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The Village of Minooka

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1st annual

CHRISTMAS MARKET

MUSIC, FOOD & GIFTS



Unique Christmas Gifts - Handcrafted Items, Pre-Made Decorations, Food! There will be entertainment and games, photos with Santa, plus so much more!

DECEMBER 7, 2024 1 PM TO 8 PM

Veterans Memorial Park
Downtown Minooka at the corner of Mondamin and Wabena Avenue
for more info E-mail Dawn.Niner@minooka.com

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To Serve You Better Welcome to Your Newsletter

Mayor's Message

Hi Folks,

Another Fall (my favorite) is here. The crops will soon be harvested. The leaves will turn colors and fall, and some will even be raked, how about it? My short sleeve shirts will be moved to the back closet, replaced by long-sleeved flannels. The snow blower will be dug out of the back of the shed, and my neighbor Joe will work his magic to fire it up again. I only used it once last year.

So, check the anti-freeze, furnace filters, and whatever they call the sidewalk ice melt today. If you are like my wonderful wife, the windows will get a good washing to rid them of this summer's dirt and dust.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, and check out the Village's Christmas Market. Info on the front cover!

Respectfully,
Ric Offerman



The Village Administrator Dan Duffy, Village Administrator

New Business Spotlight Joyful Crystals

Joyful Crystals, owned by Erika Blanco and her husband Matt Bielski, is located in the heart of downtown Minooka at 117 W. Mondamin Street, and is your destination for holistic healing and spiritual wellness. Joyful Crystals offers a range of services, including Reiki healing, sound therapy, lymphatic massage, and spiritual guidance, all of which are designed to help achieve balance and harmony. As a registered nurse, Erika brings her medical expertise into the practice, blending traditional healthcare knowledge with holistic healing modalities like Reiki, sound healing, and lymphatic massage.

In addition to their healing services, Joyful Crystals has a wide selection of high-quality healing crystals, perfect for enhancing your personal energy and space. Visit Tuesday through Saturday from 11 AM to 8 PM, or Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM. For inquiries or appointments, call (815) 690-3138.



Groundbreaking for The Preserve at Heritage Woods



Bill Aeschliman, owner of JB Property Pros, LLC, local elected officials, the Channahon Minooka Chamber, and community members celebrated the groundbreaking of The Preserve at Heritage Woods, a comprehensive Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) designed to provide a seamless transition for seniors as their care needs evolve.

The kick off for the development project took place October 10 just west of Heritage Woods, a supportive living facility that opened its doors in 2017. Heritage Woods was the first phase of this ambitious four-phase project, which has been in development for over 19 years. Once completed, the community will accommodate approximately 350 residents, offering a full spectrum of care options.

The next step in this ongoing development is the introduction of The Preserve-Duplexes, which will feature 46 independent living duplexes for seniors aged 55 and older, scheduled for completion in 2025. Future plans include the construction of around 50 independent senior apartments, as well as a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. For more information about The Preserve at Heritage Woods, visit thepreservehw.com.

Upcoming Events

November 25 - November 29

Final week for curbside yard waste collection! Collection will occur on your regularly scheduled trash service day. Monday - Wednesday service will be on schedule, Thursday and Friday service will be delayed one day due to the Thanksgiving holiday closure.

November 28 and 29

Village offices will be closed for Thanksgiving.

December 24 and 25

Village offices will be closed for Christmas.

January 1st

Village offices will be closed for New Years Day.

Revitalizing Play:

New Equipment Installed at Meadows Park!

The playground in Meadows Subdivision has officially reopened after several months of renovations! The upgrades were essential, as much of the equipment had reached the end of its useful life after 20 years.

Located at 209 Deerpath Dr. in Minooka, the revamped playground features new equipment designed for children ages 2-12. We hope you and your family enjoy the improvements and make wonderful memories in your community park!



