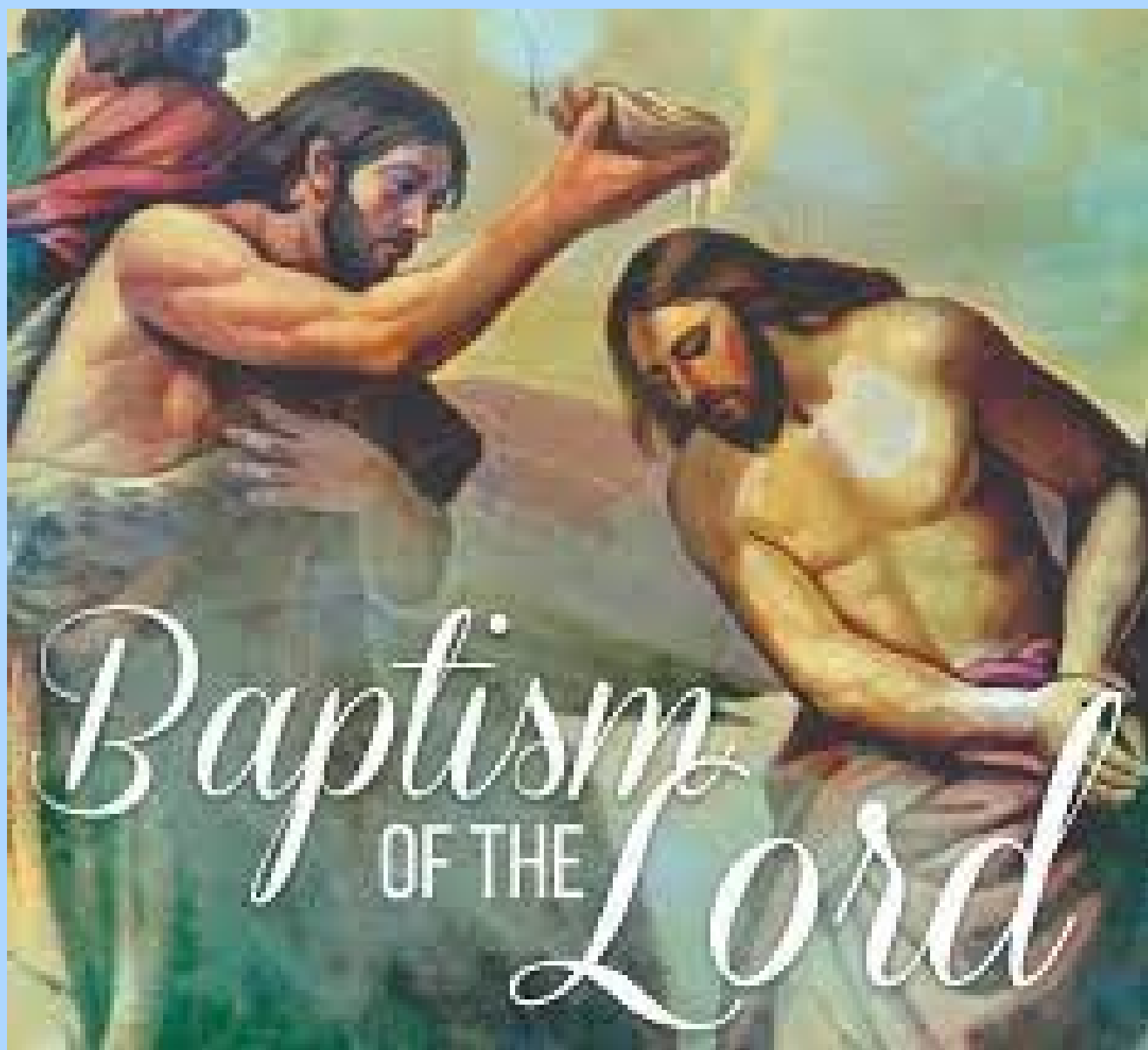


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Weekend Masses-

Saturday- 5:00pm

Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream
and 11am

Weekday Masses-

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

**Communion Service-
Confession-**

Wed- 8:30am

**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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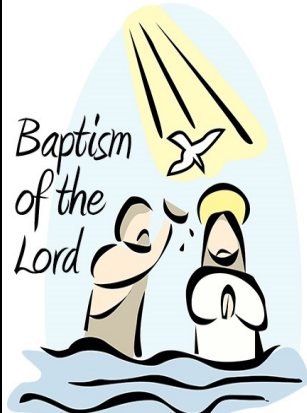
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MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

DATE

TIME

MASS INTENTION

FROM

The Rosary will not be prayed before 8:30am morning Mass starting January 1st for the winter months.

