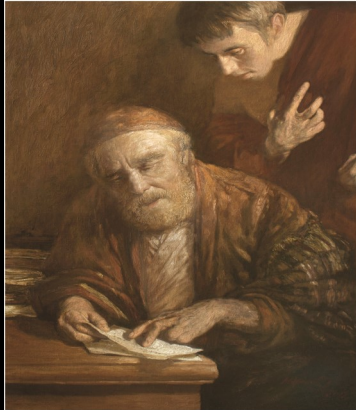


ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



**No
servant
can
serve
two
masters.**

Luke 16:13

**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



**"...choose you this day whom ye will serve ...
but as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD."**

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

**As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.**



Sunday, September 18, 2022

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A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Here is a reflection for you for this weekends readings, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C):

When Jesus begins a parable with a rich man, we expect that the parable will end with this man getting his just deserts. Not this time. (Wait until next week.) In this parable, both the rich man and the scheming steward come off pretty well. Why would Jesus tell his disciples a parable like this ? Perhaps sneaking a peek at the end of the Gospel will give us a clue. "You cannot serve both God and mammon" (Luke 16:13). You cannot devote yourself to both spiritual wealth and material wealth. Both the rich man and the scheming setback and turn it around in their favor. Perhaps Jesus wants his disciples to take the cleverness of the steward's scheme but apply it to building spiritual wealth ("true wealth" (16:11) rather than material wealth. After all of our wealth--our talents, our possessions, our world--ultimately comes from God. We are mere stewards of that wealth.

How can you be a "child of light," a prudent steward of the spiritual gifts you received?

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan

Thank You

Thank You to all the people who came out to help with organizing and arranging the baskets for the 2022 Golf Outing which will be held at "The Creek on Monday, September 12th. Thanks to those who have donated items and made monetary donations towards this years fundraiser. Without all your help this event wouldn't be such a success.

Fr. Tuan	Nanette Phillips	Steph Steinke
Dee Dee Clennon	Caleb Bols	Sean O'Hagan
Jillian Munsell	Cathy Offerman	Kathy O'Hagan
Mason Bols	Mary Blatti	Kim Johnson
	Stacey Rivara	



CALLING ALL BAKERS



THE OKTOBEST COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

TO PROVIDE BAKERY FOR THE OCTOBER-FEST DINNER OCTOBER 3RD

**IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL/TEXT
JEANNE AT 815-545-2354**

OR EMAIL JEANCHUCK73@GMAIL.COM





Bishop Hicks' Monthly Column

September 2022

Memories of St. Oscar Romero arise from today's Nicaragua

In 2005, I began an extraordinary assignment in my priesthood, working and living for five years in the country of El Salvador. This small Central American country embodies and emanates the spirit of St. Oscar Romero. When I first arrived to begin my missionary work, I started learning about this martyred archbishop. Needless to say, he quickly became one of my heroes and eventually one of my favorite saints.

During the 1980s, El Salvador had plummeted into a polarized and violent civil war. When the government began killing priests, nuns and laity, Archbishop Romero began to speak against the oppression with a loud and courageous voice. He became known as the "voice of the voiceless."

Officials with this brutal government began to threaten this dauntless shepherd and told him bluntly that if he continued to preach against their regime in favor of peace and justice for all people, he would be silenced by imprisonment or even death.

Regardless of these threats, the archbishop continued to use his voice against the corruption, hatred and killings of innocent people. Then, on March 24, 1980, while Romero was celebrating Mass in a Carmelite chapel, a lone gunman opened fire on him and killed him.

After Romero's assassination, a bloody civil war continued to rage in El Salvador, in which the poor, the Catholic Church and the people were cruelly persecuted. Finally, after more than 12 years, the war formally ended in 1992 with the signing of the Chapultepec Peace Accords.

Over the years, I have taken family, friends and visitors to see the "holy sites" of St. Oscar Romero in San Salvador, including the chapel where he was martyred and his tomb. I have always thought we were visiting "historical" sites, thinking to myself, "That all happened in the past, and thank God things like that no longer happen here and in our modern world."

That overly innocent idea of mine was recently shattered, as we have been following the current persecution of the Church in Nicaragua. The secretary-general of the United Nations has indicated he is "very concerned" about the Nicaraguan government's actions against democracy, civil society organizations and the Catholic Church. A few weeks ago, the Nicaraguan police conducted an overnight raid on the main offices of the Diocese of Matagalpa. They forcibly took and arrested several people that night, including Bishop Rolando Álvarez, who had been under house arrest. Leaders around the world have called these actions by the Nicaraguan government a systematic persecution and harassment against the Catholic Church. As I write this, Álvarez is reportedly being held under yet another house arrest, at his parents' home in the capital city of Managua.

One might wonder: Why is this government targeting and repressing the Catholic Church and its leaders? Part of the reason is the Church continues to follow the example of St. Oscar Romero by being the voice of the voiceless, especially by speaking out against human rights violations throughout the country. During his house arrest at diocesan headquarters, Bishop Álvarez posted a message on social media: "We have to respond to hate with love, despair with hope, and fear with the strength and courage given to us by the glorious and resurrected Christ."

