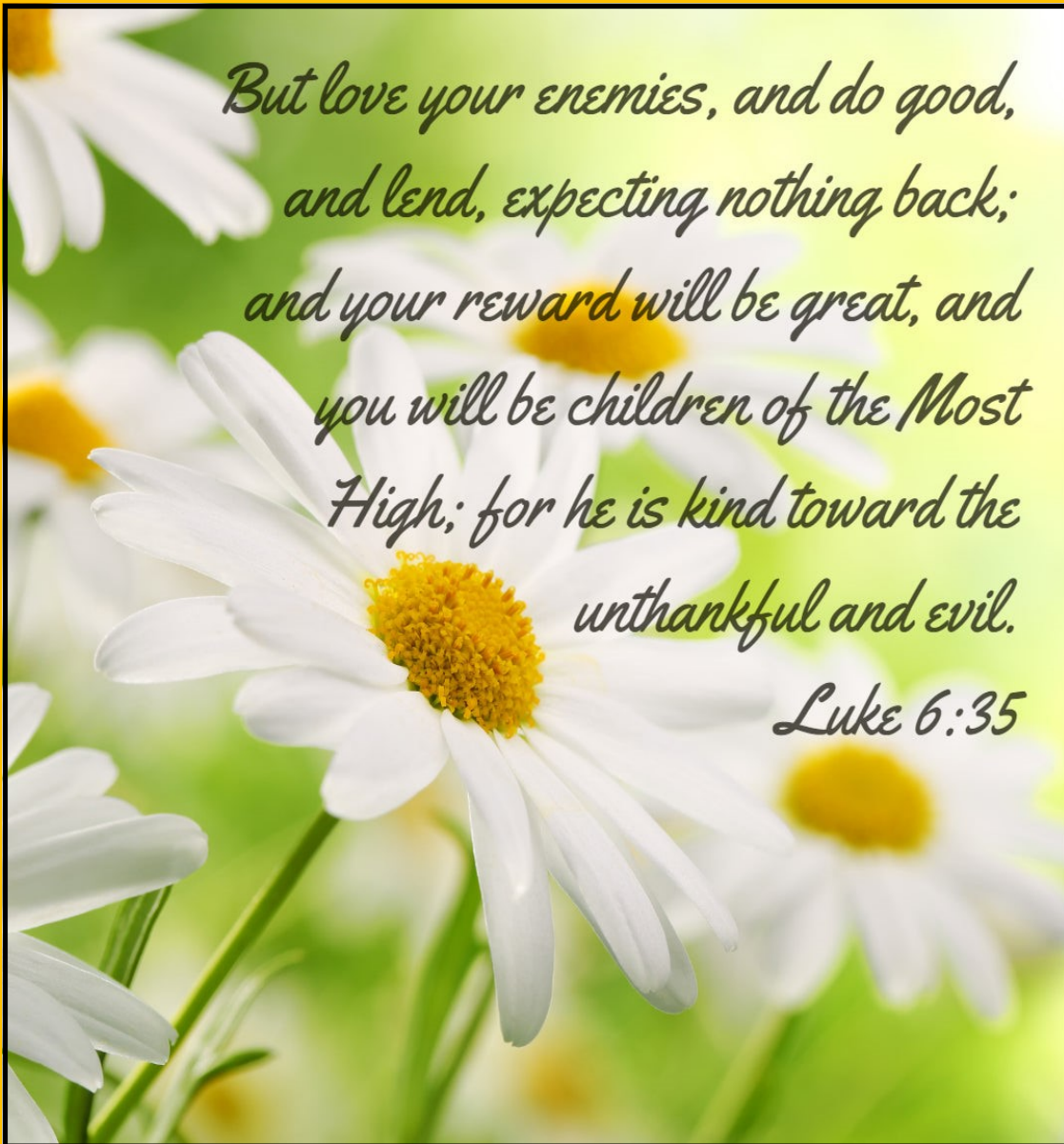


ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Rev. Tuan Van Nguyen, Pastor



Sunday, February 20, 2022

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MASSES

Weekend Masses-

Saturday- 5:00pm
Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream and 11am

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri- 8:30am

Communion Service- Confession-

Wed- 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick

Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm in the Church

Fr. Tuan is available for personal anointing at home, nursing home, hospice etc. Please call the rectory 815-467-2233.

