

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS OFFERED:**DAILY MASS**

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, June - August

7:30 a.m. Wednesday from start of school year until May*

SCHOOL MASS

8:30 a.m. from start of school year until May*

**In the event of our school closing for inclement weather,
on a Wednesday, Daily Mass will remain at 7:30 a.m. and
the School Mass at 8:30 a.m. will be cancelled.*

***SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

5:00 p.m.

***SUNDAY MASSES**

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN - DOOR #3**OFFICE HOURS:****MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY****9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.****WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M.- 3:30 P.M.****PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Dindo Billote

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sam Conforti

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Deacon Dave Stanton

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DEVOTIONS:**DAILY ROSARY**

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start
of the school year until May

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

DAILY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET; INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start
of the school year until May**ADORATION**

Perpetual Adoration available at Old St. Mary.

Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION—

4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the chapel

First Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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RCIA - Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 708-326-9313.**BAPTISMS** - Baptisms are usually scheduled the first and third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptismal preparation class.**MARRIAGES** - Weddings need to be scheduled at least 6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Remember to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please stop in the parish office to begin this process.**REGISTRATION** - New to St. Mary? Please stop in the parish office to complete our registration form or visit our website at www.stmarymokena.org.**ANointing OF THE SICK** - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

WITH GENEROSITY & JOY

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo



Schedule of Liturgical Ministers for February 25-26, 2023 **First Sunday of Lent**

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pamela DeGregorio	Joan Aust	SMS Student1 SMS Student2	Roberta Dreifke	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Andrea Taylor	Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli Midge Saunders Christine Weeks	Joe Austin Roger Brown Susan Rizzo Pamela Sanders	Joanne Eckel Kathy Judge Remo Lucci Louise Szura	Karen Haugh Robert Koch
Altar Server	Robby Dauphinais Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski Ava Zahara	Kaitlyn Diemer Olivia Diemer Emma Gerhardstein Reilly Gerhardstein	Nicholas Linhart Jack McCarthy Andrew Pilon Noah Pilon	Annabelle Makiejus Aiden Raimondi Emmy Skotnicki (NOT FILLED)	Finn McInerney (NOT FILLED) (NOT FILLED)
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Rich Gavillet Tom Magdziasz Roy Mueller	John Delladio Joanne Eaton Joanette Kulesa Diane Mucia Joe Sokachitch	William Farhat David Larson Colin Noone Gladys Weber	YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 1 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 2 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 3 (NOT FILLED)
Greeter	(NOT FILLED)	Denise Mueller	(NOT FILLED)	(NOT FILLED)	(NOT FILLED)

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. At St. Mary, we are blessed with an amazing team of Altar Servers. We thank you for giving up your time to serve the Lord and St. Mary. We also thank our wonderful team of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Greeters for their dedication and outstanding service.

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 20

Office Closed

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 4:30 p.m. Teen Sacrament Prep (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Adult Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes K-6th (School Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. Venite Adoremus (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study (Lourdes and Fatima)

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 6:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Prayer Service (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
 12:00p.m. Mass (Church)
 2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-6th (School Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Brownie Troop Meeting (Guadalupe)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RCIA (JP II Room)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Thursday, February 23

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-8th (School Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

Friday, February 24

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Morning Coffeehouse (Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, February 25

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (Guadalupe)
 10:00 a.m. Private Baptism (Old St. Mary's)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. K of C Spaghetti Dinner (Church Hall)

Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. RE Classes K-6th (School Classrooms)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:30p.m. Private Baptism (Church)
 12:30p.m. Baptismal Prep (Virtual)
 3:00 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Church Hall)

Divine Mercy In-Home Prayer Ministry

This Apostolate is one of compassion, mercy, and prayer. We are available to be with families and their loved ones, who are sick and dying, to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet with them.

For information or if you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Michelle and Paul Sullivan at 815-995-0480.



Jesus I Trust In You

Special Needs/ Sensory Friendly Mass



Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Dear Families,

Our Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass will now be especially welcoming to those with special needs. We welcome the opportunity to accommodate them and we hope to create a few volunteer opportunities in the future as well. If you know others who would feel more comfortable at this Mass, please do not hesitate to invite them.

