

# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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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 John Rex

Deacon Kevin Plankinton

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](http://www.stmarymokena.org).**ANointing OF THE SICK** - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

# REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

## WITH GENEROSITY & JOY



Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!©LP

Peace and all good things, Father Dindo

### Schedule of Liturgical Ministers for March 11-12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

|                      | <b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>  | <b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b>   | <b>Sunday, 9:30 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday, 6:00 PM</b>   |
|----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Lector               | Andrea Taylor   | Midge Saunders   | Karen Dilger<br>Susan Rizzo   | Jim Contorno   | James Nowak  |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mary Ann Braasch<br>Karen Gordon<br>Ted Kopczynski<br>Andrea Taylor | Joseph Budzyn<br>Pat Budzyn<br>Sandy Halper<br>Christine Weeks   | Roger Brown<br>Joanette Kulesa<br>Susan Rizzo<br>Pamela Sanders                   | Joanne Eckel<br>Kathy Judge<br>Remo Lucci<br>Bob Meyers                | Karen Haugh<br>James Nowak   |
| Altar Server         | Lilly Butler<br>Delaney Stanek<br>Liam Stanek<br>McKenna Stanek     | Kaitlyn Diemer<br>Olivia Diemer<br>David Heitman<br>Ivy Mroz     | Max Giannakas<br>Andrew Jansky<br>Annie Kibbon<br>Nicholas Linhart                | Annabelle Makiejus<br>Aiden Raimondi<br>Emmy Skotnicki<br>(NOT FILLED) | Amelia Pluchar<br>Ruth Pluchar<br>(NOT FILLED)                     |
| Usher                | Mary Ann Braasch<br>Jim Grady<br>Mark Miron<br>James Palermo        | Chris Cichowicz<br>Rich Gavillet<br>Tom Magdziasz<br>Roy Mueller | John Delladio<br>Joanne Eaton<br>Joanette Kulesa<br>Diane Mucia<br>Joe Sokachitch | William Farhat<br>David Larson<br>Colin Noone<br>Gladys Weber          | Melissa Rolinitis<br>Mike Rolinitis<br>Linda Drake<br>(NOT FILLED) |
| Greeter              | (NOT FILLED)  | Sandy Halper   | (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.



## Second Sunday of Lent

### Monday, March 6

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)  
 4:30 p.m. Teen Sacrament Prep (Lourdes)  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)

### Tuesday, March 7

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)  
 10:00a.m. Vigil Project Setup (Church)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes K-6th (School Classrooms)  
 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Lourdes)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)  
 6:00 p.m. The Vigil Project True Presence Night (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study (Fatima and Lourdes)

### Wednesday, March 8

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)  
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)  
 2:00 p.m. Widow and Widowers Club (Fatima)  
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-6th (School Classrooms)  
 4:40 p.m. RE Confessions (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. RCIA (Guadalupe)  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. Symbolon Penance and Anointing of the Sick (Guadalupe)  
 6:40 p.m. RE Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Pro Life Committee Meeting (Fatima)

### Thursday, March 9

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)  
 4:40 p.m. RE Confessions (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

### Friday, March 10

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, March 11

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. K of C Movie Set Up (Guadalupe)  
 6:00 p.m. K of C Movie Night (Guadalupe)

### Sunday, March 12

#### Donut Sunday

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 Baptisms (Old St. Mary)  
 3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)  
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Open Gym

## MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, April 1

St. Mary, Mokena

**NEW DATE!**

**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](http://www.stmarymokena.org/mensretreat)**  
 or call the Parish Office, (708) 326-9300.

Email Bob with questions: [bcornejo@stmarymokena.org](mailto:bcornejo@stmarymokena.org)

Join our Lenten Challenge on

**FORMED**



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

**STMARYMOKENA.ORG/FORMED**





St. Peregrine Devotion and Behold have  
combined and become:

# VENITE ADOREMUS

Tuesday March 21st  
6:30-8:00PM 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



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS**

**Carol Meade, Virginia Hughes**

*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.

### 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 protec-  
tion 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>

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.

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.