ATTENTION PARENTS FREE BABYSITTING NIGHT

Sponsored by the Village of Minooka
Staffed by Minooka Summer Camp Counselors

Friday, Dec. 13th 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Village of Minooka Community Room



PARENTS...do you need a Date Night or Time for some Christmas Shopping?

Drop off the kids at the Village Community Room. We will have free play, crafts, snacks and games.

You must pre-register
By Friday Dec 6th

To Register please log into Community Pass
<https://register.communitypass.net/VillageofMinooka>

If you have any questions contact Dawn Niner
dawn.niner@minooka.com 815-467-2151 Ext.3185



For ages 3 years old
(potty trained)
to 12 years old



Dear

SANTA

**Santa's Mailbox will be at Village Hall
121 E. McEvilly Rd**

November 22nd - December 16th 2024

Drop off your letters to Santa in his Magic Mailbox by December 15th and Santa will write you back!!!

Be sure to include a self-addressed envelope with your letter, so Santa knows where to send your letter!!!



If you would like more information contact
Dawn Niner at Dawn.Niner@minooka.com



FREE RIDES FOR SENIORS!

Call us and register today
(888) 786-0862

We have partnered with AgeGuide to provide this service until grant funds have been fully expended.



AgeGuide Requirements:

Must be a Grundy County resident 60 years of age or older, pre-register, do not live in a long-term care facility, and provide your own escort **if you require more** assistance than the door-to-door service we provide. Voluntary donations are allowed.

BLOOD DRIVE

Fall Into Giving

**Saturday
November**

30

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM



Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Please bring photo ID.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST MARY'S PARISH

**LOCATION: PARISH HALL
301 West St Marys St, Minooka, 60447**

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
WALK INS WELCOME**

Please book an appointment online using QR Code

Help save Lives in the Community



As a thank you, all attempting donors with a valid email will a \$15 e-gift card.

Family Read Month Challenges: All Ages

November 1-30

There are two fun reading challenges this fall, Indigenous American Heritage Month Challenge & Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge! Take on one or both by logging your reading in Beanstack, including books read for school. Complete a challenge to earn a prize!

A Wild Robot Party: Families

Tuesday, November 19, 5:30-7:30pm at Channahon Library

Families of all ages are invited to drop in for an evening packed with fun crafts, games, a reading corner... and maybe a robot or two! *No registration is required.*

Hugo Kringle: Families

Friday, December 13, 4pm at Minooka Branch

Hugo Kringle returns to share holiday songs and hilarious stories about growing up with the boy who would become Santa Claus. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Grinch-mas Party: Families

Friday, December 20, 4pm at Channahon Library

Join us for a Whoville celebration with crafts, snacks, games & more inspired by How the Grinch Stole Christmas! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Youth Programs:

Read with Fin the Dog: All ages

Thursdays, November 21 & December 19, 5-6pm at Minooka Branch

Fin enjoys listening to readers of all levels. Sign up for a 15-minute session to read with Fin! *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

The Craft Art Club: 12-17 years

Wednesdays, November 27, 3pm & December 18, 4pm at Channahon Library.

Create a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork each month. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Phone-tography: 12 years+

Wednesdays, November 13 & December 11, 4pm at Minooka Branch

Discover the full potential of your cell phone camera with fun monthly photo challenges. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Illinois Libraries Present- The Magic of Raina Telgemeier: All ages

Tuesday, December 10, 7pm via Zoom

Raina Telgemeier is the author and illustrator of many graphic novels, including adapting and illustrating four graphic novel versions of the Baby-Sitters Club series. *Registration is required for this live, virtual program.*

Adult Programs:

Storytelling with Nestor Gomez: Adults 18+

Thursday, November 7, 6:30pm at Iron & Glass, 104 Ridge Rd, Minooka

Nestor Gomez shares humorous stories of his childhood in Guatemala, his journey to Chicago at age 15, and his life in America. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Downsize Your Home: Adults 18+

Thursday, November 14, 6pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvelly Rd

Learn the essential practical and legal aspects of downsizing, for yourself or a loved one, from a team of experts. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Everyday Uses of AI: Adults 18+

