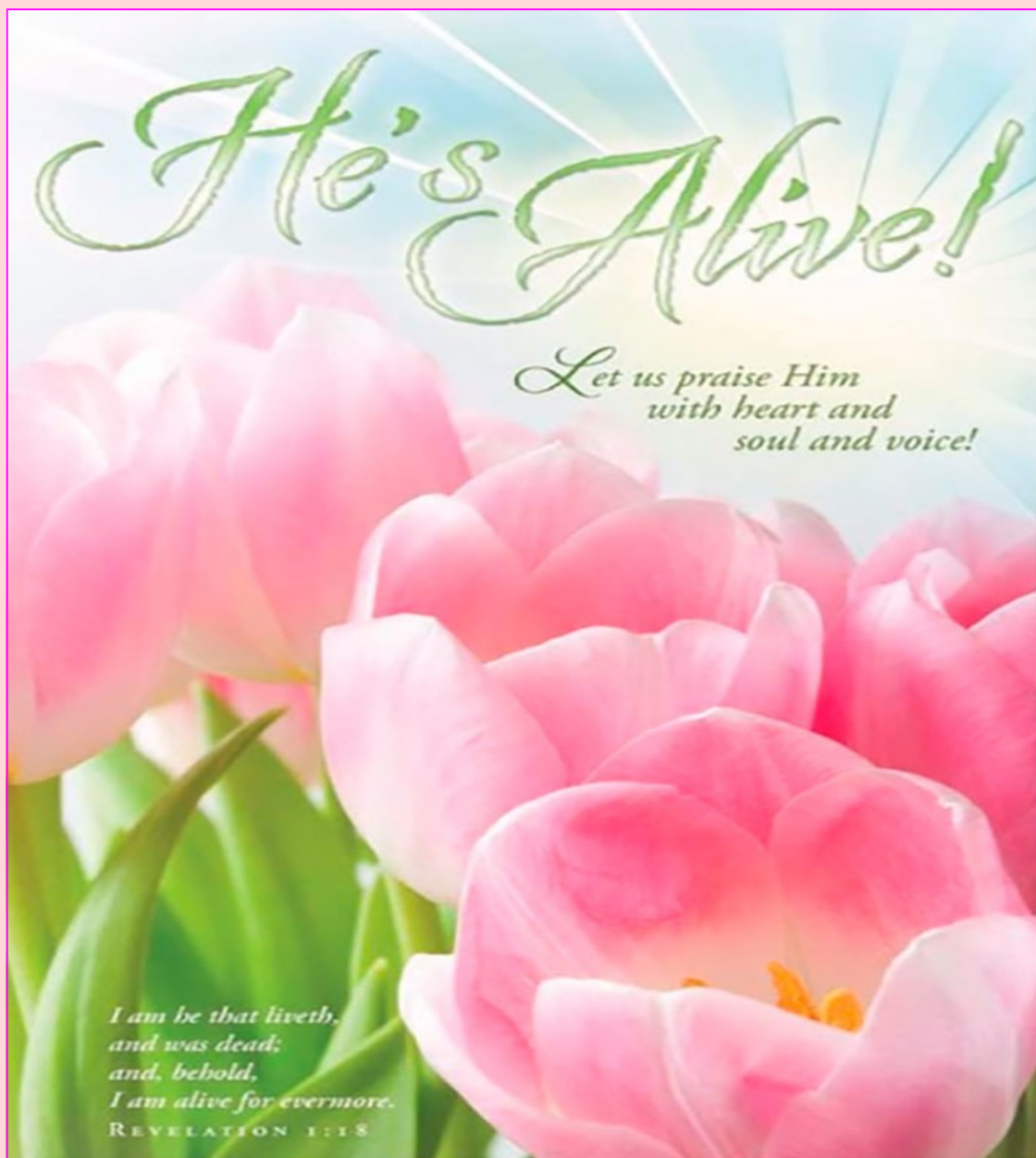


ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Rev. Tuan Van Nguyen, Pastor

HAPPY EASTER!