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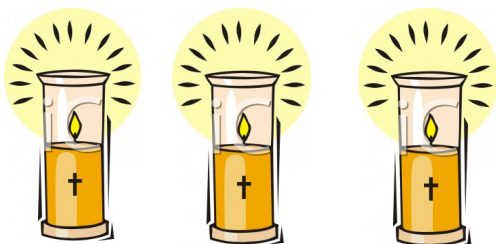
MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
The Rosary will not be prayed before 8:30am morning Mass starting January 1st for the winter months.			
Saturday, February 19	5:00pm	Raymond Noel Josephine Quilter	The Noel Family Sharon Gaydula
Sunday, February 20	7:30am	Verna Chiapello	KC's
	9:00am	Scott Tezak Sanctity of Life	The Family
	11:00am	Lorraine Davidson	Craig & Kathy Williamson
Monday, February 21	8:30am	Ed & Helen Vercelli	
Tuesday, February 22	8:30am	Dan Caruso Therese Kerr	Sestak Family The Kimble Family
Wednesday, February 23	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, February 24	8:30am	Bill Stafford	Kathy Wilhelm
Friday, February 25	8:30am	Bill Stafford	Vicki & Ed Walsh
Saturday, February 26	5:00pm	Living and Deceased Golubiak family Bill Stafford	Bob & Robin White Bob & Robin White
	7:30am	Anita Chiovero	Scott & Julie Hellem
Sunday, February 27	9:00am	David Gregory Sr. Sanctity of life	Knights of Columbus
	11:00am	Parishioners	

This week candles were lit for :

- Gloria Ziebler
- Pat & Mickey McDonald & John Brown
- Police & Firefighters
- An end to the Corona Virus
- Sanctity of Life from Conception until Natural Death

If you would like a candle lit outside for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 815-467-2233.



Parish Sick List

Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Dylan Pickett
Paul Thien Phu
Fr. Jim Lennon
Deidra Hogan
Lonnie Barutello
Jerry Davidson
Kevin McEvilly

Lorenzo Benitez
Marlena Benitez
Kelly McCormick
Rosalie Jostes
Gerald Boucher

Taryn Schrader
Robyn Bumgarner
Pat Olsen
Judy Stafford
Special Intentions
Sara Lovell
Elaine Troutman
Roger Dollinger



From the Bishop

Diocese of Joliet



February 2022

Dear Friends,

When we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, we will also take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Your support of this collection benefits such initiatives as the Tabita program, which was developed by Caritas Belarus in 2018. This program assists people with disabilities by bringing them together to socialize, share their experiences, and pray in an environment where volunteers, as well as a volunteer coordinator and a part-time social worker, are available to assess and assist participants with their physical, social, psychological, and spiritual needs.

When you support the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, you help programs like Tabita break down the walls of isolation separating people with disabilities from the community and from each other.

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



St. Mary's Music Ministry

St. Mary's Music

HELP WANTED

St. Mary's is looking to hire some additional sub-musicians and sub-cantors. This is a paid professional opportunity.

Substitute musicians fill in when the music director is unavailable for weekly masses, holy days, funerals, and weddings. These masses would be scheduled with advance notice, unless there is a case of illness or emergency. Our music director works with you according to your needs and schedule.

If interested, please contact our music director, Kaleigh Mattson:
kaleigh.stmarysmusic@gmail.com
815-277-6363



CALLING ALL CHILDREN! COME MAKE SOME MUSIC!

any children who are interested in singing as part of our children's choir during children's mass are invited to come rehearse in our choir loft at 10:15 before mass on February 13th

all ages welcome - reading skills are a plus!

for questions or more information:
kaleigh.stmarysmusic@gmail.com

Calling all singers!

