

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing to be so generous in your support to St. Mary's. I know everyone is experiencing the difficulty of inflation through rising gas prices, increased food costs etc. I want you to know it is not going unnoticed how truly special you all are!

Your contributions to St. Mary's are vital to all the good things that happen here. I deeply appreciate all that you do for our Parish.

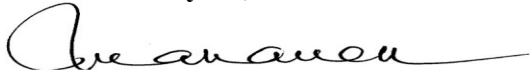
Here is a reflection for this weekends readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Good Samaritan is one of those parables that has gained almost universal recognitions even outside of Christian circles. This is understandable. The notion of radical generosity is one of those ideals that many religious traditions would propose to its followers. But that familiarity can dilute an even greater lesson Jesus is teaching here. Jesus is calling his followers not simply to radical generosity, but to love. And whom are we to love? Jesus emphasizes those "other" than our friends, families, and communities; those who have, by that "otherness," been deemed "enemies."

As we look at our world today, many would agree that the polarization and division seem to intensify with each passing day. But the disputes and disagreements aren't limited to nameless, faceless groups of people who remain distant from our lives and experience. Sadly, there are people in our own neighborhoods who fall into groups whose labels could just as easily be swapped for the Jew and the Samaritan in today's story.

Jesus makes it clear: The path to eternal life begins when we decide not to cross the street, not to continue to ignore and disengage from the "others" in our midst, but to imitate his selfless sacrificial love.

Love and Prayers,



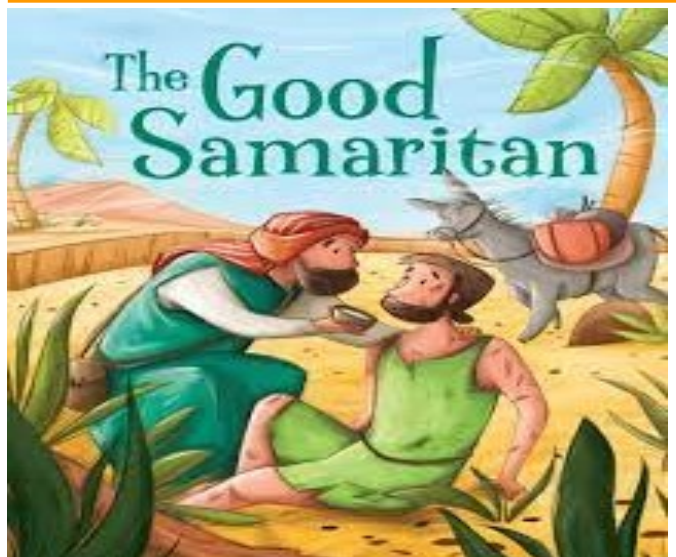
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I would like to say I hope you are having a great summer....enjoy

With Summertime here, I would like to remind everyone to please check on your neighbors to be sure they are ok. It's been so hot lately.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or someone you know would like communion brought to your home, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.



Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

It's that time of year again.

RE registration for 2022/2023 is now open. Registration forms are on the Rectory Porch, or can be downloaded off our website.

Please pick one up or download one and return it to my office or the Parish Rectory.

Along with RE registration, we are also registering for RCIA. If you or someone you know wants to become Catholic, or needs to finish your/their sacraments, please contact my office at 815-467-2769 for more information.

Have a great week.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred Ban
Director of Faith Formation
St. Mary's Minooka



Catholic Charities Seeking Volunteers

Volunteers wanted in our Telephone Reassurance Program (serving Will, Grundy, and Kankakee Counties)!

Virtual Open Houses:

Join us for a virtual open house to learn about volunteer opportunities with the Telephone Reassurance Program! Make an impact on the lives of older adults by making friendly phone calls from the comfort of your own home.

Wednesday, July 13 3:00 – 4:00pm

Thursday, August 11 4:00 – 5:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 14 3:00 – 4:00pm

In-Person Volunteer Orientations:

Get prepared to start making phone calls to older adults to help reduce feelings of loneliness and social isolation they may be experiencing.

Location: Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill

Wednesday, July 27 2:00 – 4:00pm

Thursday, August 25 2:00 – 4:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 28 9:00 – 11:00am

Note: You only need to attend one open house and one orientation.

For more information or to register for any of the events, contact Crystal at 815-221-6020 or cdelrio@cc-doj.org or Ed 815-523-9923 or ehowe@cc-doj.org.



Question of the Week

Our question this week is:

Q. In church we are told to raise our arms during the Our Father prayer. I am still struggling why in mass only. Now -a-days some do others don't, which is right?

A. Yes, this is a good and very practical question that many are confused by. It seems that in some churches everyone holds hands during the Lord's Prayer, sometimes they raise their hands at the doxology at the end of the prayer, and in some churches no one does either. So what's correct?

Let's start with the value of holding hands while praying and even raising hands during prayer. From there, we can look at doing this within the Liturgy itself.

