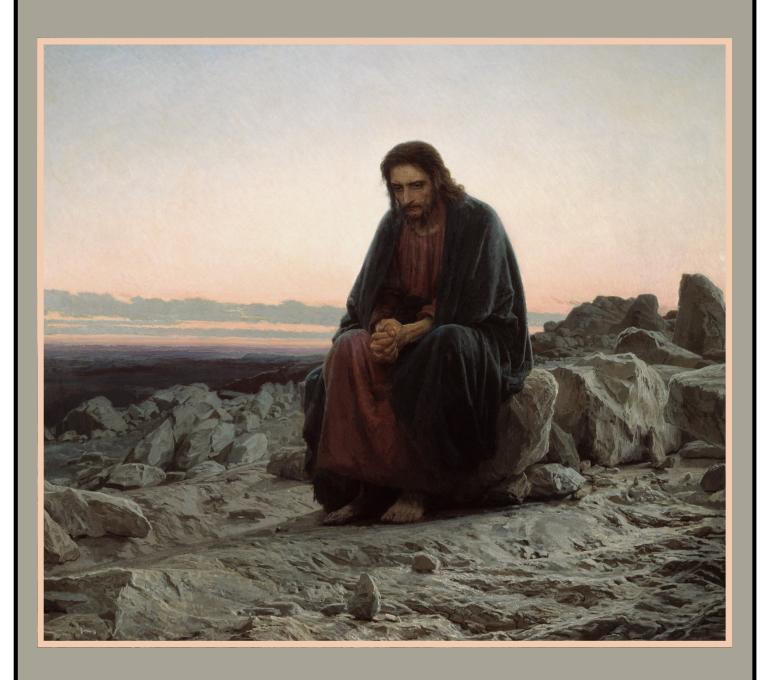
# St. Mary's Church

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l<u>van Kramskoi</u>, *Christ in the Wilderness*, 1872 Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia,

1st Sunday of Lent February 18th, 2024

# Meditations on Sunday Readings and Famous Art

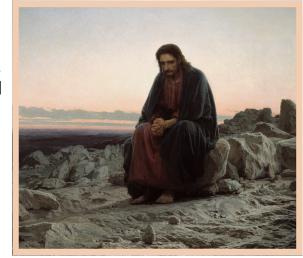
In the depicted image, Jesus is portrayed in the desert enduring the 40-day period of temptation and fasting.

Despite being only 30 years old during this challenging time, Jesus appears visibly worn-out and exasperated. The relentless sun takes its toll on His body, highlighting the vulnerability of His humanity.

The colors chosen for Christ's cloak hold significant symbolism — red and blue. Traditionally, these colors represent the dual nature of Jesus

as both fully God and fully man, with red signifying His humanity and blue representing His divinity.

Jesus' hands are folded in prayer, and His facial expression conveys confidence and hope in his deliverance from the pressing Satanc temptations.

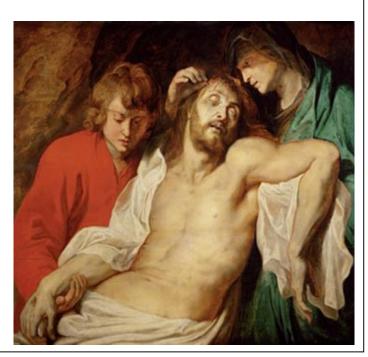


St. Mary's CCW invites all members of the Parish to attend Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary

Join us for this beautiful and meaningful presentation of the Stations of the Cross, focusing on the thoughts of our Holy Mother as she bears witness to her Son's suffering.

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30 PM in the Church

Light refreshments to follow in the Parish Center.



# Lenten Regulations

- 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, 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.
- 4.To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
- 5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.







#### **Senior Lunch**

Senior Lunch is Returning Wednesday February 21st, please call 815-467-2322 to make your reservation. Please leave a message if no one answers. If you are interested in helping at the senior lunch please text or call Jeanne Rapp at 815-545-2354.





Commemorating 75 Years of Catechesis, Evangelization and Service

# Lesson Plans

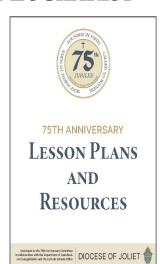
Available for K-12 students: Parents, Religious Education Programs, Catholic Schools, High School Youth Groups, Scouting Groups, First Communion Retreats, and Homeschool Curricula

### LESSON 2

# THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

The real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is both a treasure and a mystery. We have been gifted by Christ with the opportunity to receive His precious Body and Blood every bit as authentically as the Apostles did at the Last Supper.

Get the PDF including three Lesson Plan modules for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-12 at diojoliet.org/75th



# Faith Into Action Podcast Episode 4

In Episode 4, Michelle Dellinger interviews Katie Golwacz, a parishioner at Church of the Holy Ghost in Wood Dale. Katie's story about her struggle to receive childhood sacraments in Yugoslavia following WWII is fascinating. She can give us all a new perspective about our faith—and the religious freedom we likely take for granted.







Faith Into Action YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action Podcast (audio)



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit the webiste for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

diojoliet.org/75th

# **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Junior High Youth Ministry
For all 6th-8th grade students

# **Thrive**

For all 9th-12th grade students

Join us from 7:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center for snacks, games, a short teaching, small groups, and prayer. Invite and bring your friends too!

We meet on the following Wednesday nights:

2/21 3/6 3/13 4/3 4/10



Come join us from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center basement as we learn how to Thrive in our Catholic faith. Each night consists of social time, games, snacks, fellowship, prayer, relevant and relatable topics for discussion, and small groups. Spread the word and bring a friend!

