



Saint Mary Nativity

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Joliet, IL 60435

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“He said to them in reply, “What did Moses command you?” They replied, “Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her.” But Jesus told them, “Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.” - Mk 10:3-6

St. Mary Nativity Weekend Masses

Saturdays: 4pm

Sundays: 7am, 11am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Weekday Masses

8:30am: Tuesday & Thursday
at St. Mary Nativity

Confessions

Saturdays 3:15pm-3:45pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am – 3pm

Masks Required

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Holy Cross Weekend Masses

Saturdays: 4pm in English

7pm in Polish

Sundays: 9am in English

10:30am in Polish

Weekday Masses

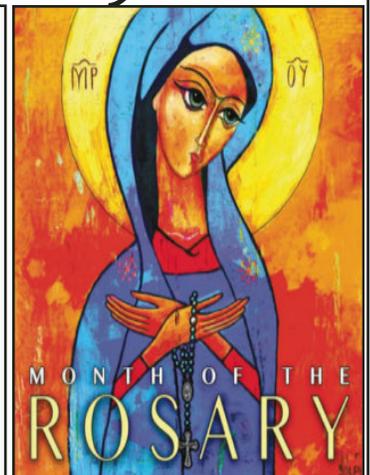
8:30am in English

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00pm in Polish Monday—Friday

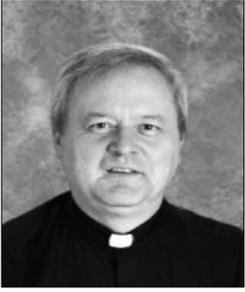
Confessions

Saturdays 3:15pm-3:45pm



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

Give Me Your Ears...



Zeke the German Shepherd was my all-time favorite dog on our farm. Just shout out his name or give a whistle and he'd come running to your side. He answered because of those powerful and pointed ears that stood at attention on top of his big head, ready to hear your voice. If Zeke sensed danger, those ears would flatten back and his teeth would show with a snarl; I saw him do this to protect my little brother and sister when a stranger came by. Zeke knew how to use his ears not only to hear, but to listen and respond. If a good dog can use his ears so well, it makes me think, how do I use my ears?

We hear a lot, don't we? Music floods our ears from the first moment we wake up in the morning. Or maybe you prefer the news or talk shows. You might not hear the talk of the media; it might be the voices of your family. We hear a lot, but what do we listen to? What do we turn our ears to? How do we respond?

Sometimes we listen for bad things. We probably should sense the danger, snarl, and fight it off. Instead, we actually listen for gossip or rumors; they can be whispered or shouted. We listen to vulgar things. Our music rarely sings of human love in its purity and faithfulness. Our language often omits the censor's bleeps and we so easily fill in the blanks. Sometimes we listen to useless things and waste huge chunks of our time. Maybe we ignore everyone around us and listen only to ourselves.

Now in the midst of the constant noise of 7 billion people that rises up from the planet, God did not silence the world but instead chose to enter into it. Every Christmas we celebrate that day when God the Father simply sent one word to us—the Word—and asked him to take on our human flesh and dwell among us. It is Jesus the Word who calls to us with the cry of a baby and then grows up and speaks to us in our own language. With his Sacred Ears, he hears the beautiful music of every bird and animal he created as God the Son. With his Sacred Ears he hears the prayer of each of his human brothers and sisters.

It's challenge for us with our human ears to listen as Jesus does. This does not mean we destroy the world around us—that certainly would make things quiet. Instead, it means that we have to seek the Savior of the world in the silence of our hearts. We have to listen to him, we have to listen for him, because he is calling out to you. If a farm boy can call out with great love and friendship for his favorite dog, then how much more does Christ call out with love to you and me who are his brothers and sisters. "Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" and it is Christ who is calling out to you (Rom 10:17). This can happen in the noisiest, the busiest places of the world. A crowd of people can be running around, and you could be the one in the crowd who listens for the word of the Lord.

Believe me, Christ calls you to carry on this conversation with him in the middle of the world. When you're working, when you're shopping, when you're at home—Christ calls you each day, all day, to listen for him in the silence of your heart. And we can't just listen for him, but we have to respond to him, too. This is why we set aside quiet time each day to talk to our Lord. We have to check in with him and see how attentive we have been to him throughout the day. For some of us, this will be the last few moments of the day before we go to bed. For others, we will wake early before everyone else and speak to our Lord first. If we travel, we will take a few minutes before we leave the car and enter our home. "Lord, I made it. Thank you. Help me to leave work at work and please be with me as I see my family again." I guarantee even half a minute in prayer like that will fill you with peace as you enter back into the chaos of your family life—which is God's family life, too.

