

# Saint Mary Nativity

706 North Broadway Street - Joliet, Illinois 60435

**Pastor** Father Jerome Kish

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## SAINT MARY NATIVITY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.



**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 2, 2018

*Only humility will lead us to unity,  
and unity will lead to peace.  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

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**Polish School Principal** Dorota Grzegorzewicz

**Housekeeper** Mrs. Clara Chamberlin

## HOLY CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 5:30 p.m. (English)

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (English) 10:30 a.m. (Polish)

**Holy Cross** *Kościół Świętego Krzyża*

830 Elizabeth Street Joliet, Illinois 60435

Mailing Address: 901 Elizabeth Street



# FATHER JEROME'S JOURNAL

## *Immaculate Mary, Your Praises We Sing!*

I sure wish you could've been at our first Mass of the school year last week. The Feast was the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And as the Mass began, the kids in the church all started singing: "Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" Now I'm sure you've noticed at times how the singing of a group of children can lift your heart. But when the children of God sing, well, it can lift you all the way to heaven. No, I'm not saying that they all have future careers in music. I'm looking further than that. Since Mary was predestined for Christ by eternal decree, then her children who sing her praises in order to glorify God are on the same path. They are preparing to take up the joyful song of the saints and the angels that will never end. From Mary, they learn to discover who Jesus is and to follow him all the way to heaven.

I know their singing this week was full of grace for me. We hear bad news in the world and in the church and our faith gets tested to the breaking point. We cry out, "Somebody should do something." To that I answer, "You are." "YOU are doing something." Your parishes have a parish school for those kids. Your parishes have a Faith Formation program and a Polish school for their brothers and sisters in the public school. While this support for our parish children might have some financial burden, it sure bears a lot of spiritual fruit. Our parishes are like spiritual outposts, oases of God's love and mercy in a city and a world where sure marks of our Catholic faith are crumbling away.

Things are very different from the days when our parishes were founded. Most of your neighbors then were Catholic and attended the Catholic school. In our days, we've seen area parishes give up their schools—but yours still survives. A hundred years ago, everyone knew how important human life was before birth and they knew what true marriage was. Yes, people still went against our Lord's teaching, but at least they knew what it was. We now live in a nation where our laws attack these gifts of our Lord; but your parishes still shine forth with his teaching and his sacraments to help us begin again when we wander from him.

So there is much to celebrate together as September 9<sup>th</sup> approaches, the day of our joint celebration of St. Mary Nativity and Holy Cross parishes. Because of you and your ongoing support, Jesus walks through the streets of Joliet. God the Father looks down from heaven on his Beloved Son and they are eager to share with us their family life. Christ still teaches your children here. Christ still makes them holy through his sacraments. Christ still shepherds them through this life, to the life that never ends.

Let's do our part to work along with Jesus. Let's get 40 more children in our parish school next year. Let's get 40 more children in our Faith Formation. Let's get 100 more families in our parish. We must be bold and eager in sharing our faith because the world needs it now more than ever. This is not something your pastor is asking you to do. This is something Christ himself is calling you to do. He is asking all of us to do this together. Who is in my family? How will I help to bring them into the family of God? Who is in our neighborhood? How will I help to bring them into the family of God? Your prayers and ongoing support of the parishes are the first big steps. But we have to take the next steps, very specific steps, to help people along the way.

That's the big question: How will we do it? Let's start by going to Mary. On earth, we her children, invoke her sweet name. When I heard those kids singing at Mass, I just jumped in and added my voice. Our Lady of Joliet, help us to sing the joyful songs of heaven here on earth, so that all your children may join in an unending hymn of praise to God the Father, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*With my prayers, Father Jerome*

**SACRAMENTAL AND MINISTRY INFORMATION**  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT (815) 726-4031**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- ◆ Saturdays in English from 3:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. at both parishes.
- ◆ Sundays in Polish from 10:00 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. at Holy Cross.
- ◆ Confessions are available by appointment too.

