia Hagamann for donating $1,000.00 back to St. Mary Nativity from the Grand Sweepstakes Raffle!!

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Today is filled with Hope and Promise.

Week of July 11, 2021

Flame of Faith Candle

Saint Mary Nativity

Joseph Perisich

Holy Cross

Anne Jelinek

COME JOIN

Our Bible Study Group

as we continue to study the Bible book by book. We meet on **Tuesday mornings** from **9:30AM until 11AM in the Nativity Room.**

Our next meeting date will be: **Tuesday, July 13, 2021.**

Stewardship in Faith Collection

Sunday - July 4, 2021

Saint Mary Nativity	$ 7,045.00
Peter's Pence	$ 1,613.50
Holy Cross	$ 1,709.00
Peter's Pence	$ 896.10

LEGACY STEWARDS

As stewards of God's gifts,
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Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

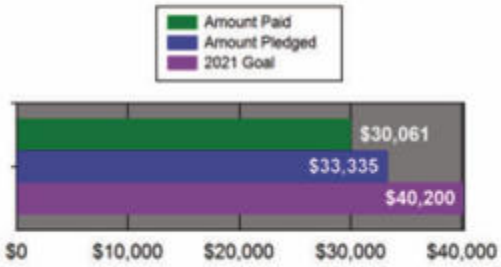
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 7/4/2021

Parish # 115

Parish Name St. Mary Nativity Parish - Joliet

	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	$40,200	$43,200	($3,000)	$43,200
Amount Pledged	$33,335	$27,166	$6,169	$30,101
Amount Paid	$30,061	$25,024	$5,037	$30,419
Balance Due	$3,274	$2,142	$1,132	($318)
Donor Count	155	166	-11	179
2021 Rebate	$0			



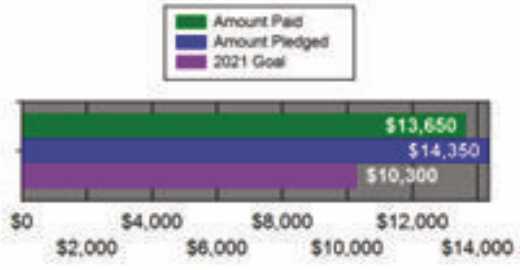
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 7/4/2021

Parish # 102

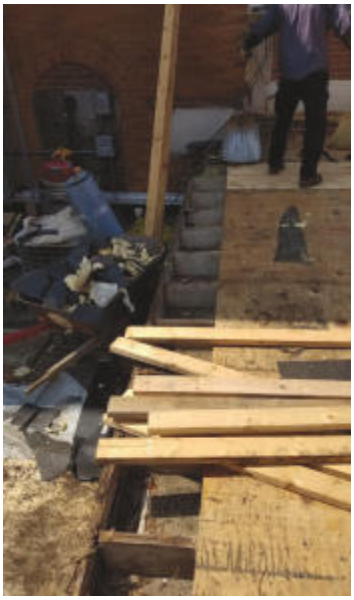
Parish Name Holy Cross Parish - Joliet

	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	$10,300	$10,500	($200)	$10,500
Amount Pledged	$14,350	$17,180	($2,830)	$18,145
Amount Paid	$13,650	$14,875	($1,225)	$17,225
Balance Due	$700	$2,305	($1,605)	$920
Donor Count	41	53	-12	59
2021 Rebate	$2,345			



Building on Faith's Foundation...Creating Our Future

We are grateful for the support from parishioners and friends of St. Mary Nativity who donated to the Capital Campaign. Without your generous support, we would not be able to complete the much-needed renovation and repairs on campus. The Nativity Room roof was completed in June. The total cost was $97,890. We are grateful the roof was completed before the storms came through in late June. As we reflect on our accomplishments thus far and give thanks, we continue to look ahead. Thank you for graciously serving as good stewards.



