

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good; His love endures forever.  
- Psalm 118:1



Sunday, November 20, 2022

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# A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

**Our God is an Awesome God and we have so many things to be thankful for. Please come and join us for Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am on Thursday, November 24th.**



*Jesus is King*

Here is a reflection for this weekend's readings:

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led him into the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by the devil. Three times he was given the opportunity, in essence, to save himself from the cross that he would bear. Today we hear Jesus tempted three final times on the cross. The rulers, the soldiers, and one of the criminals collectively take the role of the devil, each calling on him to save himself. None of them can conceive of a king who rules by sacrificing his life, who saves others and not himself, who opens his kingdom by dying on the cross. The penitent criminal, however, understands. Not only does he believe that Jesus is innocent, he believes that Jesus is in fact a king, a king with the power to admit even a sinner like him into his kingdom. His faith is now our faith. As we hear in the hymn in the second reading and as we say when we celebrate Mass, we believe that through him all things--including us--were created, that through the blood of the cross he has brought peace and redemption, and that we as well "look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

How are you tempted to "save yourself"? How do you resist?

## **Thank you for supporting the formation of our future shepherds**

Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection for the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign. Our contributions will be invested in a new endowed fund, the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education Endowment Trust, which is restricted for the purpose of educating seminarians.

If you have already made a gift to the second collection, please know how much our seminarians appreciate your generosity. If you have yet to complete and return the envelope you received at Mass last weekend, you may still do so. If you need a second collection envelope, they are still available On a table in the back of Church.

You can also learn more about this campaign or make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org).

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

## **Daybreak Help Needed**

Just a reminder, if you are able to help prepare and serve lunch at Daybreak Shelter in Joliet at 611 Cass St. On Tuesday **November 29th** from 9:00am- 1:00pm., Please call Debbie Bols at 815-210-8351.







*Adult Faith Formation  
starts September 12th*

## Adult Faith Formation

**MONDAYS AT 4 30PM IN THE PARISH CENTER**

Our last AFF meeting for 2022 will be Monday, Nov. 21, at 4:30 in the Parish Center. Edward Sri will complete his "walk through the Mass," and Scott Hahn will unfold the Real Presence and the Second Coming.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and that we'll see you next spring!

## Food Pantry Update

Good news! The Helping Hands Food Pantry had a very busy and successful month. Besides the three pantry days, we had all the Religious Education classes (about 250 students) visit and tour the pantry. We welcomed three new widows to the pantry which brings our number of families to 30 or about 100 people. We also have three new volunteers in training.

It continues to be busy. In the next few weeks, the Channahon Methodist Church and the Intermediate School will be donating food for our Christmas baskets. As we have in the past, we are working with the Giving Tree programs from St. Mary's and the Minooka Methodist churches. Both churches provide gifts and food for a brighter holiday season for our community families.

Due to our moving, our shelves are almost empty. The larger donations will be very much appreciated. However, individual donations are essential to our success in providing support to our community members. Thank you to all whom have donated.

If you would like to donate, any item will be appreciated. Some ideas for needed items include: soups, vegetables, canned fruits, condiments, spaghetti sauce, breakfast foods/bars, cake/brownie/Cookie mixes, and snacks.

For these next few weeks we will be busy preparing for the December pantry days, the Giving Trees, and the baskets each family will receive. It is always our mission to provide food, but it is also important to be attentive listeners, and offer an opportunity for some socialization. The holidays are a time when we can take extra time to make it special. It is a time to count our blessings and reach out to others. That's what the Pantry team will be doing this next month.



**Feeding the  
Community**



*Breakfast with Santa  
at the Parish Center*

*Meet and talk with Santa!*  
**Sunday, December 18, 8am – 1:00**

*Sponsored By: St. Mary's Parish, Knights of Columbus*  
*Santa's Helpers: St. Mary's Youth Group*  
*Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs*  
*Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk*

**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 25th

**Blood Drive**

Turn a new leaf  
Fall into giving

**Saturday November 26**  
7:30 am - 12:00pm

Knights of Columbus  
300 W. St. Marys St., Minooka IL


1 donation may impact up to 3 lives!  
APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED/Walk ins welcomed!  
To schedule an appointment use link or QR code:  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5592866](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5592866)



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

Medical questions/concerns call: 800-7TO-GIVE

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**Pancake Breakfast**

The Knight's of Columbus is hosting a Pancake Breakfast On November 27th from 8am -11pm. Please join us in the Parish Center.





*"A Festival of Lessons and Carols"*  
*An Advent Program*

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:askpjfur@yahoo.com) or (815) 603-0908  
but just come if even if you decide last minute!!



