

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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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, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

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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.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

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

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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.

A Note From Our Pastor



Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?



Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing. ©LPi

October 21 - October 22: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski	Antoinette Bria Susan Rizzo	Karen Dilger Stan Nowak	Art Wilson	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas Ted Kopczynski Lora Oldham	Joan Aust Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo Stefanie Walthier	Michael Dilger Frank Grobmeier Kathleen Melei Joshua Sifuentes	Michael Crowley Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Patti Pertchi	Karen Haugh Kathleen Rowe Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Lilly Butler Molly Cotton Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski	Kaitlyn Diemer Olivia Diemer David Heitman NOT FILLED	Kate Coyle Annie Kibbon Megan Wajda Katelyn Walker	Josh Barger Natalie Galka Ryan Gross NOT FILLED	Caitlin Eiden 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 Jim Kulesa NOT FILLED	William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Linda Drake Melissa Rolinitis Mike Rolinitis NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Sandy Halper	NOT FILLED	Carolyn Farhat	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Cyndi Grobmeier		

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.

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 16

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
2:45 p.m. Brownie Meeting-3rd Grade (Guadalupe)
6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
7:00 p.m. Be Formed (Fatima)

Tuesday, October 17

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes K-6th (Classrooms)
6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (Classrooms)
6:30 p.m. Bunco for Breast Cancer (Guadalupe)
7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Lourdes and Fatima)

Wednesday, October 18

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:00 a.m. Rosary (Church)
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
1:00 p.m. Young at Heart Meeting (Guadalupe)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-8th (Classrooms)
7:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Hicks (Church)
8:30 p.m. Reception (Church Hall)

Thursday, October 19

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 (Classrooms)
4:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
5:30 p.m. Adult Choir (Church)
6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

Friday, October 20

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Coffee (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 p.m. L'Alto Young Adult Event (Guadalupe)

Saturday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Church Hall)
11:30a.m. Wedding (Church)
2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, October 22

K of C Pancake Breakfast in the Church Hall

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. RE Classes K-6th (Classrooms)
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
12:00p.m. Regina Caeli Choir Practice (Church)
12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
12:30p.m. Baptism Prep (Virtual)
3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

Divine Mercy In-Home 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.

"When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior."
(Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)



Jesus I Trust in You

"Helping those in Need"

The **Mokena Marley Fish Outreach** is a local, community based "helping hand" available to residents of Frankfort Township in situations of need. The organization is currently seeking donations (monetary or gift cards). Call 815-469-4907 if you would like to donate or volunteer.



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 16

8:00am: Edward and Jane Wiora

Tuesday, October 17

8:00am: John Hartl, Kevin Malone, Patricia Genz, Margaret Unton, Sarah Wolf, Virginia Jecha, Kathleen Doherty, Josephine Lockwood, Michael and Mary Hague, The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, October 18

7:30am: Louis A. Pignotti

8:30am: Rose Cartolano

Thursday, October 19

8:00am: Ted Siupik

Friday, October 20

8:00am: Mary Putman

Saturday, October 21

8:00am: Ronald Tamer

5:00pm: Gerald Pinta, Peter Prankus, Barbara Klichowski, Lorraine Peppmuller, Steve and Mary Sullivan, Henry Lesak, Jerome Litrenta, Robert Strezo, Virginia Jecha, The Parishioners of St. Mary

Sunday, October 22

8:00am: Dawn Leslie

9:30am: Joseph Sokachitch

11:00am: Ray Mooi Jr.

6:00pm: Jack Grier

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

May God grant them healing!

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Hickey Family,
The Enright Family,
The Stanish Family



Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Steven Saldana,
Virginia Jecha,
James Flemming

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

Mass Etiquette

Fast	-Do not eat any food an hour before the Mass. Only water is allowed.
Come Early	-Allow 10-15 minutes of meditation before the Mass.
Do Not Eat	-Eating is not allowed during the Mass
Dress Properly	-This is to show decency and honor to God
No Phones	-Turn your phones off
Genuflect	-Kneel your right knee in the direction of the tabernacle before sitting
Participate	-Sing, respond, listen and pray
Commune	-Examine conscience beforehand
Be Still	-Don't be in a hurry. Enjoy and feel God's presence and thank Him for His graces



Marriage Banns

October 21st

Gerry Murphy and
Marnie Baker

Daniel Hermosillo and
Courtney Rimsnider



*All men are invited to join
us for our next meeting*

Celebrating our 6 year Anniversary!

OCTOBER 21, 2023

A Conversion Story:
From Episcopal Priest
to Roman Catholic

with guest speaker Jim Anderson

**8am Mass - 10:30am
St. Mary, Mokena
Church Hall**

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



**FIT
SHEPHERDS**

CALLING ALL MEN!!!!

Get stronger, grow in holiness, become a Fit Shepherd.

Join your fellow brothers Wednesdays at 5:00 AM and
Saturdays at 7:00 AM in the St. Mary parking lot for an
outdoor workout and brief reflection. All fitness levels
are welcome; modifications are provided.