### Monday, March 6

8:00am: August and Bernice Shellman

### Tuesday, March 7

8:00am: Peter Prankus, Baby Judah Winkler, Patricia Duggan,  
Rita DiFiore

### Wednesday, March 8

7:30am: Betty Granzow

8:30am: Bill Delladio

### Thursday, March 9

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

### Friday, March 10

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

### Saturday, March 11

8:00am: Jack Payton

5:00pm: John Buonocore, The Parishioners of St. Mary

### Sunday, March 12

8:00am: Anne Grabowski

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: Deacon Dave Stanton

6:00pm: Father Jerome Rogers

# Lenten Confessions

Prepare your hearts for Easter  
by receiving the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation this Lent.

Wednesday, March 22nd

St. Mary, Mokena

6 - 8 PM



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!

### Please Pray for the Newly Baptized



Maggie Viola Pluchar, Liam Kerrigan Laude,  
Stella Anne Buttafaro

*May God Bless the Little Ones*

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, 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-Figliulo, 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, Thomas O'Rourke, 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!**





All men are invited to our March meeting where we will discuss



We will discuss recognizing and understanding His sacrifice and Mission of Love.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

**8am Mass - 10:30am**

**St. Mary, Mokena Church Hall**

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!  
SMPmensministry@gmail.com



St. Mary, Mokena Parish Presents our  
**Annual Parish Mission**

*That All May Be One--*  
**Living the Eucharist**  
*in the*  
**Heart of the Church**

*March 26-28*

7:00 pm each evening in the Church



*Sunday, March 26*

**Teach--**

*And This is Eternal Life:*  
Knowing Jesus in the Eucharist

*Monday, March 27*

**Govern--**

*They Have Kept Your Word:*  
The Eucharist and the Church

*Tuesday, March 28*

**Sanctify--**

*Sanctified in Truth:*  
Eucharistic Communion

Our Parish Mission will be led by three  
Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia  
of Nashville, Tennessee:  
Sister Teresa Joy, O.P.,  
Sister Rose Dominic, O.P.,  
and Sister Anne Elise, O.P.



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 19th was

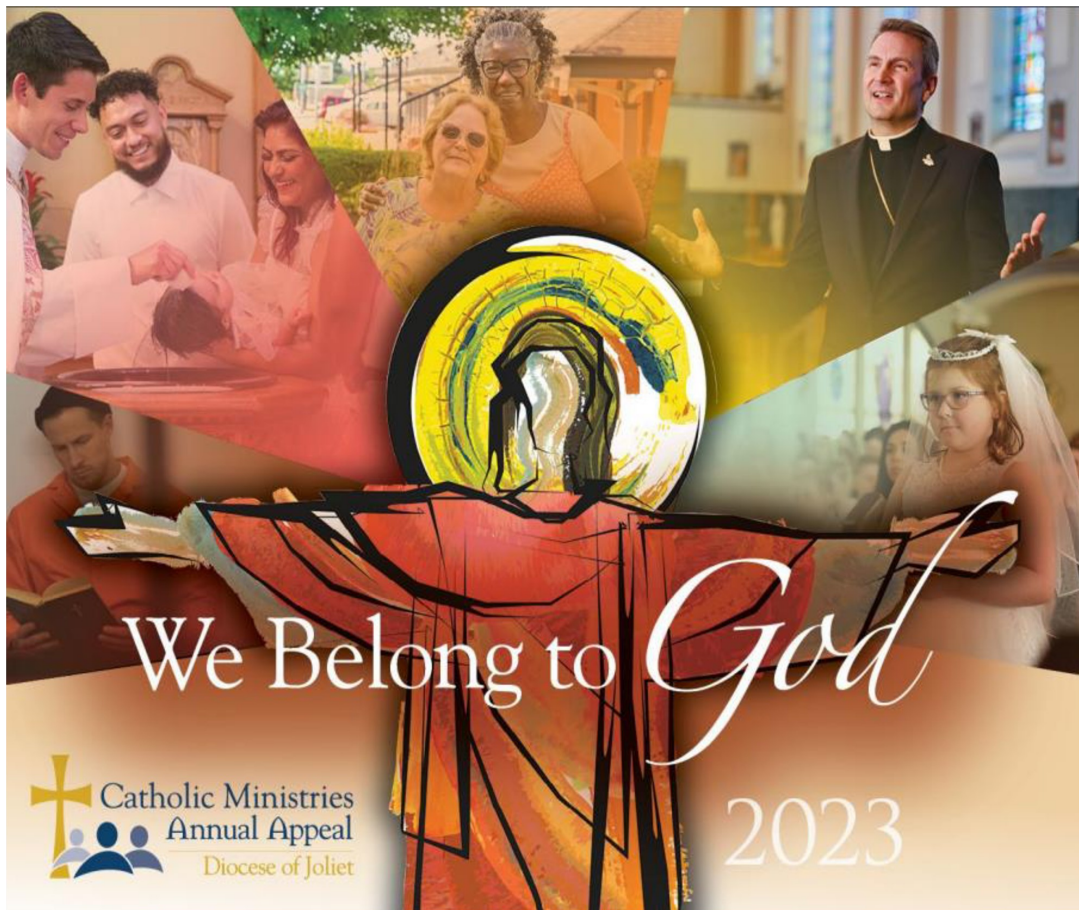
Online Giving \$13,829.65  
Envelopes \$18,986.26  
\$32,815.91

