

And He said to them, Follow Me,
and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2023

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

I want to say goodbye to all of you. I will fly to Vietnam this Monday, please keep me in your prayers as I pray for all of you. I will communicate with the staff to keep them informed on where I am and how I am doing. I will be back on May 19th.

Here is a reflection for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:

Simon Peter couldn't have guessed what the future held for him. We know now that over the next three years he goes from unbounded exuberance-trying to walk on water-to brutal disloyalty-denying that he even knows Jesus. He will be reprimanded- "Get behind me, Satan!" - and rewarded-"Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18,23). But on this day on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, having just met the man and not knowing what he was getting himself into, he accepts at once, leaving a steady job to become a fisher of others. Only after he joins Jesus is he able to see him teach, proclaim the gospel, and heal the sick. Jesus' first message is the same as John the Baptist's but the meaning of "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" had changed (Matthew 3:2, 4:17). For John, the kingdom was imminent, about to come. In Jesus, the kingdom is imminent here with us. So too Jesus is imminent now, here in this assembly, here in the Eucharist, here in us and in those we meet. We don't know what our future holds, but we too are invited to come with Jesus, to fish for others, and to help make the kingdom imminent right here and now.

How are you called to be a disciple? How will you respond?

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan

**SAFE
TRAVELS
FR. TUAN.
WE WILL
MISS YOU.**



Reminder:

If you would like a year end tax statement, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.

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,

Confirmation for our 8th graders is right around the corner, please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers as they journey thru this exciting time in their lives.

As a reminder here are some important RE Dates

Wed Jan 25th Confirmation Parent Meeting
Fri Jan 27th Confirmation Retreat 5:30pm-9pm
Thurs Feb 9th Confirmation at St Ann Channahon
Wed Feb 22nd Ash Wednesday

Have a great week!!

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred



Spaghetti Dinner

Save The Date!!

**Friday, February
10th, the Knights of
Columbus and the
Youth Group will
sponsor the Annual
Spaghetti Dinner!**

Questions of the Week

So many people enjoyed our last quiz, we came up with another one to test your knowledge. See how you do!

This quiz is about the Old Testament.

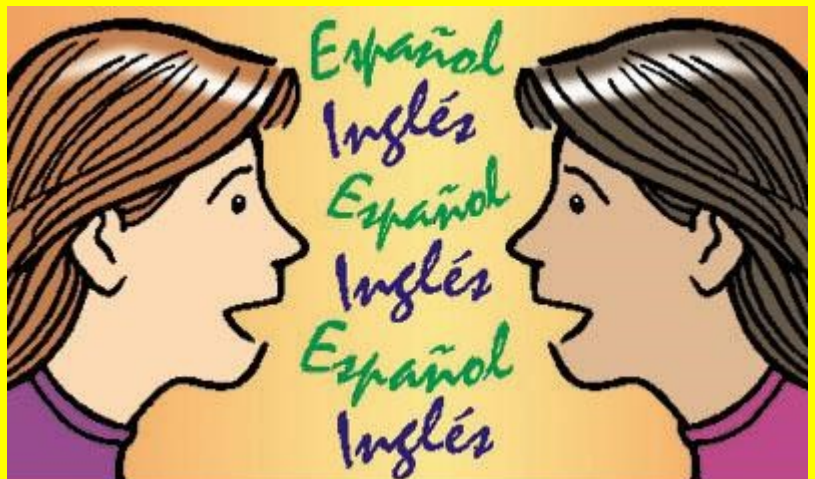
1. _____ was the Son of Jacob and Rachel; sold into slavery by his brothers.
2. _____ was the initiator and architect of the Tower of Babel.
3. _____ was the first husband of Bathsheeba, before King David had him killed.
4. _____ was the second wife of Jacob, the mother of Joseph.
5. _____ was the first wife of Jacob.
6. _____ had his name changed to Israel.
7. _____ was the father of Jesse.
8. _____ was the father of King David.
9. _____ was the first King of Israel.
10. _____ was the father of Ham, Japeth, and Shem.

Keep track of your answers!!



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 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
Monday, Jan 23	8:30am	Helen & Ed Vercelli	Family
Tuesday, Jan 24	8:30am	Al & Marianne Keehl	Family
Wednesday, Jan 25	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Jan. 26	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, Jan. 27	8:30am	Pat & Mickey McDonald	
		& John Brown	The Family
Saturday, Jan 28	5:00pm	Sr. Rosemary Small	
		Susan Kuykendall	Dennis Furto
Sunday, Jan, 29	7:30am	Lou Maffeo (54th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)	
		Dave & Judy Corbin	
		57th Wedding Anniversary	
	9:00am	Parishioners	
	11:00am	Kata Eric	Victor & Vera Eric



Telephone Reassurance Program Serving Kankakee, Grundy, and Will Counties



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

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

Benefits:

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



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USA



Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, Jan 28 5:00pm	Jada Akroush	Carolyn Healy	Roy Sabuco
Sunday, Jan 29 7:30am	Volunteer	Terry Danek	Deb Bols Marie Moretti
Sunday, Jan 29 9:00am	Carlin Quinn	Sue Gregory	Mike Schramm Alice Mayr
Sunday, Jan 29 11:00am	Xander Esquivel	Cathy Fouts	Cheryl Nelson Kathy O'Hagan

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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MASSES

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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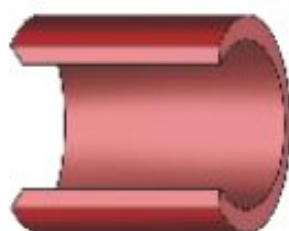
Keep doing the things you love.

