

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does
not consist
of possessions.

Luke 12:15

July 31, 2022

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A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Here is a reflection for this weekend's readings:

Jesus really does not want to go into the business of settling disputes between siblings. Two Sundays ago we hear Martha ask Jesus to tell her sister to share in the work of serving him. Today we hear someone ask him to tell his brother to share the family inheritance. Either time Jesus could have asked the siblings to share equally. But neither time does Jesus take the bait. His goal is not to determine fairness--remember, he told the parable of the prodigal son, who received much more than what was "fair" - but to reorient our perspective as to what truly is important in life. What good is it to have half of an inheritance if your life ends before you can spend even a penny? The person who spends all their time and energy fighting for more wealth, be it an inheritance of a bountiful harvest, is misguided. This is not what's important in life, any more than who is doing all the chores. Things - like money, food and accomplishments - are vanity. "All things are vanity!" (Ecclesiastes 1:2). To find what really matters it helps to recall last Sunday's Gospel when Jesus taught his disciples to pray. He taught them to make holy God's name, to pray for God's kingdom, to do God's will, and to forgive others. This is where our true treasure is found. When do you lose sight of what's important and try to store up earthly riches?

Love and Prayer,



Fr. Tuan

**We will be praying the First Friday Rosary
in the church on Friday August 5th 6:30PM. All
are welcome.**





Catholic Man Night



This past Tuesday, July 19th, our St. Mary's Fisher's of Men hosted a Catholic Man Night. We had over 130 men from around the diocese join us for an evening of Adoration, Confession and fellowship. We heard a powerful and moving witness from our own Rick Erwin about his Camino pilgrimage. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered to make this night a huge success!



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR!



Hello,

My name is Pamela Suenkens and I am so excited to accept the position as Music Director here at Saint Mary's. I have been playing and singing both piano and organ in several churches for 40 years, since I was in the eighth grade back in Chicago, where I grew up near Midway Airport. I have attended all Catholic schools and graduated from DePaul University in 1991. I am married to my wonderful husband, Bill, for 33 years, and we have 4 children. I recently became a grandmother to our oldest daughter's son. Family is so important to me, and I look forward to becoming part of your church family.

I look forward to meeting all of you, and be assured that I always have a smile and give my all to the communities where I work. My faith is so strong, and the fact that my parents gave me a solid Catholic foundation and piano lessons at the age of four, allows me to give the gift of music to all of you.

Again, I am privileged to serve you, and I thank Father Tuan, also, for such a warm welcome. God bless you all!

With warm regards,

Pamela Suenkens

Saint of the Week - St. Alphonsus

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He was born Alphonsus Marie Antony John Cosmos Damien Michael Gaspard de Liguori on September 27, 1696, at Marianella, near Naples, Italy. Raised in a pious home, Alphonsus went on retreats with his father, Don Joseph, who was a naval officer and a captain of the Royal Gallies. Alphonsus was the oldest of seven children, raised by a devout mother of Spanish descent. He was beatified in 1816 and canonized in 1839. In 1871, Alphonsus was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX. His writings on moral, theological, and ascetic matters had great impact and have survived through the years, especially his Moral Theology and his Glories of Mary. He was buried at the monastery of the Pagani near Naples. Shrines were built there and at St. Agatha of the Goths. He is the patron of confessors, moral theologians, and the lay apostolate. In liturgical art he is depicted as bent over with rheumatism or as a young priest.

Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

We are entering the home stretch of Summer. I can't believe it is almost August!

If you have not picked up your RE registration, please do so soon. You can pick one up on the Rectory Porch or download a form from our Parish website

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

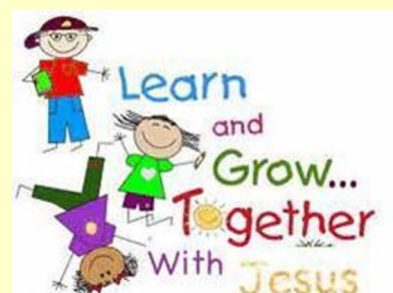
You can turn in the completed form to me at the Parish Center or drop it off on the Rectory Porch.

The RE schedules can be downloaded from our website as well.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!!

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, 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



Communion for the Homebound

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



Homebound Holy Communion

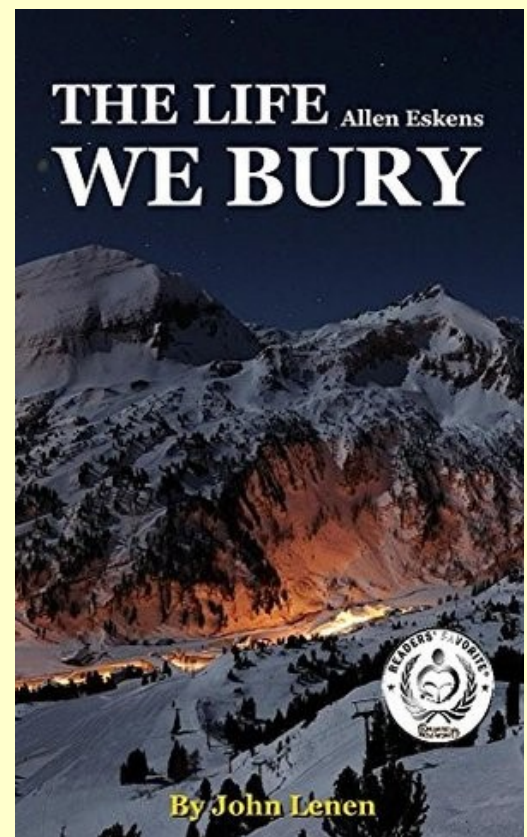
St. Mary's Book Club

**Our August selection is "The Life We Bury"
by Allen Eskens.**

This novel is the story of a college student who has to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. He goes to a nearby nursing home and finds a Vietnam Vet, who also has been recently paroled from prison. The assignment turns his life into a mission to reconcile the man's heroics in war to the man who was in prison for a crime. Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library.

Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will meet outside at the parish enter, Bring your own lawn chairs. Watch for future emails concerning the location, if the weather is questionable. All are welcome!

Questions? Please call Mary at 815-467-9577.



Question of the Week

Q. My brother has told me he doesn't believe in God anymore. I know he hasn't told our parents, and he's still going to Mass and Communion with us. What should I do?

A. First of all, it shows that you love your brother quite a bit to be concerned about this. That's a good thing. Keep that love for him strong. Sincere love can often do far more than any words.

Without knowing the specifics of your brother's situation allow me to offer some general thoughts on this in the hope that at least some of these thoughts will help.

Interestingly, going through a faze like this while growing up could actually be a sign of a good thing. Sure, it's never good to lose faith in God. But I wonder if something deeper isn't happening. What I mean is that, in some ways, this is a very normal part of growing up. As a child we are taught to believe in God and usually we do. We have the simple and authentic faith of a child. As we grow and mature that faith must also grow and mature and we must choose to believe on a deeper and more personal level. In other words, we must believe because we really do believe. The problem is that sometimes things get in the way of that process.

For example, something heard on TV or perhaps even said in the classroom may have had the effect of confusing your brother about some aspect of his faith. Though it's not good to be confused, often the "confusion" one goes through is a result of trying to figure things out and understand. I think that this process of "doubting" is often more of a time a "questioning." Perhaps your brother told you he no longer believes because he was looking for you to help him to believe. Perhaps it was even his way of asking for help in sorting things out.

If that's the case then I suggest one of the best approaches for you to take is this. Wait for your brother to say something about this again and when he does simply smile and gently ask him to tell you more. And then just listen. Listen to what made him think this way. Let him explain it. Let him talk about it. Regardless of what he says I would encourage you to spend most of the time listening and trying to understand. If he makes some good points and you have a good answer then go ahead and offer that answer if he will listen. If, on the other hand, you're not sure how to respond then simply tell him that. And then spend some time thinking, praying, studying and asking god for the right answer. If you need to you could even go ask your priest. Once you feel like you have a good answer look for another opportunity to share that with him. He may be impressed that you took his concern seriously and tried to come up with a good answer.

As for his continuing to go to Mass and Communion, it's true that we should not go to Communion if we do not believe. But I'd leave that to your brother and God for now. Your brother may actually believe more than he has let on. And going to Mass may be one of the best things he can do during this time of struggle. But in the end, if you feel quite burdened by this it may be good to talk to your parents about it and let them prayerfully talk to your brother. They will most likely have some good ideas on how to proceed.



Spiritual Adoption



Week 19

"I sleep about 20 hours a day now. Growing is very hard work! I try to make sure that I wake up and kick around when it is very dark in here...and very quiet, too. I get the

impression that I get mommy's full attention that way. I found some strange things in my mouth today. I think they are teeth. They're underneath my gums. That was a good idea for God to put them there. I won't need them yet, but one day I will. I can't wait to have my first cookie! Please pray for me."

Volunteer Schedule



Saturday, August 6
5:00pm

**Altar
Server**

Jada Akroush

**Eucharistic
Ministers**

Roy Sabuco

Lector

Kathy Sabuco

Sunday, August 7
7:30am

Kevin Looney

Marie Moretti

Brenda Rittof

Sunday, August 7
9:00am

Brooklyn Lehner

**Sydney Yunker
Alice Mayr**

Chris Gregory

Sunday, August 7
11:00am

Keighera Fleming

**Glenda Smith
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 30	5:00pm	John Crowley Jack & Phyllis Hoyland Helen Mackay	Jim & Joanne Zupancic The Family Mr. & Mrs. Dave Battey
Sunday, July 31	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Lorraine Davidson Ryan Reed Parishioners	Joe & Carol Schmitz Peggy McEvilly Reed Family
Monday, August 1	8:30am	Fr. Tuan's Parents	Fr. Tuan
Tuesday, August 2	8:30am	Nash Family	Friends
Wednesday, August 3	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, August 4	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, August 5	8:30am	Rosalie Jostes Barbara Mahoney	The Family Don Mahoney
Saturday, August 6	5:00pm	Ken Zbacnik Helen Mackay Lonnie Bartuello	Melinda and William Collins Mr. & Mrs. Robert Faford St. Mary's Staff
Sunday, August 7	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Dorothy Bickel Linda Papp Cathy Burke Clemintina Jimenez	Bernie & Deb Bols The Family Virginia Mysliwick & Family Maria Atilano

This week candles were lit for :

- Gloria Ziebler
- Scott Tezak
- 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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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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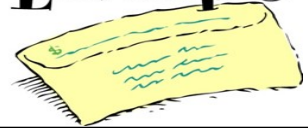
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Thank you for your financial support to the good
works of our Diocese.

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00

Amount Pledged: \$47,430.00

Balance Due: \$ 5,803.00

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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