

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen

## Merry Christmas



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# Message from Fr. Tuan

On behalf of Deacon Fred and my Staff, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May the light of Jesus shine in your hearts!

Dear Parishioners,

I frequently say at Mass that our God is an Awesome God! He loves you, no matter who you are, what you are or how you are in your life. I truly believe what I say. That is why Jesus Christ came to dwell among us, to reveal the heart of our Father. The message that Jesus wants us to know is the message of love, hope, joy and peace.

Jesus said "I have come so that you may have life and have it more abundantly". Giving us life is the 1st purpose for which he came into the world. The other purpose is that the life promised by Christ is a source of joy and hope. By his coming, the promise of our salvation has been achieved. We have been delivered. We are now children of God and we will therefore never wander in darkness, but always in the source of light, Jesus Christ himself!

Each of us has been entrusted with a special gift, a sacred responsibility: to show others how the mystery of God is among us. We are called to go out into the world and share the message of God's love for all mankind.

My brothers and sisters, let the joy of Christmas enter our hearts and souls, so we may change our lives to become peace-makers, love others as we love ourselves, and love God above all things.

With gratitude for all you have been and done to grace St. Mary's parish, I hold you in my heart and in my prayers this Christmas season, asking God to bless you with peace, joy, hope and love.

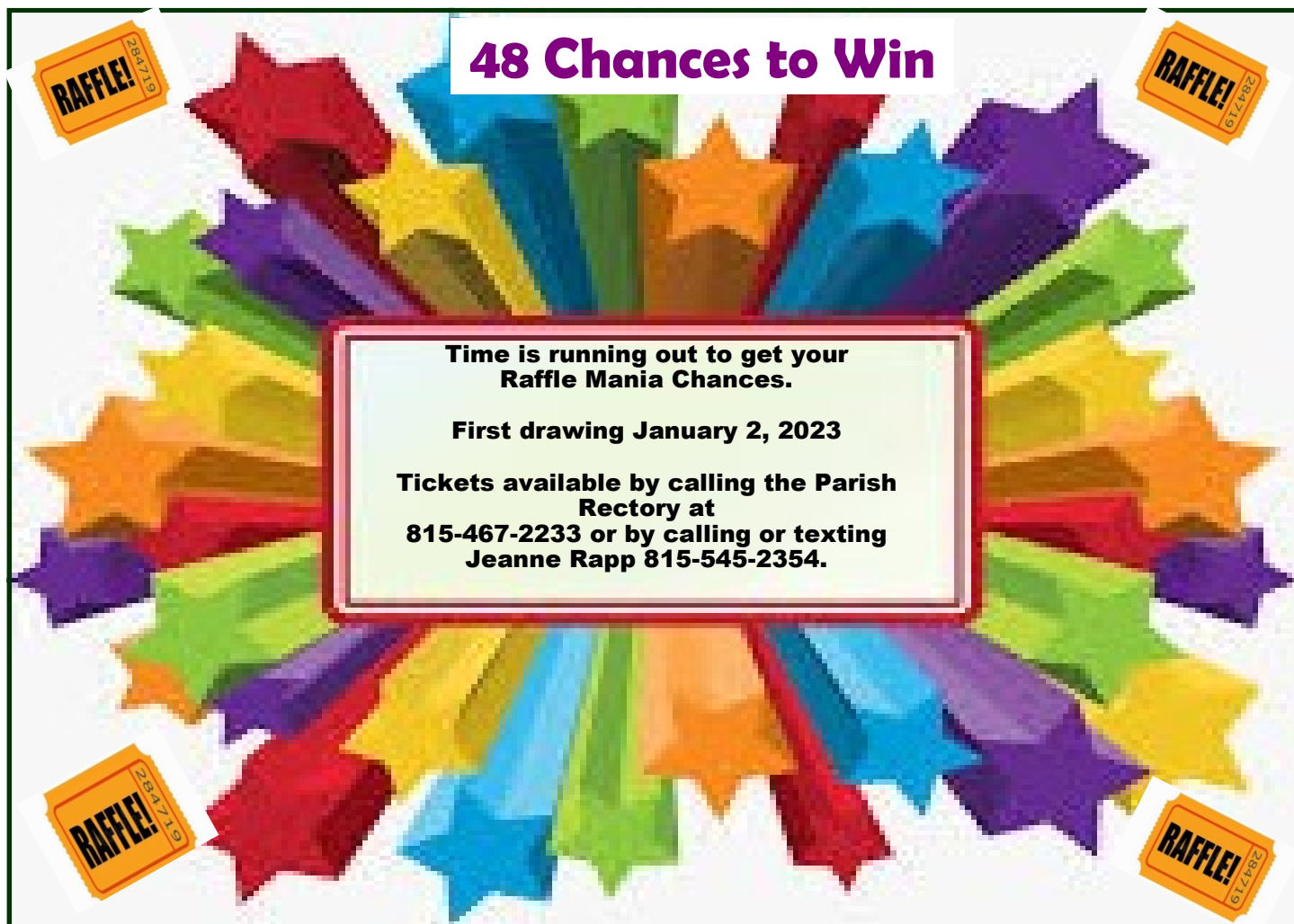
A blessed Christmas to all.

Love and prayers,



Fr. Tuan





## 48 Chances to Win

**Time is running out to get your Raffle Mania Chances.**

**First drawing January 2, 2023**

**Tickets available by calling the Parish Rectory at 815-467-2233 or by calling or texting Jeanne Rapp 815-545-2354.**

Our Saints for this week are the Holy Innocents:

Herod “the Great,” king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and his sister’s two husbands, to name only a few.

Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was “greatly troubled” when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of “the newborn king of the Jews,” whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also “do him homage.” They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt.

