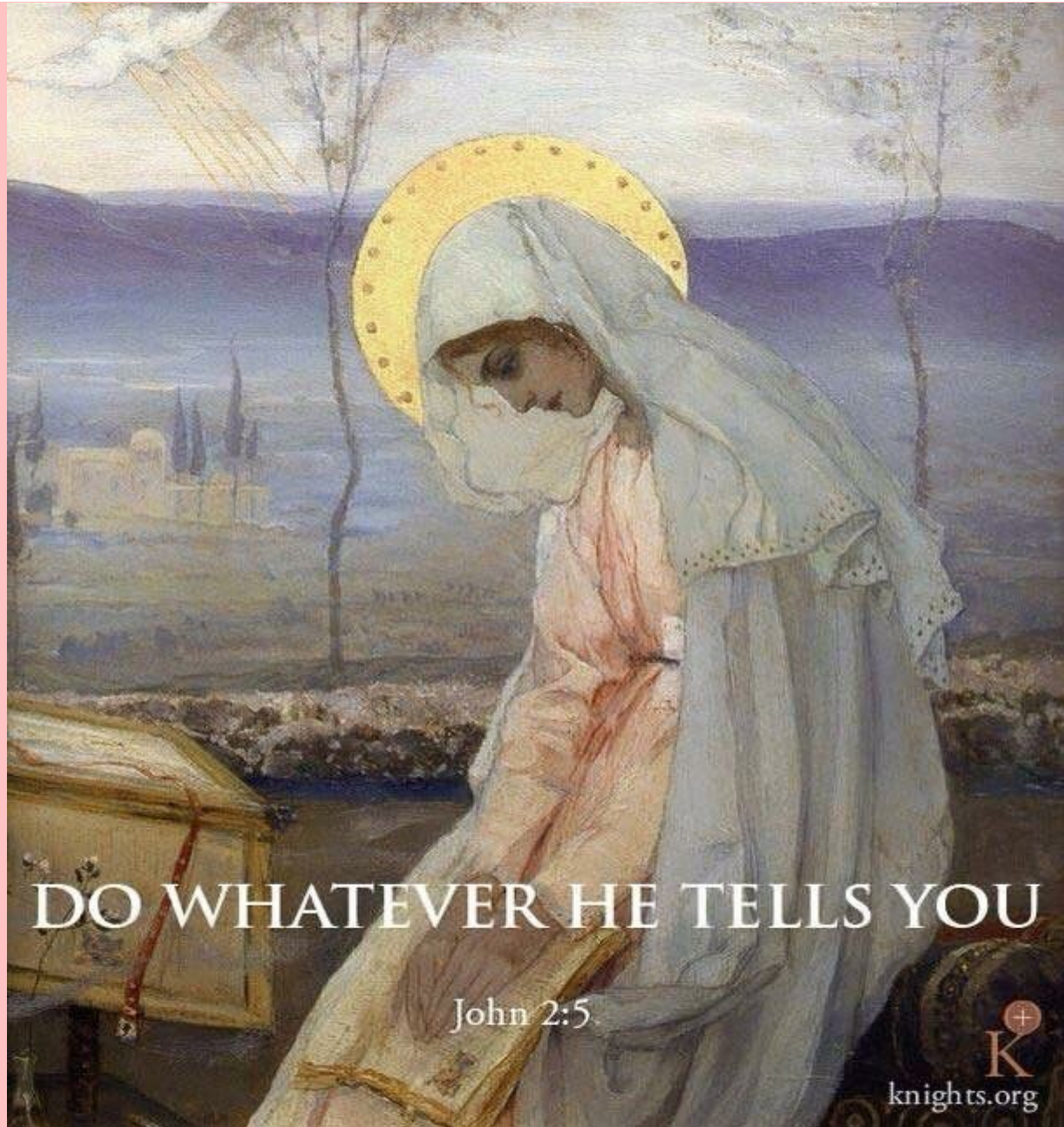


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Sunday, January 16, 2022

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

Weekday Masses- Communion Service- Confession- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri- 8:30am
Wed- 8:30am
Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm in the Church

Anointing of the Sick- 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, Jan 15	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Lorraine Davidson Philip Kerr	Bob & Robin White The Stafford Family The Kimble Family The Noel Family
Sunday, Jan. 16	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Raymond Noel Sanctity of Life Fr. Tuan's Parents	
Monday, Jan 17	8:30am	Lorraine Davidson	Joe & Carol Schmitz
Tuesday, Jan 18	8:30am	Bill Stafford	Terry & Joyce Danek
Wednesday, Jan 19	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Jan 20	8:30am	Noble Collins	The Family
Friday, Jan 21	8:30am	Joe Hozian	Emma Hozian
Saturday, Jan 22	5:00pm	Chuck & June Anzels Bill Stafford	Pat & Judy Tierney Sydney & Glen Yunker
Sunday, Jan 23	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Verna Chiapello Catherine Baudino Sanctity of Life Parishioners	KC's Jolene & Jim Machetta



