

St. Mary's Church



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March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

Meditations on Sunday Readings and Famous Art With Fr. John

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I have chosen the icon titled "Resurrection of Christ and the Harrowing of Hell" as it sheds light on Jesus' teachings to the Greeks in today's gospel. In the narrative, a few Greeks approach Jesus and implicitly offer him asylum from the Jews seeking to kill him. Here, Jesus is presented with an opportunity to evade his redemptive mission of the cross. However, Jesus responds, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."



In the depicted image, Jesus descends to the depths of the earth (Sheol or Hell) after his death on the cross. The cross is depicted above, flanked by two angels. Jesus, resembling a dormant seed, descends into the darkness of the earth to bring forth new life, not yet visible above the ground. The two figures emerging from their graves are our first parents, Adam and Eve, representing the entirety of the human race. They are the first fruits of Jesus' resurrection, blossoming like early buds in springtime.

Christ stands atop the white cross, which hovers above the dark abyss representing death, adorned with skulls, bones, shackles, and chains. Ironically, just as a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die to bear fruit, the instrument of death, the cross, becomes the sole path to eternal life. "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:7). To have life within us in this world and the next, we must sacrificially surrender ourselves to the will of our loving Heavenly Father.

In Christ,

**Stations of the Cross are every Friday Morning after 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Minooka
Stations of the Cross every Friday at Noon and 6:30pm at St. Ann's Channahon**

**Please keep all of our candidates for Confirmation
in your prayers as they receive the
sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, March 21st.**



Thank you from St. Mary's Quilters

St. Mary's Quilters would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who participated in the drawing for this year's quilt at the Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. We very much appreciate your generous support. Thank you, also, to Father John for drawing the winning ticket. We're happy to announce that the 2024 quilt, "Seasons of St. Mary's," goes to Carolyn Healy. Congratulations, Carolyn!



Attention High School Seniors

Scholarships available to our High School Seniors;

Our very own St. Mary's Scholarship – sponsored by our Corned Beef Dinner Committee. Open to all St. Mary's parishioners that are High School Seniors, applying to College or a Trade School.

Applications due back March 29th.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for a Scholarship



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Hope springs
eternal

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SATURDAY
MARCH

23

9:00am - 2:00pm

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST MARY'S PARISH

Located in the PARISH CENTER
300 West St Marys St, Minooka

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 770-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.



EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY



Call (630) 723-2589 with eligibility questions.

St. Mary's Grief Share Program

Monday evening parish center

Spring Session 04/1– 5/20

6:00 p.m – 7:30 p.m

To register call parish office

Mary 815-467-2233 or Kathy 467-4228



Lent and Easter Schedule



Recurring Events During Lent:

Weekend Masses:

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday through Friday at 8:30am

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 9:00am at St. Mary's
Fridays at 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM at St. Ann's, Channahon

Confession:

Thursdays from 7:30am to 8:20am
Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm

Adoration:

Thursdays from 7:30am to 8:20am
Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Masses - March 24, 2024:

7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Confession with 6 priests present - March 26, 2024

Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at St. Ann's, Channahon

Holy Thursday - March 28, 2024:

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - March 29, 2024:

3:00pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - March 30, 2024:

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses - March 31, 2024:

7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Minooka Senior luncheon



Minooka Senior luncheon is Wednesday March 20th. Please call 815-467-2322 to reserve your spot. Looking forward to seeing you at St. Mary's Parish Center.

Doors open at 11:00 and lunch is served at 12:30.

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone who donated the beautifully decorated and delicious desserts and Irish soda bread for the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Once again your generosity was overwhelming. We received many compliments on how fantastic the variety of bakery was. Because of your generosity we had enough bakery to serve over 1000 people!

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to cut, plate and serve the desserts. With your help we were able to keep a great variety of desserts available for the entire dinner. It always amazes me when people come and ask for a specific dessert that we had last year. Thank you for all your help.

The containers that were not disposable are on the Office porch. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

Bes-TEA Party Celebrating Friendship



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!