Herod became furious and “ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under.” The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children...” (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.





# Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the RE Department!!



We hope you are having a wonderful Christmas Break and we are looking forward to seeing you back on Tues Jan 10th and Wed Jan 11th for the beginning of the 2nd half of the RE Year. It's going to be a busy time with Sacraments!!

## Week Day Morning Rosary

**Morning Rosary will not be prayed during the cold winter months of January and February. It will resume in the spring.**

**Thank you.**



## Communion For the Homebound

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

## Spiritual Adoption



### Week 40

"I am here in the world, because of God's divine plan! He has blessed me in so many wonderful ways and I am in awe of His goodness!

Because of God, I can smile and laugh and play. I can show love and

receive love. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray that all babies conceived will be given the precious gift of LIFE!"



"For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love; O morning stars! Together proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven."

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

# Advent Quiz



**Finally, its time for the answers to our quiz.  
Here are the answers to questions 1-25  
So here we go.**



Pope John Paul II instituted a new set of mysteries to the Rosary called the Luminous Mysteries. It is suggested by the Church to say these mysteries on Thursdays.

The 3rd Glorious Mystery of the Rosary is the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Saul saw Jesus as a bright light on his way to Damascus.

The first Christian in the New Testament, as well as the first evangelist, was Mary .

Paul describes Jesus as the new Adam .

The Ark of the Covenant contained three items, according to Paul, including the Word of God, manna, & the Rod of Aaron that re-sprouted.

There are at least 3 righteous people mentioned in the Book of Luke, Elizabeth, Zechariah, and Simeon .

According to the Bible, satan is the prince of the air.

The first murderer in human history was Cain.

Adam and Eve's third son was named Seth.

Jesus is a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

False--The Catholic Church added the 7 books of the "apocrypha" to the Bible after the Protestant Reformation. (Luther took them out during the Protestant Reformation).

False--The Bible condemns all tradition. (Paul says to hold fast to the traditions he taught, either orally or in writing).

The Liturgy of the Hours draws mainly from the Biblical book of Psalms.

David was completely forgiven for his sin by God, but still had to endure the death of his child as punishment.

Simeon told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart.

Psalm 22 foretells the crucifixion of Jesus and that lots would be cast for his clothes.

Bethlehem means House of Bread.

The prophet Micah foretold that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that Jesus would be born of a virgin.

The prophet Zechariah foretold that Jesus would be sold for 30 pieces of silver.

Judith chopped off the head of General Holofernes, saving Israel. She is a biblical type of Mary, who crushes the head of the serpent, saving the Church.

Elijah was caught up to heaven in a whirlwind. Just prior to that, Elisha asked for and received a double portion of his spirit.

Saul went to the Witch of Endor to get her to conjure up Samuel from the dead.

False - Witchcraft, sorcery, and divination are not condemned by the Bible.(The bible equates these abominations with murder).

How did you do so far?

*Merry  
Christmas*

# Volunteer Schedule

	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 31 5:00pm</b>	<b>Brooklyn Lehner</b>	<b>Pat Favero</b>	<b>Pete Quirk</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 1 7:30am</b>	<b>Bridget Phillips</b>	<b>Cindy Creasman</b>	<b>Terry Danek</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 1 9:00am</b>	<b>Keighera Fleming</b>	<b>Alice Mayr Sydney Yunker</b>	<b>Chris Gregory</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan 1 11:00am</b>	<b>Sarah Folsom</b>	<b>Jane Spray Kathy Williamson</b>	<b>Cathy Fouts</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.

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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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# MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4:00pm	Helen Mackay	Mr. & Mrs. Magolan
	6:00pm	Stan & Elaine Wiencek	Tammy Wiencek
		Bill Stafford	The Family
		Jaimie Therese Kimble	The Family
Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day	10:00am	Kata Eric	The Family
	8:00am	Lisa Maubach	The Family
		Francis J & Josephine Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
		Scott Tezak	The Family
Monday, Dec. 26	10:00am	Steve Clennon	The Family
	8:30am	Captain James Ponzo	The Schrishuhn Family
	8:30am	No Mass	
	8:30am	Jerry Hannon	The Family
Tuesday, Dec. 27		Gerald, Janet , Tom & Steve Clennon	The Family
	8:30am	Communion Service	
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	8:30am	Pat & Mickey McDonald	
Wednesday, Dec 28		& John Brown	The Family
	8:30am	Helen MacKay	Mr. & Mrs. Malinowski
		Ken Zbancik	The Family
		1 yr. Anniversary	
Thursday, Dec. 29		Robert Bell	The Family
	8:30am	Brother Fran (Leo) Keigher	John & Maureen Konopek
	9:00am	Rosalie Jostes	The Family
	11:00am	Marie Starks	June & Dave Battey
Friday, Dec. 30			
Saturday, Dec. 31			
Sunday, Jan. 1			

## *This week candles were lit for :*

- Police & Firefighters
- George & Evelyn Glad
- Paul & Anna Fabek
- Tom Fabek
- Charles, Marge & Kathy Rapp
- Bernadette Hadaway
- Gloria Ziebler
- Scott Tezak
- Lucy McDonald

**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	Sue Burich	Judy Stafford
Paul Thien Phu	Jerry Davidson	Irene Davidson
Deidra Hogan	Linda Bradley	Phyllis Artusa
Robert Fonck	Baker Family	Ruth Kesselring
		Olivia Arenella

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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## PLEDGE REPORT: 12/11/2022

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

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00  
Amount Pledged: \$51,234.00  
Balance Due: \$ 2,425.00  
2022 Rebate: \$ 2,946.00

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.

**Due to early holiday deadlines, no collection totals were available at the time of printing. They will be included in future bulletins.**

**Thank you.**



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