The Offertory for Sunday,  
February 26th was

Online Giving \$11,749.40  
Envelopes \$15,733.28  
\$27,482.68

Budget \$32,500

Thank you for your generosity.



### Pledge Your Gift to the CMAA

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of **\$160,700.00**. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our Diocese know that *we belong to God*. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, Parish Office, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the Diocese or make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org).

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for St. Mary.



MOVIE NIGHT



# MOTHER TERESA

## NO GREATER LOVE

Produced by the Knights of Columbus, this inspiring feature-length documentary film is the definitive historical account on the life and legacy of this beloved saint for our times.

Join your local K of C Council  
# 6993

...to watch this definitive film –  
with your family and friends!

*Join the Council of Catholic Women  
(CCW) & St. Mary Pro- Life Committee*

LOCATION: St Mary Mokena – Church Hall

DATE: Saturday, March 11, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Light Meal – 6:30 p.m. Movie

PRICE: Free will offering for the meal

CONTACT: Eugene Satrun 773-891-7430



**Knights of  
Columbus**

Watch the trailer at [motherteresamovie.com](http://motherteresamovie.com)





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.

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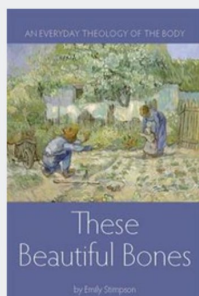
## Women's Book Club

### These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body

BY EMILY STIMPSON

Join women of all ages to discuss this insightful book which will guide us to learn together about the beauty of who God made us to be.

**MARCH 15, APRIL 12,  
& MAY 17 AT 7PM  
IN THE CHURCH HALL**



Please read Introduction through Chapter 3 for March 15 gathering.

Contact Marcy with any questions,  
marcymarie24@gmail.com

## Lenten Silent Retreat

### THE MERCIFUL HEART OF THE FATHER

**Saturday, March 25**

*led by Fr. Andrew Kolenda, LC*



9:00am - 3:00pm

Adoration, Mass,  
and Inspiring Meditations

**\$20, lunch included**

The Portiuncula | 9263 St. Francis Rd.  
Register today, space is limited!

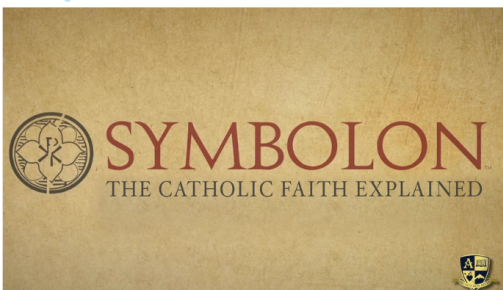
**Call the parish office or visit:**

[www.stmarymokena.org/silentretreat](http://www.stmarymokena.org/silentretreat)

**Contact John Compton with any questions:**  
[jcompton@stmarymokena.org](mailto:jcompton@stmarymokena.org).

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

### THIS WEEK'S FEATURE:



March 8th

**PENANCE AND ANOINTING OF  
THE SICK**

### NEXT WEEK'S FEATURE:



March 15th

**EPISODES FROM SEASON 2**

Email [jcompton@stmarymokena.org](mailto:jcompton@stmarymokena.org) with questions or for information.



# March 12

**Donut Sunday**



**Open Gym - 7pm**



**Thank you for your generous support of Fat Sunday!**

## Peter 2, Chapter 1

**For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love.**

**If these are yours and increase in abundance, they will keep you from being idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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](mailto:tblue@stmarymokena.org)**

## Teen Behold: Adoration & Stations of the Cross



**This Sunday Evening  
6PM  
Adoration Chapel**

**Followed by dinner & fellowship in the church hall**

## Join Us in Support of Newborns & Moms in Need!



**Diaper Bag Drive**

**Diaper bag sponsors needed!**

**\$50**

**Contact Tom Blue at  
[tblue@stmarymokena.org](mailto:tblue@stmarymokena.org)  
or 708 821-0343**



Please join us in praying a  
Parish-wide Novena to the Holy  
Spirit for our Confirmation  
Students!