**Sacrament of Anointing**

Please call the Parish Office to notify us if someone needs an anointing or is critically ill or in the hospital.

**Baptism**

Parents should be active parishioners and are required to take a baptismal preparation class before the Baptism.

**Marriage**

The couple is asked at least six months in advance to begin preparation discussions. This should be done before making other wedding plans.

**Funerals**

Upon the death of a loved one, before publication in the newspaper, please schedule the funeral mass.

**Catechumenates** Adults interested in joining the Catholic church should contact the Parish Office for information concerning the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Readings for the Week of September 2, 2018**

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23



**Deadline to submit items for the bulletin is every Monday at 9:00 a.m.**



**Coming soon for Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes. This does take time. Thanks for your patience!**

**LET'S  
GROW  
TOGETHER**

Interested in our parishes? Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy to have you here.

Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishes is a community of believers and spiritual families that are supportive and loving. Both parishes will allow you to grow spiritually, to put your faith in action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. Please contact the Rectory Office at (815) 726-4031. We welcome all new members to our parishes and hope that you will find a home with us.

**Please Join Us for**

**Saint Mary Nativity**

- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration Daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of our parishes. Call Laurie Pottorff at (815) 370-4533 if you are interested in becoming an adorer.
- ◆ **Rosary for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in Church**  
Sundays at 9:40 a.m.
- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection** First Weekend of the Month
- ◆ **Hospitality in the Nativity Room** Second Sunday of the Month unless changed because of a "special" Sunday
- ◆ **Mary Margaret's Rosary Group** Mondays at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Bible Study in the Nativity Room** Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Rosary Prayer Group** Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Grief Support Group in the Nativity Room**
- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal** Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Sorrowful Mother Novena in Church** Fridays at 5:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Bingo in the School Gym** .Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **First Friday Holy Hour in Church** at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Monthly Holy Hour in Church**  
Last Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Polish School** (September through May) Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

**Holy Cross**

- ◆ **Holy Rosary** Sunday at 8:35 a.m.
- ◆ **Choir Rehearsal** Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ◆ **First Wednesday of the Month Mass and Novena** in Church in Polish at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **First Friday of the Month Mass** at Saint Mary Nativity Church in Polish at 7:30 p.m.

- ◆ **The Joliet Knights of Columbus Assembly #204** at SMN in the cafeteria every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Reverend Gordon Michels Council #12014 Knights of Columbus** at SMN in the cafeteria every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS, JOBS, and OTHER INFO are posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the churches.**

# FAITH JOURNEY

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** includes the unbaptized, those from other faiths who want to become Catholic, and those

who have been baptized but have not received Eucharist and Confirmation. Our classes are on Sunday morning at 9:00, from October through May. This includes people from high school age through adults. **Sessions start on October 7th.** Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who needs more information to register should contact the parish office at (815) 726-4031.

Thank you, Harriet Keating, Director.

*All good giving and every perfect gift is from above.*

## Stewardship in Faith Collection

### Saint Mary Nativity

Sunday - August 26, 2018 \$7,868.00

### Holy Cross

Sunday - August 26, 2018 \$1,948.00



### **Please Prayerfully Consider Us in Your Estate Plan...**

When considering gifts to a charity in your Will or Trust please remember Saint Mary Nativity Parish or School or Holy Cross Parish. You may also name the parishes or school as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. For more information or if you should have any questions, please contact the Rectory Office.



### Wedding Banns

Please pray for the following couple as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage

**Daniel Roesel and Alexandria Russ**

**September 28, 2018**

Through the Waters of Baptism, we welcome the newest member into the Saint Mary Nativity Parish Family.

**Isaiah Cuevas**  
(Francisco and Sophia)

Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. (John 3:5)

The Parish Family of Saint Mary Nativity join in prayerful remembrance of those who have died especially

*David L. Morelli*

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

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In response to how the Pharisees and scribes lived their faith, Jesus said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Both good and evil impulses come from our hearts. Which one has the upper hand depends on how well a person has taken on the mind and heart of God. How well we live our faith is determined by the same.