Wednesday, December 4, 6pm at Minooka Branch

Discover how AI tools can help you stay organized and make your life easier. Bring a smartphone, tablet, or laptop to try out some of these new tools together. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Spy vs Spy - Espionage in WWII: Adults 18+

Thursday, December 12, 6pm at Village of Minooka Community Room, 121 McEvelly Rd

Hear about famous and barely-remembered espionage efforts of WWII. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Christmas Dulcimer: Adults 18+

Friday, December 13, 2pm at Minooka Branch

Enjoy holiday history, humor, and the melodic music of Mike Anderson and his mountain dulcimer. *Registration is required for this in-person program.*

Gift Wrap Drop-In: Adults 18+

Saturday, December 21, 10am-3pm at Channahon Library

Got last minute gifts to wrap and nowhere to spread out? Bring your gifts to the library to wrap using provided supplies or bring your own! Drop in any time from 10am-3pm. Festive movies will be playing for ambiance. *No registration is required.*

MINOOKA SCHOOLS

Minooka Community High School Invites Local Veterans to our

Veteran's Day Breakfast & Assembly

Monday, November 11

Breakfast @ South Campus 8-8:45 a.m. 26655 W. Eames St., Channahon, IL 60410

RSVP to Anna Seidel at

(815) 521-4108 • aseidel@mchs.net

South Campus

8:51 - 9:41 a.m.

Central Campus

10:18 - 11:08 a.m.

301 S. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447



Minooka Community High School

has been recognized for the



2024 AP® School Honor Roll

for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes. Minooka Community High School is also honored with the 2024 AP Access Award for ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.



“Minooka Voices Concerns Over Canadian National Hub and Heavy Truck Traffic”

Dan Duffy, *Village Administrator*

Over the past several months, Minooka residents have been voicing their concerns at Village Board meetings regarding the impact of the planned Canadian National Intermodal (West of town) and the lack of public information surrounding it. Village officials have stated although the project is being built in the Village of Channahon corporate limits, Minooka has several concerns regarding the CN's intent to direct heavy truck traffic generated by the project through Minooka, and utilize I-80 and Ridge intersection as a major access point. Here are some of the facts for residents, as it relates to the project, and what the Village of Minooka is doing to protect the integrity and safety of our community.

(1) Wisconsin Central LTD., a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway (“WCL”), is planning on constructing an intermodal facility (“Intermodal Facility”) and a logistics park (“Logistics Park”) on approximately 900 acres of land, located within the Village of Channahon in Grundy County, Illinois, but which is also located – in part – within the Minooka unincorporated planning area (the Intermodal Facility and Logistics Park are collectively referred to as the “Project”). The Project is proposed to be located west of McLindon Road, south of the CSX railroad tracks and north of U.S. Route 6 (“Route 6”), a Class II Truck Route. The Project touches Route 6 in a location northeast of the Channahon Fire Station.

(2) WCL is demanding that Minooka accede to a traffic plan for the Project that would have two access points, one located on McLindon Road and the other on Route 6, that would both be used by trucks weighing up to 80,000 pounds (“Heavy Trucks”) and passenger vehicles.

(3) Under WCL's proposal, the average daily traffic of Heavy Trucks and passenger vehicles on McLindon Road would increase exponentially. Minooka did not contemplate the substantial additional truck and passenger vehicle traffic that will be generated by the WCL Project. This deluge of traffic would mix more Heavy Trucks and cars on Ridge Road and would negatively impact multiple intersections in Minooka and the I-80 and Ridge Road interchange – the primary access point to Minooka.

(4) Minooka has, in good faith, worked with WCL to develop a traffic plan that would meet WCL's needs but not substantially impact the safety and quality of life of Minooka's residents. Specifically, Minooka proposed that the WCL facility would have access on Route 6 (“Route 6”) and an access point for passenger vehicles only on McLindon Road. Preventing Heavy Truck traffic from being dumped onto McLindon Road is necessary to protect the safety, health, and welfare of Minooka's residents.