Raising hands in prayer: It's worth noting that the priest does this all the time. It's part of the liturgical rite for him to raise his hands. The raising of one's hands in prayer is spoken of in the Psalms and is a very holy act. There is nothing wrong with it and, in fact, there is something very holy about this external posture when it is expressing an interior intention. And the interior intention it expresses is that of worship and openness to God. It's a sign of abandonment to God and surrender to His holy will. So raise your hands high when you pray, especially when alone.

As for holding hands during prayer, there are certainly very appropriate times to do so. This is an external sign indicating that you are united with those with whom you are praying. Oneness comes primarily through our joint union with God, but oneness is also expressed externally at times by the joining of hands or the raising of hands together. This is especially the case among family members and close friends.

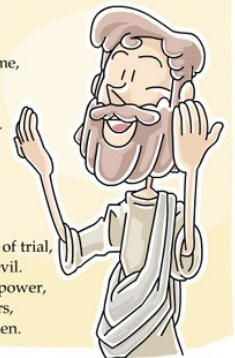
But now to the point of the question. What about doing these practices within the Liturgy? Is this good? The problem we face with this question has to do with the importance of uniformity within the Liturgy. Liturgical prayer is prayer that is intended to unite us and it does do this on a spiritual level. But the external unity is also important. Therefore, it's important that we strive to pray in union with what we call the rubrics of the Mass.

As for the rubrics at the time of the Lord's Prayer, there is no instruction given to the congregation to hold hands or to lift them at that time. It's not that it is a bad idea, it's just that it's not in the rubrics. Therefore, it seems best to refrain from this act if it is a distraction or imposition on others. For example, to grab a stranger's hand next to you during the Lord's Prayer may be good intentioned, but it is not part of the Mass rubrics so it should be avoided.

One suggestion is that if this is a local custom and is somewhat expected, feel free to just go with the direction the priest gives. If he asks you to hold hands or to raise them then it's fine to do so. The priest should offer some guidance on this and if he doesn't, try to keep it discreet among family members if this is your family practice. Ideally, the universal Church will eventually offer some direction on this so that all confusion is avoided.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our
daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.



Saint of the Week

Our Saint for this week is St Benedict:

St. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica.

In the fifth century, the young Benedict was sent to Rome to finish his education with a nurse/housekeeper. The subject that dominated a young man's study then was rhetoric -- the art of persuasive speaking. A successful speaker was not one who had the best argument or conveyed the truth, but one who used rhythm, eloquence, and technique to convince. The power of the voice without foundation in the heart was the goal of the student's education. And that philosophy was reflected in the lives of the students as well. They had everything -- education, wealth, youth -- and they spent all of it in the pursuit of pleasure, not truth. Benedict watched in horror as vice unraveled the lives and ethics of his companions.

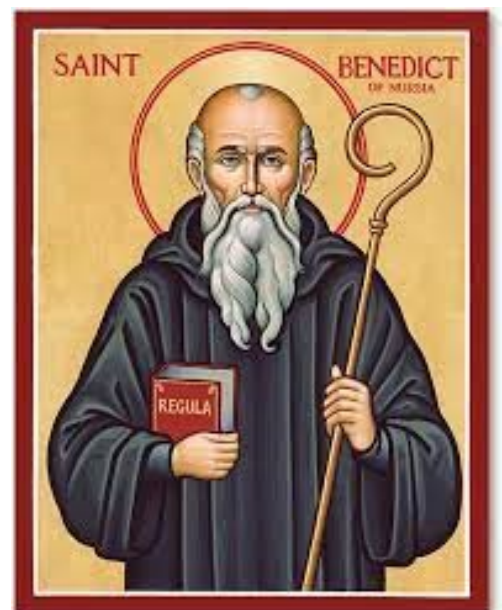
Benedict realized the strongest and truest foundation for the power of words was the Word of God itself: "For what page or word of the Bible is not a perfect rule for temporal life?" He had experienced the power of God's word as expressed in Scripture: "For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

For prayer, Benedict turned to the psalms, the very songs and poems from the Jewish liturgy that Jesus himself had prayed. To join our voices with Jesus in praise of God during the day was so important that Benedict called it the "Work of God." And nothing was to be put before the work of God. "Immediately upon hearing the signal for the Divine Office all work will cease." Benedict believed with Jesus that "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

But it wasn't enough to just speak the words. Benedict instructed his followers to practice sacred reading -- the study of the very Scriptures they would be praying in the Work of God. In this *lectio divina*, he and his monks memorized the Scripture, studied it, and contemplated it until it became part of their being. Four to six hours were set aside each day for this sacred reading. If monks had free time it "should be used by the brothers to practice psalms." Lessons from Scripture were to be spoken from memory not read from a book. On Benedict's list of "Instruments of Good Works" is "to enjoy holy readings."

In Benedictine prayer, our hearts are the vessel empty of thoughts and intellectual striving. All that remains is the trust in God's providence to fill us. Emptying ourselves this way brings God's abundant goodness bubbling up in our hearts, first with an inspiration or two, and finally overflowing our heart with contemplative love.

