

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT

PSALM 23:1

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Welcome!

If you would like to become a registered Parishioner, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.
We would love to have you here with us!



Bishop Hicks' Column



March 2023: Journeying 10 years with Pope Francis

It is a common practice to give a gift made of silver for a 25th anniversary and something of gold for a 50th. However, I was wondering, what do you give for a 10th anniversary? After some research, there seems to be some consensus that either tin or aluminum is meant to commemorate a decade. Perhaps these metals make an appropriate gift since they are known for their strength and resilience.

On March 13, our Holy Father will celebrate his 10th anniversary as pope. As we have watched our pontiff lead, guide and shepherd the Church, few would argue that he has done so with great strength and resilience. I am truly amazed by his vigor, perseverance and tenacity. Sometimes I wonder if I reach his age, God willing, will I still have that type of energy?

Pope Francis, like his predecessors, is so much more than a CEO of a worldwide organization. He is the apostolic successor to St. Peter, the "rock" upon which the Church is built. Just like the apostle, he has his own personality. Some people focus on his warm smile or infectious laugh, while others notice his ability to listen and engage in conversation. Even the name he chose as pope, Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, is a nod to his humility.

I am a bishop ordained under Pope Francis in 2018 and then installed in 2020 for the Diocese of Joliet. I have tried to emulate his famous advice that a bishop and priest should strive to be a good shepherd with "the smell of the sheep." In other words, the Church is better off with leaders who spend time among the people of God. Pope Francis continues to give us an example of how to be and do just that.

I have a beautifully framed photo of Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich and myself taken in Rome in December 2019 during an ad limina meeting. I love the photo because we are all laughing out loud. This snapshot was captured when Cardinal Cupich, one by one, was introducing the 26 bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to the Holy Father. While introducing the bishop standing in front of me, Cardinal Cupich said to the pope, "He is one of my retired bishops." The pope looked at him and said, "You look much too young to be retired." Then it was my turn. The pope firmly took my

hand to shake it, and Cardinal Cupich said to him, "And this is Bishop Ron Hicks. He is my vicar general." The pope then broke into a big smile, looked at me and said, "You are a vicar general *and* a bishop? You look like you are still in high school!" It was a beautiful moment to share in that laughter and joy, and I am glad it was immortalized in a photo, which I treasure.

No matter how you describe Pope Francis, his 10th anniversary gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank him for his faith, leadership and prayers. That's in addition to all of the work he has accomplished, which includes three encyclicals, four synods, countless homilies, extensive travel, innumerable audiences and the canonization of more than 900 new saints, chief among which are Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII, Mother Teresa of Kolkata, Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero, along with the 813 martyrs of Otranto.

He has also given us several exhortations over these 10 years, from which there are many things to learn and ponder. His first such document in 2013 was "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel), and I appreciate that he began his pontificate proclaiming, "joy" – namely the joy that comes from an encounter with the risen Lord, Jesus. The joy of the Gospel fills our hearts and lives because of the salvation brought through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, which sets us free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.

As I write this, I realize it would take volumes to capture what the pope has done and accomplished over 10 years. And even though his achievements are vast, I cannot help but think of all of the pressure he endures and the burdens he carries daily. Leading the Church amid today's complexities, polarization and challenges is not easy. Therefore, I thank God that our pope wakes up each day and leads with gospel joy, faith and zeal.

Every day at Masses across the globe, we as a Church rightfully unite our voices in the Eucharistic Prayer as we ask God to "be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant, Francis, our Pope." As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Holy Father, let us in a special way pray for his continued strength and resilience, as together we wish Pope Francis, "Ad multos Annos!"

Quiz Time!!

Answers from last week.

1) Fire and cloud 2) For the Common Good 3) Christ died for us 4) By groanings

New questions.

Which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit?

a) sorrow b) laughter c) joy

Besides the Holy Spirit, what is petitioned during the prayer of consecration at Confirmation?

a) the gifts of the Holy Spirit b) forgiveness of sin c) peace and justice in the world

What is meant by "the Church is apostolic"?

a) the teachings of the church are without error b) the Church is ancient c) the Church is faithful to the teachings of the apostles

According to St Paul, the Spirit gives witness that we are ____?

a) free of all sin b) able to accomplish anything c) children of God

Don't forget to keep track week to week!!

St. Mary's Annual Easter egg hunt

Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women

Saturday, April 1st

Starts **PROMPTLY** at 11am

Minooka Lion's Park on McEvilly Road

Do NOT park along the road



Bring your own basket for eggs!

The Easter Bunny will be there for pictures so bring your camera!

The area will be divided into age groups

In case of pouring rain or extreme winds, eggs will be handed out after masses on the weekend following Easter



Thank you !!! Thank you!!



Thanks to all that came and supported St. Mary's St. Patrick's Day (March 5th for us) celebration! A double thanks to all the men, women and young adults who cooked, baked, served, worked the admission table, cleaned, set up the outside activities, organized the bands and dancers, rented the tent, provided the street barricades, cement blocks and heaters (that would be the Public Works), sold chances and shirts, procured and served the lemonade, water, beer and wine.

That's a lot of people and the main reason our event was such a fun and successful event. God Bless, rest up, Octoberfest is next.

