


ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen

A photograph of a young, light-colored lamb standing and facing forward. In the background, a simple wooden cross is visible against a light, textured wall. The text "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" is overlaid on the right side of the image in a dark red, serif font.

Look, the Lamb of God,
who takes away
the sin of
the world!

John 1:29

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Two Sunday's ago I shared with you my exciting plans for my sabbatical . I will be leaving on January 23rd and I will come back May 19th.

I hope to do four things during this time.

First, my family and I will be traveling back to Vietnam to visit my two older sisters that are in their 80's. Twenty of us from the United States will fly to Vietnam to celebrate my sisters' birthdays. This will be a great family reunion!

Secondly, I will spend time in Italy for a pilgrimage.

Thirdly, I am very excited about this. I will spend time in The Holy Land to study. This is my dream as a priest, to be where Jesus was born, walked, grew up, died and ascended into Heaven. This is a once in a life-time experience!

My last event will be a retreat and a visit with some friends in Australia. I will return to Minooka on May 19th.

While I am away, Fr. John Klein, the Pastor of St. Anne's in Channahon, Il will be the Parish's temporary Administrator. Fr. Ron Hilt who now lives at the Poor Clare's will celebrate all Masses and other Sacramental celebrations.

I will frequently communicate with my Parish staff to inform them where I am and how I am doing so they will share my information with you. I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I pray for you every day.

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.



Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

Our 2nd graders made their First Reconciliation last week on Monday.

Congratulations to all of our children who received this awesome gift from God!!

RE is back in full swing after our Christmas Break.

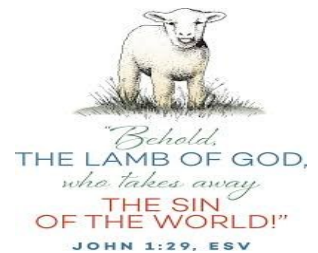
Upcoming Events in RE

Wed Jan. 25th is our next 8th Grade Parent Meeting. Your children will be giving their Saint Oral Reports this evening and we will be going over any last minute questions and concerns regarding Confirmation. Please have at least one parent attend with you child.

Fri Jan 27th is our Confirmation Retreat. This is MANDATORY for your child. If they do not attend, they will not be Confirmed. The parents do not need to attend retreat. It is from 5:30pm till 9pm. We will be having dinner here for them, most likely pizza. If there is any dietary restrictions, please let me know.

Peace and Blessings

Deacon Fred Ban



MASS TIMES

February 8 at 6:30 am

February 9 at 8 am

February 10 at 8 am

COMMUNAL

PRAYER SERVICE TIMES

11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 8

pm after which the

DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Join with our **Diocesan Church** on **February 8, 9, 10** to celebrate a time of **spiritual devotion** before the **Blessed Sacrament** during this **National Eucharistic Revival**.

Come to the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus** in Joliet. Each day will begin with **morning Mass** and conclude with an **evening Prayer Service**. Throughout the days there will be **silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** as well as **communal Prayer Services** led by various cultural and parish entities.

We encourage **all people** – parish groups, families, neighbors - to come and **reflect in prayer** on the **wondrous gift of the Eucharist** that has been given to us. And to **join our hearts in prayer** for the **needs of our Church** and the **needs of all people**.

May God in his goodness bless our Diocese!

Questions? Contact **Sister Sharon Stola** at the Office of Divine Worship

815-221-6230 or ssstola@dioceseofjoliet.org

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Once again St Mary's Parishioners opened their hearts to help make Christmas a little merrier for those in need.

It takes many people to do such a big project like the Giving Tree. CCW started the Giving Tree in 1994. Thank you to all the ladies that helped make tags, refilled tags on the tree for 3 weekends, gathered gifts, returned and then sorted and packed them.

Thanks to the Intermediate School for collecting nonperishable food and the women that sorted and made food boxes for each family and the Poor Clares. Thanks to all who helped deliver or loaded cars for the families who picked up. Also, thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their donations and helping deliver to the families. And a big thank you to all the husbands that help because your wife asked you to!!

