

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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if we love
one another,
God lives in us,
and his love
is perfected
in us.



1 JOHN 4:12



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Reflection for this Weekend's Readings

What does it mean when we take something to heart? When we take something to heart, we don't just go through the motions, we internalize it and make it part of our very self. Jesus challenges the supposed righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees because they fail to take God's law to heart. Two hundred years earlier, Ben Sira had taught his Jewish readers that God did not give us the freedom to choose between right and wrong, with the realization that salvation comes to those who choose to keep God's commands. Saint Paul teaches the Corinthians that God's wisdom far exceeds our own, and that the Holy Spirit guides us in that wisdom. Jesus discusses murder and adultery, divorce and dishonesty with his disciples. Murder is forbidden, of course, but any unchecked anger can lead to hurting someone else, so we must prevent anger from taking control of us. Today, as we approach Valentinus's Day, let us take God's law to heart and reconcile with those who have hurt us, and with those who we have hurt. With whom do you need to reconcile before you can offer your gift to God?

A note from Food for the Poor

We would like you to know how much we appreciate all of you.

Thank you for your generous contribution to our efforts. You have helped the poor bear the weight of this current health crisis, hurricanes last fall, and the subsequent food insecurity rapidly unfolding in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gift ensures that our organization can continue to ship and distribute much-needed sustenance and supplies to struggling communities.

We know this is an uncertain time for you and The Church, so your faithful sacrifice is truly such a blessing to us and to those we serve. Please know that your Food for the Poor family is here to walk with you through these challenging days and we hope you will reach out to us with any prayer concerns you may have.

Thank you for sharing hope with our brothers and sisters in need. We are so grateful for you and your continued partnership.

Please take a moment to visit us here so we may share our appreciation . Food for the Poor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC3ywuZot2o>

Food for the Poor

Bible Study Resumes!!

Every Monday at 4:30 in the Parish Center, classroom 1.
Our study will focus on The Rescue Project with Fr. John Riccardo.



 **Knights of Columbus**
CHANNAHON COUNCIL 12863 ST. ANN PARISH

LENTEN
FISH FRY
IS BACK!

 **EVERY FRIDAY**

February 24TH Through March 31ST
4:00 to 7:00 PM

St. Ann Parish Hall
24500 S. Navajo Drive
Channahon, IL

Bishop Hicks February Column

Feeding the hungry through our ministries

People are sometimes surprised to hear that I do my own grocery shopping and cook my own meals. I am not a gourmet chef, but I can hold my own in the kitchen. Frankly, it is not that big of a task since I live and frequently eat out at meetings, receptions and events. Therefore, most of my trips to the grocery are a very quick “in and out.”



However, for Christmas day, I invited my family for dinner. Hosting 10 people resulted in a much longer grocery list and time in the store than usual. So as I navigated the aisles filled with a multitude of carts and frantic shoppers on the morning of December 24, it struck me just how much the price of food has gone up. There was a woman standing next to me in the egg section. Suddenly, she blurted out, “Is this really the cost of eggs?!” I turned to her and said, “I think so. It’s unbelievable, right?” With an affirming and exaggerated nodding of her head, she added, “Unbelievable, yes! And outrageous. I have sticker shock!”

With the soaring grocery prices across our nation, hunger is also on the rise. As a Church, we are mandated to not turn a blind eye to those in need. One of the many ways that we put our faith into action is by feeding the hungry. Scripture is clear about the obligation to help those who are less fortunate. Once we have adored and worshiped God, being nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, we are mandated to go out and serve the poor, and not just in abstract ways, but tangibly: “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?” (James 2:14)

I am proud that we in the Diocese of Joliet take this mandate to heart. Our Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) supports so many ministries, including outreach to the poor and hungry. It helps support Catholic Charities, whose mobile food pantries at parishes and schools throughout the diocese helped more than 26,000 people last year. Catholic Charities also uses these visits to offer resources to other services participants may need.