## POLSKA SZKOLA

KONTAKT Z P.

**DOROTA GRZEGORZEWICZ**

**(DYREKTOR SZKOŁY) (815) 630-6190**

**[www.polskaszkolajoliet.com](http://www.polskaszkolajoliet.com)**

Przypominamy, że wszyscy rodzice oraz wolontariusze pracujący z dziećmi w naszej szkole muszą posiadać certyfikat ukończenia kursu Protecting God's Children.

Kalendarz szkoleń oraz rejestracja pod linkiem [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

# Our Parishes Feast Days Celebration



## Novenas in Preparation for Our Parishes Feast Days

The Feast of Our Lady's Nativity Novena  
Prayed from August 31st through September 8th

There will be an 8:30 a.m. Mass at SMN on Saturday, September 8th in honor of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and at Holy Cross (*Świętego Krzyża*) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 14th in honor of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena**  
Prayed from September 6th through September 14th

Copies of the Novenas can be found in the back of both churches.



Please join us for our  
Eucharistic Procession

Sunday  
September 9th

- ◆ After the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Church, parishioners will follow Father Julian with the monstrance with Our Lord's Body as he starts the procession.
- ◆ Upon arriving at Saint Mary Nativity parishioners gathered in the Nativity Room will greet Our Lord and those from Holy Cross at the front door (about 11:45 a.m.)
- ◆ All will reverently follow the procession into Saint Mary Nativity Church for Benediction by Father Jerome.
- ◆ Father Jerome will then carry the monstrance out of church back to Holy Cross for Benediction. (Noon Mass will then begin)
- ◆ Luncheon following in the Holy Cross Hall.

Sign up sheets for the Eucharistic Procession and Luncheon are in the back of both churches.

Luncheon Dishes to be shared may be brought to the basement of Holy Cross hall between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. prior to the procession.

**We Are One!** The Eucharist is a "participation in the body of Christ," writes Paul in Romans 12:5, "We, though many, are one body." As military personnel, sports teams and marching bands all know, processions are a great expression of unity. When we march together behind the monstrance, we show the world - and remind ourselves - about the unity Paul writes about.

But we are not just one band of brothers in one small part of the world. Eucharistic Processions are celebrated the world over, from the streets of Rome to the streets of Sao Paulo. The host provides a window which looks out onto the one Jesus Christ. The whole Church gazes on him together. *adapted from The Gregorian Institute*

If you would like to be a part of this blessed day, please let us know!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to: Walk \_\_\_\_\_ Carry a flag \_\_\_\_\_ Carry a picture \_\_\_\_\_

Carry a statue \_\_\_\_\_ (4 for each statue needed) Dish to Share \_\_\_\_\_

First Communicant \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and put in collection basket or call \ email Joyce Traina at 815-641-6197/joycetraina@comcast.net

## All Are Welcome to....

Friday - September 7th  
The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary Walk  
10:00 a.m. Saint Mary Nativity Cemetery

Piątek 7 Września  
Narodzenie Najświętszej Maryi  
Panny Procesja o godz.  
10:00 a.m. Na cmentarzu Saint Mary Nativity

Friday - September 14th  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross Rosary Walk  
at 10:00 a.m. Holy Cross Cemetery

Piątek 14 Września  
Podwyższenie Krzyża Świętego  
Procesja o godz.  
10:00 a.m. Cmentarz Świętego Krzyża

*"To Jesus Through Mary"*

*First Communicants are encouraged  
to wear their First Communion  
outfit and distribute rose petals.*

# Faith Formation News

From the Desk of Nanci Lukasik-Smith, Director of Faith Formation  
Office: (815) 726-4073  
Email: [nsmith@stmarynativity.org](mailto:nsmith@stmarynativity.org)

**Registration  
OPEN!**



## Children's Faith Formation Classes BEGIN

**Sunday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.**

Registration forms can be found in the back of the church, and in the parish office. To receive an electronic copy or if you have questions, please contact Nanci at [nsmith@stmarynativity.org](mailto:nsmith@stmarynativity.org)

We are still in need of volunteers for the Sunday Faith Formation program. If you would like to be an assistant Catechist or help in the Office, please let us know.