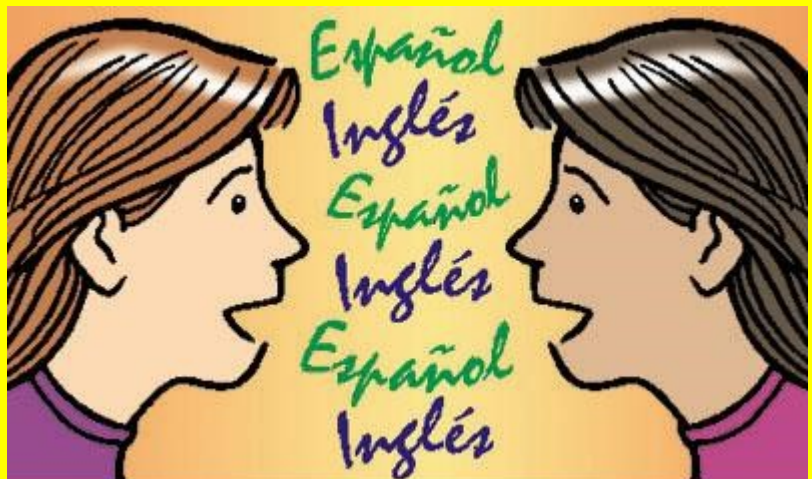
In Saturday December 17th 9 families that included 24 children were given toys, clothes and food. Donations were also taken to Poor Clares, Heritage Woods Assisted Living in Minooka, Park Point Nursing Home in Morris, Cornerstone in Joliet and the Pregnancy Resource Center in Coal City.

Have a blessed Christmas,
Kathy Williamson and Carol Musgrave
Giving Tree Co-Chairs



English Spanish Group

The English Spanish Group has resumed on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. For more information, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.



MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, Jan 14	5:00pm	Bob Kahler	CCW
Sunday, Jan 15	7:30am	Parishioners	
	9:00am	Steve Papp	The Family
		Richard Marion	The Family
	11:00am	Larry Nelson	Cheryl Nelson & Family
		Russell & Marie Starks	Sean & Kathy O'Hagan
Monday, Jan. 16	8:30am	Fr. Tuan's Parents	
Tuesday, Jan. 17	8:30am	Angelo & Fern Paone	The Family
Wednesday, Jan 18	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Jan 19	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, Jan. 20	8:30am	Helen DeLaney	The Family
Saturday, Jan 21	5:00pm	Phillip Kerr	Kimble Family
Sunday, Jan 22	7:30am	Fr. Mark Fracaro	
	9:00am	Steve Clennon	The Clodi Family
	11:00am	Kata Eric	Mike Brozovich & family
		Dawn Derby	The Derby Family



Telephone Reassurance Program Serving Kankakee, Grundy, and Will Counties



A FREE program for those 60+ that provides friendly phone calls from volunteers every week!

Benefits:

- Reduces feelings of loneliness
- Reduces feelings of depression and anxiety
- Increases feelings of security: "It makes me feel safe."
- Improves quality of life

Interested in receiving friendly phone calls?

Contact Ed Howe: 815-523-9923
or ehowe@cc-doj.org.

Or contact Crystal Del Rio: 815-221-6020
or cdelrio@cc-doj.org



CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF JOLIET IS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND CALLING OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.



Catholic
Charities
USA



Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, Jan 21 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Carolyn Healy	Pat Favero
Sunday, Jan 22 7:30am	Kasey Looney Kevin Looney	Terry Danek	John Jun
Sunday, Jan 22 9:00am	Keighera Fleming	Chris Gregory	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker
Sunday, Jan 22 11:00am	Paisley Schad	Bruce Ukockis	Jessica Folsom Jane Spray

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 Email

☐ New Address

☐ New Phone Number



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MASSSES

Weekend Masses-

Saturday- 5:00pm

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

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Fri- 8:30am

Communion Service-

Wed, Thurs - 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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Our Saint this week is:

Our Saint for this week is St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr.

In an 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.

But, in a timeless story, the people who had always been in power were not happy to see the newcomers growing and thriving. There were many incidents of pagans attacking Christians and when Philip died so did the time of peace. The new emperor, Decius, ordered all Christians to deny Christ by offering incense to idols or through some other pagan ritual.

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.

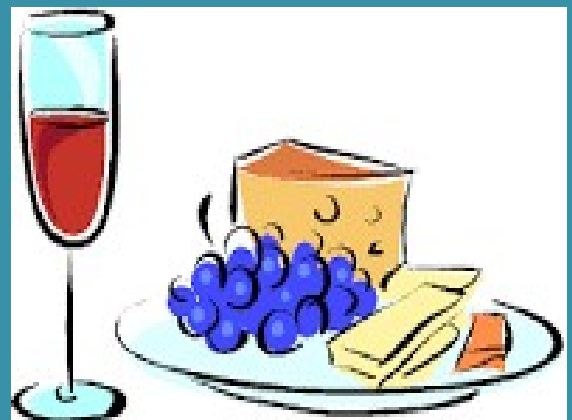
In His Footsteps:

Pray for all places where the Church suffers persecution and for all who face death, danger, or isolation for their faith. But pray especially for all who live where the Church is accepted and thrives in peace that this peace will not make their faith flabby and weak.



