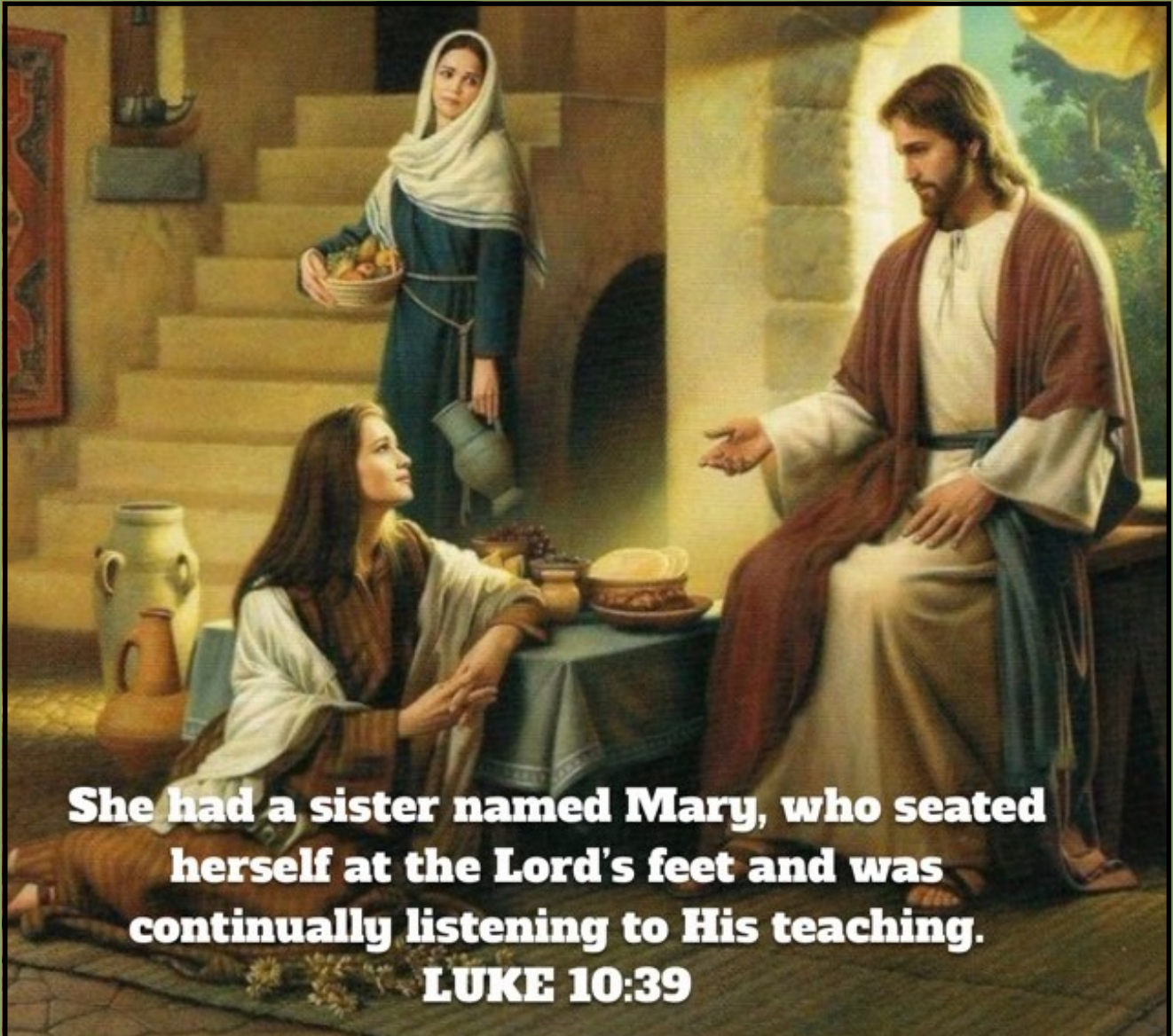


ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen



**She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was continually listening to His teaching.
LUKE 10:39**

July 17, 2022

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Bishop Hicks' Monthly Column

July 2022

A life centered on Christ promotes unity

Towards the end of June, about 220 bishops from the United States gathered in the Diocese of San Diego for a special assembly. Instead of attending to the usual topics of business and governance, we focused on prayer, conversation and discernment. This convocation centered on the theme of "Episcopal Fraternity and Communio." In other words, we discussed how bishops might move away from public division and polarization and instead lead, shepherd and relate to each other with mutual respect in a spirit of "togetherness."

As I participated in this gathering, I could not help but think that the theme fit well into my vision for our diocese: Catechesis, Evangelization and Faith into Action. Let me share with you some connections I made.

Catechesis: Catechesis invites us to know something ABOUT Jesus and the teachings of our Church. Therefore, our presenter, Archbishop Anthony Fischer, OP, from Sydney, Australia, helped us grow in knowledge as he took us on an in-depth journey through Scripture and pointed out that for over 2,000 years, there has always been tension and disagreement in our Church.

Unfortunately, division and polarization are not something new.