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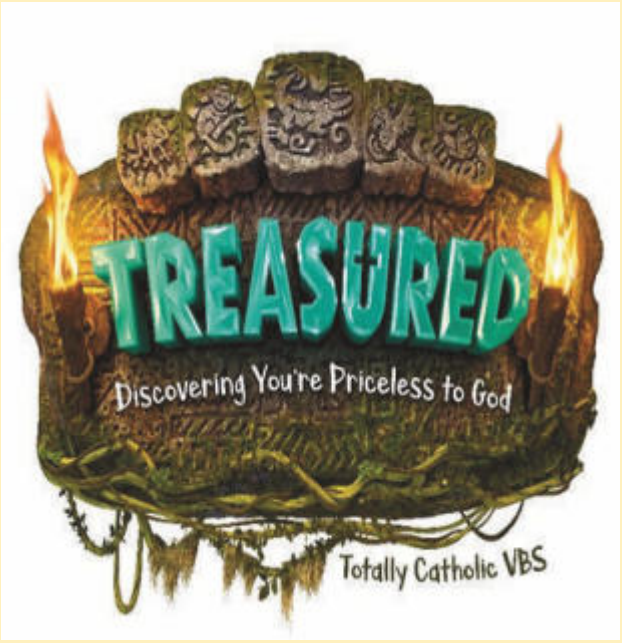
Nativity Room Finished Roof



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*** Come one - come all ***

Vacation Bible School

Monday July 19 – Friday July 23

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Children want to meet new friends.

Let's give them Faith & Fun!

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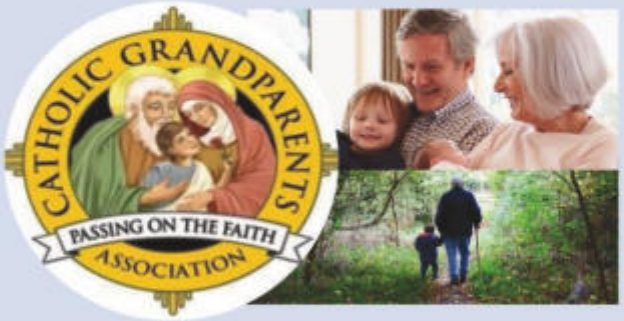
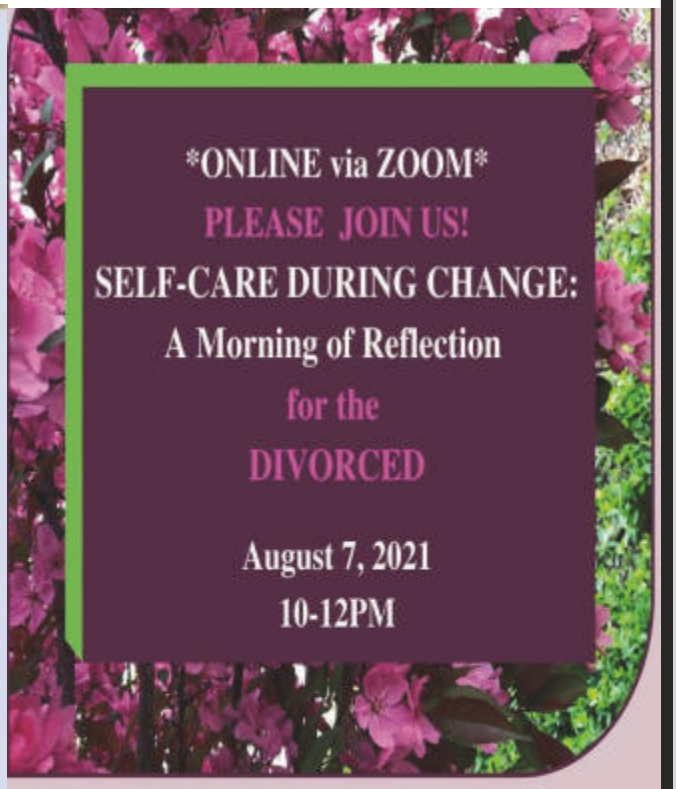


ALL ARE WELCOME!

DATE: July 25, 2021

TIME: 2:00 PM

Pre-registration is required by July 15, 2021. Please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334, Email: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or register online at **https://bit.ly/3pEvX28.**



Our Speaker will be Dr. Valerie Maty, the Associate Director of Family Ministry at the Diocese of Joliet. Our morning of reflection will provide opportunities for participants to reflect upon Self-Care During Change, engage in prayer, and connection with one another.

To register, go to: http://bitly.com/3jmo94d or contact the Office of Family Ministry at (815) 838-5334 by August 2, 2021.

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The Journey Keeps Getting Better!

St. Mary Nativity Catholic School is pleased to announce bus transportation for the 2021/2022 school year. The bus service will be provided at no cost through our local public school District 86.

For more information, please contact the school principal, Mrs. Pestrak, at gpestrak@stmarynativity.org.
This opportunity may be of help to many families who want to choose St. Mary Nativity School.

