

St. Mary's Church

November 19, 2023



Unknown painter, The Parable of the Talents,

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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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 18/19 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, you empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because one quarter of our collection stays within the Diocese of Joliet.

Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families.

When you contribute to CCHD in your parish, not only do you help address the symptoms of poverty, but your donation also helps alleviate the root causes of poverty—both globally and locally. Twenty-five percent of your donation stays in your diocese to support organizations making a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit the “CCHD Collection” section on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website at usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins. With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

National Effort, Local Impact

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Joliet to support the organizations addressing our parishioners’ needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit the “About” section at usccb.org/cchd.





Bishop Ronald A. Hicks

November 07, 2023

Launching our 75th Jubilee

From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, visit dijoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

A "jubilee" is a special anniversary, marking a certain time period. For example, a twenty-fifth anniversary is universally recognized as a silver jubilee, whereas the fiftieth is known as the golden jubilee. This month, we are officially launching the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet, or the celebration of our diamond jubilee.

As they say, "diamonds are forever." This celebration gives us the opportunity to honor our past, commemorate our present, and look forward to the future with hope. Our year-long celebration will officially begin in December 2023 and end in December 2024. However, we have a few things happening in November that I would like to share with you and encourage your participation.

On Monday, November 6, 2023, we launched the first episode of a 14-part podcast series produced specifically for our 75th anniversary. In our pilot episode, Fr. Tom Paul, the chair of the Jubilee planning committee, and I talked about different ways that you can participate in our anniversary celebration. If you are a podcast aficionado, just listen on your favorite app by searching "Faith Into Action." Or you may try watching it on the diocesan YouTube channel. Either way, the links can always be found in the 75th Anniversary section of our website, dijoliet.org/75th, which can be read in English, Spanish, and Polish.

As we celebrate with great faith, hope, and love, I want to make sure we have many opportunities to pray together. A nine-day novena will begin on November 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This Novena of Grace is based on the writings of the patron saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier. For daily prayers and devotions, visit the website or see your Sunday bulletin.

The novena concludes on December 3, 2023. On that same day we will host an event at the Blanchette Catholic Center at 1 p.m., where I will bless a new statue of St. Francis Xavier. He will beautifully welcome employees and visitors at the main entrance to our diocesan offices to remind us of our missionary call to share our faith with all people.

Then, for an entire year we will celebrate in ways that highlight my vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action:

1. We will promote catechesis through faith formation to help the next generations know about Jesus and the Church. Through novenas, prayer cards, and lesson plans, we will grow the knowledge of our faith for all ages. We are blessed that our celebration is occurring in harmony with the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which reminds us how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives.
2. We will also continue to evangelize, which is needed to truly know Jesus and love Him. True evangelization is realized when we believe in our minds, hearts, and souls that Jesus is real: He loves us, and we love Him. Through liturgies, prayers, media posts, podcasts, printed calendars, and commemorative books, we will actively share our faith and love of Jesus, who gives us eternal life through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection.
3. With catechesis and evangelization as our foundation, we will continue to put our faith into action. As Catholics, we serve the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. We speak for the unborn, the stranger, the abandoned, and those who are in most need of our care. As part of the 75th anniversary, I encourage all parishes to establish a day of service in the fall of 2024, responding to the various needs of each distinct community.

Jesus gave us such an incredible gift in the Church, and as baptized Christians, we are called to pass our faith on to the next generations. No one wants to belong to a Church that is merely surviving. Instead, we should have a burning desire to be a thriving Church that truly reflects God's light and God's love.

I encourage you to participate in some aspect of our 75th Jubilee during this next year. There is truly something for everyone, and I want each of you to know that YOU are a vital part of our celebration. So, together, rooted in Christ, let's live out the theme of our 75th anniversary: founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve!

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



Giving Tree tags will be available for parishioners before and after Masses the weekends of November 25/26 and December 2/3. The Tree will be located in the Parish Center.

