

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen

**Ash Wednesday, February 22nd Masses: 6am, 8:30am and 7:00pm**



FEBRUARY 19, 2023  
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Lent begins this Wednesday, February 22.

Here is the list of Fasting and Abstinence Regulations:

**Ash Wednesday Mass times: 6am, 8:30am and 7:00pm**

- 1.. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

## 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

Not actual quilt



## KC's Breakfast

Please join us in the Parish Center for a Pancake Breakfast on February 26th from 8am-11am.

Adults - \$8.00  
Kids - \$4.00  
Under 3 free  
Family - \$25.00







## February 2023

Dear Friends,

When we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, we will also take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. This is especially true in the former Soviet republic of Moldova, which, despite its political independence, is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

The Diocese of Chișinău covers all of Moldova and the unrecognized breakaway state of "Transnistria," currently occupied by Russian forces. Today the diocese contains 20 parishes and seven charity foundations that work to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people. This spirit of love for the most poor and needy is evident in Moldova's generous response not only to the needs of its own people but also to refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. Working in cooperation with Caritas Moldova, the diocese has expanded its outreach and ability to reveal Christ's mercy to Moldova's vulnerable children and youth by establishing a network of care and support centers, where children and youth benefit from informal education programs in a safe, caring environment. The centers also help strengthen the parenting skills of mothers and fathers.

Your support and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries such as those offered by the Diocese of Chișinău.

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Paz y bien,  
**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**  
Bishop of Joliet

## Confirmation 2023

St. Mary's along with St. Ann's made their Confirmation on Thursday, February 9 at St. Ann's in Channahon.





# CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

*St. Mary's Parish Center*

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

SERVING FROM NOON - 6:00PM

## QUILTERS' RAFFLE

\$1 per ticket 6 for \$5

*"St. Mary's  
Shower of Stars"*

Special Thank You To:

**Jewel-Osco**



Beer, Wine & Bottled Water  
Available for Donation.

## BEER SPONSORED BY:



## ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP

**Hatfield Sisters  
w/ Gavin Coyle & Max Dunne**

12:30pm - 3:00pm

**Kelgher 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.*



## Raffle Mania V Drawing For February

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

*By Seeing Kathy in the Rectory*



\$100 Winner – Bob White  
50 Winner - Sue Gregory  
25 Winner – Dan Klepec  
25 Winner - Carol Cochrane



## CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Committee is looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for the Corned Beef Dinner on Sunday March 5th. We are in need of cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes or your favorite dessert. Please do not send items that need to be refrigerated.

If you can donate bakery please email Jeanne Rapp at [jeanchuck73@gmail.com](mailto:jeanchuck73@gmail.com) or text to 815-545-2354 by March 1st so we can make sure we have enough desserts for everyone.

Bakery can be dropped off at the Parish Center Saturday March 4th before mass from 4:30pm until 5:00pm and also immediately following mass or anytime time Sunday after 7:30am.

Please put your name on your dish so we can return your containers.

We are also looking for volunteers to help cut and plate desserts during the dinner. Please contact Jeanne if you can help.

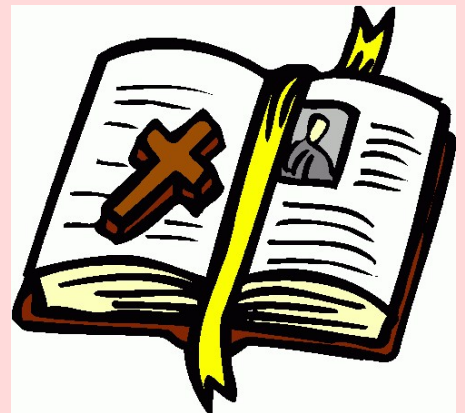
Thank You in advance for your help!



## 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.







Calling all high schoolers, includes current 8<sup>th</sup> graders! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville St. Louis Mid-America 1 in Springfield, Missouri on July 7-9, 2023 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us.

All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

Learn more at upcoming parent meetings below or contact Deacon Fred or Joann Ban if you are interested in attending, for more information, & the forms.

Parent Meetings:  
Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at noon in Parish Center  
Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm in the Parish Center

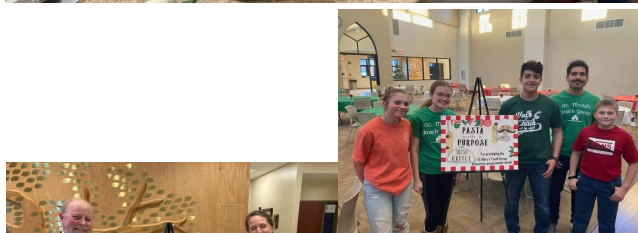
We will need a commitment and sign up form up March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Scholarships are available.

We thank all for your support and ask for your prayers for all our youth!

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28*

## The Spaghetti Dinner was a HUGE success!!

The Knights of Columbus together with the Youth Group hosted the spaghetti dinner on Friday, February 10th. It was a big success attended by many. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy.



# Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

Thank you to Rae Schad for taking over one the 4th Grade RE classes. We had a need for a catechist because of illness and she stepped up to the plate. Please pray for her as she goes on to the rest of the year.

On Ash Wednesday we will be having an Ash Service in the Parish Center for the RE children and their families at 4:40pm and 6:30pm.