He asked us to reflect on what has kept the Church together all these years despite our internal and external discord: Namely, we are a church centered on Christ, bonded in love for God and neighbor and guided by the Holy Spirit. We are also a church at its best when we actively practice synodality – that is, truly listening to each other and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Evangelization: Evangelization motivates us to know and love Jesus and have a true encounter with him. During this gathering, we had the opportunity to do just that in extended periods of prayer together, including daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the sacrament of penance, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We were reminded that it is only by praying with each other that we may be more united in the heart of Christ instead of viewing each other as strangers simply working for the same company.

During this time of growing in mutual love for the Lord, we also had some fun moments together. For example, one evening we all were invited to watch the recently released movie, "Father Stu." Going out to the cinema or getting together to view a livestreamed film is a normal thing that friends do in our society, and it was wonderful to watch a movie with my fellow bishops.

Faith into Action: This step recognizes that once we know about Jesus and truly love him, we will be propelled to put our faith into action. During this convocation, we were not just preached at, but we also all gathered daily in small, random groups to practice synodality and truly listen to each other on a variety of topics. We tried to listen with respect and without judgment. These settings provided a needed opportunity for dialogue and collaboration. Also, on a personal note, I got to put faces to names of many bishops that I talked to for the first time since being ordained a bishop in 2018.

Perhaps the highlight of this convocation for me was when we all boarded buses one late afternoon and journeyed to the Catholic parish located at the southernmost border of the diocese. Together we celebrated Mass, joined by Archbishop Francisco Moreno Barrón of Tijuana, Mexico. From our seats, we had a firsthand view of the border that separates San Diego and Tijuana. As we gazed at the stark contrast between the two countries, we were reminded repeatedly by our presider, Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, to pray in solidarity with and for immigrants, the poor and the marginalized.

As we departed to return to our own dioceses, there was a general consensus of profound gratitude for our time together. It is good for bishops to remember – as well as our entire Church – that our baptism forms us in Christ, and we are strengthened by the Eucharist to live as one body, the Church. We might have differences of opinions on many topics, yet if Christ is truly at the center of our lives, then our ultimate goal and desire is to see the face of Christ in everyone we meet.

While there will always be things that cause tension and division, my hope is that we can never forget that as the Catholic Church, we belong to God and to each other. In other words, "How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers and sisters dwell together as one!" *Ecce quam bonum et quam iucundum habitare fratres in unum!* (Psalm 133:1)

A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Here is a reflection for this weekend's readings, the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time C:

To Martha has fallen the burden of doing all the work. We are told that she is doing all the serving. Presumably she is cooking and preparing the meal as well. When she appeals to Jesus for help from her sister, she expects him to take her side. But he avoids doing so. It may seem unsympathetic, but perhaps he is more concerned with teaching the lesson that as important as the service she is providing, there is an even better way to serve their guest. While Martha is busy elsewhere, Mary is spending time with him. This is the reason for hospitality Martha showed in the first place by inviting him into their home, the hospitality Abraham showed the strangers in the first reading. Mary is serving the Lord by simply being with him. Listening at his feet, she is likely enraptured by his talk of God's kingdom. She soon becomes his disciple. This truly is "the better part" (Luke 10:42). Here, today we are offered the better part. Like Mary, we can sit back, put aside our anxieties and worries, and become fully present to the Lord, listen to the word of God, share in the meal the Lord himself provides, and grow as his disciples.

How can your hospitality help you grow as a disciple?

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan


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.



St. Mary's is looking for a new part-time Director of Music

This Director of Music is responsible for planning and playing for weekend Masses and Holy Days, scheduling musicians when needed, holding weekly adult choir rehearsals and monthly children's choir rehearsals. If you, or someone you know, are interested in this position, please call Fr. Tuan at 815-467-2233, or send an email to stmarysminooka@sbcglobal.net.



NOW HIRING!


PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, July 24th 2022
8am - 11:00am**

**Sponsored by St. Mary's
Knights of Columbus**



Everyone is Invited!

A decorative background of pink orchids with green stems and buds, some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a soft, elegant feel.

YOU ARE INVITED

Ladies Retreat

With Amy Bovie, CPSD, Facilitator

I AM ENOUGH

*Spend Friday evening and Saturday with the One who loves you most,
filling your cup so that you may go into the world and love as He does.*

August 12th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (refreshments included)

August 13th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (lunch included)

Free child care

St. Rose Parish, Wilmington, IL

Cost: \$30

Please bring a prayer journal, Bible, rosary and invite a friend!

Amy Bovie, is a Certified Professional Spiritual Director & Retreat Director. She formed Belle Ame Experience to remind others that as God's beloved, we are all beautiful souls. Amy evangelizes through mini, day or weekend retreats and spiritual direction.

To register return the bottom portion with payment of \$30 made out to St. Rose.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

_____ Yes, I would like childcare _____ Number of Children

Ages of children _____

Return to: St. Rose, Attn: Ladies Retreat, 603 S. Main St., Wilmington, IL 60481

For more information contact Katrina Plese @ kpaddick2@gmail.com or 815/693-0605.

Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families

Just a quick note from the RE Dept.

Registration for RE 2022/2023 is on going and you can register by picking up a registration form from our Rectory Porch or downloading one from our website.

<http://www.stmarysminooka.com>.



Also, if you are interested in becoming Catholic or want to finish your Sacraments, our RCIA program can help you with that. For more info contact me at 815-467-2769.

Hope you have a great rest of your summer and look forward to seeing you in Mass.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred Ban
Director of Faith Formation



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

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, August 4, 2022

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

Deacon Fred & Joann Ban





Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, **Jesus is present**, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation. Sign up for the Heart of Revival newsletter today and learn how you can get involved:
<http://www.eucharisticrevival.org>



Community Blood Drive
Saturday, July 30th,
7:30am – Noon

St. Mary's Parish Center

Please consider taking an hour out of your busy Saturday morning to donate blood in support of your local hospitals. Blood is always in short supply during the summer, please take the time to save a life.

Please sign up online at www.versiti.org/IL (search city Minooka/60447) or call Keith at 815-467-9531. Walk-ins are welcome.

Remember to bring a photo ID and eat a good meal before donating.

Hosted by the Channahon & Minooka Knights of Columbus with Versiti Blood Center.



St. Mary's Book Club

Our next selection is "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult.

The story follows a young woman, Diana O'Toole, who leaves for a vacation to the Galapagos without her boyfriend and gets locked down there as borders close due to the coronavirus pandemic. Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library.

Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Weather permitting, we will meet outside at the parish center, Bring your lawn chairs. Watch for future emails concerning the location, if the weather is questionable.

All are welcome!



Spiritual Adoption



Week 17

"Today was the day I had my first picture taken. They put some warm gel onto my mommy's tummy to see just what was going on inside. Even though I am developed enough for

them to be able to tell if I'm a boy or a girl, I did summersaults during the picture so they never did get a good look. I want my parents to be surprised on my **birthday!** My skin is still pretty transparent; there is a new kind of sealant that is coating it called 'vernix'. This protects my skin for the next 23 weeks. Keep praying for me!"

Question of the Week

Q. Did Mary the mother of Jesus Christ, have other children after Jesus?

A. The short answer to this question is “No.” But let’s explore further.

Most likely you are asking this question because some Scripture passages seem to suggest that Jesus had brothers and sisters. For example, here are two such passages:

[Mark 6:3](#) – *Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?”*

[Matthew 13:55-56](#) – *Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us?*

So should we conclude from these passages that Jesus had brothers and sisters in a literal way, meaning Mary and Joseph had other children in addition to Jesus? Certainly not.



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 23 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Roy Sabuco	Pete Quirk
Sunday, July 24 7:30am	Xander Esquivel	Deb Bols Marie Moretti	Terry Danek
Sunday, July 24 9:00am	Molly Schramm	Mike Schramm	Sue Gregory
Sunday, July 24 11:00am	Keighera Fleming	Cheryl Nelson Kathy O'Hagan	Cathy Fouts

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 16	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Cecilia Popek Living & Deceased members Of the Golubiak Family	Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus
Sunday, July 17	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Raymond Noel Carol J (Naal) Horvat Ralph & Frances Dollinger Clementina Jimenez Joseph & Lillian Malec Nash Family Communion Service Communion Service	The Family Joyce Grote JoAnn Dollinger Maria Atilano Terry & Joyce Danek Friends
Monday, July 18	8:30am		
Tuesday, July 19	8:30am		
Wednesday, July 20	8:30am		
Thursday, July 21	8:30am		
Friday, July 22	8:30am	Bill Stafford	Jerry & Lori Offerman
Saturday, July 23	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Patsy Malina Helen Mackay Nita Chiovatero Ed & Helen Vercelli Jerry Hannon Sr. Rosemary Small	Bill & Brenda Rittorf Judy & Pat Tierney Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Smith Scott & Julie Helem The Family The Ranzini Family
Sunday, July 24	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am		

This week candles were lit for :

- Gloria Ziebler
- Police & Firefighters
- An end to the Corona Virus

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
Joe Thomas	Jerry Davidson	Judy Stafford
	Maureen Donovan	Karen Tweet

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email
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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.


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PLEDGE REPORT: 07/10/2022

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

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00
Amount Pledged: \$47,300.00
Balance Due: \$ 6,348.00

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: July 2/3, 2022

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$5,939.00	\$2,784.00	\$8,723.00
Foundation for Faith	\$100.00	\$157.50	\$257.50
Major Maintenance	\$225.00	\$88.00	\$313.00
Needy in Community	\$303.00	\$348.00	\$651.00
Peters Pence	\$70.00	\$5.00	\$75.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$8,723.00		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$8,529.41		

Collection Totals for the Weekend of: July 9/10, 2022

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$0.00	\$2,690.00	\$2,690.00
Foundation for Faith	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
Major Maintenance	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Needy in Community	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$11,413.00		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$17,058.82		

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