Additionally, the ministries of mercy advisor from our Department of Catechesis and Evangelization organized “Christmas Blessing” grants to local parish-based food pantries. The applications submitted by parishes painted a stark yet accurate picture of the struggle to stock pantries in the face of dramatically increasing prices. Yet it was heartening to read of the commitment of parish staff and volunteers to help their faith community and neighbors. Our Catholic schools and religious education programs also contribute to this ministry with donations and service hours. We all work as a family to help our brothers and sisters with a basic need of life.

My aunt and uncle volunteer at their church’s food pantry. They, too, have reported that the number of people requesting food has continued to rise exponentially, and sometimes they are surprised by who is asking for food. Recently, they handed a basket of food to a man who has been a longtime parishioner and pillar of their church. Confused, they assumed he was there to volunteer for the distribution of food, but why was he waiting in the line? Sheepishly, he said to them, “I feel so bad. Over the years, I was the one giving out food, and now I need it myself. With prices skyrocketing, I have come to the point of having to choose between my medication or food. I am embarrassed to admit that I now need this assistance myself.”

Sometimes, we can be tempted to wonder if everyone in the food pantry lines really needs the food they are receiving from us. There might be some people who take advantage of our generosity. Yet, I would rather err on the side of generosity and love than turn away those who are in need. St. Paul boldly challenges us to be generous to all people, even those we might deem undeserving, such as our enemies: “If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink.” (Romans 12:20)

There are so many ways to feed the hungry and help those in need. Whatever way you choose – the CMAA, donations to your parish or local pantry, volunteerism or prayers – to you I say, **“thank you!”** For whenever we put our faith into action, we are following what Jesus teaches in the Gospel: “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

CORNED BEEF ^{AND} CABBAGE DINNER

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

St. Mary's Parish Center

300 W. ST. MARY'S ST. MINOOKA, IL.

SERVING FROM NOON - 6:00PM

\$10 - Kids
\$20- Adult
\$50- Family

QUILTERS' RAFFLE

\$1 per ticket 6 for \$5

*"St. Mary's
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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.*

St. Mary's Quilters



(Not Actual Quilt)

Theme- St. Mary's Shower of Stars

St. Mary's Quilters will be selling Raffle Tickets for their 2023 quilt at the Knights of Columbus' Pancake Breakfast on February 26th For more information, please call Robin White at 815-671-6008 or Carole Fremarek at 815-514-3754.

\$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

Anointing of the Sick Mass Saturday, February 18th at 10:00am



The Sacrament of the Sick is an opportunity to bring our chronic ills of body, mind and spirit to the Lord in a special way. The Sacrament is often an experience of God's healing love.

All are invited to bring their needs for physical, emotional and spiritual healing to this beautiful liturgy, especially those who are experiencing the various infirmities that afflict our bodies in later years, or those who are anticipating surgery in the near future.

All are Welcome

Please come and experience this beautiful Mass

CCW Meeting

Please join us for the next CCW Meeting, Thursday, February 16th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We will be having a presentation by the Minooka Police Department followed by a brief meeting. Hope to see you there. Office Matt Juras will be presenting Information on Canine Rueger, and introducing Rueger.



Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families!!

Well, our 8th graders made it!
They received their Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday Feb 9th at St Ann.
Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on with their faith lives and remember that Confirmation is not a Graduation, but a stepping stone onto a deeper relationship with God.

Thank you to our 8th grade Catechists, Joann Ban, Melinda DiLorenzo, Dawn McDonough, Kelly Cranston, Kevin Pullara, Kim Herzog, Ralph Malec, and Michelle Zbacnick for all of their hard work and dedication to getting our children ready for this awesome sacrament!!

Up Next is First Holy Communion!!

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred Ban



Confirmation Retreat

On January 27th, our 8th graders had their Confirmation Retreat. The Retreat Master was Mrs. Dolores Bopp-Potterton. Please pray for the Confirmation candidates as they get closer to their Confirmation of February 9th.



Quiz

Part Three!!