To sign up, visit our webpage on the Parish  
website.

If you have questions, contact the RE office at  
(708) 326-9352



Our Catechists were given permission  
to administer ashes to the RE  
students on Ash Wednesday!

**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)**

ONLY  
**\$100<sup>00</sup>**  
PER PERSON

**WINGS • CHOPS • PIZZA**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK!**

**PLUS TONS OF WINNING  
OPPORTUNITIES!**

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



**QUESTIONS? - CONTACT SMS MEN'S CLUB COMMITTEE**

**Chris Barron @ [crogb@hotmail.com](mailto:crogb@hotmail.com) - (708) 408-6166**

**Ray Kusinski @ [rkusinski@comcast.net](mailto:rkusinski@comcast.net) - (708) 525-5828**

**SEND PAYMENT TO ST. MARY SCHOOL (ATTN: Chris Barron / 5b)**

**Venmo: @chris-barron-40**

**Zelle: [crogb@hotmail.com](mailto:crogb@hotmail.com)**

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - DON'T DELAY PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**



## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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.





## The Widow and Widowers Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8th in the Church Hall. Contact Marcia Frank for information about joining this group (708) 227-8290.



## Remember to check on our senior friends and neighbors!

Offer to pick up their mail or shovel their walk. Need more help? Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312 and the St. Mary Homebound Helpers will be contacted.



## MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### ST. MARY IS STARTING A FUNERAL PRAYER MINISTRY

### *Lay Ministers:*

**Cemetery/Chapel Prayer Service** - Needed during the daytime hours.  
We are in need of volunteers to say prayers at cemeteries following funeral masses.

**Wake Service** - Needed during the evening hours.  
We are in need of volunteers to say prayers at funeral homes.

Contact Donna Hungerford 708-326-9312 or [dhungerford@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dhungerford@stmarymokena.org) if you are interested in volunteering. Fr. Sam will provide necessary training, prayers and a blessing.





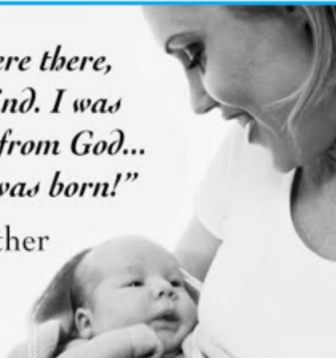


**PRAY TO  
END  
ABORTION!**

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

*"Because you were there,  
I changed my mind. I was  
looking for a sign from God...  
and Baby David was born!"*

– David's mother



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

**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Access Health Abortion Clinic**  
**1700 W. 75<sup>th</sup> 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!



**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](mailto:dhungerford@stmarymokena.org)



## 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

## St. Patrick/St. Joseph Family Celebration

Sunday, March 19th  
1:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**\$20.00 per Person**  
**\$60.00 Family of Four**  
**Cash Bar**

- **Family Fun**
- **Buffet Table & Desserts**
- **Music & Dancing**



Sponsored by the CCW  
& St. Mary  
Knights of Columbus



Contact Sue Rizzo for more information  
rizzorx5@comcast.net or  
815-953-7228

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing? Would you like to be a part of a Ministry helping those stricken with cancer, chronic conditions, or other situations by providing them with a prayer shawl? We invite you to join our group.

The Monday, March 6th meeting will be held in the Church Hall Fatima Room 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

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

### JOIN US FOR MOVIE NIGHT

**Mother Teresa: No  
Greater Love**

Saturday, March 11th  
6:00 p.m.  
in the Church Hall



The Knights of Columbus presented a check for just over \$2,000 to Waterleaf at their Evening of Hope Dinner February 4th. Grand Knight Eugene Satrun and Deputy Grand Knight Deacon Dave Stanton made the presentation.

This money represents the proceeds from our pancake breakfast this past Fall. Thank you to everyone attending the breakfast and making donations.



## The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th 1:00 pm– 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.  
Contact Emily (708) 479-2093 if you need a ride or Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018 for information about joining this group.