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"Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. "

Jn 6:32-33

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am – 3pm

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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**



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Holy Cross Weekend Masses in Church

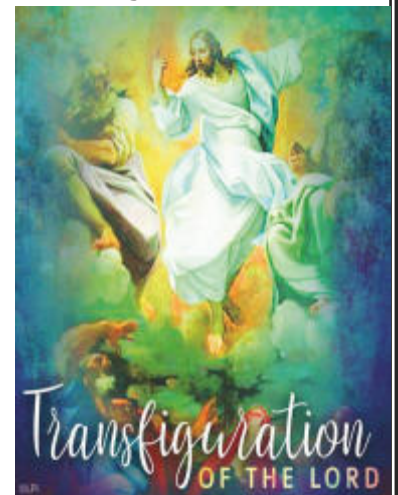
Saturdays: 4pm & 7pm in Polish

**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**



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021



You Are Cordially Invited...

Most wedding banquets require an invitation. The Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God is no different (see Matthew 22:1-14). As Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." Who wouldn't love to attend the joyful celebration that lasts forever? It would be, but sadly it turns out that very few people respond to God's invitation.

Some outright refuse. Others ignore God and go their own way. The rest of the crowd actually beat up and kill the inviters who are the servants of the Lord. So the king takes a second try, inviting a whole new crowd to fill the hall with his guests. Is it a happy ending now? Not quite.

When the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. He said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen.

You see, it's not enough to be invited to the wedding banquet. It's not enough to accept the invitation. It's not even enough to show up. Christ is reminding us that we must be prepared to meet him and celebrate his wedding. He is ready and willing to help us, but still, we must be prepared. Where do we get our wedding garment? How do we prepare?

It starts in Baptism, where our robes are washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb and we are clothed in the stunning, spotless grace of God (Rev 7:13-14). Since this happens in our sacraments, our church law says that "Any baptized person not prohibited by law can and must be admitted to holy communion." (Canon 912) Baptism is the start and then we train our baptized children to understand the mystery of Christ as best as they can. This is so that they can receive Jesus' Body with faith and devotion (Canon 913). Parents and pastors work together in this preparation, and when they do they fulfill a duty entrusted to them by God. This preparation also includes first receiving the mercy of Jesus in the sacrament of Confession (Canon 914).

What are some of the other preparations we need to receive Christ in the Supper of the Lamb? Every time we receive Holy Communion we need to abstain for at least one hour from any food and drink, except for water and medicine. If we are sick or elderly, we can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if we have eaten something within the preceding hour. Even those who care for the sick and the elderly can dispense with the hour of fasting (Canon 919).

These practices prepare us for when we grow older and if we should fall into a serious or mortal sin. As Canon 916 says:

A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess; in this case the person is to remember the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition which includes the resolution of confessing as soon as possible.

Sometimes people have no spirit of repentance and stubbornly stick to grave sins that everyone knows about. Canon 915 says, those who "obstinately [are] persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to holy communion."

People argue about Communion and who should receive it. Their arguments are really with our Lord. When we go to the Scriptures and accept all the words of Christ as he teaches us in his Church, we are letting Christ prepare us for Holy Communion. Our church law is an application of the teaching of Christ. Our Communion preparation is an expression of the inspired words of St. Paul who says we must not profane the Body and Blood of our Lord by receiving him unworthily (1Cor11:26-32). Instead, we should examine ourselves, then prepare ourselves to receive Jesus worthily. "Many are invited but few are chosen." So let us accept the invitation of the Lord and then let us prepare ourselves by his grace to receive him. You are cordially invited to the Wedding Feast of Christ and his Bride the Church! Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. Even more blessed are those who have prepared themselves to receive Him worthily.

With my prayers,
Fr. Jerome

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Mass Intentions

Saturday July 31st

- 4:00 PM** † † Gen & Albert Mondrella by Dyann Shaw **(SMN)**
† Margaret A. Jankowski by Matt & Wanda Senffner **(SMN)**
4:00 PM For the Living and Deceased Fathers of our Parishes **(HC)**
Special Intention of the Al Hochevar Family **(HC)**
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- 7:00 PM** † Donka Enczeva **(HC)**

