

St. Mary's Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024

MASSES:

Saturday- 5:00pm
Sunday- 7:30am (simple chant)
9am and 11am
Weekday - daily at 8:30am

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Wed 8am-4pm
Thurs- 10:30am-4:00pm
Fri- 8am-12pm

OFFICE PHONE: (815) 467-2233

NEW PARISHIONERS:

St. Mary's Parish warmly welcomes everyone to our community. Please call the Parish office to register at 815-467-2233 or Office@stmarysminooka.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays at 4:00pm - 4:45pm
And upon request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays - 7:30am-8:30am
Saturdays - 4:00pm-5:00

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sunday of each Month

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

*Six months preparation required.
Visit the website for more information.*

SICK, HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITAL VISITS:

Contact the parish office if you would like communion, if you would like someone from St. Mary's to visit you in the hospital, or if we can help you in any other way. Privacy policies do not permit the hospital to contact us directly.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK -

Please call the parish office
815-467-2233.



Jonathan Pageau, Jonah and The Sea Monster

Meditations on Sunday Readings and Famous Art

In this depiction, we witness Jonah being regurgitated by a massive fish along the shores of Nineveh, the capital city of the formidable Assyrian Empire, which stood as the largest world empire of its time. Drawing parallels to the 20th-century Nazis, the Assyrians exhibited brutal dominance over other nations, including the Jews, in their quest for global supremacy.

Jonah is called to be God's prophet to the evil Assyrian Empire. A prophet is a mouthpiece of God. Jonah does not want to answer his vocation as prophet because he is afraid that Nineveh might actually listen to God and repent, thus being spared by God. Jonah does not want to see God be merciful to this wicked people who have already brutalized his own country and people. We might understand this if we consider how a Jew from Nazi Germany, might not want to see Adolf Hitler and the Nazis repent and thus receive God's mercy. They might prefer God's judgement on the Germans.

In the image below, Jonah has presumably just died after being swallowed by the large fish. He has been resurrected by God after being dead for three days in the belly of the fish. Jonah is the only prophet Jesus explicitly compares himself to in the four Gospels. Jonah is a type to prefigure Jesus. He comes to preach repentance to a rebellious, wicked foreign people. In the same way, God became human (a foreigner) and proclaimed a message of repentance so that man might be reconciled to God.

The image below is meant to remind us of Jesus through Jonah. As Jonah's mouth is level with the city, he speaks order into the human chaos.

The below is also an image of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus has conquered man's greatest fear, death. As Jonah uses the fish as a throne, so has Christ conquered death.

This image also reminds us that we, like Jonah, are called to participate in Christ's mission of salvation through our specific, personalized vocations. These vocations often pull us into the unknown, chaotic depths and force us to be conformed to the cross and die in some way. If we are obedient, this ultimately leads to union with Christ, resurrection, and becoming the source of salvation for others.

In Christ,

Rev. 

Fr. John



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE INSTALLATION MASS
OF

FR. JOHN HONIOTES

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2024.
BISHOP RONALD HICKS WILL BE HERE
TO CELEBRATE THE 11:00AM MASS.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.



End of Year Statements

If you would like an End of The Year Statement, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233. We will be happy to mail one to your home.



*Annual
Giving
Statements*

FISHERS OF MEN

GUIDING MEN TOWARD A DYNAMIC
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST



FISHERS OF MEN

Men, are you interested in developing a more personal relationship with Jesus?

"FISHERS OF MEN" equips men of all ages to be committed disciples of Jesus Christ and better husbands, fathers and members of their community. Come join with other men, banding together as brothers in Christ.

Where:

ST Mary's: Saturday Morning 7-9 AM (Back home in time for breakfast)

St Francis Xavier: Wednesday Evening 7-9 PM (Better than an after dinner nap)

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The Coldest Night of the Year

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join us on February 24, 2024 at 5:00PM in downtown Joliet as we raise funds for Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center.

Daybreak Center provides programs and services to those who are experiencing poverty. The facility includes an emergency homeless shelter, a daily soup kitchen, and many supportive services to help individuals and families who are working toward self-sufficiency.

To learn more, visit:

<https://cnoy.com/location/joliet>

or call 815-724-1140.

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**Please join us to support
St. Mary's Youth Ministry
Friday, February 9th for our
Annual Youth Ministry
Spaghetti Dinner
From 5pm-7pm
(donations only)**



**Sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus**

	Mass Coordinator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, January 27th 5:00pm	Peg and Jim Furto	Carolyn Healy	Jeanne Rapp Mary Stith	Volunteer
Sunday, January 28th 7:30am	Doris Boehm Nita Caruso	Lucy Feeney	Rose Ruettiger Mary Ann Lofky	Bridget Phillips
Sunday, January 28th 9:00am	Chris Gregory	Mike Schram	Alice Mayr Meagan Galloway	Volunteer
Sunday, January 28th 11:00am	Kathy O'Hagan Cheryl Nelson	Mike Folsom	Jessica Folsom	Teagan Saelens

Monday - Wednesday & Friday
Rosary at 8:00am

Weekly Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	From
Saturday, January 20	5:00pm	+Bill McDonough	Richard & Caryn Schliesmann
		+Philip Kerr	The Kimble Family
Sunday, January 21	7:30am	Intention of our Pastor	
	9:00am	+Cele Dollinger	John Hammel
	11:00am	+Virginia Guertin	Al & Pat Smania
Monday, January 22	8:30AM	+Fr. Jim Lennon	
Tuesday, January 23	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's	
Wednesday, January 24	8:30am	+Margaret & Al Graver	Family
Thursday, January 25	8:30am	+Florence Cullen	Family
Friday, January 26	8:30am	+Fr. Mark Fracaro	
Saturday, January 27	5:00pm	+Angelina Calandro	The Singletarys
Sunday, January 28	7:30am	+Timmy Harms Jr.	Deb & Bernie Bols
	9:00am	+Bernice Radavich	Fr. John
	11:00am	+Intention of our Pastor	



Man Does Not Live By Bread Alone

Homilies from Fr. John

To listen to Fr. John's weekly homilies, search "Honiotes" on any major podcast app or follow this link: <https://buzzsprout.com/1373725>

CMAA

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$43,500.00, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Collection Totals for the Weekend of:

Dec 23/24, 2023

and Christmas 12/25

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$13,515.00	\$2,616.00	\$16,131.00
Christmas	\$16,697.00	\$2,091.00	\$18,788.00
Foundation for Faith	\$15.09	\$5.00	\$20.09
Major Maintenance	\$50.00	\$1,043.00	\$1,093.00
Needy in Community	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$187.00	\$0.00	\$187.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$226,960.00		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$230,941.10		



Justin Munsell- 25th Heavenly Anniversary
Police & Firefighters
Special Intention

If you would like a candle lit
outside for a Special Intention,
please call the Parish Office
At 815-467-2233.



Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
Bill Reed
Larry Goodwin
Karen Lombardo

Sara Lovell
Wren Wagoner
Baker Family
Bayley Webb
Aberie Skiba
Kathy Ly
Fred Lotarski

Lorenzo Benitez
Marlena Benitez
Judy Stafford
Ruth Kesselring
Olivia Arenella
Lisa Pelton
Dawn Dempsay

Robert Fonck
Marilyn Wilkens
Gerald Magolan
Joe Overbeck
Keith Flatness

Jerry Moreno
Connie Hamilton
Jim Novotny
Paul Pullara
Ralph Westbrook
Phill Wizorek

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email
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