

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen



"O taste and see that the
Lord is good:
blessed is the man that
trusteth in him."

Psalms 34:8 KJV

Sunday, November 13, 2022

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A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Please respond generously to our second collection from seminarian education.

This weekend, our parish is taking up a second collection for the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign. Your gifts will support the formation of seminarians preparing to serve as our parish priests. The Diocese of Joliet currently has been blessed with 23 men discerning vocations to the priesthood through seminary formation. Gifts to the *I will Give You Shepherds* campaign are being invested in a new endowed fund to ensure the diocese can balance the cost of seminarian education --\$50,000 a seminarian per year -- with other ministries essential to the Church's mission. Please show your gratitude for those who have answered the Lord's call and prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support their formation with a gift to the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign. You may place your completed second envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

To learn more about this campaign or make a gift online, go to jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Here is a reflection for this weekend's readings:

We heard the Beatitudes two weeks ago on the solemnity of All Saints, Jesus 'special way of saying that those who suffer are blessed with God's favor. The final line of today's Gospel could be transformed into a beatitude. Blessed are those who persevere under duress, for they will secure their lives in the kingdom of heaven. There will come a time when massive destruction will engulf the whole world, but things in this world are destroyed all the time. The temple Jesus spoke of was destroyed around the time Luke wrote his Gospel. Wars, insurrections, and plagues are frightfully resonant in our age. But cities ultimately subject to ruin. Throughout such distress, are we evil doers, like those burned to stubble in the reading from Malachi, or lazy busybodies, like the people Paul addresses in his letter? Or do we persevere in sowing mercy making peace, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness, witnessing to the gospel by our lives? These actions produce what will truly last: more and more lives welcomed into the kingdom of God. How do you persevere in times of trial, when things seem hopeless?

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan



Communion for the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office

at 815-725-6880

to be added to our current list. 815-467-2233



Bishop Hicks' Monthly Column

November 2022

Our Baptismal Duty

Recently, many of us tuned in to watch the events surrounding the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the longest reigning British monarch. In the United States, the existence of a royal family may be somewhat of a foreign concept in our political system that prefers democratically elected officials. Yet, with some curiosity, many of us cast our gaze across the pond to capture a glimpse of the new King Charles III receiving the royal scepter.

In the Catholic Church, we tap into "royal language" with titles like "Queen of Heaven" and the "Prince of Peace." During this month, we will come to the end of our liturgical year when the universal Church boldly proclaims Christ as King of the Universe on November 20, 2022.

Pope Pius XI instituted the celebration of "Christ the King" in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism in the world. From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: "This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful, but civilization itself."

Almost 100 years after the solemnity's inception, there is still a need to promote the message of this feast day. We do not have to look far to see blatant attacks on religious liberty and increasing secularism. It is in this context that atheists are proactively trying to convert vulnerable minds to not believing in God. Still, there are others who plant a deceptive message by saying, "If you insist on believing in God, at least do so by being only spiritual and not religious within the Church."

While we embrace Christ as our king, we also need to remind ourselves that he is a very different kind of king. Instead of donning a crown of gold, Jesus wears a crown of thorns, and instead of ruling with arrogance or revenge, he utters decrees of mercy and forgiveness: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Jesus rules by being a good shepherd who rejects loftiness and domination. Instead, he serves, as opposed to seeking to be served. He calls all those who follow him to join his ministry of service, humility, forgiveness and charity.

During the past few years, there has been a popular streaming series named "The Crown." In the first season, there is a poignant scene in which King George VI reminds his son-in-law, Philip, of his duty, especially toward the new queen, Elizabeth II. "You understand, the titles, the dukedom. They're not the job. She is the job! She is the essence of your duty. Loving her. Protecting her."

For those of us who have been called to minister in the Church, I think this quote is quite appropriate. It applies not exclusively to bishops, clergy and religious, but to every Catholic who is baptized and is a missionary disciple of Jesus: "The Church is our duty. Loving her. Protecting her."

In the rite of baptism for children, the parents listen to the following words before the water is poured: "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training him or her in the practice of the faith. It will be your **duty** to bring him or her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor." When parents are asked, "Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" the affirmative answer they give at that moment is hopefully repeated daily and throughout the course of their lives.