# Totus Tuus - Summer 2018

From July 22 until July 27th, St. Mary Nativity, partnering with St. Joseph, Joliet, hosted the diocesan program "Totus Tuus." Totus Tuus, is a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours." This term was the motto of Blessed Pope John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary. It also expresses our effort to give all that we have to every young person we encounter.

This summer catechetical youth program is a type of "parish mission" for Catholic youth entering grades 1st through 12th. It is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the sacraments, Marian devotion, and Eucharistic worship. Students entering grades 1-6 had the opportunity to attend & participate in the Mass, and in receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on a daily basis. Grades 7-12, had the opportunity to talk about social teachings, morality, Eucharistic Adoration and the vocational life in both the large and small group settings.

Thank you to all who helped by serving meals to our Seminarian and College Leaders; and who shared snacks/goodies with the attendees. We'd also like to thank all of the children who attended, and the parents who entrusted them in our care for this amazing week.

We look forward to hosting again in Summer of 2019, so keep watch the bulletin after Christmas for future announcements.

Totus Tuus aims to assist parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching the faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and young people. The result has been the formation of youth and young adults who continue to dedicate themselves to the Church's mission of evangelization.



# Summer 2018

## The Creed



### Day Program

Incoming Grades 1 through 6



TOTUS TUUS  
**TOTALLY  
YOURS**



## Luminous Mysteries

### Evening Program

Incoming Grades 7 through 12



### WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?



### Catholic Youth Program!



## Fun and Energetic!

## GRIEF



## SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Group sessions have been organized for all persons grieving the death of a loved one from six to eight months ago or longer. They will run from Wednesday September 19th until November 28th. Due to the prior response, there will be 2 sessions offered, a morning session from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or an evening session from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Nativity Room.

All things discussed are Confidential. *For more information, please contact Patricia Weiskop at 815-723-7141.*

Lord Jesus I know that You are close to those that are broken-hearted and grieving in their soul and that You rescue those that are crushed in spirit. Draw near to Your many children who are facing times of sadness and loss and draw each one ever closer into Your precious arms of love and support.

### Annual Fatima Rosary of Reparation Devotion

#### Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Sunday, October 7th 2:00 P.M.  
Church of Saint Jude  
2212 McDonough Street, Joliet

Rosary of Reparation  
Coronation of the Blessed Virgin  
Eucharistic Exposition  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Come join with us in prayer to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary and make reparation for sin.



“We all need to pray, God asks of us, as a kind of daily installment, a prayer which is within our reach: the Rosary, which can be recited either in common or in private, either in church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament or at home, either with the rest of the family or alone, either when traveling or while walking quietly in the fields. A mother of a family can say the Rosary while she rocks her baby’s cradle or does the housework. Our day has 24 hours in it. It is not asking a great deal to set aside a quarter of an hour for the spiritual life, for our intimate and familiar converse with God.”



### CAN YOU HELP? EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

THERE IS NEED FOR A FAITHFUL COMMITTED ADORER TO SPEND TIME WITH JESUS.