On August 19, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops conveyed our support of the Church and people of Nicaragua through a statement from Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, who serves as the chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace: "I express our continued steadfast solidarity with our brothers in the Nicaraguan episcopate, along with their priests and foreign missionaries, in their calling to freely proclaim the Gospel and live the faith. The faith of the Nicaraguan people, who stand in solidarity with their bishops and priests, is an inspiration for us all."

Because we are a church that embraces the ideals of justice, peace and human dignity, please join me in solidarity with our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters. Let us also work and pray for an end to persecution against the Church, as well as for the protection of religious freedom – not only in Nicaragua, but throughout the world.

Jesus stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the passage where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4: 17-19)

Anointing of the Sick Mass



**Saturday, September 24th at
10:00am**

The Sacrament of the Sick is an opportunity to bring our chronic ills of body, mind and spirit to the Lord in a special way. The Sacrament is often an experience of God's healing love. All are invited to bring their needs for physical, emotional and spiritual healing to this beautiful liturgy, especially those who are experiencing the various infirmities that afflict our bodies in later years, or those who are anticipating surgery in the near future.

All are Welcome
Please come and experience this beautiful Mass



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or need to finish 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:

815 467-2769

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Fred



Week 26

"It is remarkable to think about all of the things that my body has done in the last 26 weeks. I am 2/3 of the way through my life here and about to start the final trimester in the womb. It is so exciting to think of what waits for me in the world outside. My brain is so developed that I have actually started

to dream about what God has planned for me. For now, I can only imagine...Please pray for me."

Undy Sunday - Oct 16

"Catholic Charities have asked us to collect packages of NEW boys and girls underwear in sizes 3T-5T and also socks. They are grateful for all donations. but this year they are asking us to donate these specific items. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for your continued generosity."



*Adult Faith Formation
starts September 12th*

**Adult
Faith
Formation**

MONDAYS AT 4 30PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

This week we will be studying the Preparation of the Gifts with Edward Sri. Fr. Burke reminded us that our offering is an act of love in response to God's great love for us.

Religious Education

Hello Re Families!!

Well, it's finally here, RE STARTS THIS WEEK!!!

Grades K-2 will meet Tuesdays from 4:30pm - 5:45pm

Grades 3,4,5 will meet Wednesdays from 4:30pm - 5:45pm

Grades 6,7,8 will meet Wednesdays from 6:15pm - 7:30pm



Please continue to watch your emails and our website during the RE year for important info as the year progresses.

If you still haven't registered your children for RE you still can, please call my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Welcome Back!!

Deacon Fred Ban
Director of Faith Formation

Volunteers Needed for Telephone Reassurance Program

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers in Kankakee, Will, and Grundy Counties, to call older adults who are isolated, reside alone, could benefit from encouragement, or need reminders throughout the day. The Telephone Reassurance Program provides friendly telephone calls to seniors (60+) to help reduce feelings of loneliness, depression, and anxiety. The program has been shown to increase feelings of security, promote socialization, and offer the peace of mind that connection with someone familiar can bring.

In addition to having a friendly conversation, trained volunteers may remind seniors to take medications, eat a home-delivered meal, or provide linkage to additional helpful services within the community.

Volunteering for the Telephone Reassurance Program offers flexibility to fit your schedule. You are able to volunteer from the comfort of your own home. We ask volunteers to serve 3-6 hours a week. As a volunteer, you will receive pre-service orientation and training. All volunteers must pass federal and state background checks.

Telephone Reassurance Program is also seeking any adults who are 60+ who would be interested receiving friendly phone calls to reduce feelings of loneliness, increase socialization and foster social connections.

To learn more about this social and rewarding opportunity, please contact Crystal Del Rio at 815-221-6020 / cdelrio@cc-doj.org or Ed Howe at 815-523-9923 / ehowe@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, visit





September 25th Mass at 11:00am at
Dollinger's Farm.
Parish Picnic to follow with hamburgers,
hotdogs and water provided.
Please bring a dish to share.

Teen Group Kick Off!!

When - Sunday, September 18th at
6:30pm

Open to all High School Teens
Back Packing lot of Parish Center.
Fire pit, snacks, games and more!!

Looking forward to seeing you!!



SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary's Chili Cook-Off

And

Ice Cream Social



Saturday, November 12th

In the Parish Center

Taste Testing and Voting will Begin at 6:00pm

Winner will be Announced at 8:00pm

Enjoy a FREE Ice Cream Sundae

And Kids Activities

While you wait to hear the winner announced

For more info or to sign up to be a contestant

Please Email JeanChuck73@gmail.com

Start Perfecting Those Recipes!