It's true, even amid all the noise that rises up from this world, Christ is still calling out to you each day to hear him and to follow him. So learn even from God's creatures, the animals. Point your ears up, up towards heaven, like a faithful friend and child of God. Listen for him, go running to be at his side, and you will be blessed. Anyway, that's what I heard. And I heard it from the Lord who said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (Luke 11:28)

With my prayers,

Fr. Jerome

*PS: Pets are on my mind because Monday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In his honor, bring your pets to church on **Saturday, October 9 at 10:30am** for a special **Blessing of Pets**. You will be responsible for seeing that they are properly leashed, caged, etc. Dogs and cats and mice and snakes will probably have to be in opposite groups. Let's meet at **St. Mary Nativity North Parking Lot**. May God bless our pets!*

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross News



CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE
Tickets will be available in mid-October!
Tickets are \$20

Payouts will be daily from January 1st to May 31st of 2022, which means 150 days of winners! Payouts include \$20 on weekdays, \$40 on Saturdays, and \$150 on Sundays. There will even be one \$500 winner drawn each month, in addition to other special payouts which will be identified on the ticket. These tickets will make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers for your friends and loved ones! All proceeds benefit Saint Mary Nativity School - Thank you!

More information will be published at a later date!

With Sympathy

The Parish Families of **Holy Cross and St. Mary Nativity** join in prayerful remembrance of :

John Verklan, Jr. (September 27, 2021)

Sherry Ann Benco (September 18, 2021)

George Rada (September 9, 2021)

May their souls and all souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

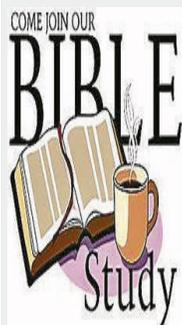


Today is filled with Hope and Promise.

Week of October 3, 2021 **Flame of Faith Candle**

Saint Mary Nativity
 Joseph "Bud" DePodesta

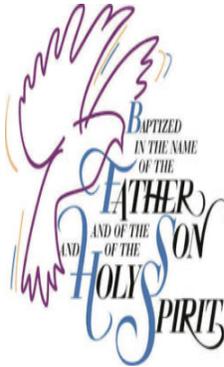
Holy Cross
 For Those Who Are Deceased



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, October 5th.**



Through the waters of Baptism on September 25th, 2021 we welcome the newest member of the **St. Mary Nativity Parish Community**

Camden James Alvarado
 (Daniel & Nicole)

May we support the parents by prayer and example, as they seek to raise their child in the Catholic Faith.

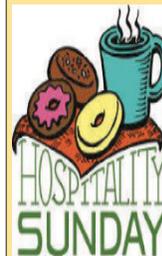
Some projects were completed over the summer with the proceeds from Trivia Knight are:

Gym parking lot sealcoating: \$2,300

Gym floor sanding, painting, sealing, and artwork: \$2,500 (25% of total Cost)

Playground mulch: \$3,000

Cafeteria ceiling: \$18,500



We invite you to gather with fellow Parishioners in the Nativity Room after all Masses on Sunday, October 10 for coffee, donuts and conversation. The DVD-CD Lending Library will be available, as will the book share Library. Free will donation appreciated. Sponsored by St. Mary Nativity Lay Apostolate.

Fall 2021 (including corrected dates*) Alpha: The Marriage Course!



7 weeks of date experiences to enrich and explore your marriage!

The 7 weeks of The Marriage Course are designed to help strengthen relationships, keep the spark alive, and keep couples connected. Over the 7 sessions, the course covers: Strengthening the Connection, The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict, The Power of Forgiveness, The Impact of Family, Good Sex, and Love in Action.

Sponsored by The Marriage Ministry Team for the Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Diocese of Joliet is offering

3 online sessions to choose from; each 7 weeks long presented virtually via Zoom:

***Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting October 6th, 2021**



Use this link to register online! There is no cost for this program!

<https://forms.gle/RcUq1EgeiB536wu76>

You must register 24 hours before your first session to receive the Zoom link.

