

St. Mary's Church

Sunday, October 22, 2023



Pencz , Georg, | The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard, from The Story of Christ , 1534-1535 ,The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, New York

Masses:

Saturday- 5:00pm
Sunday- 7:30am (simple chant, no hymns) 9am Livestream 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 815-467-2233, 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-5:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

2nd & 4th Sunday of each Month

Sacrament of Marriage:

Six months preparation required. Visit the website for more information

Sick, Homebound, Hospital Visits:

Contact the parish office if you would like communion, if you need 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.

Anointing of the Sick - Please call the office

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative and telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high - for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.

What can you do to help? Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

+ *Blaise J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blaise J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

+ *Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

+ *David J. Malloy*

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

+ *Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

+ *Michael M. McGovern*

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

+ *Louis Tylka*

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria



Mass of Remembrance



*To honor those who were called to Our Lord
Between All Souls' Day 2022 and All Souls' Day 2023*

Dear Parishioner,

While we pray often throughout the year for our beloved deceased family members, we remember, in a special way on All Souls' Day those who have been called to eternal life with our Lord.

To commemorate the life of your dearly departed **family member** who has died *within this past year*, we welcome you and your family and friends to join us here at St. Mary's as we celebrate a Holy Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Members of St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women will greet and guide you upon your arrival at church and will host a reception in the Parish Center following mass. During this very special Mass, we invite your family to light a candle to honor your loved one. If your family is unable to attend, a representative from St. Mary's CCW will light the candle when your loved one's name is read.

Also, we invite you to bring a framed photo (no larger than 5"x7" please and accompanied by a note-card size identification tag) to be displayed on our Table of Lights for Our Angels before and during this beautiful Mass. At the conclusion of this service please take your precious picture to the Parish Center to display on a table of Remembrance during the reception hosted by St. Mary's CCW.

It is our prayer that this Mass of Remembrance will bring you peace of heart as we honor your beloved family member.

Thank you, and may God grant you His blessing of peace,
The Parish Family of St. Mary's

Kindly complete the form below and mail it to St. Mary's Church, PO Box 456, Minooka, IL 60447, or place it in the collection basket **NO LATER THAN** Thursday, October 26, 2023.

Please detach here and return.

Name of deceased **family member** _____

Date your loved one was called to Our Lord _____ / _____ / _____

Relationship of the deceased to you _____

Family member(s) to attend Mass Yes No

Your name _____

Best phone # _____ - _____ - _____

e-mail address _____

For questions or additional information, please contact Pastoral Associate Kathy O'Hagan



Knights of Columbus Coat Drive



The KC's will be holding a Coat Drive during the month of October. Any gently used or new coats, hats, scarves and gloves will be accepted. Donations can be made before or after all Masses during October in the Parish Center.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Thank you for all you who----Baked, set-up, plated, served and cleaned up for Oktoberfest! None of it could have happened without each of you. Nothing went to waste...Poor Clares, 2 Minooka Fire Stations and Heritage Woods were all delighted with their Goody bags. So again, I would like to thank each of you.



Save the date!

November 11 will be the Second Annual Chili Cook Off! If you want to participate please let us know! If you have any questions email Erin at jjocajo@yahoo.com

More info to follow!



Tickets for CCW's **November 5th** Bunco Fundraiser will be available for purchase at:

Donut Sunday 10-15-23 from 8 - noon

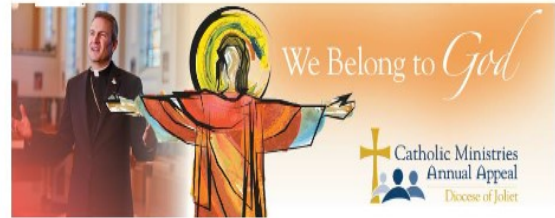
CCW Meeting 10-19-23

Pancake Breakfast 10-22-23 from 8-11 am

Tickets are \$10 each and include Bakery & Beverages.

We will also have our Raffle Baskets and Split the Pot Raffle.

If you have any questions please **call/text Robin at 815-671-6008**



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

PLEDGE REPORT:
10/15/2023

Parish Goal: \$46,100.00
Amount Pledged: \$43,680.00
Balance Due: \$2,155.00

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.

Please join us to pray outside of the Aurora Abortion Clinic
Waterleaf Pregnancy Resource Center

Wednesday October 25th will be St. Mary's day to pray at the Waterleaf Pregnancy Resource Center for the 40 Days for Life from 8 AM- 5 PM. It is located at 3055 E. New York St. in Aurora, IL directly across the street from the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic. Father John Honiotes will be available to pray with us from 10-11AM. To register for a one hour time slot go to 40daysforlife.com/Aurora. If you can't commit to one hour any time you can come and pray would be appreciated. Please bring your own lawn chair and dress appropriately for the weather. It would be wonderful if we could have a nice group of people at the clinic at 10 to pray with Father John. If you have any questions feel free to call or text Cathy Glover at 815-409-8145. You can park in the back parking lot of the Waterleaf Center or the Auto Zone parking lot next door.



