



DEEPLY COMMITTED. CHRIST AT HEART

706 N. BROADWAY (Rte 53 AT RUBY ST/BLACK RD) | JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60435

Lent 2010

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Masses: 6:30, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM

*Holy Cross Church:
8:30 AM and 4:00 PM (English) and 7:00 PM (Polish)*

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday:
6:30 AM & 5:15 PM

Holy Cross Church: Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 and 5:30 PM

Holy Cross Church: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM

Holy Cross Church: 9:00 AM (English) and 10:30 AM (Polish)

Stations of the Cross

All at St Mary Nativity

Tuesdays: 3:00 PM (English)
Wednesdays: 6:30 PM (English)

Fridays: 7:00 PM (Polish) *(except Good Friday)*

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010

Confessions at St. Mary Nativity 2:00 to 5:00 PM (English and Polish)

City of Joliet Easter Parade: 2:00 PM

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Living Stations of the Cross 9:00 AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Midnight
Night Prayer 11:45 PM

Holy Cross Church:

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Polish): 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until 11:00 pm

Night Prayer (English): 10:45 pm

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Holy Cross Church:

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Polish): 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM
Blessing of Easter Food 11:00 AM
Easter Vigil Mass 7:00 PM
Easter Mass 9:30 PM

Holy Cross Church:

Blessing of Easter Food (Polish): 2:00 and 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil Mass (Polish): 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
There is no 5:30 pm Mass Easter Sunday

Holy Cross Church:

6:00 AM (Polish), 9:00 AM (English) and 10:30 AM (Polish)

Reconnecting With Your Catholic Faith

St. Mary Nativity will offer a six week series, entitled "AWAKENING FAITH" beginning Tuesday, February 23 through March 30 at 6:30 PM in the Nativity Room. This is an opportunity for people to reconnect with their Catholic Faith in small informal sessions. Bring your questions and share your experiences as we explore today's issues of faith in a confidential and supportive environment.

Call the Rectory to register (815-726-4031), or you are welcome to just drop-in for the first session on February 23. For a schedule of weekly topics, check the parish bulletin, or our website, www.stmarynativity.com.

The Sacrament of Penance

At St. Mary Nativity, the Sacrament of Penance is scheduled one-half hour before the 5:30 PM Saturday evening Mass and the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. Confessions continue until ten minutes before the Mass.

The Sacrament of Penance is scheduled on Saturday afternoon from 3:15 to 3:45 PM at Holy Cross.

The last opportunity for confessions (English and Polish) before Easter will be at St. Mary Nativity on Palm Sunday, March 28, from 2:00 until 5:00 PM.

The regular schedule of confessions will resume Saturday, April 17, 2010.

Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- In preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil, catechumens and candidates are encouraged to observe the special Paschal Fast on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- On days of fast and abstinence only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
- Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