31. _____ was the Jewish warrior who led the fight against King Antiochus to restore the Jewish Temple that had been defiled.
32. _____ was a Jewish Priest known as the King of Salem.
33. _____ was conjured up by the witch of Endor for King Saul.
34. _____ was a Jewish wife who saved her people from Haman's plotting.
35. _____ was King Solomon's Queen Mother.
36. _____ was the son of Terah who left Ur at the command of God.
37. _____ fashioned a golden calf in the furnace while Moses was away.
38. _____ went to heaven in a flaming chariot without dying first.
39. _____ also went to heaven without dying first.
40. _____ was cured of leprosy by Elisha.

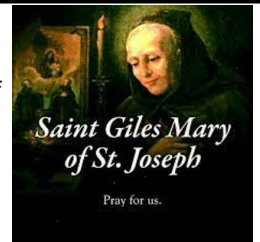
Saint for the Week -

St Giles Mary of St Joseph;

In the same year that a power-hungry Napoleon Bonaparte led his army into Russia, Giles Mary of Saint Joseph ended a life of humble service to his Franciscan community and to the citizens of Naples.

Francesco was born in Taranto to very poor parents. His father's death left the 18-year-old Francesco to care for the family. Having secured their future, he entered the Friars Minor at Galatone in 1754. For 53 years, he served at St. Paschal's Hospice in Naples in various roles, such as cook, porter, or most often as official beggar for that community.

"Love God, love God" was his characteristic phrase as he gathered food for the friars and shared some of his bounty with the poor—all the while consoling the troubled and urging everyone to repent. The charity which he reflected on the streets of Naples was born in prayer and nurtured in the common life of the friars. The people whom Giles Mary met on his begging rounds nicknamed him the "Consoler of Naples." He was canonized in 1996.



MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, Feb 11	5:00pm	Therese Kerr Laly Cyr Susan Kuykendall	The Kimble Family The Family Dennis Furto
Sunday, Feb. 12	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Fr. Tuan's Brothers Steve Clennon Kata Eric John O'Hagan Susan Kuykendall	The Clodi Family Milovan Eric The Family Cathy Glover
Monday, Feb. 13	8:30am	Parishioners	
Tuesday, Feb. 14	8:30am	Mitzy Haley Don Ruettiger	The Family
Wednesday, Feb. 15	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Feb. 16	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, Feb 17	8:30am	Robert Kunke (15 anniversary Of death)	The Family
Saturday, Feb. 18	10:00am 5:00pm	Anointing Mass Angelo & Fern Paone Raymond Noel	The Family The Family
Sunday, Feb. 19	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Parishioners Josephine Quilter Susan Kuykendall	Sharon Gaydula Pat & Al Smania

This week candles were lit for :



Police & Firefighters
Gloria Ziebler
Don Ruettiger
Angelo Anzalone



**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
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.



Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, Feb. 18 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Carolyn Healy	Pat Favero
Sunday, Feb. 19 7:30am	Volunteer	Ric Offerman	Deb Bols
Sunday, Feb. 19 9:00am	Molly Schramm	Mike Schramm	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker
Sunday, Feb 19 11:00am	Keighera Fleming	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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Thank you for your financial support to St. Mary's

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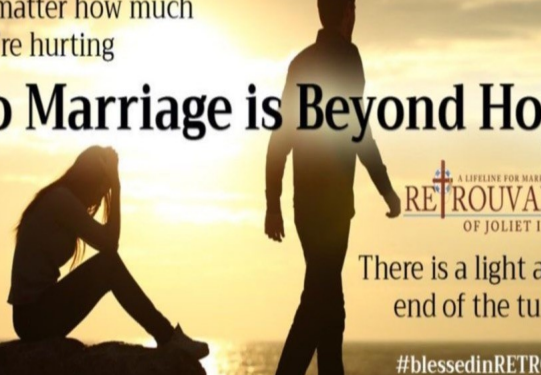
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No matter how much
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