(5) WCL has attempted to strong-arm Minooka by threatening to invoke federal preemption under the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act (“ICCTA”) unless Minooka agrees to repeal the weight limitations and accede to WCL's unsafe traffic proposal.

(6) Minooka has filed a federal lawsuit against WCL contending that Minooka's actions are not preempted, but instead are a permissible use of Minooka's traditional and statutory police powers to regulate weight limits on a roadway for the public health, safety, and welfare.

(7) In order to address potential traffic safety and quality of life issues, Grundy County commissioned in September of 2003 an Access Justification Report (the “Access Report”) that studied the need for an additional interstate access point at Brisbin Road and Interstate 80 approximately 5.2 miles west of the Ridge Road and I-80 Interchange.

(8) According to the Access Report, the benefit of the construction of an interchange at Brisbin Road and I-80 included an improvement in the level of service (i.e. quality a driver can move about a roadway free from delay and congestion) through the IL-47 and Ridge Road interchanges due to a more uniform traffic distribution and a reduction in traffic crashes.

(9) The Access Report found the following: In addition, safety on the local street system through the adjoining municipalities of Morris, Minooka and Channahon is anticipated to be improved by construction of the Brisbin Road interchange. Diversions of traffic from the Ridge Road interchange will reduce traffic volumes on Ridge Road between the I-80 interchange and U. S. Route 6. This section of Ridge Road is adjacent to a large developing residential community and Minooka Junior High School. Diversions of up to 5,500 vehicles per day (including 500-1,000 trucks) would have substantial positive quality of life impacts on the Minooka community. Similarly, traffic diversions from U. S. Route 6 are expected, which will reduce the volume of traffic and trucks through the Channahon community (past an elementary school, community center and park) and through portions of Morris.

(10) The interchange at I-80 and Brisbin Road is currently operating well below its overall capacity and has significant reserve capacity to accommodate additional traffic.

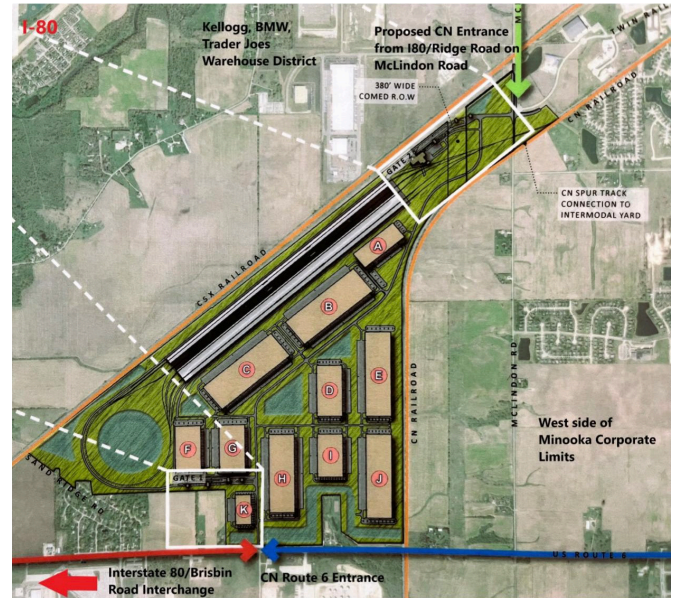
(11) Consistent with the Access Report, locating the ingress and egress of Heavy Trucks to the proposed Project on Route 6 will protect the public health and safety of Minooka's residents, and have beneficial quality of life impacts, by reducing the volume of Heavy Truck traffic from roads adjacent to residential areas, such as McLindon Road.

(12) WCL has rejected Minooka's reasonable proposal, and instead has advised Minooka that it will attempt to assert federal preemption under the ICCTA and force Minooka and its residents to endure the detrimental impacts of substantially increased Heavy Truck traffic on McLindon Road, the Ridge Road interchange and the Minooka roadways and intersections leading to the Ridge Road interchange.