This week candles were lit for :

- 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
Lou Tapella

Taryn Schrader
Dominic Boblak
Robyn Bumgarner
Pat Olsen
Al Soley
Judy Stafford
Special Intentions
Sara Lovell
Elaine Troutman
Cindy Thompson
Roger Dollinger

Arturo Esquivel
Gerald Boucher
Matt Wehrley



From Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Next Weekend, there will be a second collection for The Church in Latin America.

Here is a reflection on this weekend's readings by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson:

"What wonders to know
that Our Lord here below
Is with us to bestow
grace on our good doings
and cause them to glow."

Yes, that's my verse above as I reflect on Cana. It's that famous wedding reception held in that tiny town with reverberations far beyond. Two distinct facts emerged from it. Note this fact for sure: the Son of God actually went to a wedding reception! Bear in mind what this means: the Lord and Master of the universe, creator not only of faraway galaxies that our human eyes can barely see without machinery, and also of creatures so deep in the ocean that only our cameras let us glance them; He who is and will be, our sole and supreme Judge actually walked into a party meeting and greeting, only to toast the newly weds; dine on the food and dance to the music.

To all those sour types who believe that God wants nothing to do with us in the little happenings of our ordinary lives, and dwell aloof from us here is proof of the opposite. How wonderful that is! Cana lives forever in our minds.

Here is the second fact: There is such a unique relationship between Jesus and Mary, that not many words need be spoken. A bond begun from the minute of the Angel Gabriel's visit to her which was all about Him. All that needed to be said was "Do whatever He tells you." As Our Lady's valedictory message, the last words of her in the Bible, it could not have been better for us to hear.

It is important for us to realize that no human agency, not even that of His own Mother, could dictate what Jesus would do. God the Father's will was Jesus' sole mandate. But somehow, I believe the power of the love between Himself and His Mother, persuades Our Lord to change His schedule. Oh what a certain young couple had to remember for family storytelling! Cana is forever.

So how are we to react to all this? I believe first of all that we must update our trust in Our Lord's loving awareness of us as individuals. He knows us by name. Taking our cue from St. Paul's Letter to Corinth, we can believe that each of our unique talents marks our place in God's creation. He knows us and loves us. Pure and simple. Marvelously comforting.

Secondly, Cana makes us aware that often the best approach we can make to Our Lord is through His holy Mother. She has such vital knowledge of Him that she knows just what to say and how to say it to her Son. This is not to deny direct prayerful address to Jesus. I speculate that the widespread discomfort of our non-Catholic sisters and brothers with Mary at least in part springs from our own misguided ways. I've not forgotten the shock I experienced as a boy when I witnessed an otherwise pious woman rush right past the tabernacle with no mark of respect shown the Real Presence in her haste to kneel at a shrine to Mary.

Meanwhile we can experience a touch of the joy of Cana in our hearts as the Sacred Host and Chalice are raised above our heads at Mass. It lets us join in spirit with St. Richard of Chichester, who once prayed thus: "O most merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer, may I see You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, day by day."

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan



RE NEWS

Dear RE Families,

Please join me in Congratulating our 2nd Graders!!

Tomorrow Mon Jan 17th they will be making their First Reconciliation!!

It was wonderful to have all of the children back this past week for RE, as a reminder with the Covid numbers going up, if your child or anyone on your family is not feeling well, please keep your child home. Just let me know by email or phone call that is why they are not coming to RE.

Have a great week and stay safe. 😊

Peace,

Deacon Fred Ban

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

St. Mary's Teen Group



St. Mary's Teen Group will be returning from Christmas break on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30pm.

8th grade families please watch your emails for an invitation for your teen to join Teen Group.

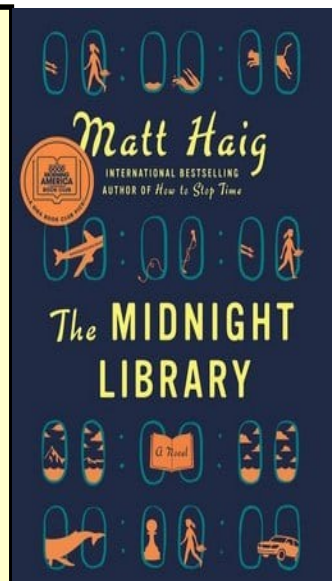
Parents we will be sending out information about a parent meeting regarding the Stuebenville trip this summer.