2:00 p.m. on Monday's (now through October 1st)  
and 1:00 p.m. on Friday's

IS THE LORD INVITING YOU TO BE HIS FAITHFUL COMPANION? IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO COMMIT TO A HOLY HOUR, PLEASE CALL: **Laurie at (815) 370-4533** or email her at [lauriepottorff@yahoo.com](mailto:lauriepottorff@yahoo.com). Forms are also provide on the table in the back of church and vestibule.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Labor Day Mass is at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 3rd at Saint Mary Nativity Church.**

**After the Mass, the Church will be closed. The Rectory Office is also closed. Thanks and Have a Safe and Blessed Holiday!**



### Daily Mass Change as of September 4th

Morning Mass: 8:30 a.m.  
at Saint Mary Nativity

Evening Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
at Holy Cross

Monday through Friday Except Holidays

2018   
LOOKING AHEAD



### Volunteer Dinner

Saturday - October 27th  
at 5:00 p.m.  
at Saint Mary Nativity

## Parish Mission

Inspirational and Motivational Speaker

*Father Cedric Pisegna, C.P.*

Saint Mary Nativity Church

October 28th through October 30th.

*Live With Passion!*

[www.frccedric.org](http://www.frccedric.org)

Watch future bulletins for more info.



We remember those who entered  
into eternal life from September 1st  
to September 7th the last 25 years....

### **Saint Mary Nativity**

**Emma Mirenich**  
(September 6, 1992)  
**Mardell Bocian**  
(September 6, 1992)  
**Dorothy Lang**  
(September 4, 1993)  
**Bobby L. Wriston**  
(September 5, 1994)  
**Mary Krizmanic**  
(September 2, 1995)  
**Norman L. Busch**  
(September 4, 1996)  
**Teddy J. Mazor**  
(September 6, 1996)  
**Jose Guzman**  
(September 2, 1997)  
**Frank Laken**  
(September 1, 1998)  
**William Cardwell**  
(September 3, 1998)  
**Margaret Lepacek**  
(September 6, 2002)  
**Margaret Bernicky**  
(September 7, 2003)

**Frances Zola**  
(September 1, 2005)  
**Donald Peterson**  
(September 3, 2005)  
**William Paul**  
(September 4, 2005)  
**Stephanie Spreitzer**  
(September 7, 2006)  
**Rose Kocielka**  
(September 3, 2009)  
**Edward Vidmar**  
(September 1, 2010)  
**Kathryn E. Jarema**  
(September 2, 2012)  
**Eugene Plese**  
(September 6, 2013)  
**Robert D. Wise**  
(September 2, 2014)  
**James J. Culik**  
(September 2, 2014)  
**Joann J. Bebar**  
(September 8, 2014)  
**Frances Dolnak**  
(September 2, 2015)

**Week of  
September 2, 2018  
Saint Mary Nativity  
Flame of Faith  
Candles  
Mary and Walter  
Derlinga**

### **Holy Cross**

**Krzysztof Kmiecik**  
(September 2, 1999)  
**Richard Conway**  
(September 2, 2004)  
**Joseph Kozol**  
(September 6, 2010)

**Light a candle in memory  
of your loved ones.**

### **Saint Mary Nativity Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday September 1st**

4:00 PM † Hazel Lambert by The Pottorff and Torres Families  
4:00 PM † Bea Vota by Gerry Troppe

#### **Sunday September 2nd**

7:00 AM Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parish Family  
10:30 AM † Jeanine Gauer by Terry Gruber  
10:30 AM † Helen Ryan Kerwin (Anniversary) by Pat Lepacek  
12:00 PM † Matthias and Annette Senffner by Family  
5:30 PM † Joan Bozic by Barbara Arens

#### **Monday September 3rd**

9:00 AM † Rose Marie Zupancic by Family  
9:00 AM † Bob Burich (Anniversary) by Daughter, Robin and Kevin  
9:00 AM † Father Aloysius Sinsky by Parishioners of SMN

#### **Tuesday September 4th**

8:30 AM † Francesca Medved (Birthday) by Friends and Family

#### **Wednesday September 5th**

8:30 AM † Repose of the Souls of Albert W. Hochevar  
by The Hochevar Family

#### **Thursday September 6th**

8:30 AM † For Souls in Purgatory

#### **Friday September 7th**

8:30 AM † Margaret Lepacek (Anniversary) by Pat Lepacek  
8:30 AM † Bill Pedersen by Jean and Marge Zanella