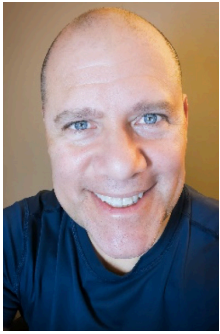
(13) Minooka is not opposed to the WCL project being built in the Village of Channahon. However, for the benefit of the health and safety of the public, Minooka continues to request local stakeholders support that the sole access for heavy trucks to the Project be via U. S. Route 6.

PUBLIC WORKS

Proposed Map of Intermodal Facility:



MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chaplain's Corner

A Few Questions

What are we to make of these times in which we live? Hurricanes, wars around the world, the election cycle, and soon the wonder and potential crazy of the holidays will be upon us. How do we process the times that God has given to us? What is our place in this world? What can we do? How do we respond?

I don't pretend to have the answers to these questions, but I think they are worth asking. If for no other reason, it is important to quietly reflect on our culture, our nation, our world, on what is good and what is evil, and on what is right and what is wrong in us and around us.

But, let's bring these big questions into the small world of our families, our schools, our churches and our community. Here are a few things to think about:

Let's recognize that it is important to identify our sphere of influence. Compared to world figures and global decision makers, my circle of family, friends and colleagues is small. Having said that, it is important that I do my best to impact those that God has given me with kindness, grace and love. Who is in your circle of influence? What are you giving to those that God has given you?

Let's choose to turn to curiosity and wonder. Us humans are a radically diverse bunch. I am sure there is someone in your family, friend circle or workplace with which you have radically different opinions or perspectives. Author Stephen Covey said, "Seek first to understand, then to be understood." Be an inquisitive, kind, explorer of other people's views. Don't choose to react. Choose to learn...from anyone.

Finally, in the words of the Apostle Peter: Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. To "cover" is to work towards forgiveness out of a spirit of love and grace. Forgiveness requires that you and I look at our own character flaws and sin. Until we see the ways that we cause strife and humbly own our own stuff, we will struggle to love and forgive others. How far do we take this? I'll close with words from the gospel author Luke: "...love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you."

If you'd like to talk about this or anything else on your mind, I would be glad to treat you to a cup of coffee. You can contact me at carlosgarcia@missionbible.church

Carlos Garcia, Chaplain

**BUT TO THOSE OF YOU
WHO WILL LISTEN, I SAY:
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO
GOOD TO THOSE WHO
HATE YOU,
- LUKE 6:27**

NEWS FROM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Toys for Tots Drop Off Location

Tis' the season to help those that are less fortunate. Once again, the Minooka Police Department is proud to be a drop off location for Toys for Tots. Please stop by and drop off a toy starting November 18 - December 19 (all Toys will be picked up on December 20th).



Vacation House Check

Are you looking to get away from the cold winter weather this year? Or maybe you're going to visit family for the holidays. Whatever is taking you out of town, allow yourself the peace of mind knowing that your house is safe while you are gone. Stop in at the police station before you leave, or visit the Village of Minooka website and complete a "vacation house check" form. We can keep an eye on your house for up to 2 weeks while you enjoy your time away.



WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE

As much as we all dread it, winter is right around the corner, and that means it's time to remind everybody of our winter snow ordinance.

9-1-24: PROHIBITED PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS:

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle on any highway, street, or alley within the village when snow shall have accumulated to a depth of two inches (2") or more on such highway, street, or alley. It shall be unlawful to so park from the time of such accumulation until the snow has been removed. In addition to all other remedies, every person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with this section shall be sentenced as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code for each offense. Each occurrence shall constitute a separate offense. Members of the police department are hereby authorized to cause any vehicle parked in violation of this section to be removed from the highway, street, or alley, at the expense of the owner of the vehicle, pursuant to applicable statutes. (Ord. 2011-29, 12-20-2011)



NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES

MISSION BIBLE CHURCH



We are excited to invite you to Mission Bible Church where we believe in being Real with God, Real with Each Other and Real in the World.