CCW Wine and Cheese Tasting

All women of the Parish
are invited to a
fun night of
wine and cheese tasting
on Thursday, January 19th.
At 6:30 in the Parish center.
Non- alcoholic drinks will
also be served. Prior to the tasting
there will be a brief business meeting .



The Question of the Week

Question:

If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic?

Answer:

The term Jew is used in at least two senses in Scripture: to refer to those who are ethnically Jews and to those who are religiously Jews. Jesus was a Jew in both senses. In fact, he completed the Jewish religion by serving as the Messiah (Christ) whom the prophets had long foretold.

The completed form of the Jewish religion is known as Christianity, and its adherents are Christians or “followers of the Christ.” Unfortunately, many people who were ethnically Jewish did not recognize Jesus’ role as Messiah and so did not accept Christianity, the completed form of Judaism. Instead, they stayed with a partial, incomplete form of Judaism. Other Jews (the apostles and their followers) did recognize that Jesus was the Messiah and embraced the new, completed form of Judaism.

Shortly thereafter it was recognized that one could be a follower of Christ even if one did not ethnically join the Jewish people. Thus the apostles began to make many Gentile converts to the Christian faith. It is thus possible for a person to be a Jew religiously (because he has accepted Christianity, the completed form of the Jewish faith) but not be a Jew ethnically. This is the case with most Christians today..

It is this difference between being a Jew ethnically and religiously that lies behind Paul’s statement in Romans 2:28-29: “For he is not a real Jew who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical. He is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal.”

Christians are those who Paul refers to as being inwardly (religiously) Jewish, while non-Christian Jews are those who he refers to as being outwardly (ethnically) Jewish. The former condition, he stresses, is the more important.

Unfortunately, over the course of time some Christians broke away from the Church that Jesus founded, and so a name was needed to distinguish this Church from the ones that broke off from it. Because all the breakaways were particular, local groups, it was decided to call the Church Jesus founded the “universal” (Greek, kataholos = “according to the whole”) Church, and thus the name Catholic was applied to it.

That is why Jesus was a Jew and we are Catholics: Jesus came to complete the Jewish religion by creating a Church that would serve as its fulfillment and be open to people of all races, not just ethnic Jews. As Catholics, we are those who have accepted the fulfillment of the Jewish faith by joining the Church that Jesus founded.



NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH



**Saturday
January**

21

7.00 AM – 12:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.



St Annes Catholic Church Blood Drive Knights of Columbus

**24500 South Navajo Dr, Channahon
Location: Parish Hall**

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

Please make an appointment on line at:-
<https://bit.ly/Blooddrive01-21-23>

or Scan QR Code



**Giving warms the heart! Donate and keep warm this
winter with a limited-edition Versiti beanie, while
supplies last.**



This week candles were lit for :

Police & Firefighters

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



Please Pray For:

Denise Tonarelli	Sara Lovell	Lorenzo Benitez
Kimberly Gaydula	Wren Wagoner	Marlena Benitez
Dylan Pickett	Sue Burich	Judy Stafford
Paul Thien Phu	Jerry Davidson	Irene Davidson
Deidra Hogan	Linda Bradley	Phyllis Artusa
Robert Fonck	Baker Family	Ruth Kesselring
Marilyn Wilkens		Olivia Arenella

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list,
please email st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net or
call the parish office at 815-467-2233.

Thank you for your financial support to St. Mary's

Please Remember St. Mary's in your will or trust

As Catholics. We are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing free, online will writing tools. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations.

Get started at FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet.



Collection Totals for the Weekend of:		Dec 31/Jan 1		
	Collected	Dec 24/25 Online	Dec 31/Jan 1 Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$7,926.00	\$0.00	\$3,578.00	\$11,504.00
Christmas	\$20,496.00	\$4,894.00	\$656.00	\$26,046.00
Foundation for Faith	\$5,150.96	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$5,500.96
Major Maintenance	\$285.00	\$85.00	\$536.00	\$906.00
Needy in Community	\$212.00	\$315.00	\$128.00	\$655.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,543.00	\$0.00	\$57.00	\$1,600.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$226,782.06			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$221,764.00			

PLEDGE REPORT: 01/08/2023

Thank you for your financial support to the good works of our Diocese.

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00
Amount Pledged: \$51,834.00
Balance Due: \$ 2,205.00
2022 Rebate: \$ 3,699.00

Please continue to make your 2022 pledge payments. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone.

Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$46,100.00 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month 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.

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