

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Rev. Tuan Van Nguyen, Pastor

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' RATTLE

\$1 per ticket 6 for \$5

*"St. Mary's
Charmed Around"*

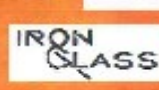
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Beer, Wine & Bottled Water
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ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP

**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.*



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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-

Wed- 8:30am

Confession-

**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

DATE

TIME

MASS INTENTION

FROM

Attention: Morning Rosary has resumed before daily Mass at 8:00am.

Saturday, March 5	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Cecilia Popek Living & Deceased; Golubiak Family	Kunke & Tierney Family KC's
Sunday, March 6	7:30am	Judy Pina	Friends & Family
	9:00am	Jerry Hannon	Jessie & Betty Smith
	11:00am	Kathy Augsburg	CCW
Monday, March 7	8:30am	Quan Nguyen	Fr. Tuan
Tuesday, March 8	8:30am	Ray & Pauline Maubach Bill Stafford	Maubach Family Judy Stafford
Wednesday, March 9	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, March 10	8:30am	Al & Marianne Keehl	The Family
Friday, March 11	8:30am	June Shafer	Fr. Tuan
	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, March 12	5:00pm	Lorraine Davidson Bill Stafford John Crowley	Peg & Jim Furto Bob & Robin White Jim & Joanne Zupancic
Sunday, March 13	7:30am	Raymond & Audrey Tierney	The Family
	9:00am	Rob Tonarelli	Denise Tonarelli
	11:00am	Clementina Jimenez	Maria Atilano
	12:00pm	Baptism	

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	Piero Setta Sr.
Lorenzo Benitez	Wren Wagoner
Marlena Benitez	
Rosalie Jostes	
Gerald Boucher	
Alesia	



First Sunday of Lent - From Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Here is a reflection from JSPaluch for the first Sunday of Lent.

RELYING ON GOD

Face it, the last couple of years have worn us all down. Sometimes we don't know how to pray, or we don't seem to find the words we want. It is easy to falter and waver. Lent is a time to get back to the basics. There is much hope and strength in our readings as we begin our Lenten journey. The letter to the Romans tells us today that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and this is an idea we hear throughout the scriptures. Psalm 91 shows us exactly how to cry for help, "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the people to bring their firstfruit offerings to God, and put their faith and trust in God, and Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we find our life in the word of God.

GOOD ZEAL AND TEMPTATIONS

In the chapter of Luke preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan and began his adult ministry. Immediately afterward he was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tested. While this might seem almost surreal as we imagine the devil taking Jesus from place to place, it is really much more simple and common than that. For many of us, as we strive to live our lives, we deal with many temptations. Sometimes it is a matter of having the zeal and desire, but not the practical experience or knowledge to carry out a goal. Other times, we are afraid to ask for the assistance that we need to carry a project through to completion. Or we might think that we deserve more, or that our results should be happening more quickly. Our egos can be destructive.

KNOWING YOUR TOUCHSTONES

When Jesus found himself tested by the devil, he was given several different scenarios. The devil brought up situations that he knew could specifically test Jesus, but similar situations would test any of us. Physical hunger is a real need, and many of us might yearn for success, or better paying jobs, or power, or the like. The difference is that when Jesus was tempted, he had some strong "touchstones" to hold onto, secure answers to lead him. He went to simple, basic scriptures that he could call upon in his time of need. For many, one of those basics would be Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have in mind for you—plans for peace and not disaster." For another it might be the Beatitudes or the twenty-third Psalm. Whatever it may be, have ready those touchstones, those "go to" prayers or phrases that you can hold onto during the times when you are sorely tested in your life. Let those stones be your firm foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4–10
Psalm 91:1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15
Romans 10:8–13
Luke 4:1–13

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan



Communion for the Homebound

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



St. Mary's News

St. Mary's Adult Faith Formation

The Mass
Where Heaven and Earth Meet



In the First Reading, God, Our Father, tells us of the heroes of the Old Testament. Those heroes were chosen by God for a purpose, but none of them was perfect. Jesus will be our perfect Hero. The heroes of the Old Testament prefigured Jesus.

In the Responsorial Psalm, we sing to the Father, using His own words, that we understand the message

He was teaching us through our family history and heroes in the First Reading.

We anticipate how Jesus will embody that message when we hear the Gospel.

AFF (Adult Faith Formation) meets from 4:30 to 5:30 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.

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.

Raffle Mania IV Drawing For March



and the winner is...

\$100 Winner – Virginia Mysliwiec
50 Winner - Chris & Katie Munsell
25 Winner – Ron Furto
25 Winner - Jon Car

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Parish Council Meeting
Monday, March
14th**



**Donut Sunday
March 13th
8am - Noon**



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

RE NEWS

Good Morning RE Families,

As we enter March, we only have 7 classes left for RE.