St. Mary's Book Club

Our next selection is "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. It is about a library that allows Nora to live her life differently and undo any of her regrets.

Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, Jan 18, 2021. Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library. Both, in person, and curbside pick up are available.

Please watch for future emails concerning the time and location of the January meeting.



Question of the Week

Our question this week is:

Question:

Can the Confiteor prayer as a short-term replacement for the sacrament of reconciliation during mass so you can receive communion even if you are not in a state of grace at that time?

Answer:

The short answer to your question is no, the Confiteor does not take the place of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the remission of mortal sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes this clear in paragraph 1385:

To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion (emphasis added).

If you are conscious of grave sin prior to receiving Holy Communion, you should refrain from receiving until you've had recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



SAINT OF THE WEEK St Fabian Pope and Martyr.

Eusebius, born just a few years after Fabian's death, tells us how Fabian came to Rome after Pope Anteros died in 236. A layperson, and not a very important one, he may have come for the same reason many still come to Rome today during a papal election: concern for the future of the faith, curiosity about the new pope, a desire to grieve for the pope who had passed. Seeing all the important people gathered to make this momentous decision must have been overwhelming. Which one would be the new pope? Someone known for power? Someone known for eloquence? Someone known for courage?

Suddenly during the discussion, a dove descended from the ceiling. But it didn't settle on "someone known" for anything at all. The dove, according to Eusebius, "settled on [Fabian's] head as clear imitation of the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove upon the Savior." There must have been something of the Holy Spirit working because everyone suddenly proclaimed Fabian as "worthy" to be pope and this stranger was elected.

To us the dove signifies peace, and this dove was prophetic. Starting close to Fabian's election, the suffering and persecuted Church began a time of peace. The emperor, Philip, was friendly to Christians and not only was the persecution stopped but Christians experienced acceptance.

In this era of peace, Fabian was able to build up the structure of the Church of Rome, appointing seven deacons and helping to collect the acts of the martyrs.

In the few years of peace, the Church had grown soft. Many didn't have the courage to stand up to martyrdom. But Fabian, singled out by symbol of peace, stood as a courageous example for everyone in his flock. He died a martyr in 250 and is buried in the Cemetery of Calixtus that he helped rebuild and beautify. A stone slab with his name can still be found there.

Help Wanted around the Diocese

Associate Director of Family and Youth Evangelization and Catechesis Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora

Associate Director of Family and Youth Evangelization and Catechesis for Grades 6-12. Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Aurora IL Our Lady of Mercy Parish is seeking a full-time Associate Director for Family and Youth Catechesis and Evangelization for Grades 6-12. The Associate Director will work with a ministry team to develop and grow disciples for Christ and send them on mission. Primary focus will be spent working with high school teens and their families, while providing support for the other catechetical/evangelization ministries of the parish. An applicant must have experience in youth or family ministry, rooted in the Catholic faith and have a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Religious Studies, or Pastoral Ministry or related field. Benefits are offered with this position. Please submit resume to Dave Miserendino at Our Lady of Mercy Parish via email at DaveM@olmercy.com or mail at 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora IL 60504



PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE AND NURSING St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Naperville, IL

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Naperville is seeking to hire a part-time Director of Pastoral Care and Nursing. This is a 25 hour per week non-benefited, salaried position reporting to the pastor. This individual will promote holistic health (physical, psychological, social and spiritual) by providing leadership in identifying and responding to the holistic health needs of the parish. The ideal candidate is a currently licensed registered nurse in good standing the State of Illinois and has at least three (3) years' experience as a spiritually grounded servant-leader. To view a detailed job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume and cover letter to jsimmons@stapostle.org.



Part-time Youth Minister St. Pius X Catholic Community, Lombard, IL



Youth Ministry

St. Pius X Catholic Community in Lombard, IL is seeking a part-time youth minister. Candidates should be living in full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church. Key responsibilities include leading our youth in grades 6-12 into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through Catechesis, evangelization, service and worship. Candidates must possess excellent communication skills, coupled with strong organizational habits that will allow them to be successful in overseeing the entire program's needs from planning and recruitment to budgeting. Candidates must be open to parent involvement and growing community relationships. Coordination and collaboration with other staff members is crucial. Those meeting the necessary qualifications and would like to apply for this position may email resume to dcooper@stpiuslombard.org.

