

St. Mary's Church

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2023

MASSES:

Saturday- 5:00pm
Sunday- 7:30am (simple chant)
9am 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 at 815-467-2233 or 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 AND HOSPITAL VISITS:

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

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK - Please call the parish office 815-467-2233.



Alvise Vivarini, "Saint John the Baptist", 1475, [Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum](#), Madrid, Spain

St. Mary's Catholic Church Minooka, IL
Advent & Christmas Schedule 2023

Recurring Events

Weekend Mass every Saturday @ 5pm & Sunday @ 7:30am, 9am, and 11am

30-minute Daily Mass every M-F @ 8:30am

Adoration and Confession every Thursday @ 7:30am - 8:30am

Adoration and Confession every Saturday @ 4pm – 4:45pm

Advent

Sun. 12-17-23 @ 8:00am-1:00pm: Breakfast with Santa

Tue. 12-19-23 @ 6:00pm-7:00pm: Confessions @ St. Ann's in Channahon (5 priests present)

Sat. 12-23-23 @ 5pm Vigil Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent Mass

Sun. 12-24-23 @ 8am: 4th Sunday of Advent Mass

Sun. 12-24-23 @ 11:00am: 4th Sunday of Advent Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sun. 12-24-23 @ 3pm: Christmas Eve Mass (Children's Play in Parish Center),
10pm: Christmas Midnight Mass

Mon. 12-25-23 @ 8am & 11am: Christmas Day Masses

Christmas Season Continued

Sat. 12-30-23 @ 5:00pm: The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass Vigil Mass

Sun. 12-31-23 @ 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am: The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass

A note from Fr. John

I am trying to be intentional about our bulletin covers to help shed greater light on the scriptures. From time to time, I would like to explicitly clarify connections between the scriptures and the chosen image. -Fr. John

Here are a few notes concerning our current bulletin image:

- John the Baptist is depicted as the main subject.
- As in most art John as the subject, John is pointing away from himself toward Christ (here represented with the cross in John's left hand).
- In John's left hand, his fingers are grouped by three and two. The three represent the Holy Trinity, of which Christ is a member and the two represent Jesus as both God and man.
- The three fingers are above and the two below united by the cross which communicates Christ's cross as the bridge uniting man to God. The cross of Jesus is the bridge to enter heaven and the life of the Holy Trinity. "Unless you pick up your cross and follow me, you have no life within you. (Mt 16:24-26)"
- John wears camel skin as his garment. He is thin because he is living a sparse life of penance, fasting, and prayer in the desert.
- His gaze is towards heaven, rather than this earth.
- The background color is sandy brown and gold representing the desert as a place/state where purification and salvation are found.



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 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



CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking for singers for the Christmas Eve Children's Choir. All students from 2nd-8th grade are welcome. Rehearsals will be on Sundays following the 9am Mass in the church basement.



Children's Christmas Play

Children ages 4-12 are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve children's play. Practices will be December 17th. All practices will run from 5-5:45pm. No need to RSVP.



UPCOMING
EVENT

Men Seeking *Holiness*



**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 28, 2023
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
36 North Ellsworth Street
Naperville, IL 60540

Cost: \$10 (lunch will be served)

All young men (18+) are invited to join Vocations Director Fr. Steven Borello and Fr. Jared Rutnicki, a newly ordained priest of the diocese, for a one-day retreat including:

- Prayer/Rosary
- Discussions
- Discernment on the life of holiness
- Mass
- Adoration
- Confession



Please register by December 18; scan the QR code or visit qrco.de/DOJVocationsEvents

Questions?