We would love to welcome the community to join us for our *Christmas Eve services* at the Minooka campus. Service times will be at 1:30pm, 3pm, and a midnight service starting at 11:30pm.



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Mission Bible Church



Mission Bible Church



412 N Wabena Ave, Minooka, IL 60447

Mission Minooka

Saturday - 5:00pm Sunday - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am • 412 N. Wabena in Minooka

Mission Morris (meeting at Saratoga School)

Sunday 9:30 am • 4040 N. Division St, Morris - Door #16

THE VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sundays at The Village Christian Church

You're welcome to join us for In-Person church at 8965 South Bell Road in Minooka. Service times are at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

Online Services: Live service online at 9:00 or 10:30 am on Sundays 3 different ways:

The Live Service Website live.thevillagechristianchurch.com/

YouTube Channel youtube.com/c/TheVillageChristianChurch

The Village Christian Church Facebook page

100,000 Meal Pack

Serving is key at The Village Christian Church - in fact one of the 3 points to our mission is Life Purpose, and we want to equip you to live out your life purpose and serve others. The Meal Pack is an event where we are partnering with Lifeline Christian Mission to pack 100,000 meals to be sent to hungry families in Haiti. You can help!

When: Saturday, November 16. There are 3 serving times 9-10:30am, 11am-12:30pm and 1-2:30pm.

Where: The Village Christian Church, 8965 S Bell Road in Minooka.

Kids are encouraged to serve (with a parent). There are sitting jobs, standing jobs, light jobs, heavy jobs. Sign up for your spot today, use the website or QR code!

<https://thevillagechristianchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/190/responses/new>



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TheVillageChristianChurch



The Village Christian Church



8965 South Bell Road, Minooka Illinois 60447

CHRIST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Worship: 8:30 am Early Worship Service • 10:00 am Bible Classes • 11:00 am Main Worship Service

AWANA Clubs Sunday nights from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

AWANA Clubs offer a fun, exciting environment where kids, 3 years old through 12th grade, are disciplined using a proven Scripture-based program. Our awesome team of workers keep the children engaged through games and music while promoting spiritual growth through biblical teaching. Our goal is to lead children and families to Christ and develop a life long faith in God. Our AWANA Clubs is FREE!

Alpha and Omega Service: Join us at 8:30 am or 11:00 am for a special Worship Service, Alpha & Omega: Songs and Scriptures from Creation to End Times

Children's Recital: On December 8 the kids and teens of our church will share their instrumental and musical talents. There will be no Sunday School classes this day.

Christmas Program: Everyone is invited to our 2024 Christmas Program at 11 am.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us as we lift our voices in worship and celebrate Christ's birth on December 24 at 5 pm.



Christ First Baptist Church



Christ First Baptist Church Minooka



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4295 Van Dyke Rd., Minooka, IL 60447

MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Minooka United Methodist Church Is Open on Ridge Road!

Our new building is at 1210 S. Ridge Road, next to the water tower. Worship experiences are Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome! Learn more about our welcoming and affirming congregation at www.minookaumc.com

Online maps still seem to be figuring out our new address, so your GPS may take you slightly off-course. Our church on the east side of Ridge Road is open, south of Prairie Ridge Drive and north of Misty Creek Drive (in-between the Lakewood Trails and Prairie Ridge subdivisions)

Weekly Sunday School & Youth Group

Sunday School for children in Preschool-5th grade meets at 10:45 AM following our worship service.

Youth Group for students in 6th-12th grades meets Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 PM.

All our Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders complete Safe Gathering training and a background check

Senior Luncheon

"Forever Young" Senior Luncheon is a free lunch for those 55 years old and older. It is held at St. Mary's Parish and is a delightful joint venture between our two congregations. Senior Luncheon is offered November 20 and December 18 (the third Wednesday of each month) at 11:30am. Please reserve your spot by calling our church office: 815-467-2322.