#### **Saturday September 8th**

8:30 AM Saint Mary Nativity Family  
4:00 PM † Helen LaPaso by Tony LaPaso Family  
4:00 PM † Nick Kirinch and Dick Boban by Family

#### **Sunday September 9th**

7:00 AM Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parish Family  
10:30 AM † Charles Horvath (2nd Anniversary) by Family  
10:30 AM † Robert and Shirley Lambert by Grandchildren  
12:00 PM † Dr. Richard Tarizzo by Dolores Lange  
5:30 PM † Frances Klinker by Kim Eichelberger and Russ Family

### **Holy Cross Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday September 1st**

4:00 PM † Ramona Lopez by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Delach

#### **Sunday September 2nd**

9:00 AM † Jozef, Stanislaw Baranowski / Rodzina  
10:30 AM † O zdrowie i opiekę Boża dla Gosi stoch w dniu urodzin  
10:30 AM † O zdrowie i opiekę Boża dla Michałka z okazji urodzin i o  
† opiekę Boża dla Krzysztofa i Adrianny z okazji ślubu

#### **Tuesday September 4th**

5:30 PM † Deceased Members of Holy Cross

#### **Wednesday September 5th**

5:30 PM † Deceased Religious of Holy Cross  
7:00 PM † Michał, Maria, Roman Kaszuba i zmarli z rodziny Sikora

#### **Thursday September 6th**

5:30 PM For Souls in Purgatory

#### **Friday September 7th**

5:30 PM Holy Cross Family  
7:30 PM Za Parafian  
**(Mass at Saint Mary Nativity Church)**

#### **Saturday September 8th**

4:00 PM † Elizabeth and Stanley Widlowski  
by Betty and Family

#### **Sunday September 9th**

9:00 AM † Dorothy Kunke (25th Anniversary)  
by Rick and Marla Kunke  
10:30 AM Za Parafian

## From the Desk of Principal White

Hello Saint Mary Nativity and Holy Cross Parishioners and All Guests,

*“Almighty God, we give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here. We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be a place of great Discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and learn to love. A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”*

The new school year has begun. We look forward to new opportunities to help our students grow in their faith and continue to develop their academic talents. We have some new changes that we feel will help us accomplish that desire.

From a spiritual leadership point, we welcome Father Jerome our new pastor. While he has been here for a few months now, as the school year began, he became new to the school. We look forward to celebrating our masses, sacraments and the spiritual leadership from Father Jerome.

From a point of direction and identifying our purpose, we have a new Mission Statement...

**THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY NATIVITY SCHOOL IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND DYNAMIC CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT WHERE FAITH IS NOURISHED, KNOWLEDGE GROWS AND MUTUAL RESPECT IS EVIDENT. WE PARTNER WITH PARENTS AND THE PARISH COMMUNITY TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE, DIVERSE AND FLEXIBLE ATMOSPHERE FOR LEARNING THAT PROVIDES FOR GLOBAL, RESPONSIBLE, LIFELONG LEARNERS.**

From an academic standpoint, we will be introducing a one to one electronic notebook program for our fourth through eighth grade students. This new method enhances our students computer skills and better prepares them for the next level of their education. We are excited about this new technology use. This initiative will be rolled out for use at the end of September.

Finally, our theme for the year is **“Be The Difference.”** A quote that I will tie it to is; “Be the candle that burns alone in darkness, so that the world around can have some light.” We will be emphasizing to the student that we want them to **BE THE DIFFERENCE** here at school, at home and in the community.

Thank you for your support of catholic education at Saint Mary Nativity.  
**God Bless You and Be the Difference!**

**A Heartfelt “Thank You”**  
**to the Family of Delores LaBerry**  
who made a donation to the school in her memory.  
The school appreciates their kindness and generosity.