Questions? Reach the Team at: epsternodupagemm@gmail.com

St. Mary Nativity & Holy Cross Mass Intentions

Saturday October 2nd

4:00 PM † Mary Hinz by Barb & Tom Hinz **(SMN)**
† Leonard Fordonski by Family **(SMN)**

4:00 PM † Michaeline La Buda by Frank La Buda & Daughter Caryn **(HC)**

7:00 PM † Józef Długosz (zam. Koło Różańcowe) **(HC)**

† Władysław Skolarus (zam. Maria Janik z rodziną) **(HC)**

Sunday October 3rd

7:00 AM † Janice Crosetto by Pat Weiskop **(SMN)**

9:00 AM For People of the Parishes **(HC)**

10:30 AM O Boże błog. i opiekę MB dla Elżbiety Długopolskiej-Godinez z okazji urodzin **(HC)**

† Józef Klikuszowian (zam. Staszek z rodziną) **(HC)**

† Mieczysław Sokołowski (zam. rodzina) **(HC)**

† Józef Niejadlik **(HC)**

11:00 AM † Joyce Ozella by Sandy LaPaso **(SMN)**

† Delores Bebej by Family **(SMN)**

12:30 PM † Steve Michalak by John & Sheryl Mastalesh **(SMN)**

5:30 PM † Nathan Stanick by Family **(SMN)**

Monday October 4th

8:30 AM † Patricia Cherico by Lora Ferebee **(HC)**

7:00 PM † Jan Zając (zam. Koło Różańcowe) **(HC)**

Tuesday October 5th

8:30 AM † Scott Southcomb by Sue Swarthout **(SMN)**

7:00 PM † Władysław Skolarus (zam. Maria i Stanisław Gal) **(HC)**

Wednesday October 6th

8:30 AM † Delores Bebej by Carmeron McIntash **(HC)**

7:00 PM † Helena Wilczek (zam. rodzina Mrozek) **(HC)**

Thursday October 7th

8:30 AM † Susanne Tierney Bates by Family **(SMN)**

7:00 PM † Ewa Sędacka oraz ++ Helena i Wacław Sędaccy **(HC)**

Friday October 8th

8:30 AM † Lorraine Jaskowiak by Mary Jean **(HC)**

7:00 PM Za Parafian **(HC)**

Saturday October 9th

4:00 PM † Lorraine Ksiatak by Stan & Carol Demsky **(SMN)**

† Nora J. Tierney by Family **(SMN)**

4:00 PM For those who are deceased **(HC)**

7:00 PM † Władysław Skolarus (zam. Anna Klikuszowian z rodziną) **(HC)**

Sunday October 10th

7:00 AM For the People of the Parishes **(SMN)**

9:00 AM For Our Mothers and Fathers **(HC)**

10:30 AM † Józef Klikuszowian (zam. Holy Cross Rosary Group) **(HC)**

† Zofia Szaflarska (zam. rodzina Janik) **(HC)**

† Aniela Długosz (10. rocznica) i + Józef Długosz **(HC)**

11:00 AM † Tim Gruber by Family **(SMN)**

† Ray Page by Family **(SMN)**

12:30 PM † Delores Bebej by The Cole Family **(SMN)**

5:30 PM † Alfredo Rosas by Family **(SMN)**

**** If you are having a mass intention said for a family member and would like to bring the gifts up for the mass please see the Ushers the day of the mass and they will direct you. Thank you! ****



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.

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

Stewardship in Faith Collection

Sunday - September 26, 2021

St. Mary Nativity \$7,669.00

Holy Cross \$2,099.50

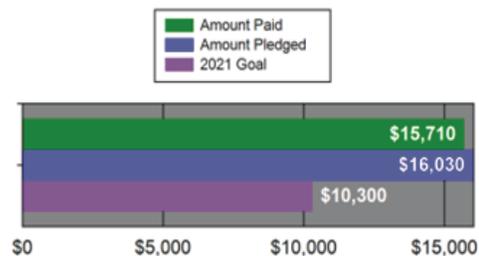
Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal



CMAA Report By Parish

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 9/26/2021

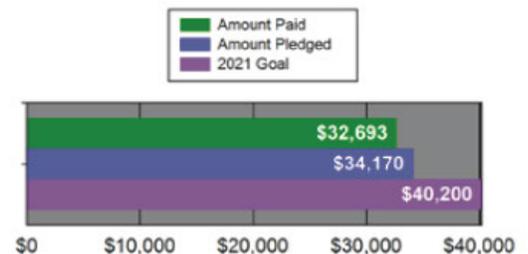
Parish #	102			
Parish Name	Holy Cross Parish - Joliet			
	2021	2020	Inc/Dec	2020 (Final)
Goal	\$10,300	\$10,500	(\$200)	\$10,500
Amount Pledged	\$16,030	\$17,255	(\$1,225)	\$18,145
Amount Paid	\$15,710	\$15,855	(\$145)	\$17,225
Balance Due	\$320	\$1,400	(\$1,080)	\$920
Donor Count	43	54	-11	58
2021 Rebate	\$3,787			