Gather all the important girls and women in your life and come celebrate with them at our 3rd Annual Tea Party. We will have Basket Raffles and Split the Pot

Wear a hat and get a free raffle ticket!!

Pre-seating is arranged, so please have the names of your party ready
when you purchase tickets

Tickets will be March 16 and 17 after all Masses in the Cry Room of the church

Tickets will be sold at the KC Breakfast on March 24th

Deadline for tickets is April 7th or until sold out

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Ticket prices: 14 year – and up \$10.00

13 year – 5 year \$5.00

4 and under Free

To purchase tickets over the phone/email please contact Peg at
pegfran@att.net or (815) 351-4493

Congratulations



Marie Moretti has been a member of St. Mary's in Minooka for 30 years. She currently is the Corresponding Secretary for the CCW and previously served as co-chair for the Community Commission. Marie bakes for parish functions, serves at funeral luncheons, helps with the Spring Tea, Anointing of the Sick Mass, and with the Giving Tree. She has served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for over 15 years, previously taught kindergarten Religious Education classes and helps with the Minooka Community Helping Hands Food Pantry. She and her husband Al have four children and five grandchildren. In her retirement after 18 years as a ParaPro in the Minooka Early Childhood Program, she enjoys baking and spending time with her family.



	Mass Coordinator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, March 23 5:00pm	Jeanne Rapp Pat Favero	John Mooney Carolyn Healy	Marie Mooney Sue Hulbert	Lauren Klimchak Libby Nugent
Sunday, March 24 7:30am	Nita Caruso	Rose Ruettiger Lucy Feeney	Katie Liberatore Cindy Creasman	Kevin Looney Casey Looney
Sunday, March 24 9:00am	Chris Gregory	Vic DelMastro Mike Schramm	Erica Schramm Barbara Novak	Patsy Manetti Louis Manetti
Sunday, March 24 11:00am	Kathy O'Hagan Kath Williamson	Cathy Fouts Kelly Klepec	Cheryl Nelson Bruce Ukockis	Sarah Folsom Alex Folsom Jordana Junco Gage Ross

Monday - Wednesday & Friday

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16	5:00	+ Russell & Marie Starks	The O'Hagan Family
Sunday, March 17	7:30	+Raymond & Audrey Tierney + Bill McDonough	The Family John & Shari Horvat
	9:00	+ Al & Eileen McKenzie	The Family
	11:00	+ Bob Guedel Bishop Hicks Intentions	The Family
Monday, March 18	8:30am	+Shawn Conner	Cathy Glover
Tuesday, March 19	8:30am	Intentions of our Pastor	
Wednesday, March 20	8:30am	+Bill McDonough	Jim & Kathie Hibner
Thursday, March 21	8:30am	+Lucy McDonald	The Tezak Family
Friday, March 22	8:30am	+Don & Eleanor Bersano	Family & Friends
		+Linda Bradley	Sharon Gaydula
Saturday, March 23	10:00am	Anointing of the Sick Mass	
	5:00pm	+Bill Chiovatero	Jackie & Ken Bersano
		+Phillip & Therese Kerr	The Family
Sunday, March 24	7:30am	+Paul Pullara	Peggy Kabinski
	9:00am	+George Beutel	The Family
		+Mary Lou DelMastro	DelMastro Family
	11:00am	+Denny Glenn	Pat & Al Smania



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>

Thank You

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Please Remember St. Mary's in your will or trust

As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing free, online will writing tools. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations.

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Collection Totals for the Weekend of:	March 2/3, 2024			
<i>Collections are counted bi-weekly</i>		2/24-2/25	3/2-3/3	
	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$10,657.00	\$2,511.00	\$3,595.00	\$16,763.00
Foundation for Faith	\$165.66	\$95.00	\$240.66	\$501.32
Major Maintenance	\$145.00	\$75.00	\$73.00	\$293.00
Needy in Community	\$415.00	\$520.00	\$153.00	\$1,088.00
Easter Flowers	\$529.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$549.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$315,515.50			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$319,764.60			



Police & Firefighters
Special Intention

If you would like a
candle lit outside for a



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
John Prell

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.