Full-Time Building Grounds and Custodial Maintenance Manager Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet

The Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet is seeking to hire a full-time Building Grounds and Custodial Maintenance Manager. This position is responsible for the maintenance of all parish buildings and grounds. Must be able to perform/oversee tasks related to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, painting, security and maintain the safety of all buildings and grounds. General knowledge related to HVAC, Electrical and plumbing trades is preferred. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and climb ladders. Position requires a team player who pays attention to detail and can work with limited supervision. Please submit resume and references to ppluth@straymond.net



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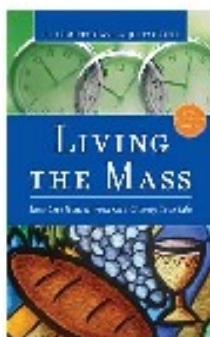
St. Mary's News

St. Mary's Adult Faith Formation

The Mass Where Heaven and Earth Meet

I hope you enjoyed *BORED AGAIN CATHOLIC: How the Mass Could Save Your Life* by Timothy P. O'Malley.

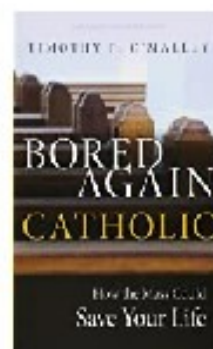
I have another suggestion for your new year reading.



Living the Mass, How One Hour a Week Can Change Your Life by Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki.

Last week we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus.

We were asked to think of our own baptism in light of Christ's baptism.



The authors of "Living the Mass" feel that "we think our baptism was a once-and-done event as opposed to something we are called to practice each and every day." The authors believe that "going to Mass on Sunday makes little sense unless we understand it within the context of how we live the other six days of the week."

With this background, the priest and the layman share their interesting and compelling experiences and perspectives on the Mass.

If you believe that we are truly meant to leave the church on Sunday and "Go forth and share God's love with the world" then this book might inspire you and give you some practical approaches to living your faith.

Raffle Mania IV Drawing For January



\$100 Winner – Terry Danek

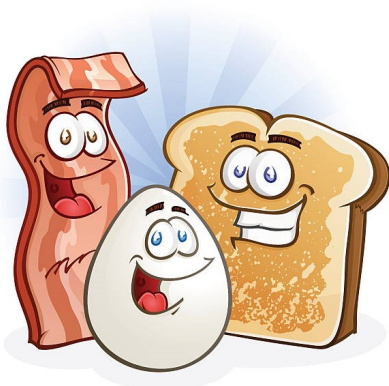
\$50 Winner - Liz Lee

\$25 Winner - John Hulbert

\$25 Winner - Kathy O'Hagan

French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, January 23
from 8:00am -11:00am
KC's will be sponsoring a
French Toast Breakfast.
Please join us.



ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

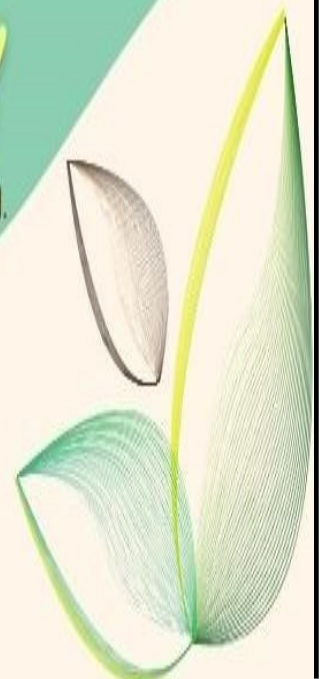
A DAY OF SUPPORT AND REFLECTION.

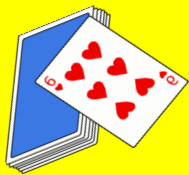
FREE ZOOM ONLINE EVENT

DATE: January 22, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

"Zoom link to follow upon registration"





Ladies'

GAME

NIGHT



Mark Your Calendars

CCW Meeting and Game
Night

Thursday
January 20th
at 6:30pm

In the Parish Center



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: _____

*Thank
you*

**Thank you so much for your financial support to
St. Mary's. It's people like you that have made this
Parish what it is today!**

Collection Totals for the Weekend of:

Jan 8/9, 2022

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$10,120.33	\$2,731.25	\$12,851.58
Christmas	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Foundation for Faith	\$6,802.00	\$110.00	\$6,912.00
Major Maintenance	\$1,642.00	\$75.00	\$1,717.00
Needy in Community	\$336.00	\$215.00	\$551.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$241,420.33		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$236,078.36		



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