Choir rehearsals begin Monday, February 28th. We rehearse every Monday from 7:30-9pm in the choir loft. We will be preparing for the Lent and Easter seasons. The choir sings at Sunday 9am Masses and at all Holy Days.

All are welcome! No prior experience is necessary.

For more info, contact our music director, Kaleigh Mattson:

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From Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Here is a reflection for this weekend's readings:

Love is our theme today. Love is the greatest commandment that Jesus left us. Today Jesus is giving us enough reasons why we should extend our love to our enemies. God is the creator of all that is here on earth. He is the same God who created those things we fear or hate like snakes, fierce wild animals and poisonous plants. He also created those people who persecute and hate us. Also, there are people who fear us and also those we don't like. We, in our human weakness, tend to act as victims all the time, forgetting that others are victims of our persecutions. They see us as their persecutors.

In the above scenario, we neither wouldn't like to be hated by others nor be referred as persecutors. We would like to feel loved by others and others to feel safe when they are around us. The perfect alchemy to this is embracing love.

The love we have from God cures all evils in this world. When we fail to love, we hate. When we hate evil propagates among us and we perish. When we love, we eliminate hate and goodness flourishes among us.

Let us adhere today to Jesus' call today to love our enemies because God loves them with the same measure He loves us. He doesn't discriminate anybody. We too should follow God's perfect example and extend our love to our adversaries and this great love will thaw the hatred in our enemies and we will all become children of our Heavenly Father.

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan

Please call **Katrinka Kochanek** at **708-369-6216**.

If any children are interested in reading at Children's Mass. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

French Toast Breakfast

Sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

February 27th from 8:am-11:00am

\$8.00 for Adults

\$4.00 for Children

or \$30.00 per Family



Raffle Mania IV Drawing For February



\$100 Winner – Joyce Danek
50 Winner - Denise Tonarelli
25 Winner – Carole Miller
25 Winner - Pat Ukockis

Saint of the Week -Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

On Feb. 21, Catholics honor Saint Peter Damian, a Benedictine monk who strove to purify the Church during the early years of its second millennium.

Born during 1007 in the Italian city of Ravenna, Peter belonged to a large family but lost both his father and mother early in life. An older brother took the boy into his household, yet treated him poorly. But another of Peter's brothers, a priest, took steps to provide for his education; and the priest's own name, Damian, became his younger brother's surname.

Never formally canonized, St. Peter Damian was celebrated as a saint after his death in many of the places associated with his life. In



Youth Group

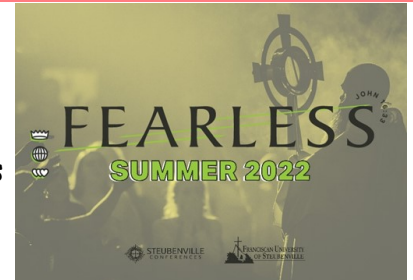
Calling all high schoolers and current 8th graders!

Throughout the Bible, the Lord tells us over and over again, "Be not afraid," and he continues to speak these words to us today. Come and join hundreds of Catholic teens at the Steubenville Youth Conference held at Missouri State University on July 15-17 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us.

All this year incoming High School Freshmen through outgoing High School Seniors are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

If you are interested in attending &/or want more information, please contact Deacon Fred in the RE office or contact Joann Ban at 815-467-2769.

Consent forms to reserve spots are due February 27th! You can pick up the form in the DRE office or on the rectory porch. Please leave them with Deacon Fred in the RE office or leave them on the rectory porch.



Volunteer Schedules

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
Saturday, February 26 5:00pm	Carolyn Healy	Mike Healy	Lauren Klimchak
Sunday, February 27 7:30am	Rose Ruettiger	Joyce Danek	Xander Esquivel
Sunday, February 27 9:00am	Vic DelMastro	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker	Brooklyn Lehner
Sunday, February 27 11:00am	Bruce Ukockis	Cheryl Nelson Jessica Folsom	Megan Weinstock

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
Saturday, March 5 5:00pm	Kathy Sabuco	Roy Sabuco	Jada Akroush
Sunday, March 6 7:30am	Brenda Rittof	Rose Ruettiger	Bridget Phillips
Sunday, March 6 9:00am	Chris Gregory	Alice Mayr Erica Schramm	Brooklyn Lehner
Sunday, March 6 11:00am	Child Lector	Kathy Williamson Glenda Smith	Keighera Fleming

RE NEWS

Dear RE Families,

Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers this week as they venture into the Sacrament of Confirmation this Tues Feb 22nd at St Ann Channahon at 6:30 pm.

