

# *St. Mary's Miracula*



*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Sunday, August 13, 2023*

*Fr. John Honiotes, Pastor*

## A note from Fr. John

St. Mary's Parishioners,

As I write this, not counting my recent vacation, I am ending my third full week at St. Mary. I want to give a few thoughts and updates since my arrival. As I have expressed at weekday and weekend Masses, I could not be more grateful to be assigned by Bishop Hicks as your pastor. In my brief experience, the people of this community are humble, welcoming and take extreme ownership in parish matters. The amount of work and service put in by parishioners is beyond what I expected. I am very thankful for this high level of ownership from so many parishioners. I am also thankful to Fr. Tuan for his wise and holy stewardship over the past 11 years. As former pastor, along with hundreds of you, he led our parish in an excellent direction. This has allowed for an ideal transition for me as your newly appointed pastor. I am thankful to Fr. Tuan and to all of you.

Although this is my 7<sup>th</sup> year as a priest, it is my first year as a pastor. I promise I have been and will continue to work hard to expand the Kingdom of God in our parish community and the larger Minooka area. That being said, I ask for your patience. I know I will make many mistakes in my inexperience. I have many limitations that I am aware of and many I'm not aware of. I also know that after 11 years of a humble holy priest serving you, it's probably not easy having a new shepherd. I will try my best to be humble and learn from my mistakes. I will do my best to earn your respect and trust. Thank you ahead of time for your patience with me.

As you may know, Deacon. Fred has moved on from his position as Religious Education Director. In consultation with members of Bishop Hicks' leadership team, I have created a new position called *Director of Evangelization*. This full-time position will encapsulate three main responsibilities. This person will be the Director of RE, Director of Youth Ministry and assist me and the St. Mary's Church in implementing Bishop Hicks' vision of evangelization in our parish and the greater Minooka area.

I will give more details on this vision of evangelization as we move forward. In short, we want to bring as many people to Jesus Christ and the fullness of His Catholic Church as possible. This includes Catholics who no longer practice their faith, other Christians, non-Christians and those who are indifferent to Jesus Christ or do not believe in God. This is our obligation as Christians and of the greatest importance. It is in line with the teachings of the Church throughout history, following Jesus' *Great Commission*, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matt 28:19-20).

If you know any possible candidates for this new position, please invite them to apply. In the meantime, Heather Flanigan and Jeff Wunderlich have graciously stepped in to help fill some of the responsibilities of this crucial role. I am deeply indebted to Heather Flanigan for being our Interim Director of Religious Education. She can be contacted with questions at [re@stmarysminooka.com](mailto:re@stmarysminooka.com). Please also contact Heather if you can help as a Catechist!

Finally, we are still in need of additional volunteers for Catechists for Religious Education, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers and Mass Coordinators. Mass Coordinator is a new position that will help coordinate all of the ministries for each weekend Mass. Please discern if you are called to one of these ministries. Please do not be intimidated by them. There will be extensive training. If God is asking you to serve in one of these ways, He will bless the work of your hands. Please email [pastoral@stmarysminooka.com](mailto:pastoral@stmarysminooka.com) if you want to learn more or join. Thank you for your generosity.

In Christ,  
Fr. John Honiotes  
Pastor of St. Mary Minooka



**Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**August 15**

Masses : 6:30am, 8:30am and 7:00pm

## The Food Pantry needs replenishing!

We will have a church food drive after four years!

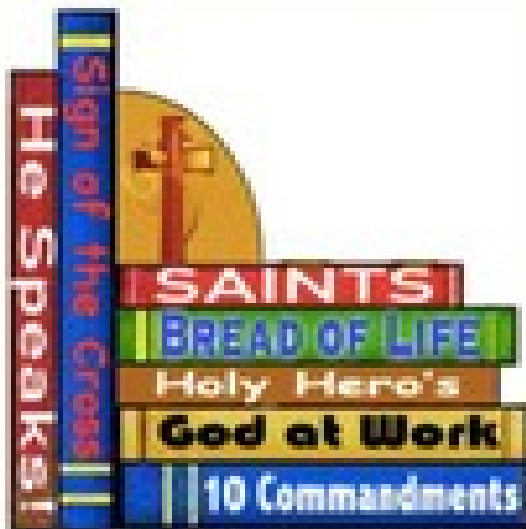
PLEASE MARK THESE DATES!

**TAKE** a bag after mass the weekend of August 19th and 20th.

**RETURN** the bag the weekend of August 26th and 27th.

Thank you for your generous support.

The Pantry Team



2023-2024

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

RE Registration forms and schedules for the 2023-2024 school year are available on the front porch of the rectory and also on our website.

[www.stmarysminooka.com](http://www.stmarysminooka.com)

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

Please return by August 25th.

Are you  
LOOKING TO  
BECOME  
CATHOLIC?

JOIN  
*Rite of Christian Initiation*  
**RCIA**

Are you an adult who wants to become part of the Catholic Church?

Or perhaps you were baptized but didn't receive any other sacraments but wish to?

Classes start this Fall for adults who are looking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church!