The Giving Tree is back IN the church!!  
Each weekend more tags will be added.  
**ALL** gifts are to be returned to the  
**Parish Center** on the dates listed below:  
November 27<sup>th</sup> during the KC Breakfast  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> before and after all Masses  
Dec. 7 Tues. and Dec. 8 Wed. 4p-6p  
December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> before and after all Masses  
**ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

When you take a tag from the tree, keep it to tie onto the item  
or bag when you bring the gift back.  
Please only buy what the tag says and **DO NOT** wrap the gifts  
Any questions? Call Kathy (815) 941-4419

# Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

Not much to report this week on RE.

Our Parent Meetings went very well this past week, we hope you enjoyed yourself, we love doing them for you.

As a reminder, we do not have RE this week because of Thanksgiving.

We hope you have a wonderful time with your families and if traveling, please stay safe.

See you back next week!

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred Ban  
Director of Faith Formation

## St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr:

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a canonized saint in the Catholic Church who, per Christian tradition, was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. Of course, the Church of the first Millennium was undivided. She is also recognized as the Great Martyr and Saint by the Orthodox Church. There are no surviving primary sources attesting to her existence, but the fact that her memory, and the stories about her, have been kept alive - and handed down in the tradition - certainly confirm her existence, and her life of heroic virtue and holiness.

Her feast day is Nov. 25, and she is the patron of a great many professions and causes.

Her patronage includes students, unmarried girls, apologists and many more as well as many places around the world.



## Week 35



"It seems that I just keep getting chubbier as the days go by. I need to store up a layer of fat underneath my skin in order to help my body regulate its temperature once I leave my mother's womb. I am cute and round just like a cherub. I'll bet once I'm born everyone will say that I look like an angel. I must admit --- I am so adorable! Some of the tiny hairs that have covered my body are starting to disappear. I guess by the time I leave this place I will have a beautifully soft 'birthday suit'! I can't wait to show it off! Please pray for me."



## St. Mary's Chili Cook off

Parish Council sponsored the first St. Mary's Chili Cook off !  
Thanks to everyone who came and all that made chili!  
Thanks you CCW and Knights for helping.



# Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
Saturday, Nov. 26 5:00pm	Jada Akroush	Roy Sabuco	Carolyn Healy
Sunday, Nov. 27 7:30am	Xander Esquivel	Deb Bols Marie Moretti	Terry Danek
Sunday, Nov. 27 9:00am	Molly Schramm	Mike Schramm Alice Mayr	Sue Gregory
Sunday, Nov. 27 11:00am	Megan Weinstock	Cheryl Nelson Kathy O'Hagan	Cathy Fouts

## Communion For the Homebound



If you or someone you know would benefit from a Communion Visit, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.



## 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.

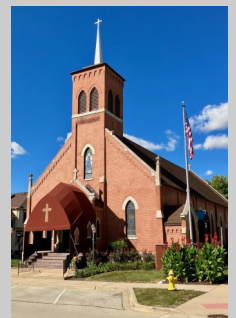
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☐ New Parishioner

☐ 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. 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	Rosalie Corbin	Gloria Maxwell
	9:00am	Robert Masterson	The Family
	11:00am	Ed & Helen Vercelli	The Family
Monday, Nov 21	8:30am	Fern Paone	The Family
Tuesday, Nov 22	8:30am	The Nash Family	Friends
Wednesday, Nov. 23	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Nov. 24	9:00am	Bill Stafford	Judy Stafford
Thanksgiving Mass		Fr. Tuan's Parents	
Friday, Nov. 25	8:30am	Parishioners	
Saturday, Nov. 26	5:00pm	Bill Stafford	Emma Hozian
		Mr. & Mrs. Jack Futterer	
		Helen Mackay	
Sunday, Nov. 27	7:30am	Terry & Joyce Danek 50th Anniversary	
	9:00am	Kata Eric	The Family
		Dominic Anthony DeCicco	The Family
	11:00am	Francis R. Dollinger	Cathy Glover

## *This week candles were lit for :*

- Police & Firefighters
- Lois Anzalone
- Scott Tezak
- Lucy McDonald
- Pat & Mickey McDonald & John Brown

**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](mailto: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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Get started at [FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet](https://FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet).



### PLEDGE REPORT: 11/13/2022

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

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00  
 Amount Pledged: \$50,094.00  
 Balance Due: \$ 2,840.00  
 2022 Rebate: \$ 1,858.00

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.

### Collection Totals for the Weekend of:

Nov 5/6, 2022

	Collected	Oct 29/30 Online	Nov 5/6 Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$11,473.00	\$2,624.00	\$2,588.00	\$16,685.00
Foundation for Faith	\$199.00	\$40.00	\$130.00	\$369.00
Major Maintenance	\$457.00	\$65.00	\$383.00	\$905.00
Needy in Community	\$368.00	\$310.00	\$88.00	\$766.00
All Saints	\$1,463.00	\$17.00	\$135.00	\$1,615.00
All Souls	\$840.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$887.00
World Missions	\$291.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$291.00
Seminarians "I Will Give You Shepherds"	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$153,766.64			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$162,058.79			

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