

St. Mary's Church

303 w. St Mary's St. Minooka, IL



Ivan Kramskoi ,*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 Satanic temptations.

Fr. John



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.



St. Mary's Catholic Church
**CORNER BEEF &
CABBAGE DINNER**

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



SUNDAY

PARISH CENTER

300 W. ST. MARY'S ST.
MINOOKA, IL 60447

MARCH 3, 2024

QUILTERS' RAFFLE
\$1 per ticket & for \$6

*'Season's of
St. Mary's'*

SERVING FROM NOON - 6:00PM

Great food & desserts,

LOCAL CRAFT BEER,

WINE & BOTTLED WATER AVAILABLE FOR DONATION



*Great line up of Irish Music and
entertainment all afternoon!*



Special Thank You To:

Jewel-Osco

St. Mary's Quilters

This years theme - Seasons of St. Mary's

St. Mary's Quilters will be selling Raffle Tickets
for the 2024 quilt at the Knights of Columbus' Breakfast
on February 25th. For more information please call

Robin White at 815-671-6008 or
Carole Fremarek at 815-514-3754.

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



75TH ANNIVERSARY
**LESSON PLANS
AND
RESOURCES**

Developed by the 75th Anniversary Committee
in collaboration with the Department of Catechesis
and Evangelization and the Catholic Schools Office

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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.



75th Anniversary Series

**Faith into
Action**

Sponsored by the
Diocese of Joliet



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 website for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High Youth Ministry

For all 6th-8th 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



Thrive

For all 9th-12th grade students

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 16th

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 3rd 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 from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday at Waterleaf Woman's Center at 3055 E. New York St. Aurora, 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 AM-12:30** 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.

Calling All Bakers

The Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Committee is looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for the Corned Beef Dinner on Sunday, March 3rd. We are in need of cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes or your favorite dessert. Please do not send items that need to be refrigerated.

If you can donate bakery please call or text Jeanne Rapp at 1-815-545-2354 or email her at Jeanchuck73@gmail.com by February 27 so we can make sure we have enough desserts for everyone.

Bakery can be dropped off at the Parish Center Saturday, March 2nd before Mass from 4:30pm until 5:00pm and also immediately following Mass or anytime time Sunday after 7:30am.

Please label your dessert if it contains nuts.

Please put your name on your dish so we can return your containers.

We are also looking for volunteers to help cut and plate desserts during the dinner. Please contact Jeanne Rapp if you can help.



**Knights of
Columbus**

CHANNAHON COUNCIL 12863 ST. ANN PARISH

LENTEN

**FISH FRY
IS BACK!**



EVERY FRIDAY

**February 16TH Through March 22ND
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
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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 at 815-467-2233.