

St. Mary's Church

Sunday, October 29, 2023



Vasnetsov, Viktor, Christ the King, 1885-1886, The Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington D.C. , USA

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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View a convocation
photo at dijoliet.org

BESIDES CELEBRATING MASS ON SUNDAYS, a question people frequently ask me is, “What do priests do during the week?” My initial response is that priesthood is so much more than a 9-to-5 job—it is more like a 24/7 vocation.

A priest is called to serve God and His people, and to assist his bishop by governing, teaching, and sanctifying. In modern times, it may seem like a priest is expected to be able to administer with an MBA, counsel with the spirituality of the saints, offer a love for the poor of Saint Mother Teresa, maintain the constant energy of a newly ordained priest, and resolve issues with the wisdom of a seasoned pastor.

While it is virtually impossible to embody all those expectations, leading a parish with a wide variety of ministries and missions in the Catholic Church has become more complicated and challenging. Therefore, there is a growing need to attend to the professional development and spiritual growth of priests. In the Diocese of Joliet, we are blessed to have a director of on-going formation for priests, Father Sunny Castillo, who currently also serves as pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst.

Besides coordinating a variety of programs for spiritual, educational, and professional growth, Father Sunny and a dedicated team of priests, staff, and volunteers also organize a bi-annual convocation. This September, the priests of the diocese all gathered at our four-day convocation to pray, grow in camaraderie, and learn from a series of talks presented by Sister Miriam James Heidland from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sister Miriam’s daily topics highlighted our theme, *The Journey of the Priestly Heart: Building a Eucharistic Legacy in the Priesthood*. At the very beginning, she said that one of the greatest dangers to priests is “a hardening of heart.” Using a powerful example, she explained that after the child Jesus was found in the temple, the Gospel says that the Holy Family returned home, and Jesus **grew**.

She warned us, “Woe is the day you stop **growing** as priests.” This stirring advice is good not only for priests, but also to anyone, especially when it comes to the spiritual life.

I wish space allowed me to share all her many other valuable teachings. Towards the end of the convocation, after Sister Miriam had departed, I pointed out to everyone that she has a true and deep respect for priests. I was moved to say, “I hope you love your priesthood as much as she does.”

Besides listening to Sister Miriam’s presentations, we also celebrated daily Mass, prayed the Liturgy of the Hours, and had the opportunity to pray a rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and daily holy hour with adoration and benediction. And between the prayers and talks, the priests shared with each other their struggles, their triumphs, and their leadership insights.

Evenings were spent enjoying rare social time with brother priests. At one dinner, we honored those marking a special jubilee year of their priesthood. The next evening, we celebrated our upcoming 75th anniversary as a diocese. Not only did we enjoy good food and conversation, but we competed in a friendly trivia game to see who knew the most about the history of the Diocese of Joliet. What a joy to learn more about the deep roots and richness of our diocese!

The last day of the convocation allowed me the opportunity to give a “state of the union” presentation in which I shared a good deal of information and issues, including a Q-and-A session and groupwide dialogue. Appropriately, before departing, we gathered for Mass one more time to thank God for all the blessings and fruits of the convocation.

I left the convocation with a smile on my face, deeply grateful to God for the time and space to renew our minds, bodies, and souls as a presbyterate. My gratitude bubbled over for our priests, and all the clergy, religious, and laity who make this Church so vibrant and wonderful.

May we all continue to **grow** in the knowledge, love, and service of the Lord and each other.



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

" Thank you to everyone who donated items and monetary donations to the UNDY Sunday collection. Catholic Charities will be receiving 234 packages of underwear, socks and personal products that will be distributed to needy families in our area. Your generous giving spirit is truly appreciated!"



The Parish will once again, with the help of the Ladies of CCW, participate in helping families in our area in need of help at Christmas this year. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of some help, please contact, Pastoral Associate, Kathy O'Hagan at 815-467-4228. There will be more info about the Giving Tree in upcoming bulletins. We would need to have the names of the families submitted by November 16th.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive



The KC's will be holding a Coat Drive during the month of October.

Donations can be made before or after all Masses during October in the Parish Center. Thank you!



Chili Cook Off Details

Please register your name to enter your chili

All Chili needs to be dropped off on November 11

BEFORE

The 5:00pm Mass

Ice cream will be served again!

Everyone is welcome even if you do not make a chili!

Please consider being a chili judge

(no prior experience needed lol)

We need corn bread bakers too!!

To register or if you have any questions please call or text Erin 815-603-9196 or email at jjocajo@yahoo.com



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**

Thanks Everyone

Thank you once again to all who cooked, sold tickets, baked, served, poured, helped set up and take down, decorate and peel for Octoberfest. A special thank you to the eighth grade and high school students that stepped up to help. The young people were great and we look forward to their future help.

