



St. Mary's Church

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HAPPY EASTER

April 9, 2023



Reflection for this weekend's readings

God Is Always at Work

Article Taken from Young Catholics

Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar, as it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation.

The readings for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday remind us of God's goodness, power, and saving work throughout history. From the Creation Story to the Exodus from Egypt, God has been at work, leading his people to freedom and new life. In the Epistle reading, St. Paul exhorts us to die to sin and live for God, emphasizing the importance of baptism and faith in Jesus. And in the Gospel reading, we hear the amazing news of Jesus' Resurrection, which brings hope and new life to all who believe.

A Message of Hope

This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by the effects of sin and death, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

Meaning through Faith

Luke's writings in the Bible remind us that God sent his Son to free us from sin and death and to live without fear. This message is just as important today as it was in the time of the early Christians. Sometimes, religion can become focused on ceremony and lose its true meaning. The Resurrection of Jesus is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of our faith.

The message of the empty tomb was initially confusing to the disciples. They couldn't understand where the body had gone and what had happened. However, when they were reminded of Jesus' words, the message began to make sense to them. Similarly, the experiences of our lives can sometimes be confusing and difficult to interpret without faith. We need to remember that, through the Resurrection, God has the power to transform our lives.

The early disciples were so energized by the shock of the Resurrection that nothing, not even death or persecution, could stop them from spreading the Good News. We too, as Christians, must be willing to hear the message of transformation and then spread it to others. We should not keep the Good News to ourselves, but share it with others so that they too can experience the joy and hope that comes from knowing Jesus.

Rejoice and Be Glad

So let us rejoice and be glad this Easter, as we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of new life, and let us renew our commitment to follow Jesus, the risen Lord, wherever he may lead us. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

Reflection Questions

How does the risen Christ appear in my life ?
Where do I turn when life is confusing?
How can I spread the Good News today?



Religious Education

Happy Easter from the RE Dept.

Just a quick reminder that our last week of RE is April 11th and 12th!!
Please stay tuned to our Bulletin, Website, Facebook page and your emails for details about registration for next year's RE!!!

Easter Blessings,

Deacon Fred Ban
Director of Faith Formation



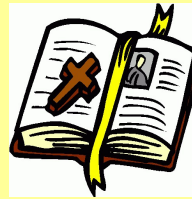
Weekday Morning Rosary

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.



April CCW Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to attend the next CCW meeting in the Parish Center on **April 20th at 6:30 pm**. Please join us as we learn more about the wonderful work of a local charity called "Meal Ministry for Families in Crisis." We will also have snacks and goodies, followed by a business meeting and announcement of the new officers for next year. Looking forward to seeing you there.



PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH

ST. PAUL

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Refuge
MT 11:28

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

TEENS! JOIN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA THIS SUMMER FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

Steubenville | St. Paul is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. The Diocese of Joliet is forming a diocesan delegation to attend this life-changing conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Register: <https://sites.google.com/view/dojsteubie>
Deadline April 25, limited spots available!

Ministry team:

Host: Kris Frank

SONAR Worship

Katie Prejean McGrady

Brian Greenfield

Katie Hartfel

Fr. Jonathan McElhone, TOR

SSP
ST. PAUL

📅 July 28-30, 2023

📍 University of St. Thomas,
St. Paul, MN

💰 \$ 349/teen

Questions? Contact doi.steubie@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a changing world. Our local council Our Lady of Knock #12882 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd. When you become a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #12882 for local information. Thank you!



Mad Hatter Tea Party!!

Sponsored by CCW

Tickets on sale after 5:00p Mass next weekend and at Donut Sunday on April 16th

**Sunday, April 30 Doors open at 1:30p
2:00-4:00pm
Parish Center**

**Sweet treats, cheese and crackers and fruit.
Tea and other beverages will be served.**

Dave Fleming, Magician and Juggler will entertain all

Basket Raffles and Split the Pot Wear a hat to get a free raffle ticket

**Cost is \$5.00 per person.
Under 5 years of age free**

You can contact Peg Francisco for tickets by calling (815) 351-4493 or email pegfran@att.net

**Tickets will be limited so don't be late!
You don't want miss this very important date!!!
No sales at the door**



St. Mary's Book Club

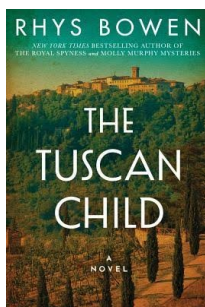
Our next selection is "The Tuscan Child" by Rhys Bowen.

