

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Jase Michael Cook
Cole Maximillian Gloss
Clara Anastasia Novak
Drake Ambrose Gabriel
Annesly Abigail Smith
Brayden Sebastian Carlson
Victoria Francis Lehotan
Nathan Louis Schalk
Laney Elizabeth Przybyla
Kayle Marie Novak
Daniel Francis Yanes
Isabel Theresa Yanes
Therese Pier-Giorgio Escano
Charlie Peter Jacobs
Abigail Christopher Borjon
Alexa Antonia Lakota
Melinda Ann Torres

Zane Michael Caves
Emma Jeanne Jugan Best
Elliot Sebastian Dahlberg
Alex Maximillian Fisher
Gabriella Damian Ortiz
Abbygail Luke Ortiz
William Sebastian Johnson
Michael Michael Serra
Benjamin Sebastian Cyrkiel
Amelia Anne Lemberg,
Olivia Joseph Coyne
Justin Michael Phillips
Buck Francis Petrovic
Vanessa Teresa Alegria
Colton Michael Fitzgeralds
Felipe Cristobal Rodriguez
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James Francis Mendez
Eliana Celia Cipriani
Katie Guadalupe Bautista
John Hubertus Press
Morgan Francis Sossong
Jackson Robert Luif
Olivia Inocemia Salazar
Tyler Michael Martin
Gwen Teresa Winters
Trent Francis Bezaire
Bridget Brigida Zavala
Ryan Philip Neri DeLuca
Grace Francis Kochanek
Rowen Francis Stengel
Maggie Catherine Kolpak
Skylar Francis Saelens
Amy Guadalupe Olivas



Rev. Tuan Van Nguyen, Pastor

Sunday, February 27, 2022

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MASSES

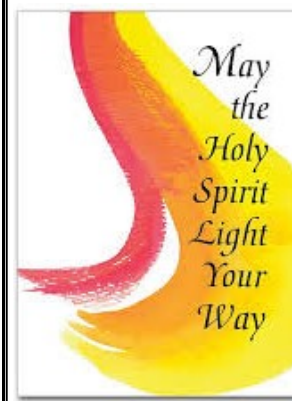
Weekend Masses-	Saturday- 5:00pm Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream and 11am
Weekday Masses	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri- 8:30am
Communion Service- Confession-	Wed- 8:30am
	Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm in the Church
Anointing of the Sick	Fr. Tuan is available for personal anointing at home, nursing home, hospice etc. Please call the rectory 815-467-2233.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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, February 26	5:00pm	Living and Deceased Golubiak family Bill Stafford	Bob & Robin White Bob & Robin White
Sunday, February 27	7:30am 9:00am	Anita Chiovatero David Gregory Sr. Sanctity of life Parishioners	Scott & Julie Hellem Knights of Columbus
Monday, February 28	11:00am 8:30am	Pat & Mickey McDonald & John Brown Rex & Ben Easton Ken Kinsella	The Family The Family Kinsella Family
Tuesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 2	8:30am 6:30am 8:30am 7:00pm	Fr. Tuan's Brothers Fr. Mark Fracaro Mitzi Haley	
Thursday, March 3	8:30am	Norman Tomaszewski	Virginia Buckbee
Friday, March 4	8:30am	Al & Marianne Keehl	The Family
Saturday, March 5	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Cecilia Popek Living & Deceased Golubiak Family	Kunke & Tierney Family KC's
Sunday, March 6	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Judy Pina Jerry Hannon Kathy Augsburg	CCW

This week candles were lit for :

- Gloria Ziebler
- 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	Taryn Schrader
Kimberly Gaydula	Robyn Bumgarner
Dylan Pickett	Pat Olsen
Paul Thien Phu	Judy Stafford
Fr. Jim Lennon	Special Intentions
Deidra Hogan	Sara Lovell
Lonnie Barutello	Elaine Troutman
Jerry Davidson	Roger Dollinger
Kevin McEvilly	
Lorenzo Benitez	
Marlena Benitez	
Kelly McCormick	
Rosalie Jostes	
Gerald Boucher	
Alesia	



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,

Lent begins this Wednesday, March 2. Here is the list of **Fasting and Abstinence Regulations**:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
3. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan

If you or someone you know
would like communion
brought to your home,
please call the rectory at
815-467-2233.



Donut Sunday
March 13th
8-12



Children's Mass
Sunday, March 13th
11:00am

If any children are interested in reading
at Children's Mass. Please call Katrinka
Kochanek at 708-369-6216.
Thank you.