April 17, 2022

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MASSES

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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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MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>MASS INTENTION</u> | <u>FROM</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Morning Rosary is prayed daily before 8:30am. Mass. | | | |
| Saturday, April 16 Easter Vigil | 7:00pm | Bill Stafford Cecilia Popek Nick & Della Plain Lisa Maubach Leonard & Winona Bols Scott Tezak Jerry & Lorraine Carrington Gerald, Janet & Tom Clennon Sanctity of Life Walt Reichen | Kunke & Tierney Families KC's Maubach Family Maubach Family he Family The Family Mark & Cyndi Carrington The Family Denise Tonarelli |
| Sunday, April 17 Easter | 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am | Communion Service Communion Service Communion Service Communion Service Communion Service Raymond Noel Bill Stafford Verna Chiapello Sara Szumski Sanctity of Life Larry Nelson (Wedding Anniversary) | The Family Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Virginia Mysliwec & Family Cheryl Nelson & Family |
| Monday, April 18 | 8:30am | | |
| Tuesday, April 19 | 8:30am | | |
| Wednesday, April 20 | 8:30am | | |
| Thursday, April 21 | 8:30am | | |
| Friday, April 22 | 8:30am | | |
| Saturday, April 23 | 5:00pm | | |
| Sunday, April 24 | 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am | | |



HAPPY EASTER



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
Kimberly Gaydula
Dylan Pickett
Paul Thien Phu
Fr. Jim Lennon
Deidra Hogan
Lonnie Barutello

Special Intentions
Sara Lovell
Elaine Troutman
Wren Wagoner
Sue Burich
Jerry Davidson

Lorenzo Benitez
Marlena Benitez
Rosalie Jostes
Gerald Boucher
Alyssa Stroening
Gerry Loucks



From Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We want to thank you for joining us to celebrate Easter joy today. Easter is about new life and fresh hope that comes in the risen Christ. Jesus' resurrection shows that He truly was the Son of God and that new life is possible for us. During these past weeks, we have tried to be better Christians. Hopefully, our efforts have led us to living our lives in a new and better way. Perhaps, we have gone through a dying and rising experience; dying to our old ways, and living more fully the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Resurrection of Jesus gives us hope. In our world today, we certainly need hope. We also have our Good Friday, but if we put our faith in Jesus as our brother, friend and Lord, we will also have our Easter Sundays'. Death is not the end; with God and because of God, eternal life is a reality.

Jesus' rising from the dead shows us that the Spirit of God still lives. We, too, will experience dying and rising; but through it all, we can know and rejoice in the fact that He is with us. He has not been taken away; He has come to be with each one of us.

On behalf of the staff members of St. Mary's Parish and the deacon, I wish you all a special, Holy and Happy Easter. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families

As always, if there is anything we can do for you, if you are sick or in need of anything, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan



The bulletin you receive every week is free because of the people who advertise in it. I want to thank all of these people who advertise in our bulletin. If you have a business or know someone who does, please ask them if they would be interested in supporting our bulletin. We truly appreciate it. Also, please support these businesses as they support us.



From Bishop Hicks -April 2022

Lenten pruning leads to Easter glory

Recently, I stopped by a big home improvement store. The garden center was bustling with people shopping for flowers and plants. Happily, I sighed and thought, "Ah, spring is in the air!"

One of my favorite images in the Bible is that of the garden. It not only reminds us that we reap what we sow. But also, it all begins in the Garden of Eden with the creation of Adam and Eve and then their eventual fall from grace. Jesus experiences deep prayer, agony and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane before his crucifixion. At the resurrection, Mary Magdalene is the first to see the risen Christ, but she does not recognize him, "supposing him to be the gardener" (John 20:15). Throughout Scripture, gardens are a place to encounter the mystery of God. They are places of suffering, death and most importantly, new life.

Saying all this, let me acknowledge that I do not have a naturally green thumb. I admire people who possess that gift. Regardless, I am starting to dabble in some basic gardening.

