

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen



But when you give a feast,
invite the poor, the maimed,
the lame, the blind.
And you will be blessed ...
Luke 14:13-14a

Sunday, August 28, 2022

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A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

A reflection for this weeks readings 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.

Seeing guests gravitate toward a place of honor in the home of a prominent Pharisee, Jesus preaches humility, pointing out that at a wedding banquet it's far better to be promoted to a better seat in front of your peers than to be demoted to the back of the room. It's sound advice, to be sure, but remember this is a parable. As in other parables, the "wedding banquet" is God's kingdom, the feast to which we are all invited, but one in which God's grace, not our own sense of self-importance, determines our placement. God will elevate the humble. Then Jesus directs his attention to the host, reproving him for inviting only pompous people who trip over each other to get good seats. Instead, invite to your feast those who can't reciprocate- the hungry, the poor, those who do not even have a home. This parallels his account of the last judgment, when the king welcomes those who gave food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, since in doing so they were doing it for Christ. The ultimate reason is in the kingdom of God, where the poor are welcomed and the humble are exalted.

How can you approach God with humility? How can you or your parish invite those who cannot repay you?

Love and Prayer,



Fr. Tuan



Week 23

"This week, there are little lines starting to form on my hands and fingers. These will eventually be my fingerprints. I knew it! I am completely unique! There is no one else like me in the whole world and there never will be. That is so awesome to imagine, but it's true. God has a special plan just for me and I can't wait to see what it is. Please pray that I will be given the gift of LIFE."

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."

Socks & Underwear



New Parishioners- August

Jeff and Victoria Beard
Patrick and Rebecca Harvey
Ryan and Gabriella Pfister
Kimberly and Randy Bain
Bartosz and Michelle Malinowski
Matthew and Amanda Lucenti



Mass and Pot Luck at Dollinger's Farm

Sunday, September 25th 11:00am
Hamburgers and Water
will be provided
Please bring a dish to share



You are invited!!! Pancake Breakfast

This weekend, Sunday August 28!!
In the Parish Center sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus! 8am -11am.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will begin Sunday, September 11. We offer Children's Liturgy at the 9:00am and 11:00 am Sunday masses. Children ages 4-10 are welcome to come downstairs, listen to age appropriate readings, and participate in discussions. Children will rejoin the congregation before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Junior high and high school students are welcome to assist and may receive service hours.

We are also in need of teachers to lead Children's Liturgy once a month. If you are interested please contact Karen Resar at karenresar@yahoo.com or 815-641-2889.



Question of the Week

Q. My neighbor has a couple of young children. She and her husband (he's not Catholic) manage to get their kids to religion classes, but I never see them at Mass. Is there anything I could say to encourage them to come to Mass? Or should I stay out of it?

A. Stay out of it? I'd say, by all means, jump into it head first! But let me explain.

What you describe is, unfortunately, not all that uncommon. Let me first start by highlighting a very positive point. The simple fact that this couple get's their children to religion classes is excellent. In my experience, parents who don't always practice their faith still feel drawn to make sure that their children get, at least, the basics of the faith. I believe that one thing this points to is the deep conviction God puts on the hearts of parents to do all they can to pass on the faith to their children. So bringing them to religious education is a great start. But it's not the end.

People fall out of the practice of attending Mass for a whole variety of reasons. Some have been hurt by individuals within the Church, some do not fully understand some aspect of Church teaching and turn away because of confusion or anger, some simply have fallen out of the practice of going and some are so busy that they find it easier to simply sleep in Sunday mornings. But I believe that one of the most common, and unspoken reasons is that many people carry heavy guilt because of past sins and for some reason feel like they don't belong. When they do attend they feel out of place and find it easier to simply stay away. But whatever the reason is for not attending, most parents still recognize their responsibility to pass the faith on to their children. This reveals that, at least deep down, they still believe.

So that's where I'd start. Look for opportunities to begin simply talking about your faith. Share some positive experiences of your own with your friend. For example, if you hear a homily that stands out in your mind, look for a casual opportunity to simply say something like, "I was at church last week and the priest said this...and it was really helpful to me." When you share from your own experience it is very non-threatening to others. And if you do it such a way that you are simply sharing your experience and

Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center

Tuesday September 20th is Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center's Annual Fundraising Banquet, Moments of Mercy.

It will take place at the Morris Country Club, 2615 W. Route 6, Morris, IL from 6:30-8:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The keynote speaker will be Mark Schultz who is a Christian artist and adoptive parent. There is no charge for this event however it is a fundraiser so donations are encouraged.

Last year St. Mary's had two tables with 14 people attending. It was a very enjoyable and informative evening with a very delicious meal. If you are interested in attending please call or text Cathy Glover at 815-409-8145 as soon as possible so the appropriate number of tables can be reserved. The deadline to register is August 30th.

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 "The Mass."



Religious Education

Good Morning RE Families,

I hope that everyone's Back to School adventures are going great, and the children are settling into their routines.

Just a reminder to return your RE registrations if you haven't already.

Forms can be found on our Rectory Porch and on our website. They can be turned into the Rectory or my office. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at 815-467-2769.

We are starting Tues Sept 20th for grades K-2 and Wed Sept 21st for grades 3-8.

Schedules can be downloaded from our website, <http://www.stmarysminooka.com>

Looking forward to seeing the children in RE this fall.



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



SENIOR LUNCHEONS

NEW LOCATION
SAME GREAT FOOD

MINOOKA SENIOR LUNCHEONS

PREVIOUSLY HELD AT THE MINOOKA METHODIST CHURCH ANNEX
WILL NOW BE HELD AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH PARISH CENTER

LUNCHEONS WILL STILL BE THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
SIGN IN STARTS AT 11:30AM AND LUNCH IS SERVED AT 12:15PM
NEXT LUNCHEON WILL BE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

Please call the Methodist Church at 815-467-2322 between 9:00am and 1:00pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays to make your reservation. Reservations are
due by Friday, September 16th so the proper amount of supplies can be ordered.

