

St. Mary's Minooka

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Come to Me

all you who labor & are burdened & I will give you rest

Sunday, July 9, 2023

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Thank You

St. Mary's Parish Council extends our sincere Thank You to each and everyone of you who participated in Father's final masses and helped in any way to make Father's Thank You and Best of Luck celebration a huge success.

With the help of countless volunteers from staff, parishioners, parish organizations, choir and the community St. Mary's was able to show our appreciation and thanks to Father for his leadership, prayers and love he has given us over the past 11 years.

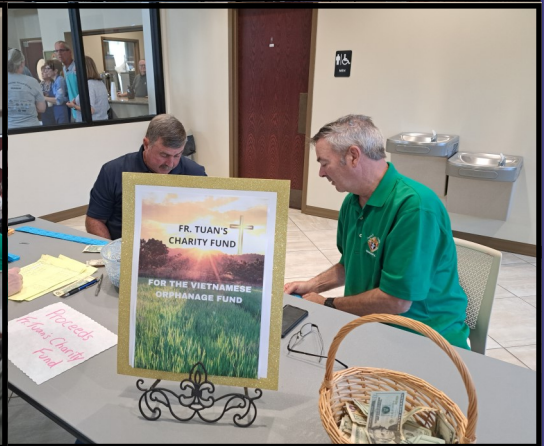
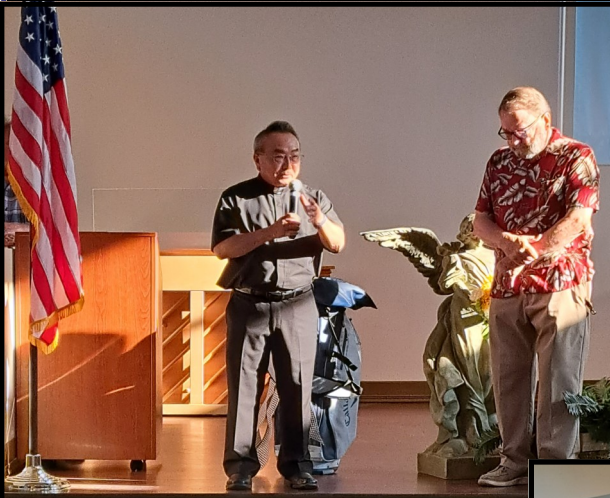
The Parish Center, which Father took great pride in, was beautifully decorated and provided the perfect setting for the celebration.

To everyone who stepped forward to help in any way Thank You and God Bless You.

We hope you will join us as we welcome Father John Honiotes as our new Pastor.

St. Mary's Parish Council

We will miss you Fr. Tuan



Bishop Hicks' Column

July 2023

A month to refresh and recharge



RECENTLY, I VISITED A PARISH IN OUR DIOCESE. Immediately after the Mass, I was delighted to begin the "meet and greet" in the narthex. Per usual, the topics of conversation were widely varied. I was struck, however, by a comment made by one of the

parishioners. Seemingly out of nowhere, she exhorted me: "Bishop, we are all in need of the month of July!" I think she read the polite—yet confused—look on my face, as she explained, "Life gets so busy and crazy. It seems that July is the only month to slow down, enjoy the warm weather and just chill out!" Nodding with affirmation, I smiled and chuckled as I replied to her, "I think you are right. We all need a little summer in our lives." With that, a huge smile appeared on her face as she raised her hand to give me an enthusiastic high five.

Truth be told, I love the month of July. I have great childhood memories of mid-summer, specifically about Independence Day. Each year on the Fourth of July, my grandma would host an all-day family gathering at her house in Blue Island, Illinois. My uncles would fire up the large, charcoal grills around 7 a.m. After cooking many pounds of bacon, the eggs then were fried in the drippings. But this annual ritual divided the family down the middle—there were about half of us (including me) who viewed this breakfast as one of the greatest culinary delights of the year. The other half would not permit the grill masters to touch their plates, opting instead for kitchen-made eggs and pancakes with some coffee cake and fruit.

After this grand breakfast, the day would be filled with music, conversation, volleyball, croquet, a beanbag toss, and—for some—a walk to Western Avenue to watch the Fourth of July parade. The day concluded by sitting on lawn chairs and blankets as we watched the fireworks from the local high school as we passed around bug repellant to keep the mosquitoes away.

To this day, I still cherish those family memories of the Fourth of July at my grandma's. Instead of work, study, or chores, it was a day to truly disconnect from the obligations of life and simply enjoy a full day of food, fun, family, and friends. And like most of us, I relished a break from work and school.

As we enter fully into this month of July, maybe it is not only time to refresh and recharge our lives with some good food, fun, family and friends. Perhaps summertime also is our opportunity to refresh and recharge our *spiritual* lives.

One way to revive ourselves is to immerse ourselves in God's creation. In contrast to those gray periods of winter, the sun now shines brightly as our days are longer between sunrise and sunset. The flowers are blooming with vivid colors and the canopy of full trees offer coolness and shade. We can open our windows and listen to birds chirp as we bite into garden-fresh tomatoes, peppers, cherries, and watermelon. It is also a time to notice our neighbors, as many people enjoy a morning or evening walk and children ride bikes around the neighborhood.