At the bishop's residence in Joliet where I live, I have made the decision to have some large trees cut down in my backyard. The reason I am having them removed is not because I am "anti-tree." On the contrary, I love trees. However, there are so many in my backyard, that they have created a canopy over the yard through which no sunlight can penetrate. As a result, instead of grass, my backyard is basically a plot of dirt that, when it rains, turns into a muddy mess and at worst a swamp. As we remove a few of the trees, my hope is that the sun may shine through the remaining ones and that grass, flowers and plants may return to sprout, grow and flourish.

Scripturally, Jesus reminds us that gardens need to be pruned so that they may produce fruit: "He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:3). In the Catholic Church, spiritual pruning is not a negative exercise. Instead, it helps our spiritual growth by removing whatever inhibits or prevents us from growing in healthy and holy ways. Perhaps that is a good way to look at these past 40 days. Lent provides us the time to cut down and prune some things in our lives that prevent God's light from shining on and through us. We do so, specifically during Lent, with our acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving.

Continuing this theme of gardening around my house, late last fall I planted over 50 tulip bulbs around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After I planted them, I have constantly wondered, "Did the squirrels dig them up and eat them?" "Will they blossom and what color will they be?" "Will the Blessed Mother enjoy them?" Every day, I find myself eagerly awaiting these tulips to colorfully burst through the soil.

This is an act of hope! While I still cannot see the flowers, I eagerly anticipate their arrival. We, too, wait with faith and hope to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and savior at Easter and boldly proclaim that he is not dead. He is not still in the ground. He is risen!

The lingering question is, "Why do we spend time at garden centers and in our own gardens, planting and caring for flowers and plants?" It is partially because they are tangible signs of beauty, hope and life. As St. Alphonsus Liguori rightly noted, "When we see a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object."

As we come to the end of this Lenten time of pruning in our own spiritual gardens, let us approach Easter with great joy and enthusiasm. In other words, with springtime hope, let us continue to search for and bask in the risen life of Christ, for he truly fills our world and lives with light, beauty and new life.

St. Mary's News

Mother's Day is May 8th

Honor your Mother (living or deceased), aunt, godmother, or anyone that has been like a Mother to you, with a rose placed on the Altar on Mother's Day Weekend.

CCW is sponsoring the sale of the roses on the upcoming weekends.

Or fill out form attached and drop in the basket at the door of church or on Rectory Porch in Kathy O'Hagan's Box.

All Names will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day weekend.

Donation is: \$ 4.00

Deadline to order is: May 2nd



Please Print Name Clearly

And Drop in Collection Basket or on Rectory Porch

Name(s):

RE NEWS

Good Morning RE Families,

We made it thru another year!! This is our last week of RE!!

Thank you to all of our parents for having your children at RE throughout the year, it was truly a pleasure to have your family a part of our RE family and we look forward to seeing you all over the summer. Remember that church does not "close" during the summer months and that we are here for you and your family anytime.

Please watch your emails, our Facebook page, parish bulletin and our website for RE registration news!!

A tremendous Thank You goes out to all of our Catechists this year, thank you for all you do for our children. Our Catechists this past year were:

Adrianna Soto, Jessica Lamlech, Monica Esquivel, Bri Zucek, Ronnie Brogan, Erin D'Angelo, Cathy Glover, Mary Lou Bowman, Sara Fleming, Terri Underhill, Catherine Akroush, Samantha Lehner, Heather Flanigan, Jan Harris, Erica Quirk, Michelle Klimchak, Claudia Trevino, Karla Jacobs, Chris Idhe, Kevin Pullara, Dawn McDonough and Joann Ban!! Our aides and hall monitors Michelle Zbacnik and Melinda DiLorenzo. Thank you for all of your time and efforts thru out the year. We wouldn't have a program without you!!

Our 2nd graders will be making their First Holy Communion in a couple of weeks, please keep them in your prayers.

Have a great summer and watch for those emails.

See you soon.