Special RE dates for March and April:

Tues Mar 15th Confession 2nd Grade

Wed Mar 16th Confession Grades 3-7

Communion Parent Meeting Tues Mar 22nd

Parent Meeting Grades 3-7 Wed Mar 23rd

Spring Break Tues Mar 29th

Spring Break Wed Mar 30th

Classes resume Tues April 5th and April 6th

On Tues April 12th and Wed April 13th we will be celebrating a Seder Meal with the RE Students

Peace,

Deacon Fred Ban



Volunteer Schedules

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
Saturday, March 12 5:00pm	Pete Quirk	Mike Healy	Brooklyn Lehner
Sunday, March 13 7:30am	Terry Danek	Debbie Bols	Kevin Looney
Sunday, March 13 9:00am	Mike Schramm	Mike Schramm	Keighera Fleming
Sunday, March 13 11:00am	Child Lector	Cheryl Nelson Kathy O'Hagan	Sarah Folsom

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
Saturday, March 19	Carolyn Healy	Mike Healy	Brooklyn Lehner
Sunday, March 20	Terry Danek	Debbie Bols	Xander Esquivel
Sunday, March 20	Sue Gregory	Mike Schramm	Brooklyn Lehner
Sunday, March 20	Cathy Fouts	Cheryl Nelson	Megan Weinstock

This week we have two Saints for our weekly Saint:

St. Perpetua and St Felicity, Martyrs:

Saints Perpetua and Felicity's Story

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'"



So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave woman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will." The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

Question of the week

With Ash Wednesday last Wednesday, we had a couple of questions about it.

1)

Question:

What is the meaning of Ash Wednesday?

Answer:

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday call us to remember our earthly mortality and thus repent and believe in the gospel. The ashes are a sign of penance and also a reminder that we will die a temporal death and thus should seek the kingdom of God, so that we may live with Jesus and the Church Triumphant forever in heaven.



2)

Question:

At my parish on Ash Wednesday, the blessed ashes are left on the altar after the Mass. Throughout the rest of the day parishioners are invited to come in to give each other ashes. Is this okay?

Answer:

It is true that lay ministers can be deputed to assist a priest or deacon in the distribution of blessed ashes: "This rite [the blessing of ashes] may be celebrated by a priest or deacon who may be assisted by lay ministers in the distribution of the ashes. The blessing of the ashes, however, is reserved to a priest or deacon" (*Book of Blessings* 1659). Leaving the ashes unattended on the altar for people to come in and give to each other is not provided for by the rubrics and should not be allowed.

Parish News

Attention High School Seniors



2 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 are due back no later than March 14.**

**Please pick up application for all the details
Available to be picked up off Porch of Rectory**

**Don't miss out on this opportunity
for A Scholarship**

Bishop Blanchette Scholarship

Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women have scholarship opportunities for you! If you are going to attend or do attend a Catholic High School you can apply for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship. Applications are available on Rectory Porch. Please note these Scholarships have their own requirements. Please pick up application for all the details

applications are due back to the rectory by Friday April 1st.

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: _____

☐ New Parishioner

☐ New Address

☐ New Phone Number





St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon

Wednesday March 16th
 Methodist Church Annex 11:30
 Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes
 Please contact Methodist Church at 815 467-2322



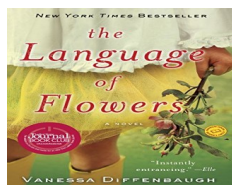
Minooka UMC's Fish Fry is back!
 Carry-out only from 4-7 p.m. in the annex beginning March 4th.
 Join us every Friday through April 8th.

Carry Out Menu For Fish Fry

Menu Item	Meal Cost	Side Item
Baked Cod	\$12.00	Fries
3 Pcs Fried Cod	\$10.00	Parsley Potatoes
7 Pcs Jumbo Shrimp	\$12.00	One side item is included with each meal
Fried Walleye	\$12.00	
Chicken Strips	\$8.00	Extra order of a side \$2.00
Every meal comes with cole slaw and a dessert		Extra order of a piece of fried cod is \$2.00

Call 815-467-2322 or email mumc2322@gmail.com to preorder.

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

THURSDAY MARCH 17TH

PLEASE JOIN CCW FOR

**THE PRAYING OF THE STATIONS
 OF THE CROSS THROUGH THE EYES OF MARY**

We will meet in Church at 6:30 for the Praying of the Stations. Following the Stations we will meet in the Parish Center for a brief meeting and refreshments. I hope you will be able to join us for this unique perspective of the Way of the Cross through Mary's eyes.





CCW

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

2022

Nancy Skwarczynski

Thank you for all that
you do for CCW and
St. Mary's Parish!

The Council of Catholic Women invite you to

A Garden Tea Party

Sunday, April 3rd

2:00pm-4:00pm

Parish Center

Come join us for a lovely afternoon of friendship, music,
and sweet treats.

Tea and other beverages will be served.

**Tickets will go on sale beginning March 12 after all
Masses until March 27th.**

You can also purchase your tickets at Donut Sunday and
the Knights of Columbus Breakfast, or by leaving a
message for Peg at (815) 467- 4493.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person

5 years old and under are free

Raffle Baskets and Door Prizes!

Music by Karen Isberg Sorbero will be our
entertainment for a fun afternoon!



Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish.

This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$44,600, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.

Collection Totals for the Weekend of: Feb 26/27, 2022

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$9,293.00	\$2,919.25	\$12,212.25
Foundation for Faith	\$143.84	\$77.50	\$221.34
Major Maintenance	\$40.00	\$70.00	\$110.00
Needy in Community	\$200.00	\$290.00	\$490.00
Ash Wednesday	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Latin America	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$305,959.28		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$295,097.95		



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