Children's Liturgy
of the Word

RE NEWS

Dear RE Families,

We are entering the final quarter of the RE year. Our 8th graders made their Confirmation this past Tuesday at St Ann. The 2nd graders will be making their First Holy Communion in April and May. Please keep all of these children in your prayers.

On Ash Wednesday, we will be having Ash Wednesday Services during RE on Wednesday March 2nd at 4:45pm and 6:45pm. Parents are invited for these services.

**Deacon Fred Ban
Director of Faith Formation**



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>	<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	Saturday, March 12 5:00pm	Pete Quirk	Mike Healy	Brooklyn Lehner
Sunday, March 6 7:30am	Brenda Rittof	Rose Ruettiger	Bridget Phillips	Sunday, March 13 7:30am	Terry Danek	Deb Bols	Kevin Looney
Sunday, March 6 9:00am	Chris Gregory	Alice Mayr Erica Schramm	Brooklyn Lehner	Sunday, March 13 9:00am	Mike Schram	Mike Schramm	Keighera Fleming
Sunday, March 6 11:00am	Child Lector	Kathy Williamson Glenda Smith	Keighera Fleming	Sunday, March 13 11:00am	Child Lector	Cheryl Nelson Kathy O'Hagan	Sarah Folsom

Our Saint for this week - St Casmir

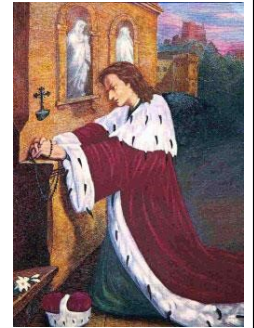
Casimir grew up in a world where his life was not his own. As a prince of Poland, the second son of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria, his life was scheduled to cement his father's authority and increase Poland's power.

Casimir realized from an early age that his life belonged to someone else, but to a much higher King than his father. Despite pressure, humiliation, and rejection, he stood by that loyalty through his whole life.

Born the third of thirteen children in 1461, Casimir was committed to God from childhood. Some of that commitment was the result of a tutor, John Dlugosz, whose holiness encouraged Casimir on his own journey.

He died at the age of 23 in 1484 from lung disease. He was buried with his favorite song, a Latin hymn to Mary called "Omni die dic Mariae" which we know as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary." Because of his love for the song, it is known as the Hymn of St. Casimir though he didn't write it.

Casimir is patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.



Question of the week

Question:

Every year during Lent I'm asked why Catholics fast and abstain. How can I explain our Lenten practice?

Answer:

Lent is the 40 days before Easter in which Catholics pray, fast, contemplate, and engage in acts of spiritual self-discipline. Catholics do these things because Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year (even above Christmas) and Catholics have recognized that it is appropriate to prepare for such a holy day by engaging in such disciplines.

The reason Lent lasts 40 days is that 40 is the traditional number of judgment and spiritual testing in the Bible (Gn 7:4, Ex 24:18, 34:28, Nm 13:25, 14:33, Jon 3:4). Lent bears particular relationship to the 40 days Christ spent fasting in the desert before entering into his public ministry (Mt 4:1-11). Catholics imitate Christ by spending 40 days in spiritual discipline before the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death.

Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and the New Testament. Christ expected his disciples to fast (Mt 9:14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6:16-18). Catholics follow this pattern by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence from certain foods is also a biblical discipline. In Daniel 10:2-3 we read, "In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks." Catholics use a practice similar to Daniel's when, as a way of commemorating Christ's Crucifixion on a Friday, they abstain from eating meat on that day of the week during Lent. The only kind of flesh they eat on Friday is fish, which is a symbol of Christ.

Even the Ash Wednesday practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes has a biblical parallel. Putting ashes on one's head was a common biblical expression of mourning (1 Sm 13:19, Est 4:1, Is 61:3; see also Est 4:3, Jer 6:26, Ez 27:30, Dn 9:3, Mt 11:21, Lk 10:13). By having the sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads, Catholics mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and their own sins, which made that suffering necessary.

Parish News

Welcome to St. Mary's Church!
Would you like to **be-**
come 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: _____

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Address
- ☐ New Phone Number

Attention High School Seniors



Scholarships available to our High School Seniors

Our very own St. Mary's Scholarship – sponsored by our Parish, Corned Beef Dinner Committee, the Ladies of our CCW, and the men of our Knights of Columbus. Open to all St. Mary's parishioners that are High School Seniors. Applications due back March 14th.