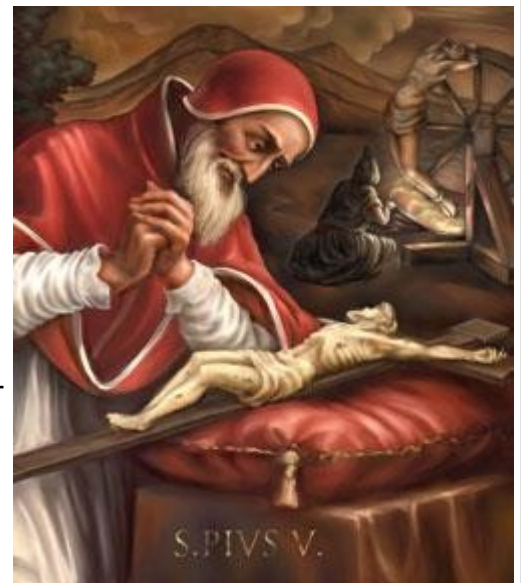
Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred Ban



Our Saint for this week is St Pius V, Pope.

Pope from 1566-1572 and one of the foremost leaders of the Catholic Reformation. Born Antonio Ghislieri in Bosco, Italy, to a poor family, he labored as a shepherd until the age of fourteen and then joined the Dominicans, being ordained in 1528. As pope, Pius saw his main objective as the continuation of the massive program of reform for the Church, in particular the full implementation of the decrees of the Council of Trent. He published the Roman Catechism, the revised Roman Breviary, and the Roman Missal; he also declared Thomas Aquinas a Doctor of the Church, commanded a new edition of the works of Thomas Aquinas, and created a commission to revise the Vulgate. Pope Clement beatified him on May 1, 1672, and Pope Clement XI canonized him on May 22, 1712.



SHEPHERD TABLE AT DAY BREAK SHELTER

Thank you to everyone that helped serve lunch, ,on March 29th, at Day Break Shelter. Every 5th Tuesday of the month, St. Mary's goes to Day Break Shelter in Joliet , to feed the poor. The remaining dates for this year are- Tuesday May 31st, Tuesday August 30th and Tuesday November 29th. If you are interested in helping prepare and serve lunch, please call Debbie Bols at 815-210-8351. Thank you.



ST. MARY'S ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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WHERE HEAVEN AND EARTH MEET

MONDAY, APRIL 4, WAS OUR LAST AFF MEETING OF THE SEASON.

In the fall, we plan to study the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Please, continue to [refer to our website](#)
to watch videos and learn of other ways to
continue to grow in our faith.

During the [Liturgy of the Word](#), God speaks to us and we respond.

The [Prayers of the Faithful](#) attest to our faith in God,
For our powerful and merciful Father.

[We have heard our Father's word.](#)

We know who He is and what He's done for His family.

[We respond](#) by confidently praying to our Father
for intentions close to our hearts.

["Lord, hear our prayer."](#)



Question of the Week

Question:

Did Jesus appear to his mother Mary before Mary Magdalene after the resurrection? If yes, is it biblical?

Answer:

There is nothing in Scripture that says Jesus appeared to his mother after his resurrection.

Not everything that occurred is recorded in Scripture (Jn. 21:25), therefore just because it is not recorded does not mean it did not happen. Pious belief has long held that Jesus must have appeared to his mother. The popular belief why it was not recorded in Scripture is that the other appearances of Jesus were written and publicized as proof of the risen Christ whereas his appearance to his mother was a private and personal appearance out of love.

Pious belief has also noted the absence of Jesus' mother on Easter morning. Why did she not go to the tomb? Why was Jesus already missing? When news of Jesus' resurrection spread amongst his followers why did Jesus' mother not follow them to the tomb? Pious belief has reasoned that Jesus must have appeared to his mother immediately following his resurrection.

Indeed, it is legitimate to think that the Mother was probably the first person to whom the risen Jesus appeared. Could not Mary's absence from the group of women who went to the tomb at dawn (cf. Mk 16:1; Mt 28:1) indicate that she had already met Jesus? (St. Pope John Paul II, [General Audience, 21 May 1997](#))

CHANNAHON VENTURING CREW 402

If you are a teen looking for active adventures, Channahon Venturing Crew 402 may just be the group for you!