Grief Support Group

Our monthly Grief Support Group meets the second Thursday at 12pm (November 14 and December 12). It is open to anyone grieving a death; there is no cost; and a light lunch is provided



1210 S. Ridge Rd., Minooka, 60447



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Minooka United Methodist Church

ST. MARY'S PARISH

Weekday Mass - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30am

Thursday - Adoration - 7:30am, Mass - 8:30am

Saturday Mass - Confession - 4:00pm, Adoration - 4:00pm, Mass - 5:00pm

Sunday Mass - 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am



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303 W. St Mary's Street, Po Box 456, Minooka IL 60447

November 1 - First Friday Rosary Prayed 6:30pm

November 9 - Chili Cookoff - 1pm - 9:30pm

November 10 - Donut Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - 7am - Noon

November 24 - Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 8am - 11am

November 30 - Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 8am - 11am

December 8 - Donut Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - 7am - Noon

December 15 - Breakfast with Santa: 8am to 1pm. All are welcome!

Christmas At The Village

We are so excited to celebrate Christmas with you and your family this year! The Christmas Service Schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 23, Christmas Eve Eve: 5:00 & 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 5:00 PM Online

Campus Services will be live for each service

- All services will be the same. (Each service will be by candlelight)
- Kid Village will be closed for families to worship together.
- This is the 1 time of year that we dress up, but we encourage you to do what works best for you and your family and dress comfortably.

We look forward to seeing you for Christmas!

Learn more and sign up for your shift at:

<https://www.thevillagechristianchurch.com>

The Skeptic's Circle

Questions about faith and the meaning of life can sometimes feel overwhelming. The Skeptic's Circle offers a welcoming space for open, honest conversation about the emotions, doubts, and ideas you might have been taught not to question. Meets at the Starbucks located at Route 6 and Yellow Pine Drive in Channahon the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM (November 12 & December 10)

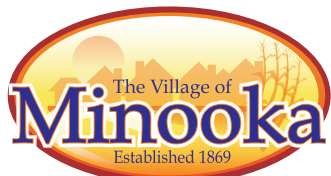
Longest Night Worship Experience

For some of us this holiday season contains more sorrow, grief, or loneliness than it does joy or festive cheer. The encroaching darkness of the winter solstice—the longest night of the year—can exacerbate those feelings. So we take time amidst the celebrations of the season to entreat God in honesty and humility, bringing our questions and our despair. Still, we are clear that despair is not our final home. So we pray and sing together as we put our hope in Jesus' promise to always be with us. Our Longest Night Worship is Saturday, December 21 at 6:00pm.

Christmas Eve Worship Experiences

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00pm and 9:00pm.

The 4:00pm service is specially designed for children and families. Both services will include candle lighting, carols, and communion available to all.



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MINOOKA, ILLINOIS 60447

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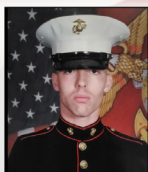
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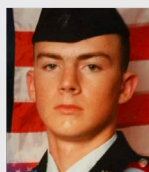
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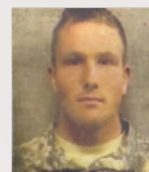
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KRAUSE, RICHARD



KUNKE, ROBERT



KUNKE, WALTER



MARTINEZ, JAVIER



MATTSON, ROBERT



MCDANNALD,
JENNIFER GROTE



MEYER, JUSTIN



MILLER, DICK



MLASKA, RALPH



PARRISH, DICK



PRESLER, CHRIS



RICHARDSON JR,
WILLIAM HOUSTON



SAENZ,
ANTHONY JOHN



SATORIUS, JAMES E



SHERWOOD,
ANDREW



SHERWOOD,
STEPHEN



SINOVICH, JAMES



SKWARCZYNSKI, AL



SMANIA, ALBERT



SOLOY, BRIAN



STERNISHA, JOHN J



TIERNEY, PATRICK



VELARDE JR, VICTOR

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