To accomplish this, I continue to invite us to follow my vision for this diocese of Catechesis, Evangelization and Faith into Action. For if we truly know Jesus, love Jesus and serve others like he taught us, then we are doing our baptismal **duty**. As we strive to keep God at the center of our lives, the Church and the universe, may Christ the King live and reign today and always.



November 2022

Dear Friends,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which serves as the U.S. bishops' anti-poverty initiative.

Helping our brothers and sisters living on the margins has always been a key element of Catholic social teaching. I'm reminded of Pope Francis' words when he visited a homeless shelter in Rome: "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." (*Visit at the "Dono di Maria" homeless shelter: Meeting with the Missionaries of Charity, the poor and volunteers, May 21, 2013*)

It's important to remember that 25% of the CCHD collection stays within our diocese to be distributed through grants to local organizations whose mission is to help the marginalized. Let me tell you about one of those groups.

Children's Art and Recreation Enrichment Services (C.A.R.E.S.) in Pembroke Township provides community events focused on arts, recreation and education for children and families. The organization's "Focus on the Family" project features monthly classes centered on parenting skills that conclude with a family meal.

The motto of CCHD is that it "offers a hand up, not a hand out." Let us extend our hands in service to our brothers and sisters who need our help through a donation on the weekend of November 19-20.

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

*Adult Faith Formation
starts September 12th*

**Adult
Faith
Formation**

MONDAYS AT 4 30PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

This week, Fr. Burke and Edward Sri will talk about receiving the Risen Lord in Communion. We will learn why Jesus is called the "Lamb of God."

**Giving
Tree
Coming
Soon**

If you know of a family
that needs help for
Christmas, please
contact
Pastoral Associate,
Kathy at
815-467-4228. We need
these families names by
November 18th.



K9S FOR VETERANS,NFP

On Thursday, Nov. 17th, CCW will host a guest speaker from K9 For VETS. A nonprofit organization that trains dogs for veterans. Please join us in the Parish Center at 6:30.

Dogs will be present!



"A Festival of Lessons and Carols"
An Advent Program

Sunday, December 4th at 1:00pm

Gather in Church for the program

Bring the entire family to hear the Christmas Story through Scriptures and Songs

Sing along to open your hearts and prepare
for Christmas this Advent

Come to the Parish Center for desserts and beverages
following the program

To help with planning please contact Peg Furto at askpjfur@yahoo.com or (815) 603-0908
but just come if even if you decide last minute!!

Pancake Breakfast

The Knight's of Columbus is
hosting a Pancake Breakfast
On November 20th from 8am -
11pm. Please join us in the Parish
Center.



Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

Things are going well in the RE Dept this week. I hope that the Parents who attended the Parent Meetings enjoyed their meeting. Next up this week is the Confirmation Parent Meeting on Wed. Nov 16th.

I will leave you with a quote from Padre Pio;

"My heart is yours, my Jesus. Take then this heart of mine, fill it with your love, and command me what you want."

Peace and Blessings

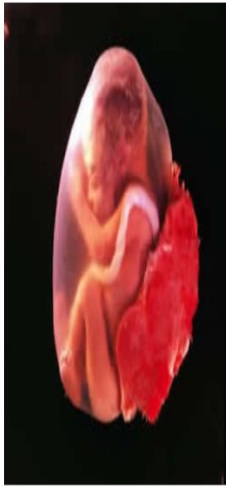
Deacon Fred Ban



Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped, our CCW Bunco Fundraiser was a huge success. Thank You to everyone who sold tickets, donated raffle items and assembled raffle baskets, baked, sent snacks, set up, cleaned up or helped the day of the event. Because of you 88 players enjoyed an afternoon of bunco, socializing and spending time with old friends and meeting new friends. A special Thank You to all who came and played.





