

St Mary's Church

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 815-467-2233.



Van Eyck, Hubert and Jan, Christ in Majesty from the Ghent Altarpiece, 1427 AD, Saint Bavo Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium

November 26, 2023

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"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!



Family Advent Night

**Come as a family to make an
Advent Wreath**

**Enjoy cookies and milk while
crafting!**

November 30th - 6:00pm

**Please Text or Email Erin
815-603-9196 / jjocajo@yahoo.com**

**Cost per family or per wreath is \$17
Please register before November 25th for ordering
materials**



**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*



COLOMBIA and ECUADOR (#2402)

APPROVED! Our Lady of Good Success with Fr. Ronald Hilt!

January 29 – February 6, 2024 (9 Days) \$2,295



Jan 29 (MON) Depart O'Hare Airport, Arrive Quito, Ecuador. Overnight Quito.

Jan 30 Stand on the Equator at La Mitad del Mundo.
Meet the Angel Overlooking Quito at La Virgen del Panecillo.

Jan 31 Transfer to Las Lajas, Colombia. See the Miraculous image (*Not made by man*) carved in a stone wall, in the place where little Rosa was raised from the dead.
Overnight by Las Lajas.

Feb 1 Visit Las Lajas then transfer to Quito, Ecuador.

Feb 2 **Feast of Our Lady of Good Success.** Celebrate the 423rd anniversary of Mother Mariana's apparitions with mass and a pre-dawn procession through the city. Venerate miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Good Success, which is only available a few days a year. Tour local churches to venerate other relics made public in honor of this feast day.

Feb 3 Tour historic site of Our Lady of Good Success, Conception Church and Convent. Visit the incorrupt body of visionary Mother Mariana, who died and was resurrected twice. Learn more about this amazing **Church-approved apparition** which prophesied future battles and victories and contributed to the creation of a new title for Our Blessed Mother. Overnight in Quito.

Feb 4 Travel to beautiful town of Baños to visit Church of Our Lady of Holy Water, a Gothic church built of volcanic rock and local pilgrimage site of many miracles. Free time, visit hot springs, waterfalls. Overnight Baños.

Feb 5 Finish up our time in Baños and the historic city of Ambato and transfer Quito for evening flight to USA.

Feb 6 Arrive AM - U.S.A.

Price \$2,295 Includes: Airfare, Hotel, Bus, Breakfast, Dinner, Transportation, and Taxes. Not included: Tips of \$95 and baggage fees if airline does not include. Deposit \$200 due by May 4, 2023. Second Payment \$1,200 Due July 3, 2023. **Final balance due October 1, 2023.** Other departure cities available, call for additional add on price. February Temps: High: 67°F, (Chicago High 36°F) *Latecomers are encouraged to call and try to get on the trip!*

Payment Includes:

Airfare, Hotel, Bus, Breakfast, Dinner, Transportation, and Taxes.

Not Included: \$95 Tips-per person, Covid testing if req, insurance, lunches, alcoholic beverages, check in baggage fees, single room if requested, souvenirs & visa fees.

Totally Yours Co. has a limited Liability Policy. Printed price reflects a 3% cash discount. Priest on every trip. Daily Mass & Rosary. Prices based on double occupancy.

Pilgrimage Form:

Print Clearly: Include name (As is spelled on valid passport), address, phone and options preferred with your \$200 deposit. (Include with deposit a copy of Passport photo page.) Sign up by mail Checks payable to: **Totally Yours Co.** 909 S. IL Route 83, Suite 201 Elmhurst, IL 60126 Credit cards accepted.

Refund Policy:

Cancellations from departure date based on scheduled payments. Before 150 days..... Full Refund 149 - 120 days..... total fees \$200 119 - 90 days..... fees \$500 89 - 45 days.....50% 44 - 30 days.....10% *If airline tickets have been purchased, the ticket cost will be fully deducted before the refund is deducted. Limited number of Priests Free. Religious Brothers and Sisters 33% off. Extra for single room if available.

Travel Insurance & Visas:

For travel insurance, contact Travel Guard Insurance at 800-826-5248. Be sure to give them the **Group Code 7 0 5 5 8**. US passport is required for travel. **Non-US citizens** must contact our office at least 90 days before the pilgrimage for obtaining a visa. \$110 for assist plus direct embassy fee applies. (It is the responsibility of the traveler to obtain a Visa.) *Pilgrimage Prices, Dates, and Locations are subject to change without notice.

Disclaimer:

Totally Yours Co. offers special Catholic Spiritual Pilgrimages through a revocable license.

Offensive, immoral, or disruptive behavior is prohibited by any person on the pilgrimage. Additionally, Totally Yours reserves the right to decline admission to any person whose actions or conduct threaten the peaceful, undisturbed experience which pilgrims seek from their experience. Totally Yours Co. is not responsible for, acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, weather related events, or any other event beyond our control. For more details see Totally Yours Co. Liability Disclaimer & Assumption of Risk.

For more information, Please contact: Our Lady's friendly Totally Yours Staff at 1-630-279-8424
Sign up on-line or mail in a check! Visit our Website at: www.MEDJ1.com

75th Anniversary Series

Faith into Action

Sponsored by the
Diocese of Joliet

Podcast

The first episode of the 75th Anniversary podcast series will launch November 6, 2023. Episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform:



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Action
Podcast
(audio)



Blessing of St. Francis Xavier Statue

**DECEMBER 3, 2023
1 P.M.**

Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, and the final day of the Novena of Grace, a statue of the saint will be blessed at the BCC. The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese. Bishop Hicks will bless the statue at 1 p.m. that day, in an open ceremony so that all may witness this moving event.