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Office of Vocations



Weekly Mass Volunteer Schedule

	4th Sunday Advent Saturday, Dec 23 <u>5:00pm</u>	4th Sunday Advent Dec 24 <u>8:00am</u>	4th Sunday Advent Dec 24 <u>11:00am</u>	Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec 24 <u>3:00pm</u>	Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec 24 <u>10:00pm</u>	Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25 <u>8:00am</u>	Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25 <u>11:00am</u>
Mass Coordinator	Jeanne Rapp Pat Favero	Lucy Feeney		Doris Boehm			
Lector	Carolyn Healy	Lucy Feeney			Carolyn Healy	Rose Ruettiger	
Extraordi- nary Minis- ters of Holy Communion	Jeanne Rapp	Marie Moretti Janet Bonadeo Chris & Sue Gregory	Glenda Smith	Doris Boehm Cindy Creasman Sydney Yunker	Mike Healy Katie Libatore Jon Lamlech Mike & Jessica Folsom	Sue & Chris Gregory	Alice Mayr
Altar Server	Volunteer	Volunteer	Antonio & Xander Esquivel	Casey & Kevin Looney	Sarah & Alex Folsom	Volunteer	Volunteer

	<p>Police & Firefighters Dennis Trzesniewski</p> <p>Special Intention</p>	<p>If you would like a candle lit outside for a Special Intention, please call the Parish Office At 815-467-2233.</p>	
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Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
Bill Reed
Larry Goodwin
Karen Lombardo

Sara Lovell
Wren Wagoner
Baker Family
Bayley Webb
Aberie Skiba
Kathy Ly

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

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

Jerry Moreno
Connie Hamilton
Katelyn Latta
Jim Novotny
Paul Pullara
Ralph Westbrook
Phill Wizorek

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
Sat. Dec. 16	5:00pm	.+Gloria Maxwell	Cheryl Nelson,
			Al & Pat Smania
		.+Joe & Rosella Votta	Nanette Dixon and Family
		.+Ita Sifre	Leon Family
Sun. Dec. 17	7:30am	.+Raymond & Audrey Tierney	Family
		.+Kathryn Augsburg	Family
	9:00am	Intention of our Pastor	
	11:00am	.+Gloria Maxwell	Diane & Marty Cooper
Mon. Dec. 18	8:30am	.+Stan & Elaine Weincek	Tammy Weincek
Tues. Dec. 19	8:30am	.+Francis J. Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
Wed. Dec. 20	8:30am	.+Virginia Guertin	JoAnn Dollinger
Thurs. Dec. 21	8:30am	.+Thanh Tran	Mary & Kathy
Fri. Dec. 22	8:30am	.+Jaimie Therese Kimble	Family
		.+Dennis Trzewniowski	
Sat. Dec. 23	5:00pm	.+Gloria Maxwell	Al & Pat Smania
		.+Larry Nelson	Cheryl Nelson & Family
		.+Leonard & Winona Bols	Family
Sun. Dec. 24	8:00am	+Russel & Marie Starks	O'Hagan Family
4th Sunday of Advent		+Francis J. & Josephine Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
4th Sunday of Advent	11:00am	+Raymond Noel	Family

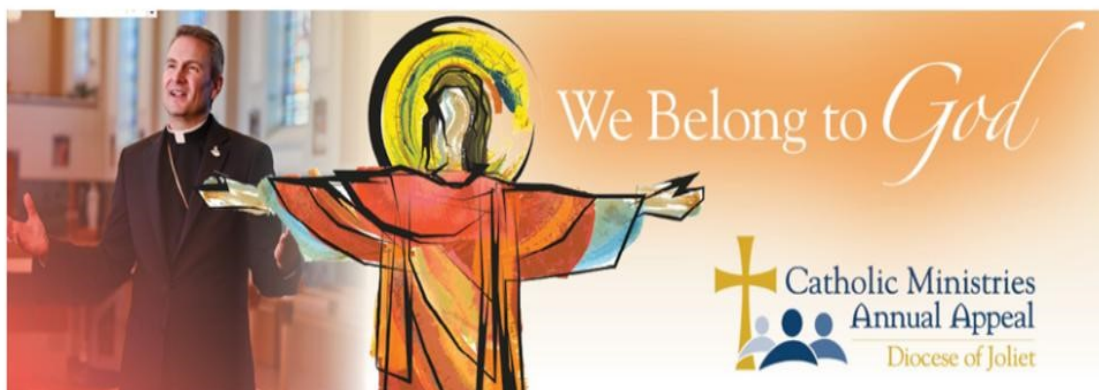
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Please Remember St. Mary's in your will or trust.

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CMAA Update



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

PLEDGE REPORT:
12/10/2023

Parish Goal:	\$46,100.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 45,680.00
Balance Due:	\$ 1,430.00

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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