Saturday, Jan 8	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Anita Chiovero	Chuck & Pam Shepherd John & Patti Gretz
Sunday, Jan 9	7:30am 9:00am	Dan Caruso Jerry Hannon Sanctity of Life	JoAnn Dollinger George Smego
	11:00am	Clementina Jimenez	Maria Atilano
Monday, Jan 10	8:30am	Communion Service	
Tuesday, Jan 11	8:30am	Communion Service	
Wednesday, Jan 12	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Jan 13	8:30am	Lorraine Davidson	Peg & Jim Furto
Friday, Jan 14	8:30am	Walter & Marylou Friant	The Family
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	



This week candles were lit for :

- Tom Fabek
- Police & Firefighters
- An end to the Corona Virus
- Sanctity of Life from Conception until Natural Death

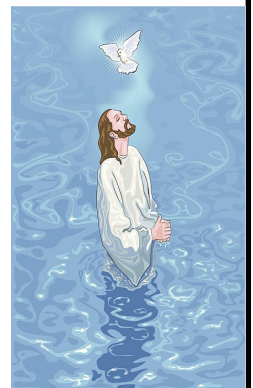
If you would like a candle lit outside for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 815-467-2233.

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
Jay Beshoar
Al Soley
Judy Stafford
Tim Beshoar
Special Intentions
Sara Lovell
Elaine Troutman
Cindy Thompson
Roger Dollinger

Arturo Esquivel
Gerald Boucher



From Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".



Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

Customs on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In the Ukraine the faithful gather in the front of the church where a cross of ice is placed. Since there are no rivers near churches, a tub is filled with water and is placed in front of the ice cross. During special and very unique services the water is blessed and brought home. This is taken in before breakfast is eaten. The remains are kept during the year to keep the home safe from fire, lightening and sickness.

The priest visits his parishioners to bless their homes with the holy water that the New Year may be one of cooperation with the gift of God; His Son and the participation in the Life He has come to lead us in toward Salvation. The evening meal is very much a repeat of the Holy Supper except that there are no restrictions on meat and dairy products. It starts with *Kutia*, which has been saved from Christmas Eve.

Love and Prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuan' or 'Tuan Tuan', written in a cursive style.

Fr. Tuan

RE NEWS

Good Morning RE Families!!

Welcome Back to RE!!

RE classes resume this week after our Christmas Break. It will be so good to have the children back in class, I know that the Catechists have missed seeing them as I did.



As a reminder the 2nd Graders will be receiving their First Reconciliation on Mon Jan 17th at 6:30 pm in the Church, please watch your emails for information.

Our 8th Graders will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation on Feb 22nd. We will be celebrating with St Ann and at St Ann in Channahon, please watch your emails for details.



God Bless,

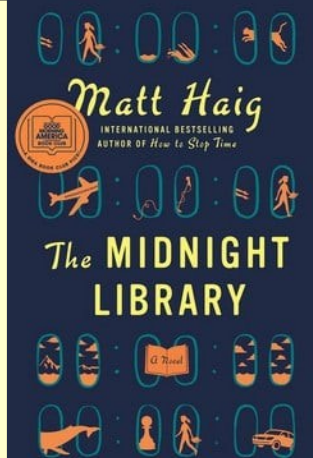
Deacon Fred Ban
Director of Faith Formation
St. Mary's Minooka

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.



Daily Rosary



Due to the possibility of cold and/or snowy weather in January, it has been decided to suspend the recitation of the rosary before daily Masses from **Jan. 3rd until further notice**. Praying the Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament brings many graces. We sincerely intend to continue this ministry as soon as possible if the weather cooperates. Please watch the bulletin for updated information.

For those of you who cannot attend Mass in the morning, there are many resources for praying the Rosary with others. Relevant Radio broadcasts the Rosary at 7:00 pm nightly and can be listened to at 930 AM on the radio, or through Facebook or on the free Relevant Radio app. With this format, you can also call in with prayer intentions or send intentions by email or on Facebook. If you have access to EWTN on TV, you can also pray along with Mother Angelica at 8:30 pm nightly.

Thank you to all who have joined us in prayer these last seven months. Please pray for a mild winter and good health for all so we can continue to honor our Blessed Mother and Jesus in prayer.

Question of the Week

Our question this week is a familiar one but worth visiting again.

Q: Why do so many people take their tree down so early, shouldn't stay up a bit longer?

A:

New Year's Day promises two certainties: college football bowl games and Christmas trees on the curb. To Catholics, of course, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It's a Holy Day of Obligation, and the final day of the Octave of Christmas.

The Church, however, is so generous with joy. She does not end our celebration of the Incarnation with the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas. She extends it to Epiphany. Twelfth Night, as our English-speaking brethren call it, is an event Catholics in America should celebrate with more enthusiasm (think: roaring bonfires, grilled meat, lots of singing, red wine, brown ale) and might very well do if it were observed here on the Liturgical Calendar on January 6 as it is England, Australia, and Canada, to say nothing of Vatican City. (Catholic Answers' Christmas party will be on Epiphany—and at a local brewery, Alesmith, owned by good friends of the apostolate.)

But the celebrating doesn't stop there! After Epiphany, the revelry continues until the Baptism of the Lord, the first Sunday after January 6 (usually). This year, Catholics may very well wish to keep their decorations up through January 12. And if you want to be really traditional, you can celebrate what the faithful called "Christmastide" before the liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In the old rite, or what we today call the Extraordinary Form, Christmastide lasted for 40 days to correspond with the 40 days of Lent, and the 40 days from Easter to Ascension Thursday.