Respectfully and Thankfully,
The Corned Beef Committee



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated the delicious bakery and Irish Soda Bread for the corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help with the cutting, plating and serving. Everyone enjoyed the wide selection of desserts.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Jeanne



INFORMATION

BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs
eternal

DONATE
BLOOD

**Saturday
March**

25

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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

BRING ID

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST MARYS PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

LOCATION: Parish Center
300 West St Marys Street, Minooka

Appointments Preferred, Walk Ins Welcome

Please book an appointment at the following link:-
<https://bit.ly/stmarysparish03-25>

Or Scan QR code



Give blood, get noodles! Receive a coupon for a buy one, get one entrée from Noodles & Company, while supplies last.



EACH DONOR SAVES 3 LIVES !!

CCW

Stations of the Cross through the eyes of Mary
March 16th 6:30 in Church. Short meeting to follow with refreshments in parish center
All women of the parish are invited



Weekday Morning Rosary

Beginning at 8:00am Monday - Friday
Please join us in praying the rosary.
Wonderful opportunity for Lent



Bible Study

Every Monday at 4:30 in
the Parish Center, classroom
Our study will focus on
The Rescue Project with
Fr. John Riccardo.



This week candles were lit for :



Police & Firefighters
Gloria Ziebler
Lucy McDonald
Angelo Anzalone



**If you would like a candle lit
outside for a special intention, please
call the Parish Office at
815-467-2233.**

Please Pray For:

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Dylan Pickett
Paul Thien Phu
Robert Fonck
Marilyn Wilkens

Sara Lovell
Wren Wagoner
Jerry Davidson
Linda Bradley
Baker Family
Bayley Webb
Ron Erwin
Cliff Erwin

Lorenzo Benitez
Marlena Benitez
Judy Stafford
Irene Davidson
Ruth Kesselring
Olivia Arenella
Lisa Pelton

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email
st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net or call the parish office
at 815-467-2233.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, March 18	4:00-4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Susan Kuykendall	Helen Furto Family
Sunday, March 19	7:30am	Anne Radford	
		Abie Ryan	Don & Anita Ryan
	9:00am	Kata Eric	John & Kay Brozovich
		Steve Clennon	Meg, Heather & Holly Clennon
	11:00am	William Klepec	KC's
Monday, March 20	8:30am	Lucy McDonald	The Tezak Family
Tuesday, March 21	8:30am	Jack & Phyllis Hoyland	The Family
		Marylou DelMastro	The DelMastro Family
Wednesday, March 22	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, March 23	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, March 24	8:30am	Jerry Hannon	The Family
	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, March 25	4:00pm - 4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Brother Fran (Leo) Keigher	John & Maureen Konopek
		Ron Foster	Tom & Pat McHugh
		Phillip & Teresa Kerr	The Kimble Family
		Francis Roger Dollinger	Sydney Yunker
Sunday, March 26	7:30am	Don Ruettiger	Bonnie Franci-Kovich
	9:00am	Francis R. Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
		Kata Eric	John & Kay Brozovich
		Jerry Hannon	The Family
	11:00am	Marie Starks	Pat & Al Smania

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, March 25 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Carolyn Healy	Pat Favero
Sunday, March 26 7:30am	Kasey Looney Kevin Looney	Rose Ruettiger	John Jun
Sunday, March 26 9:00am	Carlin Quinn Molly Schramm	Chris Gregory	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker
Sunday, March 26 11:00am	Paisley Schad Alex Folsom	Bruce Ukockis	Jessica Folsom Jane Spray

Lent

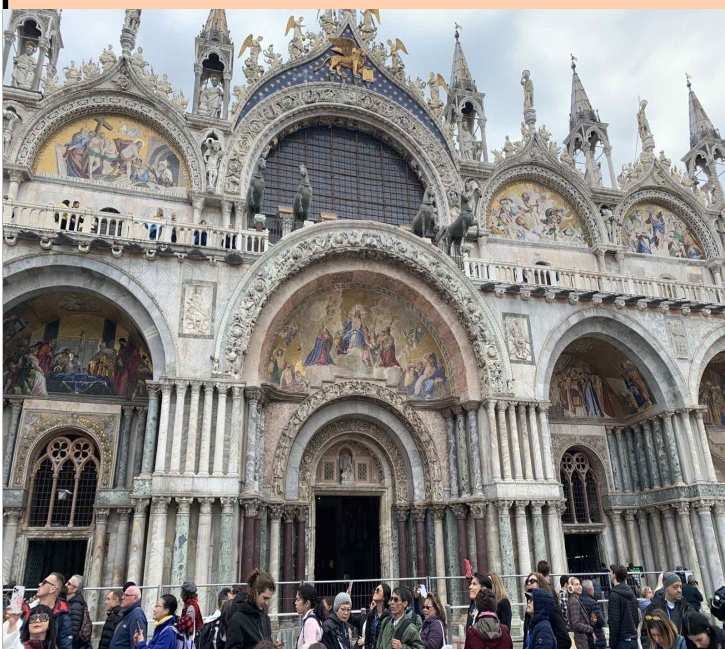


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Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.



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Fr. Tuan is in Venice, Italy this week and wanted to share some pictures with everyone.

This church is St. Julien, built in the 15th Century.

He was able to celebrate Mass there.

He wanted everyone to know he is praying for all his parishioners daily and wishes everyone well.

He will send more pictures as he continues his travels through Italy.

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Weekend Masses-

Saturday- 5:00pm

**Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream
and 11am**

Weekday Masses -

Mon, Tues, Fri- 8:30am

Communion Service-

Wed, Thurs - 8:30am

Confession-

**Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm
in the Church**

Anointing of the Sick - Please call the office