If you would like to help with the setup, cooking, serving or cleanup please contact
Gail at 815-342-5535 or Jeanne at 815-545-2354.



*Seniors'
Luncheon*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CCW'S FALL KICKOFF DINNER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
IN THE PARISH CENTER

COME AND REUNITE WITH OLD FRIENDS, MEET NEW FRIENDS
AND SEE WHAT CCW IS ALL ABOUT

6:00PM ENJOY AN APPETIZER AND A GLASS OF SANGRIA
6:30PM CATERED DINNER

FOLLOWING DINNER WE WILL HAVE INTRODUCTIONS, A SHORT
REVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND A FEW BUSINESS ITEMS
WE WILL CONCLUDE THE EVENING WITH DELICIOUS DESSERTS
MADE BY CCW'S OWN FANTASTIC BAKERS

PLEASE TEXT OR EMAIL JEANNE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH IF YOU WILL
BE JOINING US SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR THE DINNER.

EMAIL: JEANCHUCK73@GMAIL.COM OR TEXT/ CALL 815-545-2354



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Saint of the Week - St Monica

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria.

When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica.

While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs.

Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized.



Knights of Columbus

This picture is from our Knights of Columbus Officers installation on Sunday August 21st after the 11:00am Mass. Thank you for all you do.



St. Mary's Book Club

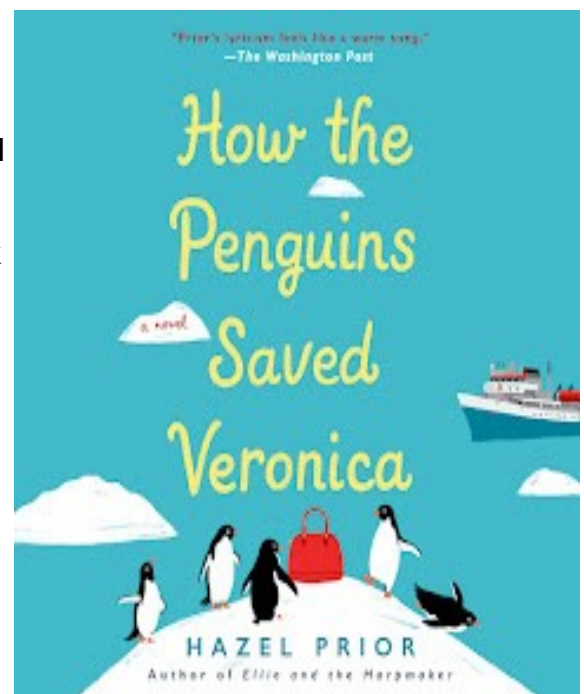
Our next selection is "How the Penguins Saved Veronica" by Hazel Prior.

This novel is the story of a cranky, lovable, old woman, her estranged grandson, an orphaned baby penguin. It is a heartwarming story of love, loss, and forgiveness. Copies of the book are available at the Minooka Public Library.

Please plan on joining us in our discussion on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will meet outside at Peg Furto's

All are welcome!

Questions? Please call Mary at 815-467-9577



Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
Saturday, Sept 3 5:00pm	Lauren Klimchak	Pat Favero	Kathy Sabuco
Sunday, Sept 4 7:30am	Xander Esquivel	John Jun	Ric Offerman
Sunday, Sept 4 9:00am	Keighera Fleming	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker	Vic DelMastro
Sunday, Sept 4 11:00am	Megan Weinstock	Cheryl Nelson Jessica Folsom	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 _____

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 27	5:00pm	Bill Stafford Patricia Smania (90th Birthday) Lonnie Barutello	JoAnn Dollinger The Family Pat & Judy Tierney
Sunday, August 28	7:30am 9:00am	Parishioners Sandra Masterson Kata Eric	The Family The Family
Monday, August 29	11:00am 8:30am	John O'Hagan Pat & Mickey McDonald & John Brown	The Family The Family
Tuesday, August 30	8:30am	Patsy Mallina	Pat & Judy Tierney
Wednesday, August 31	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, September 1	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, September 2	8:30am	Anita Chiovatero	The Family
Saturday, September 3	5:00pm	Lonnie Bartuello Wally Geborski Anita Chiovatero	Gloria Maxwell Mary Jane Borzym Scott & Julie Hellem
Sunday, September 4	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Laly Cyr Lorraine Davidson	Gloria Maxwell Joe & Carol Schmitz

This week candles were lit for :

- Police & Firefighters
- An end to the Corona Virus
- Pat & Mickey McDonald and John Brown

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	Sara Lovell	Lorenzo Benitez
Kimberly Gaydula	Elaine Troutman	Marlena Benitez
Dylan Pickett	Wren Wagoner	Gerald Boucher
Paul Thien Phu	Sue Burich	Gerry Loucks
Deidra Hogan	Jerry Davidson	Mary Mogensen
Joe Thomas		Judy Stafford
Steve Clennon		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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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: 08/21/2022

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

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00

Amount Pledged: \$48,905.00

Balance Due: \$ 4,131.00

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:

August 13/14, 2022

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$12,051.00	\$2,769.00	\$14,820.00
Foundation for Faith	\$297.00	\$745.00	\$1,042.00
Major Maintenance	\$308.00	\$1,595.00	\$1,903.00
Needy in Community	\$475.00	\$340.00	\$815.00
Assumption	\$283.00	\$282.00	\$565.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$56,098.00		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$59,705.87		

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