We will be on Spring Break during Holy Week, but I encourage you to attend our Holy Week services in the Church especially if you haven't experienced them yet. They are a great way to begin the Easter Season.

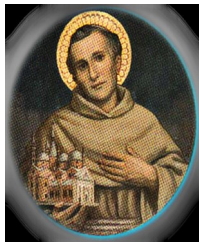
If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 815-467-2769

Peace and Blessings!!

Deacon Fred Ban  
Director of Faith Formation



## Saint for the Week - St Luke Belludi



In 1220, Saint Anthony was preaching conversion to the inhabitants of Padua when a young nobleman, Luke Belludi, came up to him and humbly asked to receive the habit of the followers of Saint Francis. Anthony liked the talented, well-educated Luke and personally recommended him to Francis, who then received him into the Franciscan Order.

Luke, then only 20, was to be Anthony's companion in his travels and in his preaching, tending to him in his last days and taking Anthony's place upon his death. He was appointed guardian of the Friars Minor in the city of Padua. In 1239, the city fell into the hands of its enemies. Nobles were put to death, the mayor and council were banished, the great university of Padua gradually closed and the church dedicated to Saint Anthony was left unfinished. Luke himself was expelled from the city but secretly returned.

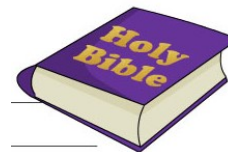
At night he and the new guardian would visit the tomb of Saint Anthony in the unfinished shrine to pray for his help. One night a voice came from the tomb assuring them that the city would soon be delivered from its evil tyrant.

After the fulfillment of the prophetic message, Luke was elected provincial minister and furthered the completion of the great basilica in honor of Anthony, his teacher. He founded many convents of the order and had, as Anthony, the gift of miracles. Upon his death he was laid to rest in the basilica that he had helped finish and has had a continual veneration up to the present time.

## Quiz

### And the answers are!!!

Thanks for taking the time to do the quiz. God bless you all....



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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Joseph            | 21. Isaac             |
| 2. Nimrod            | 22. Ishmael           |
| 3. Uriah the Hittite | 23. Daniel            |
| 4. Rachel            | 24. Balaam            |
| 5. Leah              | 25. Jezebel           |
| 6. Jacob             | 26. Elisha            |
| 7. Obed              | 27. Jeremiah          |
| 8. Jesse             | 28. Solomon           |
| 9. Saul              | 29. Isaiah            |
| 10. Noah             | 31. Judas Maccabees   |
| 11. Potiphar         | 32. Melchizidek       |
| 12. Nathan           | 33. Samuel            |
| 13. Joshua           | 34. Esther            |
| 14. Judith           | 35. Bathsheeba        |
| 15. Jonan            | 36. Abraham           |
| 16. Hannah           | 37. Aaron             |
| 17. Jacob            | 38. Elijah            |
| 18. Jacob            | 39. Enoch             |
| 19. Job              | 40. Naaman the Syrian |
| 20. Jacob            |                       |

# MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
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
Monday, Feb. 20	8:30am	Ron Foster	Tom & Pat McHugh
Tuesday, Feb. 21	8:30am	Susan Kuykendall	Dave & June Battey
<b>Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22</b>	<b><u>6:00am</u></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	Felix & Anna Biernat John & Mary Vercelli Mitzi Haley	
Thursday, Feb. 23	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, Feb. 24	8:30am <b>3:00pm</b>	Parishioners <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Saturday, Feb. 25	4:00pm - 4:45pm 5:00pm	Confession Brother Fran (Leo)	
Sunday, Feb. 26	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Keigher Parishioners Phyllis Artusa Kata Eric	John & Maureen Konopek JoAnn Dollinger John & Kay Brozovich

## *This week candles were lit for :*



Police & Firefighters  
Gloria Ziebler  
Don Ruettiger  
Leonard & Winona Bols



**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	Bayley Webb	Olivia Arenella
		Lisa Pelton

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

	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb. 25</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Kevin Looney</b> <b>Grace Kochanek</b>	<b>Kathy Sabuco</b>	<b>Mike Healy</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 26</b> <b>7:30am</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Rose Ruettiger</b>	<b>Cindy Creasman</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 26</b> <b>9:00am</b>	<b>Carlin Quinn</b>	<b>Vic DelMastro</b>	<b>Alice Mayr</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 26</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>Antonio Esquivel</b>	<b>Kelly Klepec</b>	<b>Glenda Smith</b> <b>Cheryl Nelson</b>

## 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.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mon-Thurs-8am-4pm

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# 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/DioceseofJoliet](https://FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet).



## Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), when we commit our support for the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. We must work together to ensure all feel included in our community of faith. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with the other parishes in the diocese to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith and strengthen vocations. We could not accomplish these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, which is a wonderful opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach it's \$46,100.00 goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. In advance, thank you for your support!

Collection Totals for the Weekend of: Feb 11/12, 2023

		Feb 4/5	Feb 11/12	
	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$13,714.69	\$3,149.00	\$2,322.78	\$19,186.47
Foundation for Faith	\$172.00	\$75.00	\$105.00	\$352.00
Major Maintenance	\$455.00	\$63.00	\$40.00	\$558.00
Needy in Community	\$318.00	\$143.00	\$120.00	\$581.00
Latin America	\$15.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$286,873.53			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$281,470.53			

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