**First Reconciliation Parents Meeting on September 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Nativity Room.** This is for all parents of all students who are making their First Reconciliation.

## st. mary nativity catholic school SCHOOL NEWS

### Calendar of Events



#### **Monday - September 3rd**

- ◆ LABOR DAY — NO SCHOOL

#### **Wednesday - September 5th**

- ◆ All School Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Church
- ◆ Reconciliation Parents' Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Nativity Room

#### **Friday - September 7th**

- ◆ Bingo at 7:00 p.m. in the SMN Gym

#### **Monday - September 10th**

- ◆ Spirit Day

#### **Wednesday - September 12th**

- ◆ All School Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Church

#### **Friday - September 14th**

- ◆ Bingo at 7:00 p.m. in the SMN Gym

#### **Wednesday - September 19th**

- ◆ All School Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Church

#### **Friday - September 21st**

- ◆ \$1.00 Dress Down Day
- ◆ Faculty In-service 11:30 School Dismissal
- ◆ Bingo at 7:00 p.m. in the SMN Gym

#### **Wednesday - September 26th**

- ◆ All School Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Church
- ◆ Protecting God's Children at 6:00 p.m. in the Joann Room

#### **Friday - September 28th**

- ◆ Bingo at 7:00 p.m. in the SMN Gym

*“Be kind and merciful.  
Let no one ever come to you  
without coming away  
better and happier.”*  
Mother Teresa



### Home Fatima Statues

#### September 2018

Haydee Pawlowski  
Monica O'Brien

#### October 2018

Doris Tadey  
John D'Amico

#### November 2018

Cecilia Martinez  
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### Pray for Our Sick

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Christopher Borsom  
Charlotte Brown  
Mary Ann Buzinski  
John Drnek  
Jack Fisher  
Fran Hakey  
Bob Hartley  
Harriet Kazlauskas  
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Father Roger Kutzner  
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Steve Senisais  
Ashley Smith  
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Dean Thompson  
Joseph Trubich  
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### Pray for Our Troops

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## Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal "Partners in Caring"

Diecezja Joliet rozpoczęła Roczny Apel. Nasza parafia otrzymała zobowiązanie zebrania 10,100 dolarów. Zebrana kwota jest 8,220 dolarów. Z pomocą każdego z nas będziemy mogli zebrać określoną kwotę. Jeżeli zbierzemy więcej niż wyznaczono, nadwyżka zostanie przekazana dla naszej Parafii. Bądźmy ofiarni w tym względzie.

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| Saint Mary Nativity Goal | \$39,600.00 |
| Amount Pledged           | \$25,543.00 |
| Amount Still Needed      | \$14,057.00 |
| Holy Cross Goal          | \$10,100.00 |
| Amount Pledged           | \$8,220.00  |
| Amount Still Needed      | \$1,880.00  |



## Disabilities Ministry: Annual Bishop's Mass

The 31st Annual Bishop's Mass with Persons with Disabilities/Special Needs will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, **September 16th**. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon at Holy Family Catholic Church, in Shorewood. A luncheon, provided by the Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Assembly and the Knights of Columbus, will follow. *Persons with disabilities and their families are invited to attend. To RSVP for the luncheon or for additional information, contact the Diocese of Joliet/Disabilities Ministry Office by phone at 815-221-6229 or by email at [gqiblin@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:gqiblin@dioceseofjoliet.org).*



The Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Joliet Pro Life Committee will again participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign. This non-violent protest includes prayer at the Aurora abortion clinic on the Saturday mornings between September 26th through November 4th. Participants peacefully witness to the harm abortion causes the child in the womb, the woman seeking the abortion and the society that allows such activity. Those who want to car pool will meet at St. Joe's church at 9:00 a.m. and return around noon. If you need more information about this campaign you can go to the website [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

*"The greatest destroyer of peace today is Abortion because it is a war against the child."*

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