Week 34

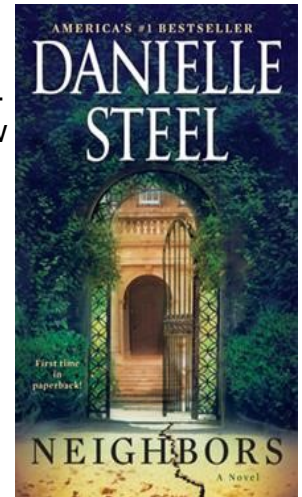
“Here we go again! <hic!> Another case <hic!> of the hiccups! ...<hic!> I have been practicing my breathing here in the womb and <hic!> sometimes that causes me to have the <hic!> hiccups! They sure do feel strange! Meanwhile, the

fuzz on my head that will become my hair is growing rapidly and I get excited to hear my mother’s voice as she sings to me. Those will probably be the same songs that I will hear as she sings me to sleep. My birthday is almost here! Please pray for me. <hic!>”

St. Mary's Book Club

Our next selection is "Neighbors" by Danielle Steele.

This novel is the story of a reclusive woman, who opens up her home to others in the wake of a devastating earthquake, and how events can bring strangers together to form powerful new bonds. Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library.



Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, September Nov 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Center

All are welcome!

Questions? Please call Mary at 815-467-9577

OPEN GYM

GAME TIME!

Upcoming Youth Group Evenings:

6:30pm - 8:00pm

November 13th- Bonfire & Fun

November 20th- Open Gym



We are looking for readers for children's mass. If your child is interested please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.



Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
Saturday, Nov. 19 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Pat Favero	Kathy Sabuco
Sunday, Nov. 20 7:30am	Antonio Equivel	Carole Fremarek	Terry Danek
Sunday, Nov. 20 9:00am	Keighera Fleming	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker	Chris Gregory
Sunday, Nov. 20 11:00am	Sarah Folsom	Jessica Folsom Jane Spray	Bruce Ukockis

Mass of Remembrance

The Mass of Remembrance was Wednesday, November 2. This was an opportunity to honor our loved ones that passed away this year. Candles were lit in their memory as well as a picture displayed. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.



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 _____
 Phone: _____

() New Parishioner
 () New Email
 () New Address
 () New Phone Number

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, Nov. 12	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Helen Mackay Fern Paone	Karen Marshall Mr. & Mrs. Robert Faford The Family
Sunday, Nov. 13	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Eldeane Ryan Kata Eric Steve Clennon Clementina Jimenez Carla Ryan	Dan & Anita Ryan John & Kay Brozovich Mag, Heather & Holly Clennon Maria Atilano
Monday, Nov. 14	8:30am	Fr. Tuan's Parents	Friends
Tuesday, Nov 15	8:30am	The Nash Family Stan & Elaine Wiencek	Tammy Wiencek
Wednesday, Nov 16	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Nov 17	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, Nov 18	8:30am	Joseph Dollinger	Joann Dollinger
Saturday, Nov. 19	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Ron Foster Mom & Dad Staskiewicz Jack Macey	Denise Tonarelli Pat & Tom McHugh The Family The Foster Family
Sunday, Nov 20	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosalie Corbin Robert Masterson Ed & Helen Vercelli	Gloria Maxwell The Family The Family

This week candles were lit for :

- Angelo and Fern Paone
- Police & Firefighters
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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	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	
Robert Fonck	Baker Family	

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.

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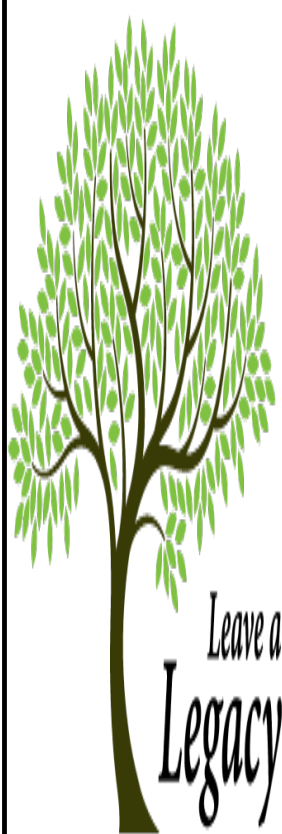
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Thank you for your financial support to St. Mary's



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.



PLEDGE REPORT: 11/06/2022

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

Parish Goal:	\$44,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$50,032.00
Balance Due:	\$ 2,900.00
2022 Rebate:	\$ 1,772.00

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.

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