A 40-day party? Gloria in Excelsis! (And people say Trad Cats are a dour bunch.)

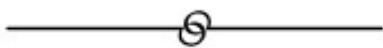
Christmastide ended on February 2, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called Candlemas Day. On this day, the faithful take candles that they will use throughout the year in their homes to Mass to have them blessed.

*Choose
Joy*

Mass for Life

celebrated by

Bishop Ron Hicks



Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022

Cathedral of St. Raymond



GIVING TREE THANK YOU

The Giving Tree preparations start early in the fall and takes many people to make it possible. It's a project that couldn't happen without the generosity of our parish family and the generous Minooka community. Thank you to all who bought gifts or gave a monetary donation.

It's a project that also requires lots of help, beginning with making tags and hanging them on the tree. Thank you, Carol Musgrave, Heather Flanigan and Kathy Dryier for getting the tags ready. Thank you to all the women from the Council of Catholic Women that came to the Parish Center when tags and bags were taken, when gifts were returned and when everything was sorted and bagged up for delivery. Thanks to Cheryl and Phil Tyrell for picking up the food from the Intermediate School's food drive. And thank you to all the women who came and helped to sort the food and make up food boxes for each family and the Poor Clares.

This year we delivered gifts and food to 7 families that included 19 children from Minooka and our parish.

Donations were delivered to Heritage Woods Assisted Living facility in Minooka by Peg Furto, Park Point in Morris by Carol Musgrave and Cheryl Tyrell, Operation Care Package by Jeanne Rapp, Cornerstone and Pregnancy Resource Center by Kathy and Craig Williamson. The Saturday before Christmas men from the Knights of Columbus and women from CCW delivered to the families and the Poor Clares. Thank you for helping.

Agencies that we helped, so they can help others were:

- Operation Care Package
- Cornerstone Services in Joliet
- Pregnancy Resource Center in Coal City
- The Minooka Food Pantry.

We are so grateful for our parish groups that helped, including:

- Knights of Columbus for providing a fresh ham for each family
- 8th grade RE students for homemade blankets
- A 6th grade RE class for homemade blankets
- Scarves for the Needy Project for homemade scarves

We are so blessed to have a community that helped out also.

Thank you to:

- Minooka Jewel and Jane Spray for arranging for the fresh food boxes
- Minooka Lions Club's generous monetary donation.
- Minooka Intermediate School students for nonperishable foods

On behalf of CCW, I would like to thank the CCW Giving Tree Committee and everyone who gave a few or many hours to this heartwarming service project.

Kathy Williamson, Giving Tree Committee Chairperson



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Saint Hilary of Poitiers, Latin Hilarius, (born c. 315, Poitiers, Gaul—died c. 367, Poitiers; feast day January 13), Gallo-Roman doctor of the church who as bishop of Poitiers was a champion of orthodoxy against Arianism (q.v.) and was the first Latin writer to introduce Greek doctrine to Western Christendom.



A convert from Neoplatonism, Hilary was elected bishop of Poitiers (c. 353). He was exiled (356–360) to Phrygia by the Roman emperor Constantius II for not condemning the leading opponent of Arianism, St. Athanasius the Great, at the Council of Béziers (356).

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 everyday! 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.

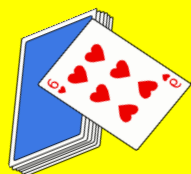
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Mark Your Calendars

CCW Meeting and Game Night

Thursday January 20th at 6:30pm

In the Parish Center





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:		Dec 18/19, 2021	
	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$0.00	\$3,204.25	\$3,204.25
Foundation for Faith	\$0.00	\$620.00	\$620.00
Major Maintenance	\$0.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00
Needy in Community	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$295.00
Christmas	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
All Saints	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$213,003.25		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$210,784.25		

Collection Totals for the Weekend of:		Dec 25/26, 2021	
	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$8,745.00	\$3,495.25	\$12,240.25
Christmas	\$15,392.00	\$2,579.00	\$17,971.00
Foundation for Faith	\$319.60	\$90.00	\$409.60
Major Maintenance	\$40.00	\$70.00	\$110.00
Needy in Community	\$10.00	\$260.00	\$270.00
Christmas Flowers	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Immaculate Conception	\$47.00	\$0.00	\$47.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Retired Religious	\$397.00	\$100.00	\$497.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$11.00	\$140.00	\$151.00
All Saints	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$225,243.50		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$219,215.62		

Collection Totals for the Weekend of:		Jan 1/2, 2022	
	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$0.00	\$2,880.25	\$2,880.25
Christmas	\$0.00	\$551.00	\$551.00
Foundation for Faith	\$0.00	\$107.50	\$107.50
Major Maintenance	\$0.00	\$88.00	\$88.00
Needy in Community	\$0.00	\$416.00	\$416.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$155.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$228,123.75		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$227,646.99		

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