This Mass will have:

- Softer volume music
- Dimmer lighting
- Special accommodations to receive the Eucharist. (See one of our Ushers.)
- Use of the chapel area if you need it. (Mass is heard over the speakers in the narthex as well. Come back into Mass when you are ready.)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT EVERY MASS HERE AT ST. MARY PARISH!



Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to worship, to learn, to pray, to join in social activity, and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith.

To register in our parish family, you may come to the parish office or call the parish office at 708-326-9305 and forms will be sent by mail, or go to our website, click welcome and select new parishioner registration.

GOD BLESS OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!



ST. MARY MASSES LIVE-STREAM

Our Faith teaches us that at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Saints, Angels, all of Heaven are mystically present. We too can share in being spiritually present at the Mass and are able to receive graces. Thanks to modern technology, the faithful will be able to join spiritually and visually with the sacred liturgies offered at St. Mary as these will be live-streamed via the Internet. We invite our Faithful to join us in prayer for the health of the sick, and for the protection of every individual from this disease. We will implore God's mercy that we are delivered.

St. Mary priests will offer Mass via internet live-stream. The following Masses celebrated by Fr. Dindo and Fr. Sam will be broadcast from St. Mary Catholic Church in Mokena:

SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Mass

You can attend from home at: <https://cutt.ly/stmarychurchmokena>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Lana H. Sutton, Jane Narcissi

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them!

THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION



Only those practicing Catholics who are in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion.

Upon approaching the minister of the Host, extend the hands in the middle of the chest. The left hand is extended, with the right hand under the left in support (left handed persons may wish to place the left hand under the right). In essence, a throne is formed in the sign of an X-cross to receive the Sacred Host.

The solemnity and beauty of our Catholic Mass pervades our reverent liturgies here at St. Mary. We should be in attendance from the ringing of the start bell until after the Mass is ended and the priest leaves the altar. Please do not make a habit of leaving after Communion. It is permissible to leave early if there is an urgent need or if an emergency arises.



Our weekend Masses are in need of backup Ushers. Would you be willing to help out?

Backup Ushers are not included in the regular schedule. Instead, they are asked to help with collections and to direct Communion lines on an as-needed basis.

If interested, please inform one of our Ushers and they will keep you in mind whenever the need arises. Brief instruction will be provided so you can confidently help out at Mass.

Thank you!



Monday, February 20

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

Tuesday, February 21

8:00am: The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, February 22

7:30am: Joseph and Barbara Shellman

8:30am: Joan Zerebny

12:00pm: Peter Prancus

7:00pm: Baby Judah Winkler

Thursday, February 23

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

Friday, February 24

8:00am: The Hart Family

Saturday, February 25

8:00am: Eva Dilger

5:00pm: The Butkus, Sinal and Ksiazek Families

Sunday, February 26

8:00am: Rafaela Flores

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: Mary Ann Powers

6:00pm: Baby Judah Winkler

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22ND



6:30 AM PRAYER SERVICE,
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

MASS SCHEDULE

7:30AM
12:00PM

8:30AM (School Mass)
7:00PM

SERVE ST. MARY PARISH IN 2023

MINISTRY OPENINGS AVAILABLE

We are looking for people to serve in the roles of
ALTAR SERVERS
LECTORS

and
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

No prior experience needed.
Please contact the Parish Office at
(708) 326-9300 or talk to Zina Habib,
the sacristan, after Mass.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Gerry Baumgartner, Ann Beranek, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Jerry Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Joanne Eaton, Greg Engleking, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliuolo, Bradley Frank, Mary Ann Franson, MaryAnne Flanagan, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Rose Grunhard, Kelly Hampton, Natalie Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Mary Ingala, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Richard Kolovitz, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Carlotta Lawton, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Alice Lesnik, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Walter Lumpkin, Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastak, Lorraine Peppmuller, Matthew Orr, Bob Podlasek, Janelle Portman, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbara Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Katherine Shanahan, Rhys Shaw, Dave Skrzypiec, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Jan Smith, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, Dave Thompson, John Turas, Judy Turas, Anne Wadsworth, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Sarah Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

May God grant them healing!

MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 4
St. Mary, Mokena

BE A MAN

Who Repents

Who Lives in the Holy Spirit

Who Lives as a Beloved Son

GO DEEPER THIS LENT WITH A ONE-DAY RETREAT
EXPLORING WHAT TRUE MANHOOD IS ACCORDING TO
SCRIPTURE AND CHURCH TEACHING.
BECOME THE MAN GOD CREATED YOU TO BE.

We will gather at 7:30am in the Church Hall before
attending Mass at 8am.
The day will include video sessions, interactive discussion,
Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

REGISTER TODAY AT
www.stmarymokena.org/mensretreat
or call the Parish Office, (708) 326-9300.
Email Bob with questions: bcornejo@stmarymokena.org

St. Peregrine Devotion and Behold have
combined and become:

VENITE ADOREMUS

Tuesday February 21st
7:00-8:00PM in the church

The evening will include
adoration, healing prayer, sacred
music, Peregrine Devotional,
intercessory prayer and silent
prayer

Contact Claire in the RE office with questions



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During these times we have to stay strong and continue to support each other as much as possible. Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our parish.

We depend on your support to continue the operations of St. Mary as well as those of its many ministries. We ask that you consider supporting the parish through Online Giving.

For those not currently contributing online and would like to learn how to, please consider signing up at

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarymokena/funds>.

By doing this, you are saving and supporting the great work we have done and will continue to do in our future.

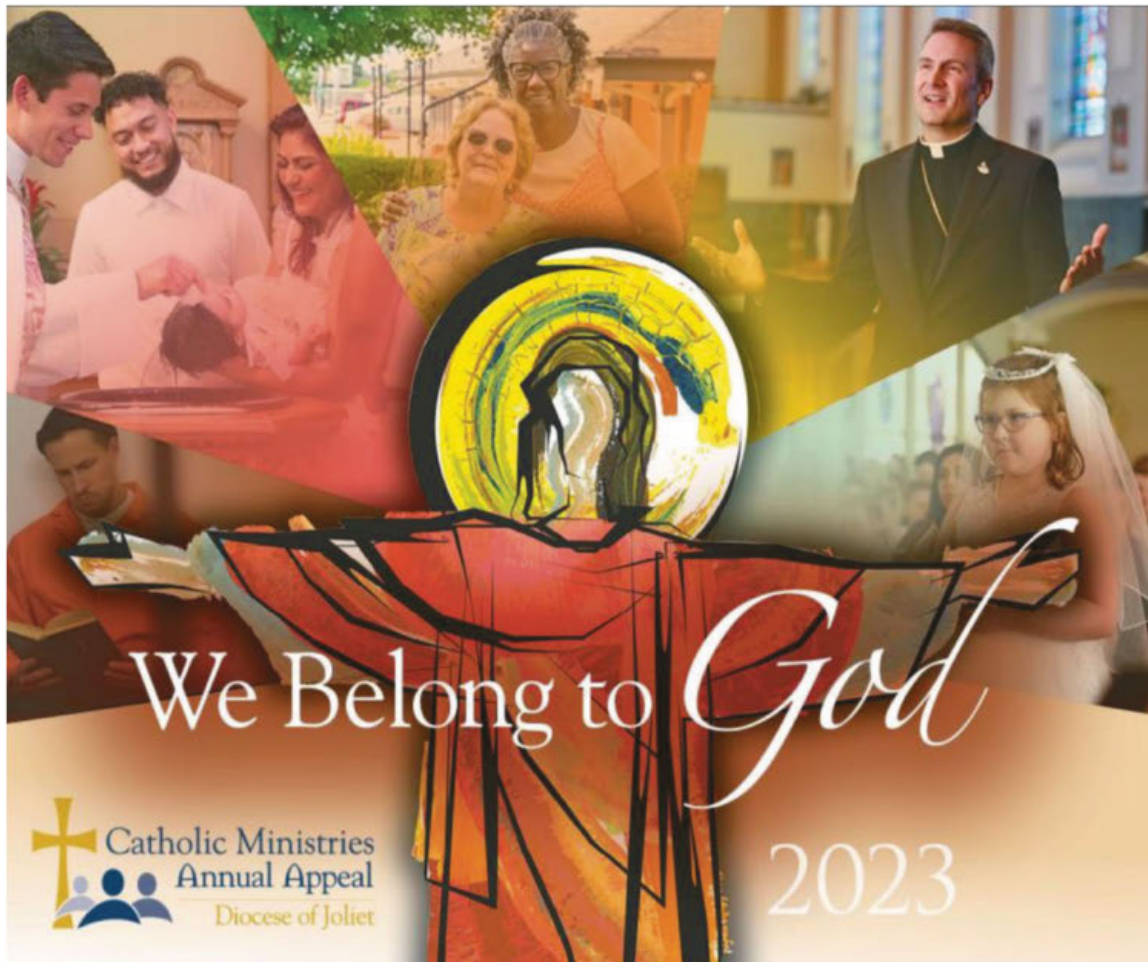
For those of us that do not want to give online, you can still contribute by mailing your donations to:

19515 S. 115th Avenue
Mokena, IL 60448

The Offertory for Sunday,
February 12th was
Online Giving \$15,695.90
Envelopes \$18,693.60
\$34,389.50

Budget \$32,500.00

Thank you for your generosity.



Pledge Your Gift to the CMAA

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), when we commit our support for the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. We must work together to ensure all feel included in our community of faith. Through our annual appeal, our Parish joins with the other Parishes in the Diocese to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith and strengthen vocations. We could not accomplish these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, which is a wonderful opportunity for **St. Mary**. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help **St. Mary** reach its **\$160,700.00** goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. In advance, thank you for your support.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS:

THE VIGIL PROJECT

TRUE PRESENCE NIGHT

LENT 2023

TUESDAY MARCH 7, 2023 // 7 PM

LIVE MUSIC. DYNAMIC SPEAKING. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, FREE WILL OFFERING.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
19515 115TH AVE
MOKENA, IL 60448

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DANIELLE KUBOUSHEK
DKUBOUSHEK@STMARYMOKENA.ORG // (708)-326-9300

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ALL ARE WELCOME

SPAGHETTI DINNER!



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH IN THE
CHURCH HALL 6:00 P.M.**

SPONSORED BY THE ST. MARY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COST: FREE WILL OFFERING



**YOUR DONATION WILL BENEFIT:
YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO STEUBENVILLE &
BUS TRANSPORTATION TO THE PRO-LIFE
MARCH IN SPRINGFIELD**



We invite all women to join us on
Saturday, February 25 at 9:00am
 in the Church Hall
 for our next Women's Ministry Meeting.

We will discuss

How to Love and Serve the Lord.

At the end of Mass we hear "Go..." but what does that mean? Our speaker will talk about finding your mission as you go forth in the world.



Please plan to join us, we'd love to have you at Women's Ministry.

RSVP and questions to
sistersinchrist@stmarymokena.org.

JOIN US THIS WINTER FOR
Wednesday Faith Nights
 6:30 P.M. - CHURCH HALL

NO FEATURE THIS WEEK
IN OBSERVANCE OF
ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us next week on
March 1st for more episodes
from THE CHOSEN!

Email jcompton@stmarymokena.org
 with questions or for information.

Join our Lenten Challenge on
FORMED



VISIT FORMED.ORG AND
 WATCH A LENTEN-THEMED
 PROGRAM FOR A CHANCE TO
 WIN A \$25 GIFT CARD!

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*Are you interested in
 becoming Catholic?*

Have you been baptized, but
 haven't received your
 First Holy Communion
 or Confirmation?

*Do you want to learn more about
 what Catholics believe and
 grow in your prayer life?*

People of all ages are invited to
 learn more about becoming
 Catholic or receiving the rest of
 your sacraments!

Contact John to learn more!

jcompton@stmarymokena.org



"Humility is not thinking less of oneself; it is thinking of oneself less."
C. S. Lewis

Save the Date!
June 23-25

**2023 Steubenville
Youth Conference**

2023 8th grade graduates
through 2023 high school
graduates are eligible to
attend.