Sunday August 1st

- 7:00 AM** † Dorothy Perkins by Family **(SMN)**
9:00 AM † Delores Bebej by Family **(HC)**
† Eleanor Hojnacki by Frank LaBuda & Caryn **(HC)**
10:30 AM O szczęśliwą podróż dla rodziny Lejów oraz dla Wiktorii i Joanny **(HC)**
† Mieczysław Sokołowski (zam. rodzina) **(HC)**
† Józef i Mirosława Matelscy (zam. Jadwiga Rotnicka) **(HC)**
† Monika Cygan (zmarła 10 dni temu) **(HC)**
11:00 AM † Joyce Ozella by Family **(SMN)**
† Joan Bozic by Family **(SMN)**
12:30 PM † Barb Yattoni by Denise & Nicholas Guido **(SMN)**
5:30 PM For the People of the Parishes **(SMN)**

Monday August 2nd

- 8:30 AM** † † Ed & Marge Rachor by Family **(HC)**
7:00 PM † Helena Janik **(HC)**

Tuesday August 3rd

- 8:30 AM** † Scott Southcomb by Denise Adelmann **(SMN)**
7:00 PM † Helena Wilczek (zam. rodzina Kopińskich) **(HC)**

Wednesday August 4th

- 8:30 AM** † Frank Lojeski by Dan & Mariyln Lajcin & Family **(HC)**
7:00 PM O opiekę Bożą i dar macierzyństwa dla Moniki **(HC)**

Thursday August 5th

- 8:30 AM** † Bill Carugati by Joyce Triana & Mary Mead **(SMN)**
7:00 PM † Józef Klikuszowian (zam. Holy Cross Rosary Group) **(HC)**

Friday August 6th

- 8:30 AM** † Catherine Jaskowiak by Family **(HC)**
7:00 PM † Jan Zajęc (zam. Koło Różańcowe) **(HC)**

Saturday August 7th

- 4:00 PM** † Margaret Hinz by Barb & Tom Hinz **(SMN)**
† Josephine Toth by St. Mary Nativity Parish **(SMN)**
4:00 PM † Olga Sebalj by Jeanne Buzinski **(HC)**
For the living and deceased Fathers of our Parishes **(HC)**
7:00 PM † Zofia Szaflarska (zam. rodzina Janik) **(HC)**
† Franciszek Gondek **(HC)**
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Sunday August 8th

- 7:00 AM** For the People of the Parishes **(SMN)**
9:00 AM † Don Jasinski by Family **(HC)**
10:30 AM O Boże błóg. i opiekę MB dla Roberta z okazji urodzin (zam. rodzina Sykała) **(HC)**
O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Zdzisławy Szopińskiej - z podziękowaniem
za pomoc w opiece nad synem i z okazji urodzin **(HC)**
O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Elżbiety i Jose Godinez z okazji 13. rocznicy ślubu **(HC)**
† Jan Zajęc (zam. Koło Różańcowe) **(HC)**
† Stefania Lizak (3. rocznica) **(HC)**
† Janusz Szymczak (w 30. dniu od śmierci - zam. żona z córkami) **(HC)**
11:00 AM † Joseph Pruss & Family by Pat Phinney **(SMN)**
† James Phinney by Pat Phinney **(SMN)**
12:30 PM † Joyce Ozella by Eugene & Dorothy Nonnie **(SMN)**
5:30 PM The Family of Joanne Downey Turk Johnson by Dave & Mary Shankland Lawson **(SMN)**

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross News

PREVIEW OUR DIOCESAN BIBLE SCHOOL!

The acclaimed Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Live On-line Classes for Year 1 on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. and in person at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) for Year 2 classes on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

Preview Events this Summer:

· Live On-Line Preview August 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting: go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj OR email Program Director Joan Gorski at dr.jgorski@gmail.com for an invite

· Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) August 28, 9-10:30 a.m.

View Recorded Preview at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class! For more information, go to: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj Or call 815-221-6147



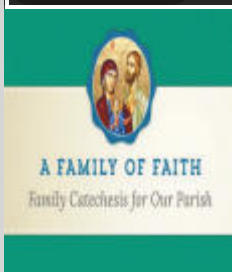
Come Join Us!

Come join us on August 15th here at St. Mary Nativity in our Nativity Room for a screening of the film "PRAY" The Story of Patrick Peyton.

We will start at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there! For more information please call Barbara Surges at 815-726-4031 or email at bsurges@stmarynativity.org



Tuesday, August 3rd and Wednesday, August 4th please only park in our big parking lot across from the church. We will be having our Gym Parking lot and North Parking lot Seal Coated on those two days. Thank you!



Do you have a love of Christ and the Church? Consider being a catechist!