The Crew is a co-ed group of teens, aged 14 to 21 with monthly fun activities that YOU choose and organize under adult supervision. Adults and youth are trained and, the program is operated through the Boy Scouts of America. The group meets at St. Ann in Channahon. Past activities have included rock climbing, escape rooms, trips to Chicago, summer camping and horse riding trips in the Rocky Mountains, and a Caribbean Cruise. If you are interested in learning more about the Crew, send an email to: Crew402[at]gmail.com. Crew 402 looks forward to hearing from you!



Volunteer Schedules

| | Eucharistic Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| April 23 5:00pm | Mike Healy | Carolyn Healy | Lauren Klimchak |
| April 24 7:30am | John Jun | Ric Offerman | Xander Esquivel |
| April 24 9:00am | Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker | Scout Lector | Brooklyn Lehner |
| April 24 11:00am | Cheryl Nelson Jessica Folsom | Bruce Ukockis | Megan Weinstock |

| | Eucharistic Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| April 30 5:00pm | Roy Subuco | Kathy Subuco | Jada Akroush |
| May 1 7:30am | Rose Ruettiger | Brenda Ritoff | Bridgit Phillips |
| May 1 9:00am | Alice Mayr Erica Schramm | Vic Delmastro | Molly Schramm |
| May 1 11:00am | Kathy Williamson Glenda Smith | Kelly Klepec | Emily Weinstock |

Information

What is Spiritual Adoption?

Spiritual Adoption is a way to prayerfully bond to one particular, yet unknown, baby as he/she begins the journey from conception to birth. Through Spiritual Adoption, you commit yourself to remembering that child in prayer for 40 weeks, thus "adopting" them, until the day that they are born. This is a prayerful way to open our hearts to those who are voiceless and to be a strong witness to the sanctity of all life.



Week 4 "I have been here for a whole month now. I am growing much larger and stronger but still have a lot more growing to do. By the end of this week, I will have tiny buds that will grow into my arms and legs and I'll be just a little bit larger than a grain of rice. I may be small, but I am already changing the life of one family! Isn't that amazing? Thanks to God, I am wonderfully made."

French Toast Breakfast

Sponsored by St. Mary's
Knights of Columbus
Sunday April 24th, from 8:am-11:00am
\$8.00 for Adults
\$4.00 for Children
or \$30.00 per Family



CCW MEETING



Thursday, April 21st, at 6:30 pm

The April CCW meeting will be held in the Parish Center. We'll begin our gathering with a meditation on the Rosary and a small craft project. Refreshments and a brief business meeting will follow. We sincerely hope you can join us for a beautiful evening of fellowship and fun. All women of the parish are welcome!



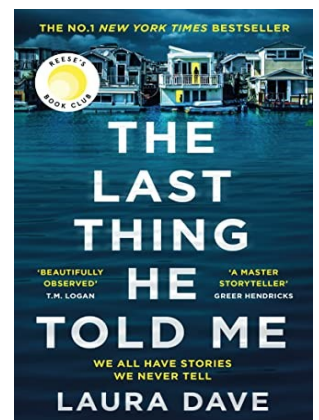
St. Mary's Book Club

Our next selection is
"The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave.
This novel is a thriller about a newlywed and step mother who must unravel the mystery left behind, when her husband disappears during an embezzlement investigation. Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library.

Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. If the weather permits, we will meet outside at the parish center; however, please watch for future emails concerning the location, as the weather is very questionable this time of year.

All are Welcome!

Questions? Please call Mary
at 815-467-9577





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: | April 2/3, 2022 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| | Collected | Online | Total |
| Weekly Offering | \$0.00 | \$2,563.25 | \$2,563.25 |
| Foundation for Faith | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Major Maintenance | \$0.00 | \$88.00 | \$88.00 |
| Needy in Community | \$0.00 | \$278.00 | \$278.00 |
| Catholic Relief | \$0.00 | \$35.00 | \$35.00 |
| YTD Weekly Offering Collected | \$341,230.53 | | |
| YTD Weekly Offering Needed | \$337,254.80 | | |

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

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