I am presently working on the schedule for our 2nd Graders who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sat April 30th and Sun May 1st and will be letting you know soon what that schedule is.

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. We will be having an Ash Service for the students and their Parents during the RE Classes that day. Please see the Bulletin and our website for Mass times if you want to attend Mass that day.

Here are some pictures from our explanation of the Mass last week.

Have a great week.

Deacon Fred Ban

Below are pictures of Fr. Tuan celebrating the Mass of Explanation for our RE Children, second part of the Mass- Liturgy of the Eucharist.



Question of the week

With Lent right around the corner we have a couple of Lenten questions.

Question 1:

Can you tell me what Catholic traditions are concerning Lent? My father goes without meat on Friday, my mother on Wednesday and Friday. Which one is right?

Answer:

They both are. The Church nowadays requires abstinence from meat only on Fridays of Lent, so your father is obeying the current discipline. In the early centuries, Christians fasted and abstained on Wednesdays and Fridays—not only in Lent, but all year long. So your mother is honoring this ancient tradition.

The spirit of Lent is to do something more, something extra, to grow closer to Christ. The Church sets some guidelines as a minimum, but we are free to do more. Traditionally, the penances of Lent are fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Each person, together with his confessor, decides on what practices will best prepare him for Easter.

Question 2:

Do Sundays "count" during Lent for fasting?

Answer:

Here is what the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has to say on the matter of fasting during Sundays in Lent:

Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.



Parish News

St. Mary's Adult Faith Formation

The Mass
Where Heaven and Earth Meet



God has a personal message for each of us!!!
We have entered our Father's house and He has something to say.
God speaks to us in the readings at Mass.

AFF (Adult Faith Formation) meets from 4:50 to 5:50 in the evening each Monday in St. Mary's Parish Center.

We meet on Zoom each Monday from 7 to 8 pm.

Check St. Mary's website for videos and the Zoom invitation.

This week, we'll learn more about the Liturgy of the Word.

Join us whenever you can!
Join us, even if you've never come before!

Each session, you'll learn something new and exciting about the sacrifice and the celebration of the Mass!

St. Mary's Book Club

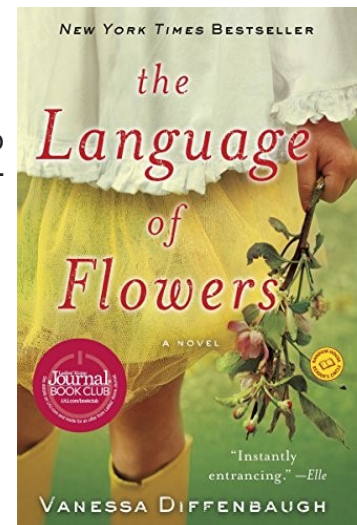
Our next selection is
"The Language of Flowers"
by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

This novel is about Victoria, a girl in the Foster Care system, who grows up in 32 different homes. When she is 10 years old she is placed with a woman who teaches her that flowers have meanings. Through arranging flowers, Victoria finds a way to connect with other people and to create the community that she has always wanted.

Please join our discussion about foster care children, love, family, forgiveness, second chances, AND FLOWERS!!

We will meet on Tuesday, March 15, 2021. (watch future bulletins and emails for time and location). Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library. Please have your library card available when you pick up. All are welcome!

Questions? Please contact Mary at 815-467-9577



Parish News

**Welcome to St. Mary's
Church!**

**Would you like to
become a
Registered
Parishioner?**

We are so blessed to have you with us today and every day! Our liturgies are made better by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Mary's to be a warm and inspiring experience of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you are not registered and would like to be, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Parish office at St. Mary's, P.O. Box 456, Minooka IL 60447.