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2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 9/26/2021

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	\$34,170	\$28,701	\$5,469	\$30,101
Amount Paid	\$32,693	\$28,206	\$4,488	\$30,419
Balance Due	\$1,477	\$495	\$981	(\$318)
Donor Count	158	171	-13	179
2021 Rebate	\$0			



Dan's Homemade Caramel Apples



St. Mary Nativity School is having a Caramel Apple Fundraiser! Yes, Dan's Homemade Caramel Apples are a local favorite fall treat! These apples are dipped in homemade caramel making every bite delicious. Please fill out the bottom of this order form and send it along with your payment by Monday, October 18th. Please make check payable to St. Mary Nativity School. Please drop off your order form along with payment at the rectory office or in the weekend collection basket. The Caramel Apples will be ready for pick-up from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Friday, October 29th in the Nativity Room. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Nemanich at (815) 726-4031.

Thank You for supporting St. Mary Nativity School!!



Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number of Caramel Apples _____ at \$3.00 each Total Amount Enclosed _____

St. Mary Nativity Church Employment Opportunity

St. Mary Nativity Church is now accepting applications for a part-time, non-benefitted Maintenance Custodian. The person in this position is responsible for performing general maintenance tasks including janitorial, completing work orders, maintaining the grounds at St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross parishes. This position reports to the Maintenance Supervisor. This is an hourly position; hourly rate is commensurate knowledge and experience.

- Key responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to the following:
Performs maintenance projects and tasks with minimal supervision under direction from the Maintenance Supervisor. Responsibilities include basic custodian / janitor tasks such as cleaning, painting, basic repairs, replacing light bulbs, yard work, snow removal, etc.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent; college and/or trade school preferred
- Relevant certification (OSHA) strongly preferred
- Proficient knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and appliance repair with hands on experience
- Available to be to share "on-call" emergencies and requests
- Proven organizational and time management skills
- Valid driver license and automobile insurance. Personal truck is an asset for light hauling between parishes; work mileage would be compensated
- Must have good communication skills written and verbal. Bilingual in Spanish is a plus
- Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet

Job Requirements PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- May be exposed to constant activity that requires intermittent standing, bending, crouching, pushing/pulling, lifting/moving/carrying (light to heavy weight material/appliances/ equipment), climbing ladders/stairs, and walking on rooftops
- Requires manual dexterity sufficient to operate small-motorized equipment (i.e., repetitive hand/wrist, gripping and elbow motion)
- Must have normal range of hearing, vision, color discrimination and depth perception for proper operation of machines and equipment
- Requires the use of appropriate safety equipment (e.g., back belts, goggles, masks, gloves, etc.)
- St. Mary Nativity reserves the right to adjust this job description as needed.

Please send resume and references to: Mary Nemanich at mnemanich@smncc.com

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.

Please pray for our sick

Mary Bellos	Paul Morris
Vietta Bews	Phil May
Sheri Bokholtt	Ann
Christopher Borsom	Robert Nasenbeny
William Brenc	Raymond John Nickel
Charlotte Brown	Andy Orosco
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John Drnek	Nick Pervan
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Dosseh Houeai Elise	Ronald Pruss
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Harriet Kazlauskas	Scott Speirs
James Kozar	Teresa
Janet	Mary Therese Stefanec
Marilyn Lajcin	Carole Thomure
Jerry Lakota	Joseph Trubich
Darlene Likar	Diann Cerpen-Verlare
Frank Lozano	Susan Ward
Mark	Bernard Zolecki
Pat Majetic	Need prayers or know
Gabby Matlak	someone who does call
Alex McKeel	Pat Weiskop
John	(815)-723-7141
Charlene Molnar	



THE NINE MONTHS OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE WOMB OF MARY THE SEVENTH MONTH SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 25

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. 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.

Please pray for our troops



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Jacob Gregurich, USMC
Chris McCarty, USMC
LT Alex Aguilera, USMC
2ND LT Kevin A'Hearn
Capt. Marcos Aguilera, USMC 1st
Sgt. Christina Romero USMC ,
Cpl. Anthony Gutierrez, USMC
Pfc. Michael McCallister, USA
Joe Miller, USMC Sgt.
Tommy Hanks, USMC
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