How will you refresh and recharge this summer? Perhaps it is the promise of a long-awaited family vacation to a nearby campsite, lake, or amusement park. Or maybe you'll take a trip to sightsee or visit family and friends afar. During your travels, consider stopping at a shrine or spirituality center along the way.

For others, a "staycation" sounds heavenly. Maybe July will provide you the time to leisurely read a recommended book, clean out the garage, play a board or card game, walk the dog a little longer, or leisurely lay in a hammock or favorite lawn chair and just stare up at the trees or the stars.

On the spiritual level, if you find yourself traveling away from home this summer, please do not take a vacation from attending Mass. Instead of looking at it as a way to merely fulfill an obligation, remember that you're participating in and receiving the greatest gift that God has given to us—Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Attending a different Catholic church also can invigorate us while we experience new congregations, listen to different homilists, and worship with other choirs and musicians.

As Catholics, we are reminded that while we embrace the downtime of summer, there is no need to take a break from God! In fact, it's a wonderful time to invite Jesus Christ into your summer experience. For like I was told in the narthex after Mass, we need the month of July! This is the perfect month to refresh and recharge our spiritual lives.

May you have a happy summer and may God bless and protect you always.

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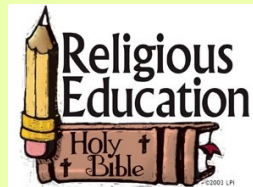
RE Registration

RE Registration for the 2023-2024 RE school year is now open!!!

Please pick up your registration and schedule on the rectory porch .

Deadline to return registrations is August 25, 2023.

As a reminder all registrations and payments must be turned into the rectory not the RE Office.



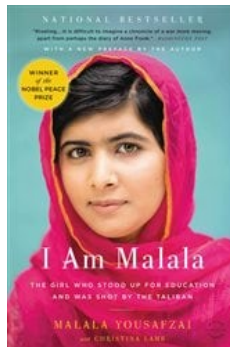
St. Mary's Book Club

Our July selection is "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. This is the true story of Malala, an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Malala was raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan, later transformed by terrorism. She was taught to stand up for her beliefs, and so she fought for her right to be educated.

Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, July 18th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library

Questions? Please call Mary at 815-467-9577



St. Mary's Golf Outing 2023

Monday, September 11

**The Creek
5355 Saratoga Rd.
Morris, Illinois 60450**

50/50 Drawing

Raffle Baskets

Live and Silent Auctions

Challenge Holes

Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
Ken Fosen
Tim Kilroy

Sara Lovell
Wren Wagoner
Jerry Davidson
Baker Family
Bayley Webb

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

Robert Fonck
Marilyn Wilkens
Gerald Magolan
Paisly Schad

Jerry Moreno
Emily
Connie Hamilton
Noreen Benda
Greg Votta

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

Date	Time	Intention	From
Saturday, July 8	5:00pm	Raymond Noel	The Family
Sunday, July 9	7:30am	Rita Bernardy	Chuck Bernardy
	9:00am	Francis R. Dollinger	St. Mary's Church
	11:00am	William Klepec	Knights of Columbus
		Fred Mysliwiec	Virginia Mysliwiec
Monday, July 10	8:30am	Ray & Pauline Maubach	The Family
		Lisa Maubach	The Family
Tuesday, July 11	8:30am	Rita Bernardy	Chuck Bernardy
		Dennis Trzesniewski	The Family
Wednesday, July 12	8:30am	Parishioners	
Thursday, July 13	8:30am	John Kinsella	Janet Jenkins
Friday, July 14	8:30am	Ralph & Frances	
		Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
Saturday, July 15	5:00pm	Irene Davidson	Friends
Sunday, July 16	7:30am	Raymond Tierney	The Family
	9:00am	Parishioners	
	11:00am	John O'Hagan	The Family
		Marie Starks	The Family
		Laly Cyr	The Family

This week candles
were lit for :

Scott Tezak

Police &
Firefighters
Gloria Ziebler

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



 Liturgical Ministries	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Saturday, July 15 5:00pm	Lauren Klimchak	Carolyn Healy	Pat Favero
Sunday, July 16 7:30am	Kevin Looney	Ric Offerman	Deb Bols Cindy Creasman
Sunday, July 16 9:00am	Keighera Fleming	Vic Del Mastro	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker
Sunday, July 16 11:00am	Sara Folsom Alex Folsom	Cathy Fouts	Cheryl Nelson 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.



Collection Totals for the Weekend of: June 24/25, 2023

		6/17-6/18	6/24-6/25	
	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$10,209.00	\$2,581.00	\$2,454.00	\$15,244.00
Foundation for Faith	\$69.18	\$600.00	\$45.00	\$714.18
Major Maintenance	\$149.00	\$40.00	\$95.00	\$284.00
Needy in Community	\$106.00	\$125.00	\$305.00	\$536.00
Diocesan Priests' Care & Support	\$2,599.00	\$590.00	\$20.00	\$3,209.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$433,998.47			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$434,999.91			



Thank you for your financial support to the good works of our Diocese.

PLEDGE REPORT: 6/25/2023

Parish Goal: \$46,100.00
Amount Pledged: \$ 40,375.00
Balance Due: \$ 5,313.00

Please continue to make your 2023 pledge payments. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

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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