Catch health problems before they go too far.

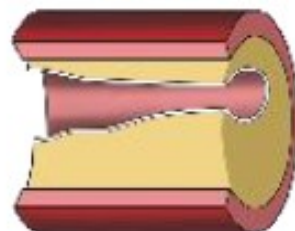
Life Line Screening offers a 4-screening package to provide peace of mind or early detection for risks of stroke and cardiovascular disease. The combination of these tests helps detect problems—**before you have symptoms** and while you and your doctor can still take action...so you can keep doing the things you love.



Plaque buildup can lead to cardiovascular disease, stroke and aneurysms.



A normal artery allows blood to flow through easily.



Plaque buildup in the arteries reduces your blood flow and can be dangerous if left untreated.

Register now to check the health of your arteries

4 Important Screenings for Only \$149 (Special Package Pricing)

- Carotid Artery Disease
- Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
- Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)

**Join the 10 million people who have been screened.
We are coming to your neighborhood.**

When -- Thursday, March 9, 2023 APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

Where -- St. Marys Catholic Church (parish center) - Minooka

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call toll-free **877-792-8479** or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

Raffle Mania V Drawing For January

First Drawing for 2023

Thank you to all who have purchased tickets, you can still purchase a ticket

By Seeing Kathy in the Rectory



\$100 Winner – Jody Chiapello
50 Winner - Jamie Lopez
25 Winner – Virginia Guertin
25 Winner - Jackie & Ken Bersano

Foster Grandparent Volunteers Needed in Will County

Catholic Charities' Foster Grandparent Program is seeking volunteers in Will County! Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to local children with exceptional needs. The program provides a way for volunteers (age 55 and over) to stay active by serving children and youth in their communities.

Sharing your time and experience can help children learn how to read, assist younger students with school readiness, tackle tough subjects and make decisions that will keep them on the right path. We'll match your skills and passions to opportunities that interest you.



Most volunteers serve between 5-40 hours a week. Foster Grandparents who are income eligible will receive a tax-free hourly stipend to help cover costs associated with volunteering. Catholic Charities will provide pre-service orientation and training to prepare you for this rewarding opportunity.

Interested in learning more? Contact Mari at 815-724-1157 or americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

The Foster Grandparent Program is sponsored by AmeriCorps, the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement. AmeriCorps engages millions of Americans in service through its nation's volunteers and service efforts.

Saint of the Week

St Angela Merici,

Angela Merici has the double distinction of founding the first of what are now called “secular institutes” and the first teaching order of women in the Church.

Born in Desenzano, Italy, she was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman, with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a “company” of women.

Angela was invited to become a live-in companion for a widow in the nearby town of Brescia. There she became the spiritual advisor of a group of men and women with ideals of spiritual renewal and service to those in need. While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela’s sight was restored.

At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula, named for a patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women. This constituted a new way of life: single women consecrated to Christ and living in the world rather than in a monastery. With Angela as their “mother and mistress,” Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows.

Angela Merici died in Brescia, Italy, in 1540. Clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, her body was interred in Brescia’s Church of Saint’ Afra. Four years later the Company’s Rule that Angela had composed, prescribing the practices of chastity, poverty and obedience, was approved by the pope.

In the early 1600s, Companies that had expanded into France were re-organized into the religious Order of St. Ursula, to teach girls. Angela’s words continue to inspire the Ursuline nuns’ mission of education, a mission that spread worldwide. The Company of St. Ursula also continued to exist and is federated worldwide today with members in 30 countries. Angela Merici was canonized by Pope Pius VII in 1807.



This week candles were lit for :

Police & Firefighters
Gloria Ziebler

**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

Jerry Davidson

Judy Stafford

Paul Thien Phu

Linda Bradley

Irene Davidson

Deidra Hogan

Baker Family

Ruth Kesselring

Robert Fonck

Olivia Arenella

Marilyn Wilkens

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.



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.

Help Wanted

Assistant Director of Religious Education, St. Mary Parish, Mokena, IL

St. Mary Parish in Mokena is seeking to hire a full-time Assistant Director of Religious Education. This candidate will work in a collaborative and consultative manner with the Director of Religious Education regarding the administration and operation of the St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Religious Education Program. This individual will work 40 hours per week during the catechetical year and be available for Sacramental Events, special events tied to the Office of Religious Education, and other demands as they occur. Evidence of a strong background in Catholic theology, liturgy, sacred scripture, and the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church required. Minimum of a Bachelor of Arts degree needed; Master of Arts degree preferred. To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](https://www.dioocesefjoliet.org/). To apply for this amazing opportunity, please send cover letter and resume to Tami Brongiel at tbrongiel@stmarymokena.org.

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