Mark your calendars, five months until our St. Patrick's Corn Beef Celebration, March 3rd, 2024.

**Respectfully,
The Octoberfest, St. Pat's Committee**



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 28 | 5:00pm | +Leonard & Winona Bols +Dave Stafford +Jerry Young | The Family June & Dave Battey Marge Bell |
| Sunday, Oct 29 | 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am | Intention of our Pastor +Jean Marion +Josh & Kim Perabeau +Judy Bremer | Sydney & Family Sydney & Family Knights of Columbus |
| Monday, Oct 30 | 8:30pm | +Thanh Tran | Mary & Kathy |
| Tuesday, Oct. 31 | 8:30am | Parishioners of St. Mary's | |
| Wednesday, Nov 1 | 6:30am 8:30am 7:00pm | +Mitzi Haley +Jerry Hannon +Sr. Rosemary Small | The Family |
| Thursday, Nov 2 | 8:30am | +Irene Davidson +Scott Tezak | Peg & Jim Furto The Family |
| Friday, Nov. 3 | 7:00pm 8:30am | Mass of Remembrance +Walter & Mary Lou Friant +Laly Cyr | The Family The Family |
| Saturday, Nov. 4 | 5:00pm | +Helen Mackay +Gene Radford +Bobbie Ryan +Eddie Grossklaus +Eldeane Ryan | Mr. & Mrs. John Gianino Don & Anita Ryan " " " " " " |
| Sunday, Nov. 5 | 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am | +Dorothy Bickle +Francis R. Dollinger +Gloria Maxwell +Deb Drager | Dan & Kathy Friant St. Mary's Church Jo Ann Dollinger Virginia Mysliwiec |



Special Intention
Tom Fabek

Police &
Firefighters

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

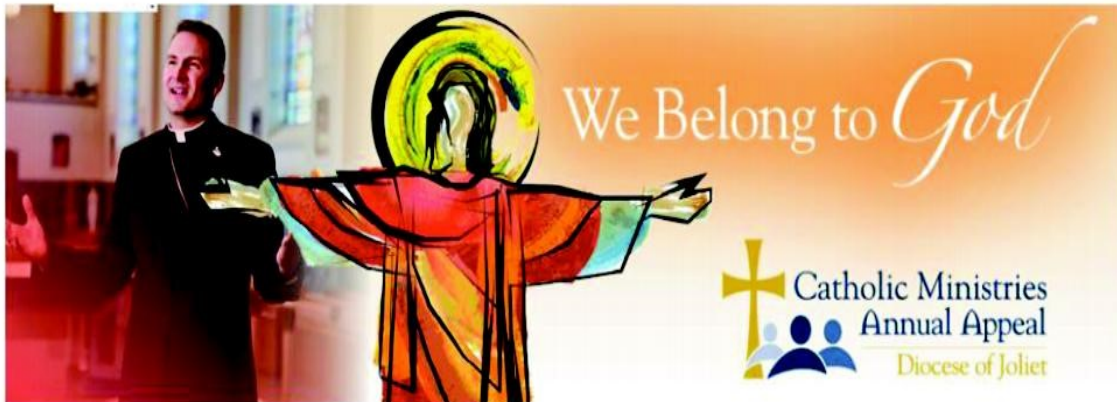


| <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> | <u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> | <u>Lectors</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------|
| Saturday, Nov. 4 5:00pm | Volunteer | Mike Healy Marie Mooney | Pete Quirk |
| Sunday, Nov.5 7:30am | Xander Esquivel | Cindy Creasman Mary Ann Lofky | Ric Offerman |
| Sunday, Nov.5 9:00am | Sara Folsom | Alice Mayr Meagen Galloway | Sue Gregory |
| Sunday Nov 5 11:00am | Antonio Esquivel | Glenda Smith Cheryl Nelson | Kelly Klepec |

Thank you for all you do for St. Mary's Church

Collection Totals for the Weekend of: October 14/15, 2023

| | | 10/7-10/8 | 10/14-10/15 | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Collected | Online | Online | Total |
| Weekly Offering | \$10,205.00 | \$2,536.00 | \$3,252.00 | \$15,993.00 |
| Foundation for Faith | \$94.00 | \$85.00 | \$625.00 | \$804.00 |
| Major Maintenance | \$172.00 | \$50.00 | \$155.00 | \$377.00 |
| Needy in Community | \$1,145.00 | \$115.00 | \$140.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 |
| World Mission | \$45.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$55.00 |
| YTD Weekly Offering Collected | \$137,281.00 | | | |
| YTD Weekly Offering Needed | \$142,117.60 | | | |



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

PLEDGE REPORT:

10/22/2023

Parish Goal: \$46,100.00
 Amount Pledged: \$ 43,840.00
 Balance Due: \$ 2,075.00

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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