We meet on the following Thursday nights:





2/29

3/7

3/14

4/4

4/11

4/18

#### Two Scholarship Opportunities from the Council of Catholic Women

The Bishop Blanchette Scholarship is for students attending a Catholic High School in the Joliet Diocese. 8 -11 graders may apply. Parents MUST complete FACTS online. The deadline to return the application packet to the Parish Office is March 27th.

The Fr. John Sebahar Servant Leadership Award is based on service and no financial information is needed.

It's for graduating high school Seniors going on to college.

The deadline for this application is due by March 27th.

Both of these Scholarship Applications are available to pick up on the Parish Office Porch. Any questions call Kathy at (815) 941-4419



# FAMILY FUN EVENT!! EASTER EGG HUNT and PARTY

Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 12:00pm

Parish Center

Bring your own basket for eggs!
Area divided into age groups
The "hunt" starts at 10:30 for under 4 years
11:00am 5-7yr and 11:30 8 yr and up
Crafts, games, cookie decorating will be
on going until 12:00pm.

Easter Bunny Needs Help!!

The Easter Bunny is asking for Easter Candy donations by March 3rd. SMALL WRAPPED candy may be dropped off at the back of church or at the KC February Breakfast.



# SAVE THE DATE!!

Tickets will go on sale March 10th at Donut Sunday

More information will be in next week's bulletin



# CCW 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tea Party

Sunday, April 14 1:00 – 3:00pm

Doors open at 12:30p

Sweet treats, finger sandwiches, cheese and crackers, and fruit.

Beverages will be a variety of tea, ice tea, coffee and pink lemonade.

Midwest Chorus will entertain us!

#### PRAY FAST WITNESS

The Spring Campaign for 40 DAYS FOR LIFE will begin on Ash Wednesday February 14 and end on Palm Sunday March 24. During this time, Christians from around the world will once again join together for the most powerful PRO-LIFE effort the world has experienced.

During these 40 days, parishes in our area will be asked to participate in our local effort of **40 DAYS FOR LIFE AURORA**. Each day, one area church will commit to praying to end abortion. Prayer Vigils will be <u>from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday</u> through Saturday at Waterleaf Woman's Center at <u>3055 E. New York St. Aurora</u>, IL, directly across from Aurora Planned Parenthood.

The vigil date for our parish will be Wednesday February 28th. Please join our parish in prayer at Waterleaf anytime between 8 AM and 5 PM. Father John Honiotes will be praying at the Center from 11:30 AM12:30 PM. To sign up for our vigil day, please go to 40daysforlife.com/aurorawebsite. If you are unable to attend, we ask that on the day of our parish vigil, please offer a ROSARY FOR LIFE to save a baby at risk of abortion. Also, please feel free to pray with any other church group on any day during the 40 Days for Life Campaign. You can also show your love and commitment through prayer and fasting.

For additional information or assistance please contact Cathy Glover at 815-409-8145.





February 16<sup>™</sup> Through March 22<sup>№</sup> 4:00 to 7:00 PM

> St. Ann Parish Hall 24500 S. Navajo Drive Channahon, IL

	Mass Coordinator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, February 24 5:00pm	Jeanne Rapp Pat Favero	Carolyn Healy	Jeanne Rapp	Volunteer
Sunday, February 25 7:30am	Lucy Feeney	Lucy Feeney	Marie Moretti Janet Bonadeo	Kasey Looney Kevin Looney
Sunday, February 25 9:00am	John & Sue Hulbert	Vic DelMastro	Barbara Novak Phil Jostes	Libby Nugent
Sunday, February 25 11:00am	Kathy Williamson	Scouts	Kathy O'Hagan Glenda Smith	Antonio Esquivel Xander Esquivel

Weekly Mass Intentions						
Saturday, February 17	5:00pm	Carissa Wascher	Leon Family			
		+Nancy Reichen	Chuck & Pam Sheperd			
Sunday, February 18	7:30am	+Bill Chiovatero Sr.	Ron & Jan Hibler			
	9:00am	+Josephine Quilter	Sharon Gaydula			
	11:00am	+Barbara Ketter	Al & Pat Smania			
Monday, February 19	8:30am	Bishop Hicks				
Tuesday, February 20	8:30am	+Dave Stafford	Cathy Glover			
		+Ron Foster	Tom & Pat McHugh			
Wednesday, February 21	8:30am	+Bill McDonough	James & Wendy Feeney			
Thursday, February 22	8:30am	+Sr. Rosemary Small				
Friday, February 23	8:30am	+Bill McDonough	Richard & Caryn Schliesman			
Saturday, February 24	5:00pm	+Bill Chiovatero	Jackie & Ken Bersano			
Sunday, February 25	7:30am	+Gloria Maxwell	Warren & Doris Boehm			
	9:00am	Bishop Hicks & his intention				
	11:00am	+Dawn Derby	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 or follow this link: https://buzzsprout.com/1373725

## **CMAA**

#### Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Collection Totals for the Weekend of:	Feb 3/4, 2024			
		1/27-1/28	2/3-2/4	
	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$12,923.50	\$2,251.00	\$4,130.00	\$19,304.50
Foundation for Faith	\$149.00	\$95.00	\$75.00	\$319.00
Major Maintenance	\$232.00	\$60.00	\$118.00	\$410.00
Needy in Community	\$447.00	\$525.00	\$148.00	\$1,120.00
Latin America	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$282,645.50			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$284,235.20			



Police & Firefighters Special Intention If you would like a candle lit outside for a Special Intention, please call the Parish Office



### 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 Robert Fonck Marilyn Wilkens Gerald Magolan Joe Overbeck Sheila Tonger Jerry Moreno Connie Hamilton Jim Novotny 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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#### **MASSES:**

Saturday- 5:00pm

7:30am (simple chant) Sunday-

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.