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 FOURTH MONTH –JUNE 25 TO JULY 25

Mary now takes her place in village society as a married woman and expectant mother. Family and friends gather materials to wave the swaddling garment s in which her child is to be clothed. At four months, Jesus' organs are functioning and his heart is pumping 6 ½ gallons of blood each day. Approximately 6 inches in length, fine hair covers his body, eyelashes and brows are showing as well as unique fingerprints which will remain the same all his life. He is comforted by listening to his mother's heartbeat. Sadly, 160,000 abortions per year take place after the fourth month.

Pray for expectant mothers that they will find support to make life's realization possible.

Part-time Bookkeeper – St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield, Il

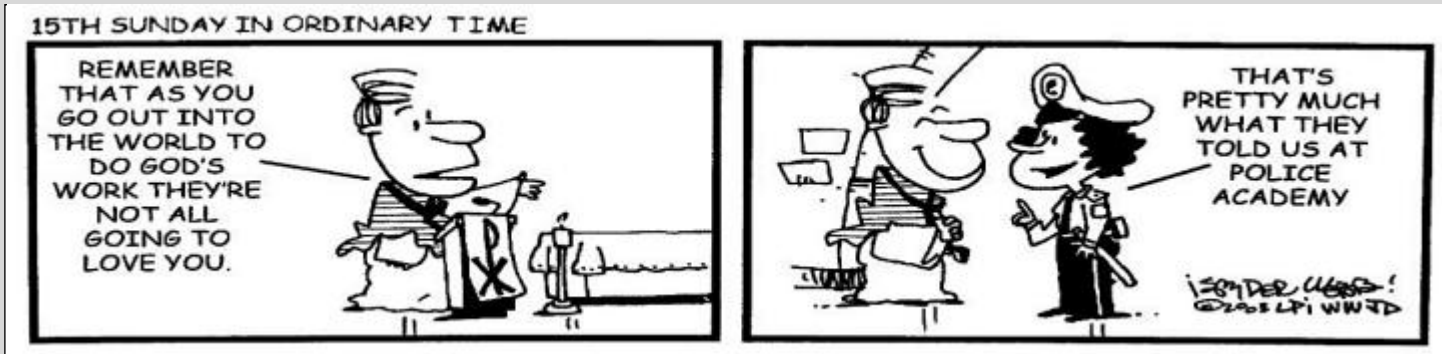
St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield, Il is seeking to hire a part-time Bookkeeper to work approximately 25 hours per week. The key responsibilities include paying of invoices, overseeing Sunday Offertory and processing staff payroll. Bookkeeping and payroll experience required. Bachelor's Degree is a plus. Candidates must possess excellent accounting skills, coupled with strong organization and effective communication habits. Must have proficiency in Microsoft Office, Google and general email, keyboard skills. To view a full job description, visit; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply, send resume to Denise Rowan at drowan@smip.org.

Part-time Youth Minister – St. Dominic, Bolingbrook, IL.

St. Dominic Parish in Bolingbrook, Il is seeking to hire a part-time Youth Minister. The goals for ministry with adolescents (USCCB – RENEWING THE VISION) is to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic Church, and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person. The candidate must have excellent communication and organizational skills and minister in a collaborative style with parish and school staff. Qualifications include a college degree in Catechetical Leadership, Youth Ministry or theology related field. Must have experience working with youth in a faith-based environment. Must be a practicing Catholic who models a Christian lifestyle and who possesses a mature spirituality and a committed faith life. To view a full job description, visit; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply, please send resume to Chris Hannigan-Wiehn at channigan.wiehn@stdominiccc.org.

Administrative Assistant- Family Faith Formation Office, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Naperville, IL

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Naperville, IL seeks a vibrant, organized, practicing Catholic in the spirit of a Missionary Disciple to fill the role of Administrative Assistant in our Family Faith Formation Office. This is a part-time position working an average of 20 hours a week. Computer and technology skills needed are MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook. Working knowledge of Publisher and Parish Data Base systems a plus. To view a full job description, visit; The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply, please send cover letter and resume to kcmcgwn@aol.com.



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Haramas
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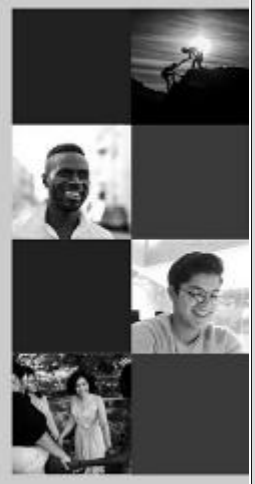

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Tommy Hanks, USMC
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