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS,
EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

Novena of Grace with St. Francis Xavier

From November 25 through December 3, 2023, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a nine-day novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the Diocese of Joliet.

DAY 1 — NOVEMBER 25

Lord, each day you give me new life, new graces, new opportunities to feel your presence. Give me the gift of attentiveness to notice you in the people and your creation which surround my life; that I may grow in faith, and hope, and love. Amen.

DAY 2 — NOVEMBER 26

Father, each day you show me the love of a parent for its child: watchful of my every step, eager for me to thrive; you delight in my happiness and console me in my sadness. May the constant love in which you enfold me give me the confidence to show that same love to friend and foe, family and stranger, alike. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 3 — NOVEMBER 27

Father, you speak to me in the silence and in the empty spaces of my life. Give me ears to hear your voice in stillness and in the gentle breeze; eyes to see your presence in things that seem so insignificant at the time. Free me from the relentless whirl of activity, from the obsessions which limit me and snatch away my freedom to answer your call. Like St Francis, may I too become a pilgrim, called to walk the path you set before me, wherever it may lead but always safe in the knowledge that Christ walks beside me unseen. Amen.

DAY 4 — NOVEMBER 28

Lord, before I ever came into being you knew me and loved me. You have knit me together the way I am, and given me life and laughter, friends and the faces of kind strangers, and a world of wonder and new discovery. Grant me the freedom and the courage to discover you anew each day in the people I meet, in the places I go, in the sounds I hear and the things I see. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 5 — NOVEMBER 29

Lord Jesus, it is so easy to be tempted as you were tempted in the desert; to make poor decisions for quick gains and satisfaction; to turn the wonderful gifts of your generosity towards unworthy and selfish ends. Give me, day by day, the same Spirit of strength with which you faced down those desert temptations of power, wealth and honour; that my desires and motives, my words and actions, may always be for the greater glory of God, my Lord. Amen.

DAY 6 — NOVEMBER 30

Father, as I look back on this day, there are so many teeming thoughts, such a babble of words, and such a blur of activity, that it is difficult to see your gentle and faithful presence amid it all. Show yourself to me today, and every day. Amen.

DAY 7 — DECEMBER 1

God our Father, praise to you! I am surrounded by so many good people, if only I take the time to notice: people who speak your word of compassion and kindness; people who act to give reality to your justice and reconciliation; people whose lives are good seed growing in rich soil. Give me, too, the grace to live in your Spirit, and to be your presence for those I meet as I go about the business of my day. Amen.

DAY 8 — DECEMBER 2

Father, you are entire goodness and you are goodness for me. Creator of all things, who hold all things in being for me, give me faith in you and in myself, your creation. Amen.

DAY 9 — DECEMBER 3


God our Father, as St Francis Xavier travelled to the ends of the earth, impelled by love of Christ and afire with his good news, give me the trust and the grace to base all that I do entirely on you, safe in the knowledge that you raise up the lowly and fill them with good things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying with Saint Francis Xavier
The Novena of Grace

Visit diojoliet.org/75th
for the full novena, which
includes excerpts from the
letters of St. Francis Xavier

Weekly Mass Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday, December 2 <u>5:00pm</u>	Sunday, December 3 <u>7:30am</u>	Sunday, December 3 <u>9:00am</u>	Sunday, December 3 <u>11:00am</u>
	Mass Coordinator Pat Favaro Jeanne Rapp	Lucy Feeney	John & Sue Hulbert	Joel Sagun
	Lector John Mooney	Ric Offerman	Chris Gregory	Bruce Ukockis
	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Marie Mooney Mary Lou Salato	John Jun Terry Danek	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker	Kathy Williamson Jane Spray
	Altar Server Brooklyn Lehner	Kasey Looney Kevin Looney	Volunteer	Sara Folsom Alex Folsom



Giving Tree tags are available at the Parish Center before and after all Masses today (and next weekend).

All unwrapped gifts should be returned to the tree no later than December 10.

Please attach the original gift tag to the gift.

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

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.



Weekly Mass Intentions

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	Cyndi & Mark Carrington
		+Tranh Tran	Mary & Kathy
Monday, Nov 27	8:30am	+Noble & Mary Pat Collins	The Family
Tuesday, Nov. 28	8:30am	+Harriet, Mickey, Pat McDonald & John Brown	The Family
Wednesday, Nov. 29	8:30am	Intention of our Pastor	
Thursday, Nov. 30	8:30am	+Dominick Anthony DeCicco	Jackie DeCicco
Friday, Dec. 1	8:30am	+Walter & MaryLou Friant	The Family
Saturday, Dec 2	5:00pm	+Bob Bell	The Bell Family
		+David Severson	Helen Furto Family
Sunday, Dec. 3	7:30am	+Dorothy Bickle	The Family
	9:00am	+Dominick Anthony DeCicco	Jackie DeCicco
	11:00am	+Bob Guedel	The Family
		+Judy Bremer	KC's



Police & Firefighters
Special Intention
Lois Ansalone

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

At 815-467-2233.



Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
Bill Reed
Virginia Guertin

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.

Collection Totals for the Weekend of: Nov 12/13, 2023

		11/4-11/5	11/12-11/13	
	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$11,402.00	\$3,224.00	\$2,424.00	\$17,050.00
Foundation for Faith	\$232.00	\$125.00	\$55.00	\$412.00
Major Maintenance	\$364.00	\$78.00	\$55.00	\$497.00
Needy in Community	\$380.00	\$183.00	\$100.00	\$663.00
All Saints	\$745.00	\$145.00	\$20.00	\$910.00
All Souls	\$300.00	\$105.00	\$5.00	\$410.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$69.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.00
Seminarians	\$2,732.00	\$0.00	\$108.00	\$2,840.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$169,503.00			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$177,647.00			

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