Students are signing up this month for Faith Formation. This means we need adult volunteers to teach and assist! Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 10am. Contact Barbara Surges 815-726-4031x129 or email at bsurges@stmarynativity.org



*Today is filled
with Hope and
Promise.*

Week of August 1, 2021

Flame of Faith Candle

Saint Mary Nativity

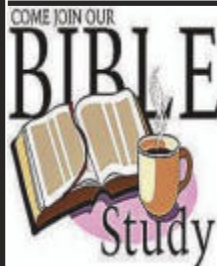
For Those Who Are Sick

Holy Cross

For Our Loved Ones Who Are Deceased

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.



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, August 3, 2021.**



As stewards of God's gifts,
our parishes have many opportunities
to provide lasting legacies.
Please prayerfully remember
St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross
in your estate plans.

Stewardship in Faith Collection

Sunday - July 25, 2021

Saint Mary Nativity \$ 9,302.00

Holy Cross \$ 1,953.50

Your gift to the Church and its ministries
would be very much appreciated and will
be used in accordance to your wishes.
For more information, please call the
rectory office at 815-726-4031.

Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal



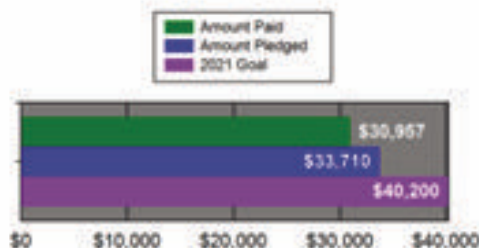
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 7/25/2021

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	\$33,710	\$27,541	\$6,169	\$30,101
Amount Paid	\$30,957	\$25,811	\$5,146	\$30,419
Balance Due	\$2,753	\$1,730	\$1,023	(\$318)
Donor Count	157	168	-11	179
2021 Rebate	\$0			



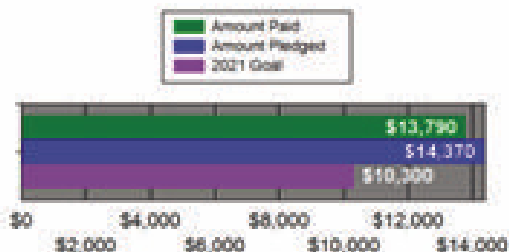
CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 7/25/2021

Parish # 102

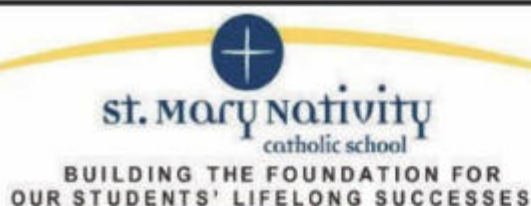
Parish Name Holy Cross Parish - Joliet

	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	\$10,300	\$10,500	(\$200)	\$10,500
Amount Pledged	\$14,370	\$17,200	(\$2,830)	\$18,145
Amount Paid	\$13,790	\$15,088	(\$1,298)	\$17,225
Balance Due	\$580	\$2,113	(\$1,533)	\$920
Donor Count	41	53	-12	58
2021 Rebate	\$2,443			



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Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway.

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*Great things are always happening at
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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.



We've partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever. Visit freewill.com/diocesefoliet to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support St. Mary Nativity Church or School or Holy Cross Church with a gift in your plans. FreeWill's online will-writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to St. Mary Nativity Church or School or Holy Cross Church quickly and easily.



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.

Please pray for our sick

Mary Bellos
Vieta Bews
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Dosseh Houeai Elise
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Our parishes have once again begun our 'Spiritual Adoption' program. Each month we will be keeping you up to date with the development of your baby.

THE FIFTH MONTH – JULY 25 TO AUGUST 25 It is now apparent, even in the shapeless fashions of her time, that Mary is with child. Little can she imagine an innkeeper in Bethlehem who will in the future offer her all that he can in hospitality? At five months there is no mistaking Jesus' presence. Mothers feel baby's reaction when startled by outside noises or even a subtle hiccup. The baby now tastes of what he drinks. Sweet is fine; sour, uh-uh! The baby is now 10 inches long and weighs more than a half-pound. Despite these evidence of life, 44 abortions are performed each day in the U.S. on women carrying a child five months or older. Pray for all who respect and foster life through education, support and peaceful witnessing.

Please pray for our troops



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Chris McCarty, USMC
LT Alex Aguilera, USMC
2ND LT Kevin A'Hearn
Capt. Marcos Aguilera, USMC 1st
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