For more information contact Tom
Blue at tblue@stmarymokena.org



February 26 Bowling

**St. Mary Mokena
& St. Mary Immaculate
Plainfield**
2pm @ Strike & Spare 2
Lockport

March 5
Teen Behold:
Adoration & Stations
of the Cross
Followed by Dinner

**Today is
"Fat Sunday!"**



**Join us in the
church hall
for Paczkis
after all
morning
Masses**

**All proceeds from the
paczki sales will go toward
filling the diaper bags with
newborn necessities.**

Diaper Bag Drive Kick-off!
**All bags go to newborns &
moms in need!**

**Diaper bag sponsors
needed! \$50**
Contact Tom Blue at
tblue@stmarymokena.org
or 708 821-0343





Our 8th Grade Students
attended their
Confirmation Retreat. It
was a blast!



Some of our REACH Students
are making some fun crafts in
their class with Mrs. Gargas!

12TH ANNUAL**MARCH MADNESS****All are welcome to this evening of camaraderie madness!**

"Call your neighbors, call your friends and family for some fun with the boys with great stories, food, hoops, betting and bragging rights"

**Saturday
March 18th****Doors Open @ 4:30 PM****The Ultimate Man Cave****7048 Steger Road (Just East of Harlem)****WINGS • CHOPS • PIZZA****ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK!****PLUS TONS OF WINNING
OPPORTUNITIES!**

**ONLY
\$100⁰⁰
PER PERSON**

**Be ready to participate in the
Free Throw Tourney!**

**QUESTIONS? - CONTACT SMS MEN'S CLUB COMMITTEE****Chris Barron @ crogb@hotmail.com - (708) 408-6166****Ray Kusinski @ rkusinski@comcast.net - (708) 525-5828****SEND PAYMENT TO ST. MARY SCHOOL (ATTN: Chris Barron / 5b)****Venmo: @chris-barron-40****Zelle: crogb@hotmail.com****LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - DON'T DELAY PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Seasons of Hope

This Christ centered support group offers comfort, support and understanding based on scripture and experience.

Sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month beginning March 14th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for six weeks.

Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312
Registration required and space is limited.



Come Join Us!



Tuesday, March 21st

7:45am - Bus Departs

Noon - Rally Begins

1pm - March Begins

6pm - Approx Return

Bus Ticket \$30

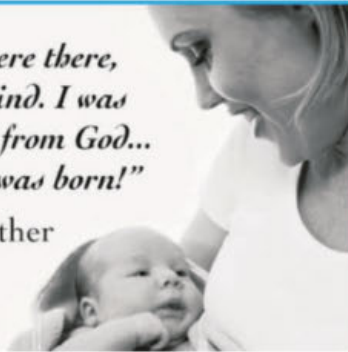
Contact the Parish Office for Tickets
Limited seating...reserve your seat now!

For more information: Donna Hungerford 708 326-9312 or dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

February 22nd - April 2nd 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

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– David's mother



YOU can be that sign from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies at this international 40 day prayer vigil in front of Access Health abortion clinic, 1700 W. 75th St. in Downers Grove. Select the same hour to pray each week or whenever you can. 7AM to 7PM daily. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

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The vigil starts February 22. To learn more and to sign up for an hour, please visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

*We need your prayerful presence...
and so do the moms and babies!*

PRAY TO END ABORTION

St. Mary Pro-Life Committee will lead **The Rachel Rosary** prayers on the following dates during the 40 Days for Life:



Tuesday, March 14th

Planned Parenthood

19831 Governors Hwy., Flossmoor, IL

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th

Access Health Abortion Clinic

1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove, IL

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please join us and bring a friend!

On Tuesday, January 31st

**St. Mary Men's Rosary for Life Group
gathered to pray in Flossmoor.**





The Council of Catholic Women

There will be a Board Meeting on Wednesday, **March 8th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall Fatima Room.

There will be a General Meeting on Thursday, **March 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room.

Save the Date

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Sunday, March 19th

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welcome!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Officer Meeting will be
in the Church Hall
Tuesday, February 28th
Fatima Room 7:00 p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be **Tuesday,**
March 14th in the Church Hall at 7:00 p.m.
Food and social hour will precede at
6:00 p.m. if you want to come early.

Mark your calendar
Saturday, February 25th
Spaghetti Dinner in the
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