

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen



Sunday, August 21, 2022

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A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

A reflection for this weeks readings 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C,

It's easy to become complacent when things are going well. If we have the fortune of good health, a decent job, a loving family, and a comfortable life, we tend to relax and presume all will be well. But Jesus warns us in the Gospel that while some who were last will be first, some who are first will be last. Our material success in this world will not unlock the door to the next. To enter through the narrow door, the words of Hebrews may help. discipline (from Latin disciplina, meaning "teaching"...the same root as for "disciple"), which the Lord gives out of love, is painful when it is applied but it brings joy in the end. Above all, however, it is divine mercy that unlocks the door Jesus tells us that God's mercy admits those "from the east and the west and from the north to the south" (Luke 3:29) echoing Isaiah, who names places in Africa, Asia and Europe as the origins of those streaming into the new Jerusalem. May God's wide mercy rescue us from our complacency and guide us through the narrow door!

How have you become complacent? What discipline can raise you out of it?

Love and Prayer,



Fr. Tuan



Adult Faith Formation

We will host ten Adult Faith Formation Sessions on Monday's this fall. We'll meet in the Parish Center at 4:30.

We'll begin September 12 and end November 21, taking October 31 off.

Our topic will be the Liturgy of the Eucharist in Mass.

We'll take a winter break and have a spring session. We usually begin mid February and end by Holy Week.

FROM PAMELA SUENKENS

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I must leave my new position as music director here at St. Mary's. I am still recovering from brain surgery from a brain tumor that was removed, and I have been having complications that need to be addressed. The nerve pain and tremors associated with this is preventing me from serving you as a musician/vocalist.

Thank you for your understanding and I wish you all many blessings.

Sincerely,

Pamela Suenkens
Music Director



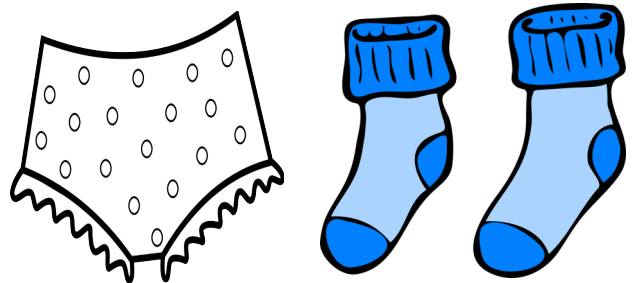
Week 22

"Inside my body, I am starting to produce white blood cells this week. They are important because these cells will help my body fight off infection once I am born. My eyebrows and lashes have started to grow too. When I hear my

mommy's voice, sometimes I get excited and punch and kick. Other times, though, her voice soothes me to sleep. I can't wait to see my parents' faces. I wonder if they look like me. Please pray for my family."

Undy Sunday

"It's coming!! Undy Sunday will be October 16. This is the collection for packages of NEW underwear and socks that Catholic Charities distributes to the needy in our diocese. More detailed information will follow. Thank you for your generosity."



Question of the Week

Q. Do people of different denominations go to the same heaven? Or is there any difference after death where different faiths go?

A. The simple answer to your question is pretty straight forward. There is only one Heaven and everyone who goes to Heaven goes to the same Heaven. So, no matter what your faith may be, if you go to Heaven you go to the one and only. But allow me to explain a bit about the beautiful reality of Heaven and what we actually believe about it.

First, Heaven is not a "place." Rather, Heaven is a "state of being." Now that may, at first, sound a bit deep and philosophical. But it makes perfect sense when understood properly.

When speaking about Heaven we often use language that implies it is some place we go to. Somewhere up there! But Heaven is not some location in this universe. It is, properly speaking, a state of being completely and totally united with God! Heaven, in a real sense, is a Person. The Person is Jesus Christ. Our goal in life is to enter into complete union with Him now and for eternity. Heaven, therefore, is simply the final state of complete union with Jesus after death. It is the permanent unbreakable bond or unity and oneness we will share with Him. And since He is completely united with the Father and the Holy Spirit, Heaven is a state of being fully immersed in the life the Most Holy Trinity.

Secondly, I think it's important to know that Heaven is to begin here and now. Throughout our life on earth we are called to be continually purged of our attachment to sin so as to walk, day by day, ever more deeply united to God. The deeper that unity the more we are detached from sin and the more we share in the state of Heavenly unity right now!

Of course, as long as we are alive in this world we will always be tempted and usually be drawn back to sin on various levels. So the fullness of Heaven comes only after this life when we will never lose that full union with God again.

This also begs the question, "What is Hell?" Sadly, Hell is simply the complete loss of God and, thus, the complete separation from Him. Here and now, a "living hell" is when one lives in a state of unrepented mortal sin. In that state there is no union with God, no joy in life and no fulfillment. If one dies in that state he/she remains forever separated from God.

And lastly, let me mention that Purgatory is the state of being purified of our sins and even our attachment to sin. It is a process that should begin now but will be completed upon death if we still have some attachment to sin. But even though it may be painful, in a sense, to be purged from sin, it is also joyous in that we are freed from those unhealthy bonds.



Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will meet at the
Parish Center on Mondays at 4:30 beginning
September 12th

We'll be studying the Liturgy of the Eucharist,
based mainly on Edward Sri's "A Biblical Walk
through the Mass" and Bishop Robert Barron's



Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

We are almost a month away from the beginning of a new RE year.

We will begin Tues Sept 20th and Wed Sept 21st.

If you have not seen it yet the RE Schedule can be found and downloaded from our website.

Please turn in your RE registrations as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

Looking forward to a great year!!

Hope to see you in Mass.

Peace and Blessings

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



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

Teen Night: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Sunday, September 4, 2022

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

Deacon Fred & Joann Ban



You are invited to join the Pray Joliet community!



We are in a battle for the lives of our families, friends, nation, and world!

In God's economy, prayer is our weapon.

The ROSARY and the DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET give strength to those who pray and those who receive those prayers.

You can join other prayer warriors of the Pray Joliet community on Zoom at noon each day to pray the Angelus and the Rosary!



Meeting number: 821 4991 7174
Passcode: 962589

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Litany are prayed each day on Zoom at 3 pm, the hour that Jesus died as our Redeemer and Ultimate Warrior.

Meeting number 899 3521 5828
Passcode: 086798

Consider making these times of prayer a holy habit.



Saint of the Week

Our Saint this week is YOU!



Pope Francis said:

"Imagine a single mother who goes to church or parish and says to the secretary I want to baptize my son, and the attendant says, 'No you can't because you are not married'. Let us keep in mind that this mother had the courage to continue a pregnancy and what did she find? A locked door.

So if we follow this path and attitude, we are not doing God's people any good.

Jesus created the seven sacraments and with the right attitude we can create an eight, the sacrament of Pastoral Customs.

Whoever approaches the church must find open doors!

We need saints without veil, without toner, we need saints in sneakers and jeans. We need saints who will go to the movies, listen to music and walk with their friends. We need saints who put God first. We need saints who find time to pray everyday and know how to fall in love with purity and chastity. We need modern twenty first century saints with a spirituality imbedded in our time. We need saints committed to the poor and necessary social change. We need saints who love the Eucharist and are not ashamed to eat pizza and drink beer on the weekends with their friends.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE US!!

Helping Hands Food Pantry has a new location!

The Minooka Community Helping Hands Food Pantry has a new location! We are happy to announce it has moved from the Methodist Annex to St. Mary's basement. Because of the generosity of our community, their donations enable us to have three pantry days a month and any emergency support. We open the pantry the second Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday of each month. Depending on the size of the family, each family is given a certain amount of food and personal items for the month.

We are still transitioning, but we were ready and organized to provide uninterrupted support this month. Each month, 25-30 families need our support, so, it is important we seamlessly continue our scheduled pantry days. Currently, we are able to accept additional individuals and families for food support. For information, call St. Mary's office - 815-467-2233.

A special "Thank You" goes to Dave Clark and his team for organizing and managing the move from one building to the other; building a new wall; and helping to get the pantry ready and inviting.

Finally, "Thank you" to all of you whom have donated to our community pantry. Our church has been an active supporting member of this pantry for decades. We pray this move will keep it open for many years to come. Jesus told us to "Feed the hungry". Let's continue to do it!

Jean Jun and Virginia Guertin



Volunteer Schedule

VOLUNTEER 	Altar Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
Saturday, August 27 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Roy Sabuco	Carolyn Healy
Sunday, August 28 7:30am	Xander Esquivel	Carole Fremarek	Terry Danek
Sunday, August 28 9:00am	Keighera Fleming	Alice Mayr	Chris Gregory
Sunday, August 28 11:00am	Sarah Folsom	Jane Spray Kathy Williamson	Kelly Klepec

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 _____

Phone: _____

☐ 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, August 20	5:00pm	Lorraine Davidson Cecilia Popek Joseph Brannick (30th Anniversary of Passing)	Virginia Mysliwec The Knights The Family Mr.. & Mrs. Jack Futterer
Sunday, August 21	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Helen Mackay Fr. Tuan's Parents Parishioners Al & Marianne Keehl	The Family
Monday, August 22	8:30am	Fr. Jim Lennon	The Family
Tuesday, August 23	8:30am	Helen (Stafford) Lerner	The Family
Wednesday, August 24	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, August 25	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, August 26	8:30am	James Nolan	
Saturday, August 27	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Patricia Smania (90th Birthday)	JoAnn Dollinger The Family Pat & Judy Tierney
Sunday, August 28	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Lonnie Barutello Parishioners Sandra Masterson Kata Eric John O'Hagan	The Family The Family The Family

This week candles were lit for :

- 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
Steve Clennon	Maureen Donovan	Karen Tweet
Robert Fonck		Irene Davidson

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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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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Thank you for your financial support to St. Mary's



**Please Remember St. Mary's
in your will or trust**

As Catholics. We are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing free, online will writing tools. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations. Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.



**PLEDGE REPORT:
08/14/2022**

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

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00

Amount Pledged: \$48,480.00

Balance Due: \$ 4,596.00

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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