Thank you to everyone that participated in Octoberfest! A wonderful time was had by all!



Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
Ken Fosen
Bill Reed

Sara Lovell
Wren Wagoner
Baker Family
Bayley Webb
Aberie Skiba

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

Robert Fonck
Marilyn Wilkens
Gerald Magolan
Paisly Schad
Joe Overbeck
Keith Flatness
Bill McDonough

Jerry Moreno
Connie Hamilton
Katelyn Latta
Jim Novotny
Paul Pullara
Ralph Westbrook
Phill Wizorek
Alice Guedel
Karen Lombardo

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	From
Saturday, Oct 21	5:00pm	James McEvilly + Jo & Rosella Votta + Whitey Miller + (Birthday Remembrance)	The Family Nanette Dixon & Family The Miller Family
Sunday, Oct 22	7:30am	Gloria Ziebler +	Magda Magana
	9:00am	Don & Eleanor Bersano +	Family & Friends
	11:00am	Dave Stafford +	Virginia Mysliwiec
Monday, Oct 23	8:30am	Joseph & Mary Dollinger + Beau Christiansen +	JoAnn Dollinger Dziuba Family
Tuesday, Oct 24	8:30am	Angie Hulbert +	The Family
Wednesday, Oct 25	8:30am	Gloria Ziebler +	The Family
Thursday, Oct 26	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's	
Friday, Oct 27	8:30am	Pat & Mickey McDonald + John Brown+	The Family
Saturday, Oct 28	5:00pm	Leonard & Winona Bols + Dave Stafford + Jerry Young +	The Family June & Dave Battey Marge Bell
Sunday, Oct 29	7:30am	Intention of our Pastor	
	9:00am	Jean Marion + Josh & Kim Perabeau +	Sydney & Family Sydney & Family
	11:00am	Judy Bremer +	Knights of Columbus



Special Intention
Jerry Young

Police &
Firefighters

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



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, October 28 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Pat Favero Robin White	Carolyn Healy
Sunday, October 29 7:30am	Bridget Phillips	Deb Bols Nita Caruso	Brendan Rittorf
Sunday, October 29 9:00am	Xander Esquivel	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker	Mike Schramm
Sunday, October 29 11:00am	Sarah Folsom Alex Folsom	Jessica Folsom Jane Spray	Kelly Klepec

Saint Mary's Grief Support Group

Terri Maffeo and Mary Stith are co-leading a Grief Share weekly support group for those who have lost a loved one. Terri and Mary are widows and both have been trained as grief facilitators.

A Grief Share support group is a safe and welcoming place where others understand the difficult emotions of grief. In the coming weeks you will become part of a group where you will find support, direction, and help after a loved one's death. Everyone is unique in their grief journey.

Each week we will view two videos on a grief related topic. The videos offer advice from experts in grief recovery. Individuals who have walked through grief, share what was helpful for them.

We will form into small groups to discuss the video and how it may apply to your journey through grief.

Some people may not feel comfortable sharing their feelings, and that's fine. How much you share and what you share is up to you. Our hope is you will benefit from watching the videos and want to share your thoughts. **Anything shared is strictly confidential.**

Your grief, and the relationship you had with your loved one is unique. We encourage you to grieve at your own pace and in your own time. Be patient with yourself and don't let others rush you through your grief.

For over 25 years, the Grief Share program has helped over 1 million people heal from the pain of grief. It's our prayer that Grief Share will help you too. You are not alone on this journey.

Blessings,

Mary and Terri

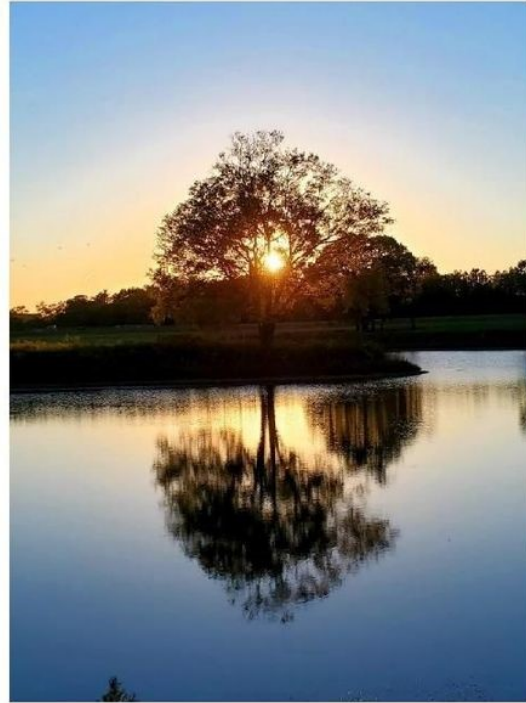
To register call Kathy O'Hagan 815-467-4228

When: Saturday morning October 28 through December 2

Where: St. Mary Parish Center (class room) Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Space is limited, Mary or Terri will contact you.

If you are a parent, grieving the loss of a child, we will be happy to refer you to a support group specifically for the loss of a child.



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