This novel is the story of a British bomber pilot who while in enemy territory during WWII, found refuge in a ruined monastery. His estranged daughter discovers her father's history, after his funeral. Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library.

Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

All are welcome!

Questions? Please call Mary at 815-467-9577



Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, April 19th

**Menu- Chicken Pot Pie w/biscuit
Dessert will be Apple Braid**

Entertainment - Saxophone player

**Please RSVP no later than April 14th to
815-467-2322**

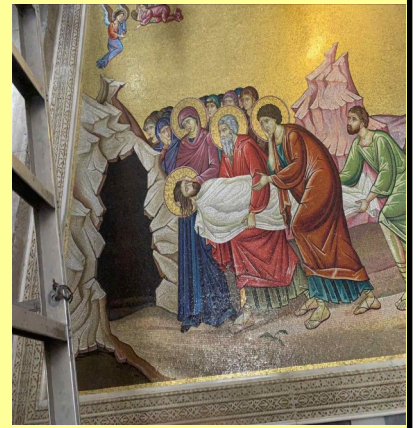


Fr. Tuan is in Jerusalem.

He wants you to know that he is praying for all of you and he said a special prayer for his parishioners at the wailing wall. It is **one of the holiest sights in Jerusalem and some believed that here Abraham found Isaac**. Jewish people have been praying at the wall for two thousand years and travel from around the world to gather and pray at this holy site.



The Building below is where Mary was born. According to old traditions Mary was born in Jerusalem. Joachim is said to have been the owner of a home **in the vicinity of the temple, more precisely near the Sheep Gate and its pool called in Hebrew Bethesda**. There is a grotto nearby believed to be the place where Mary was born.



This week candles were lit for :

Police & Firefighters
Gloria Ziebler
Scott Tezak



**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 Kesseling
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 Intentions

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil	9:00am	Decorate the Church	
	11:00am	Blessing of the Baskets	
	2:00pm	RCIA Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Easter Vigil	
Sunday, April 9 Happy Easter	Raymond Noel	The Family	
	7:30am	Dorothy Bickle	
	9:00am	Scott Tezak	
	11:00am	Kata Eric	
Monday, April 10	8:30am	Don & Eleanor Bersano	The Otto Family
Tuesday, April 11	8:30am	Walter & Mary Lou Friant	Family & Friends
Wednesday, April 12	8:30am	Communion Service	The Family
Thursday, April 13	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, April 14	8:30am	Sr. Rosemary Small	
Saturday, April 15	4:00pm-4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Susan Kuykendall	Helen Furto Family
Sunday, April 16	7:30am	Brother Fran (Leo) Keigher	John & Maureen Konopek
		Rosemary Stephens	Virginia Mysliwiec
	9:00am	Kata Eric	The Milan Eric Family
		James McEvilly	The Family
	11:00am	Laly Cyr	The Family
		Helen Vercelli	The Family

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, April 15 5:00pm	Jada Akroush	Kathy Sabuco	Jeanne Rapp
Sunday, April 16 7:30am	Volunteer	Brenda Rittorf	Marie Moretti
Sunday, April 16 9:00am	Molly Schramm	Chris Gregory	Erica Schramm Alice Mayr
Sunday, April 16 11:00am	Sarah Folsom Paisley Schad	Kelly Klepec	Glenda Smith Kathy O'Hagan

Thank you for your financial support to St. Mary's

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.

Get started at FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet.



Collection Totals for the Weekend of: March 5/26, 2023

	Collected	Mar 18/19 Online	Mar 25/26 Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$13,691.00	\$2,941.00	\$2,249.00	\$18,881.00
Foundation for Faith	\$198.42	\$550.00	\$95.00	\$843.42
Major Maintenance	\$805.00	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$910.00
Needy in Community	\$225.00	\$96.00	\$330.00	\$651.00
Easter Flowers	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$280.00
Catholic Relief	\$1,216.00	\$135.00	\$10.00	\$1,361.00
Easter Flowers	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$280.00
Easter	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$343,765.36			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$332,646.99			

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St. Mary's Minooka

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