Please pick up application for all the details

Available to be picked up off Porch of the Rector

Don't miss out on this opportunity for A Scholarship

SAVE THE DATE
"A Garden Tea Party"
When: Sunday, April 3rd
Time: 2pm-4pm
Where: Parish Center
Hosted by CCW
More information soon



**Part-time Parish Secretary –
St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Lockport**

St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Lockport is seeking to hire a part-time parish secretary. This person will be responsible for answering phones, maintaining sacramental and parish records, gathering information for upcoming parish events, providing secretarial assistance for pastor and parish ministries, managing parish calendar, managing parish website, and editing parish bulletin. Person applying should have ability to communicate, along with organizational skills, experience using Microsoft Office Suite and Publisher, bookkeeping skills, and willingness to learn parish software. Understanding of the Polish Language is a plus. For further details and to apply, submit resume and cover letter to Father Steven Bondi at stevo1359@gmail.com.



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Invitation to strengthen your Marriage relationship!

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IN THE SESSIONS, THE COURSE COVERS:

- STRENGTHENING THE CONNECTION
- THE ART OF COMMUNICATION
- RESOLVING CONFLICT
- THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS
- THE IMPACT OF FAMILY
- GOOD SEX, AND • LOVE IN ACTION.

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Alpha The Marriage course AT NO COST TO YOU

Starting on Tuesday, MARCH 1st, at 7pm

you can join the course via Zoom

in the comfort of your own home with

wonderful date nights to renew your relationship!

*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT LEAST 24 HRS
BEFORE SESSION TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK.

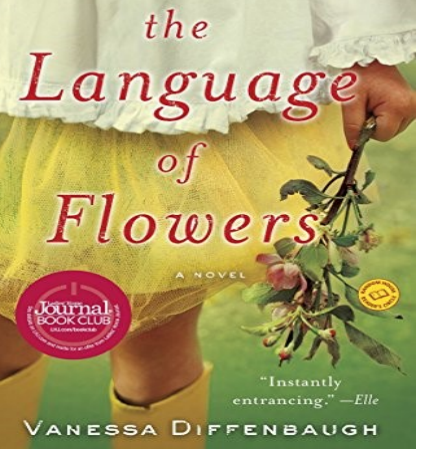
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QUESTIONS? REACH THE TEAM AT:

EASTERNDUPAGEMEM@GMAIL.COM

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER



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

**Don't throw away your marriage. There is hope. We can help.
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TAKE THE FIRST STEP...ATTEND A WEEKEND! For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for our September 13-15 weekend in Darien, call 815-246-2080, email retrouvaillejoliet@gmail.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

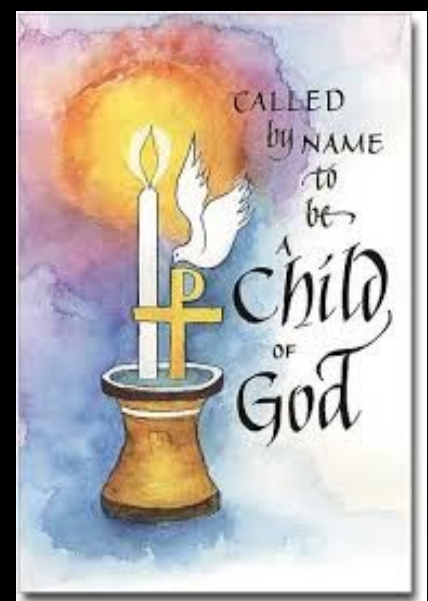
Retrouvaille Chicago has a weekend scheduled for Nov. 22-24.



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RETRouvaille
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OF JOLIET ILLINOIS



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

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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.*





Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal of \$GOAL.

This year's CMAA theme is *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*. The many ministries we fund with our gifts serve people across the Diocese of Joliet. Our parish alone could not provide the services we can when we work together, as a community of faith, to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith, strengthen vocations, and do so much more.

Seventy percent of the amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. Please make a commitment to the CMAA today by completing a pledge envelope available in the pews. Our parish is counting on you for your support. Thank you for making the most generous pledge possible to this year's CMAA.

Collection Totals for the Weekend of: Feb 19/20, 2022

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$0.00	\$2,938.25	\$2,938.25
Foundation for Faith	\$0.00	\$595.00	\$595.00
Major Maintenance	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$245.00
Needy in Community	\$0.00	\$1,585.00	\$1,585.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$293,747.03		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$286,666.58		

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