Name: _____
Address _____
City _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Funeral Workers



**Thank you, Thank you,
Thank you**

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the CCW Women who served at the Funeral luncheons for the family and friends of the Maffeo family, Kinsella Family and Mother Dorothy of the Poor Clares.

As members of the Funeral Lunch committee your commitment and compassion are very much appreciated by all their families and friends. A big thank you goes out to Angie and Keith of Cookies Restaurant for the delicious food and terrific service! Anne Schrishuhn, Funeral Lunch Coordinator Sandy Artusa, Nancy Skwarczynski, Robin White, Cheryl Nelson, Doris Boehm, Jane Spray, Peg Furto, Pat Hogan, Marie Moretti, Kathy O'Hagan, Mary Blatti, Mary Lou Salato, Sara Fleming, Shirl Deutsch



Family Bowling

The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is holding a bowling event on Sunday, February 27th at the Channahon Lanes. Pizza will be served at 1:30pm followed by bowling at 2:00pm. The Knights of Columbus are covering the cost for children 12 yrs. of age and under. The cost for anyone over 12 is \$10.00 per person. The \$10.00 fee includes 2 games of bowling, shoes and pizza. **NO OUTSIDE DRINKS ARE ALLOWED. Limited space available please call the Parish Office 815-467-2233 or email Brian Flanigan at Brianflanigan@yahoo.com.**

CALLING ALL BAKERS



OUR CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER IS MARCH 6. THE COMMITTEE HAS ASKED FOR DONATED BAKED DESSERTS. IF YOU COULD DONATE A DESSERT OR YOUR TIME TO HELP CUT AND PLATE THE DESSERTS, PLEASE CONTACT JEANNIE RAPP AT



815-254-2354 OR EMAIL JEANCHUCK73@GMAIL.COM.

I WILL NEED TO KNOW IF YOU CAN BAKE BY MARCH 1ST SO I CAN MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH DESSERTS.
THANK YOU

CORNED BEEF ^{AND} CABBAGE DINNER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022
St. Mary's Parish Center
300 W. ST. MARY'S ST. MINOOKA, IL.
SERVING FROM NOON - 6:30PM

QUILTERS' RAFFLE
\$1 per ticket 6 for \$5
"St. Mary's Charmed Around"
Special Thank You To:
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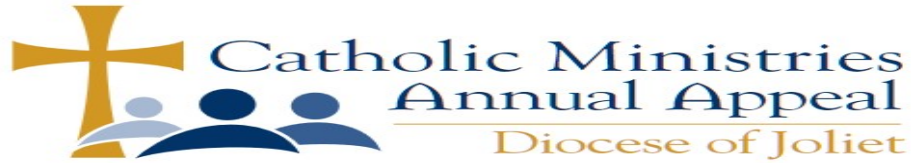
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ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP

- Hatfield Sisters w/ Gavin Coyle & Max Dunne** 12:30pm - 3:00pm
- Keigher Academy of Irish Dance** 3pm - 4pm (In parish hall)
- St. James Gate - Irish Rock Band** 3:30pm - 6:30pm



Live music tent on
ST. MARY'S ST.



Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference

The opening report for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how, when we pledge our support to the CMAA, we are *devoted to the works of the Lord*.

Through the CMAA, we serve so many in our diocese, including our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Every parish, including ours, benefits from the ministries funded through the CMAA, like vocations, Catholic education and faith formation.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$44,600, with 70 percent of the amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

Collection Totals for the Weekend of: Feb 12/13, 2022

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$23,526.20	\$2,253.25	\$25,779.45
Foundation for Faith	\$217.00	\$75.00	\$292.00
Major Maintenance	\$497.00	\$90.00	\$587.00
Needy in Community	\$271.00	\$270.00	\$541.00
Immaculate Conception	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Latin America	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Retired Religious	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$290,808.78		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$278,235.21		

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