Gifts may be returned to the tree the weekends of December 2/3 and December 9/10. Gifts should be unwrapped with the original gift tag attached.

Questions may be directed to Cheryl via email. pttyrell@prodigy.net

*Breakfast with Santa
at the Parish Center*

Meet and talk with Santa!

Sunday, December 17, 8am – 1:00

Sponsored By: St. Mary's Parish, Knights of Columbus

Santa's Helpers: St. Mary's Youth Group

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs
Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking for singers for our Christmas Eve Children's Choir! All students from 2nd-6th grade are welcome. This group will sing during the 3pm Christmas Eve mass.

Rehearsals will be on Sundays in the church basement from 10:15-10:45am. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, November 26th.



Blood Drive

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus in conjunction with St. Ann's is holding a Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Center on

November 25th
from 7:00am - 1:00pm.
Call Keith Weinstock at
815-545-7219

to schedule an appointment or for more information.



CCW Bunco

CCW ladies and guests had a fun afternoon playing Bunco on Sunday, Nov 5th!! It's the CCW's major fundraiser and a time to gather women for a great time of friendship. It's an annual event so plan to attend next fall!!



St Mary's CCW

2023 Christmas Card Sale

What: 5" x 7" Christmas Card with a picture of the altar decorated for Christmas

Where: Sunday Nov 12th 8-12 at Donut Sunday
Thursday Nov 16th at CCW Meeting
Sunday Nov 26th 8-11 at Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sunday Dec 17th 8-12 at Breakfast with Santa

Cards will be available only while supplies last

Why: Show your support of CCW and pride in our parish

Questions: Call Robin at 815-671-6008

Individual cards \$1

5 cards for \$5

12 cards for \$10

Make checks out to: St Mary's CCW



"Letters from Bethlehem"



**All are invited to
The Parish Center on December 3rd,
where CCW from 1pm to 3pm
Will be hosting our
7th Annual Advent
Program.**

**This year's program is
"Letters from Bethlehem"**

Let's start the Advent season off with a short program with music and reflection, beautifully decorated tables, plus plenty of time to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

There will even be a specially decorated scene for picture-taking. Bring your family and friends.

All are welcome!



Police & Firefighters
Special Intention

If you would like a candle lit outside for a
Special Intention, please call the Parish
Office

At 815-467-2233.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 18	5:00pm	Jerry Young +David Severson	Carole Miller Helen Furto Family
Sunday, Nov. 19	7:30am	+Lorraine & Jerry Davidson	Craig & Kathy Williamson
	9:00am	+Don & Eleanor Bersano	Family & Friends
	11:00am	+Ron Foster	Tom & Pat McHugh
Monday, Nov. 20	8:30am	+Ed & Helen Vercelli	The Family
Tuesday, Nov. 21	8:30am	+Dave Kunke	Francisco Family
Wednesday, Nov 22	8:30am	+Fr. Mark Fracaro	
Thursday, Nov 23	8:30am	+Vivian Mairhofer	Deb & Bernie Bols
Friday, Nov. 24	8:30am	+Sr. Rosemary Small	
Saturday, Nov 25	5:00pm	+Leonard & Winona Bols	The Family
		+Roberto Sein	The Leon Family
Sunday, Nov 26	7:30am	+Tim Harms Jr.	Deb & Bernie Bols
	9:00am	+Helen Challman	JoAnn Dollinger
	11:00am	+Robert & Sandra Masterson	
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			Mary & Kathy

Thank you 8th grade RE students!

The Knights of Columbus were grateful for the 8th grade RE students that helped at Donut Sunday today! Helping at church events will go toward service hours needed. They did a great job!!



Chili Cook Off

The 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off was another success. 20 people signed up to make different chilis. Those that came were treated to a nice assortment of chilis and ice cream for dessert!



Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
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
Dawn Dempsay
Kathy Ly

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.

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.



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

PLEDGE REPORT:

11/12/2023

Parish Goal:	\$46,100.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 44,180.00
Balance Due:	\$ 1,845.00

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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