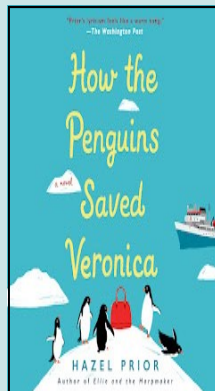
St. Mary's Book Club

"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

Questions? Please call Mary at 815-467-9577



SENIOR LUNCHEON

SERVED AT ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

SEPTEMBER 21ST SIGN IN
STARTS AT 11 30AM LUNCH
SERVED AT 12 15PM

Please call 815-467-2322
between 9am - 1pm to make
your reservation



St. Mary's Church

3rd Annual



Oktoberfest

Live Bavarian Band! STARTING AT 2PM

SUNDAY, 2ND
OCTOBER
from 12PM - 6:30PM

1 Brat Dinner - \$10
2 Brat Dinner - \$15
Kids Meal - \$5

* Includes Offerman's Famous
Homemade Potato Pancakes

Parish Hall

300 W. ST. MARY'S ST.
MINOOKA, IL 60447
Outside Beer Garden & Music
on St. Mary's St.

Local Beer Sponsors:

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Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf
Fall into giving

Saturday
September

24

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal
and drink plenty of water before
donating.



Community Blood Drive at
St. Ann's Catholic Church

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Ann's
Catholic Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church

Parish Hall (Use the East Entrance)
24500 S. Navajo Drive, Channahon, IL

Please call Ron at 815-467-6916 to reserve your
preferred donation time or sign up on-line at
www.versiti.org

Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome.

Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets
and a VIP experience to your favorite hometown football team.
Official sweepstakes terms & conditions at versiti.org/rush-in-to-donate-sweepstakes.

*NO PURCH. NEC. U.S. res., 18+. Ends 9/30/22. 10 sep. drawings (IN, IL, MI, OH, WI)
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Blood Centers

Volunteer Schedule

	Altar Server	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
Saturday, Sept 24 5:00pm	Jada Akroush	Roy Subuco	Carolyn Healy
Sunday, Sept 25 7:30am	Xander Esquivel	Deb Bols	Terry Danek
Sunday, Sept 2 9:00am	Molly Schramm	Mike Schramm	Sue Gregory
Sunday, Sept 25 11:00am	Mass at Dollinger	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 _____

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, Sept 17	5:00pm	Barbara Munsell Helen Mackay	Knights of Columbus Mr. & Mrs. John Gianino
Sunday, Sept 18	7:30am	Raymond Noel	The Family
	9:00am	Scott Tezak	The Family
	11:00am	Mary Querio	Al & Pat Smania
Monday, Sept. 19	8:30am	Francis R. Dollinger	Nita Caruso
Tuesday, Sept 20	8:30am	Von Thompson	The Family
Wednesday, Sept 21	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Sept 22	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, Sept. 23	8:30am	Simon & Wilhelmina Ditsch	Joann Dollinger
Saturday, Sept 24	5:00pm	Bill Stafford	Virginia Mysliwiec
		Ron Foster	Tom & Pat McHugh
		Helen Mackay	Mr. & Mrs. James Malinowski
		Mom & Dad Staskiewicz	The Family
		Jack Macey	The Foster Family
Sunday, Sept 25	7:30am	Parishioners	
	9:00am	Angie Hulbert	The Family
		Kata Eric	John & Kay Brozovich
	11:00am	Jack & Mary Mark	The Family

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	Judy Stafford
Joe Thomas	Linda Bradley	Karen Tweet
Steve Clennon	Baker Family	Irene Davidson
Robert Fonck		Fr. Don McLaughlin

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.

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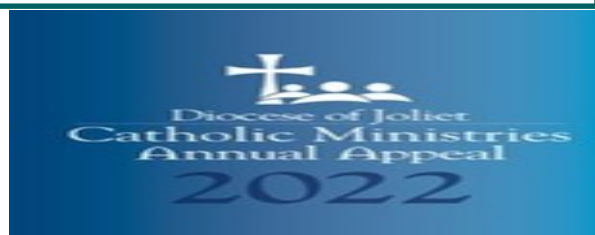
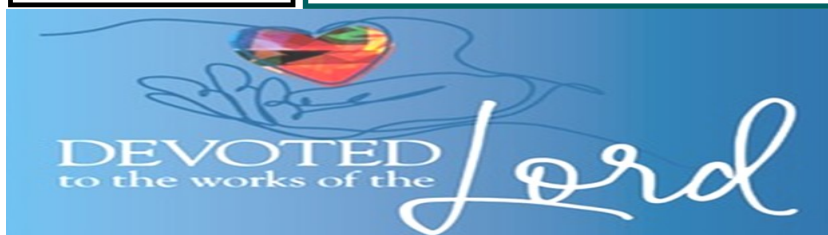
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PLEDGE REPORT: 09/11/2022

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

Parish Goal: \$44,600.00
Amount Pledged: \$49,635.00
Balance Due: \$ 3,94200

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 this year's Golf Outing, the collection was counted one day later than usual so the totals were not available at the time of bulletin printing. These totals will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you!



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