# 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**



**Registration begins at 11:00am  
Shot Gun Start is at 12:00 Noon  
Dinner is at 5:00pm**

If interested in donating a Raffle Basket or giving a Donation, please contact Deb Bols at 815-210-8351 or the rectory at 815-467-2233. Thank you.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the CCW Women who served at the funeral lunch for the family and friends in memory of Patti Bleuer.

As members of the Funeral Lunch committee your commitment and compassion are very much appreciated by all her family and friends. A big thank you also goes out to Cookies Restaurant and Angie and Keith for their delicious food and terrific service.

Anne Schrishuhn, Funeral Lunch Coordinator

Robin White  
Nancy Skwarczynski  
Mary Lou Salato  
Carolyn Healy  
Elaine DelMastro  
Linda Trzesniewski



# Catholic Charities

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY august schedule



**Dates are subject to change and more distributions may be added. Mobile Food Pantries are drive-thru events. Participants are asked to clear space in the trunks of their vehicles prior to arrival to ensure a contact-free experience.**

**Anyone who needs food assistance is welcome to attend**

- **8-16: Our Lady of Mercy:** 701 S Eola Rd, Aurora, 4:30pm-6:00pm
- **8-18: St. Joseph Church:** 211 N. Center Ave., Bradley, 10:00am-11:30am
- **8-21: St. Lawrence:** 165 Rice Rd, South Wilmington 4:00pm-5:30pm
- **8-25: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:** 205 E. Jackson St. Joliet 10:00am-11:30am
- **8-28: St. Joan of Arc:** 820 Division St. Lisle 5:00pm-6:30pm
- **8-30: Joliet Jewish Congregation:** 250 N. Midland Ave Joliet 4:30pm-6:00pm

## Choose Catholic Education

Families considering Catholic education for their children from three year old preschool through eighth grade may wish to check out Immaculate Conception School in Morris. St. Mary families will receive parishioner tuition rates at I.C.S. Scholarships are also available for qualifying families. Check out the school website at [ics1.org](http://ics1.org). For further information please contact [sswanson@ics1.org](mailto:sswanson@ics1.org) or call the school office at 815-942-4111.



## Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli  
Kimberly Gaydula  
Paul Thien Phu  
Ken Fosen  
Tim Kilroy

Sara Lovell  
Wren Wagoner  
Baker Family  
Bayley Webb

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

Robert Fonck  
Marilyn Wilkens  
Gerald Magolan  
Paisly Schad  
Bill Wizorek  
Joe Overbeck

Jerry Moreno  
Connie Hamilton  
Noreen Benda  
Pat Smania  
Thanh Tran

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

# Weekly Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	From
Saturday, Aug 12	4:00-4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Josephine Quilter	Sharon Gaydula
Sunday, Aug. 13	7:30am	Donald, Gloria, & Anita Maxwell	The Family
	9:00am	Angelo & Fern Paone	The Family
	11:00am	William Klepec	The KC's
		Anne McEvilly	The Family
		Karl Kohl	The O'Hagan Family
Monday, Aug. 14	8:30am	Al & Marianne Keehl	
Tuesday, Aug. 15	6:30am	Parishioners	
	8:30am	Ed & Helen Vercelli	The Family
	7:00pm	Mitzi Haley	
Wednesday, Aug. 16	8:30am	Florence Cullen	The Family
Thursday, Aug. 17	8:30am	Tom Fabek	The Family
Friday, Aug. 18	8:30am	Lorraine Davidson	Peg & Jim Furto
Saturday, Aug. 19	4:00-4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Dave Stafford	CCW
		Cal Walrath	The Smith Family
Sunday, Aug. 20	7:30am	Mary Kay Golimowski	Peg Francisco
	9:00am	Don & Eleanor Bersano	Family & Friends
	11:00am	Marie Starks	The Family
		Laly Cyr	The Family



Special Intention

Police &  
Firefighters  
Gloria Ziebler

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



## Altar Servers

## Eucharistic Ministers

## Lectors

8/19/2023 @ 5:00pm

Volunteer

Jeanne Rapp

Kathy Sabuco

8/20/2023 @ 7:30am

Volunteer

Marie Moretti

Rose Ruettiger

8/20/2023 @ 9:00am

Keighera Fleming

Erica Schramm  
Alice Mayr

Chris Gregory

8/20/2023 @ 11:00am

Sarah Folsom

Glenda Smith  
Kathy O'Hagan

Kelly Klepec

# 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/DioceseofJoliet](https://FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet).



Collection Totals for the Weekend of: July 29/30, 2023

		7/22-7/23	7/20-7/30	
	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$8,560.00	\$2,642.00	\$2,939.00	\$14,141.00
Foundation for Faith	\$27.00	\$5.00	\$95.00	\$127.00
Major Maintenance	\$182.00	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$297.00
Needy in Community	\$162.00	\$90.00	\$325.00	\$577.00
Assumption	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$42,892.00			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$44,411.75			



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

## PLEDGE REPORT:

8/06/2023

Parish Goal: \$46,100.00  
 Amount Pledged: \$ 37,118.00  
 Balance Due: \$ 4,213.00

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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**Website-** www.stmarysminooka.com  
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**Facebook** St. Mary's Minooka

**Weekend Masses-** Saturday- 5:00pm  
Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream  
and 11am

**Weekday Masses -** daily at 8:30am

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

**Anointing of the Sick - Please call the office**