Benedict died on 21 March 543, not long after his sister. It is said he died with high fever on the very day God told him he would. He is the patron saint of Europe and students.





If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or need to finish your Sacraments we have a program at St. Mary's for that. It is called RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The program will go through what it takes to become Catholic and what it means to be Catholic. Classes will begin in September and go through the Easter Vigil where you will receive your Sacraments. If you have any questions or would like to register, please call me 815 467-2769.
Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred



Week 16

"Today was a wild ride. I got the hiccups for the first time! I spun around inside my mother. I'm sure she felt me in here, because I heard her start to giggle. What a silly day I've had. I've learned the reflex of suction, which means that when I arrive into the world, I'll be ready to eat. I hope I get something sweet, because I definitely have taste buds now. Another thing that is new is that I can tell when there is bright light outside. Sometimes I use my hands to shield my eyes from the light. I thank God that I am here and growing so healthy and strong. Please, pray for me."

Fireside Chats with Deacon Fred

There will be two nights each month a Teen Night: for 8th graders to High School Seniors, and a College Night.

Teen Nights: all 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Sunday, July 17, 2022
Sunday, August 14, 2022
Sunday, September 4, 2022

College Nights: all 8:00pm to 9:30pm

Thursday, July 14, 2022
Thursday, August 4, 2022

Come and join us, we would love to see you!!

Deacon Fred & Joann Ban



**'In old age they will still
bear fruit'** Psalms 92:15

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!
TO THE
DIOCESE OF JOLIET
GRANDPARENTS MASS
CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022
2:00PM**

Pre-registration is required by July 8, 2022. Please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334, Email: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or register online at <https://bit.ly/3pEvX28>.



Presents:

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Men Meeting Jesus



An Invitation From:

St. Mary's Fishers of Men to All men over the age of 18

Tuesday, July 19th

5:30pm- 9:00pm

St. Mary's Parish Center, 300 W. St. Mary's St. Minooka IL

The evening will include:

Adoration

Confession

Guest Speakers – Rick Erwin & Joe Miller

Rick Erwin and Joe Miller will share experiences of walking a pilgrimage to St. James Tomb, The Camino. During the 35 day, 515 mile walk from St. Jean de Port, France to Santiago, Spain through the Pyrenees Mountains they experienced the Holy Spirit working through many people along "The Way". The experience reinforces that God's love is in the present" with each of our relationships.

Dinner from Cemeno's will be provided

Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
Saturday, July 16 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Mike Healy	Carolyn Healy
Sunday, July 17 7:30am	Atonio Equivel	Carole Fremarek	Terry Danek
Sunday, July 17 9:00am	Keighera Fleming	Erica Schramm Syndney Yunker	Chris Gregory
Sunday, July 17 11:00am	Sarah Folsom	Jessica Folsom Jane Spray	Bruce Ukockis

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



MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

DATE

TIME

MASS INTENTION

FROM

**** The Rosary is Prayed every weekday morning at 8:00am****

Saturday, July 9	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Jerry Hannon Helen Mackay Rita Bernardy Carol J. (Naal) Horvat Sanctity of Life	Bill & Brenda Rittorf Ranzini Family Mr. & Mrs. William Collins Wayne & Judy DeAngeles Joyce Grote
Sunday, July 10	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Frank Hodorowicz Fred Mysliwiec Rita Bernardy Dennis Trzesniewski Joseph & Lillian Malec Communion Service Communion Service Francis Roger Dollinger	Wayne & Judy DeAngeles Virginia Mysliwiec Chuck Bernardy The Family Joyce & Terry Danek
Monday, July 11	8:30am	Bill Stafford Cecilia Popek Living & Deceased members Of the Golubiak Family	Jim & Peg Furto Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, July 12	8:30am	Raymond Noel	The Family
Wednesday, July 13	8:30am	Carol J (Naal) Horvat	Joyce Grote
Thursday, July 14	8:30am	Ralph & Frances Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
Friday, July 15	8:30am	Clementina Jimenez	Maria Atilano
Saturday, July 16	5:00pm		
Sunday, July 17	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am		

This week candles were lit for :

- Dennis Trzesniewski
- Gloria Ziebler
- Police & Firefighters
- An end to the Corona Virus
- Sanctity of Life from Conception until Natural Death

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	Special Intentions	Lorenzo Benitez
Kimberly Gaydula	Sara Lovell	Marlena Benitez
Dylan Pickett	Elaine Troutman	Gerald Boucher
Paul Thien Phu	Wren Wagoner	Gerry Loucks
Deidra Hogan	Sue Burich	Mary Mogensen
Lonnie Barutello	Jerry Davidson	Judy Stafford
	Maureen Donovan	Karen Tweet

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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have made this Parish**



PLEDGE REPORT: 07/03/2022

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

Parish Goal:	\$44,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$46,620.00
Balance Due:	\$ 6,360.00

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 the 4th of July Holiday,
the collection totals for July 3rd & 4th
were not yet available at the time of bulletin printing.
They will be included in next weekends bulletin.
Thank you.

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