

St. Mary's Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

MASSSES:

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 at 815-467-2233.



Tres Riches Heures du Duc du Berry,
Jesus casts out an Unclean Spirit,
1416, Musee Condee, Chantilly, France.

Meditations on Sunday Readings and Famous Art

This compelling image depicts Jesus exercising a demon from a man in the synagogue of Capernaum. In this powerful scene, **Jesus backs up his authoritative teaching with an authoritative action.** Mark writes, “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Jesus’ words are effective, just as the words of God during the creation narrative in Genesis. “And God said, ‘Let there be light, **and there was light**’” (Gen 1:3). Jesus initiates the New Creation in his incarnation.

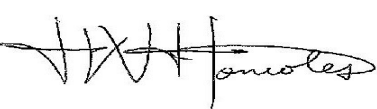
In the artwork, Jesus is adorned as a king, draped in regal blue symbolizing his authority. Conversely, the man afflicted by the unclean spirit is portrayed lifeless and in tattered rags, representing his state under the influence of the unclean spirit.

Notably, Jesus gazes into the eyes of the afflicted person, redirecting attention from the demon. Christ's concern is for the individual, underscoring his compassionate focus on the person rather than the evil presence.

The posture of Christ in the artwork conveys authority and proper order. His limbs are closely united and balanced, his body mostly cloaked and unexposed. In contrast, the man with the unclean spirit is depicted as exposed and vulnerable with so much skin exposed. He is disintegrated and disordered, with limbs in different directions, symbolizing imbalance. Christ, in casting out the demon, initiates the restoration of order in this man, mirroring the way he does so for us today.

Through the Sacrament of Confession, Christ expels evil from us through the priest's words of absolution. Sin causes disorder and disintegration, and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Christ dispels evil, restores order, and brings integrative healing. This artwork beautifully captures the transformative power of Christ's authority in healing and initiating what St. Paul would later call the New Creation.

In Christ,

Rev. 

Fr. John



January 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. Though the Gospel is unchanging, we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds.

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many back-

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

grounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.

Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 28. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://uscbb.org/organizations/uscbb-church-in-latin-america) website (<https://uscbb.org/organizations/uscbb-church-in-latin-america>) also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

YOUTH MINISTRY IS HERE!

*Jesus said, "I came that they
might have life and have it
more abundantly."
John 10:10*

High School Youth Ministry

All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome and invited to join us for our first night of **THRIVE!** Thrive youth ministry exists for teens to grow in their relationship with Jesus, build positive friendships with peers, and have fun. There is no sign up just show up. We will meet on most Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center basement. Check the St. Mary's website for more details.

FIRST MEETING IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st!

Come for games, snacks, and to learn what it means to Thrive in our Catholic faith. I hope to see you there!

Jr. High School Youth Ministry

All students in grades 6-8 are invited and welcome to stay after RE on select Wednesday nights for some food, faith, fellowship, and fun! We will meet in the big room of the Parish Center right after the second session of RE, around 7:30pm, and go until about 8:30pm. Please see the St. Mary's website for more details.

**FIRST MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st!**

For more information or if you have any questions please contact

Director of Evangelization, RE,
and Youth Ministry:

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CCW Superbowl Bake Sale



**Saturday, February 10th after 5pm Mass
&
Sunday, February 11th from 8am- Noon
In the Parish Center**



**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**



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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	Mass Coordinator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, February 3, 5:00pm	Pat Favero Jeanne Rapp	John Mooney	Marie Mooney John Hulbert	Brooklyn Lehner
Sunday, February 4th, 7:30am	Lucy Feeney	Ric Offerman	John Jun Janet Banadeo	Kasey Looney Keven Looney
Sunday, February 4th, 9:00am	John & Sue Hulbert	Chris Gregory	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker	Volunteer
Sunday, February 4th, 11:00am	Joel Sagun	Bruce Ukockis	Kathy Williamson Jane Spray	Sara Folsom Alex Folsom

Monday - Wednesday & Friday
Rosary at 8:00am

Weekly Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	From
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	
Monday, January 29	8:30am	+Harriet, Mickey, Pat McDonald & John Brown	The Family
Tuesday, January 30	8:30am	Intention of our Pastor	
Wednesday, January 31	8:30am	+Al & Marianne Keehl	The Family
Thursday, February 1	8:30am	+Ed & Helen Vercelli	The Family
Friday, February 2	8:30am	+Nick & Della Plain	The Family
Saturday, February 3	5:00pm	+Bill McDonough	Jim & Wendy Schliessman

Sunday, February 4	7:30am	+Jim Devereux	The Family
	9:00am	+Francis R. Dollinger	St. Mary's Church
	11:00am	+Larry Nelson	Cheryl Nelson & Family
		+Anne McEvilly & +Ryan Thomas Reed	The Family



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

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 \$45,300.00, 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!

End of Year Statements

If you would like an End of The Year Statement, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.



Collection Totals for the Weekend of: Jan 6/7, 2024

		12/30- 12/31	1/6-1/7	
	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$13,854.00	\$3,156.00	\$4,107.00	\$21,117.00
Christmas	\$1,470.00	\$1,316.00	\$150.00	\$2,936.00
Foundation for Faith	\$720.00	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$930.00
Major Maintenance	\$660.00	\$80.00	\$83.00	\$823.00
Needy in Community	\$360.00	\$555.00	\$143.00	\$1,058.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,060.00	\$47.00	\$40.00	\$1,147.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$248,077.00			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$248,705.80			



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
Sheila Tonger

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 office@stmarysminooka.com or call the parish office at 815-467-2233.

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