Any questions, please contact Patrick Fulton
(pmfulton@hotmail.com)



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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, October 8th will
Be shared in the next bulletin.

Budget \$32,500
Thank you for your generosity.



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October 4, 2023

Dear St. Mary Parishioners:

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops that aims to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. In light of this, St. Mary Parish in Mokena will reintroduce kneelers at all Masses for the reception of Holy Communion. On Saturday, October 21st, at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass two kneelers will be placed in the center aisle. Receipt of the Eucharist will be uncomplicated. Those receiving communion may choose to stand in front of the kneeler and receive in the hand or on the tongue as usual. Alternatively, one may choose to kneel and receive on the hand or the tongue. This method will be available at all Masses: daily Mass, Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, and all Sunday Masses.

St. Mary started its participation in the Eucharist Revival with its initiation of a perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapel and a Eucharistic procession in 2022.

In our society discussion of God and efforts to spur reverence and respect have fallen by the wayside. Sadly, a majority of Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is our hope and intent to turn that percentage around. St. Mary will devote its efforts to reestablish love and admiration of the Eucharist.

Those who have been "healed, converted, formed, and unified" by the Eucharist have a calling to impart to our friends and family the love and respect Our Lord deserves and expects from His followers.

St. Mary invites all to return to the source and summit of our faith, the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Dindo Billote *Fr. Sam Conforti*

Fr. Dindo Billote

Fr. Sam Conforti

ST. MARY PARISH
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A SPECIAL
MASS & BLESSING
OF THE PAINTING
“THE ANNUNCIATION”
BY NEILSON CARLIN
WITH
**BISHOP
RONALD HICKS**



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH | 7:00 P.M.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE CHURCH HALL.



October 2023

Dear Friends,

On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus story for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move"** (Luke 24:13–35). In his message, Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication:

1. **"Hearts on Fire"**—As Christians, we're called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.
2. **"Feet on the Move"**—Pope Francis encourages us to not only feel the faith but to act on it. It's our mission to move, serve, and spread the Good News, bringing God's love and peace to all His children.

We can all contribute to this mission movement with prayers and activities, including material offerings. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday—the only mandatory collection held each year in every Catholic parish—is dedicated to supporting the missionary work of the Church.

Your donations and prayers support helps fund missionary activities around the world, such as training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying, and providing homes for orphaned children.

With **"hearts on fire"** and **"feet on the move,"** let us put our faith into action in every corner of the world by donating to the second collection on October 22.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

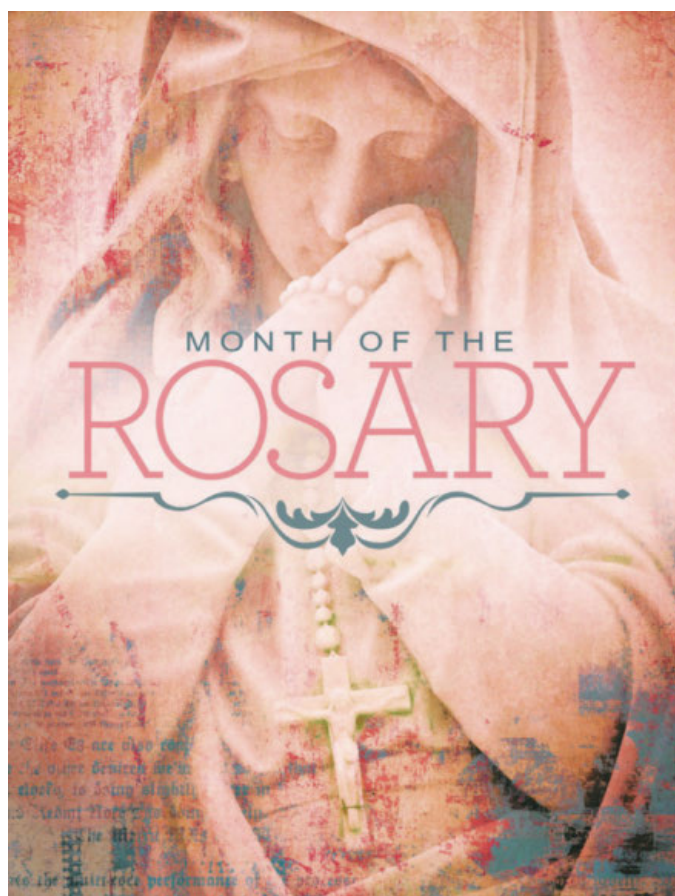
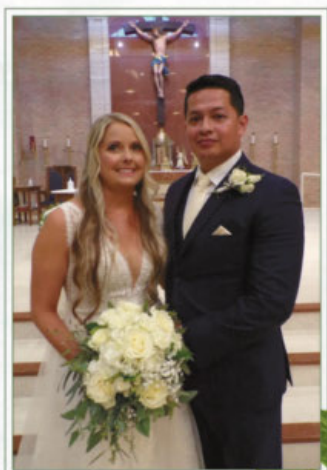
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

St. Mary Parish had a wonderful weekend with
the International Virgin Pilgrim
Statue of Fatima



Thank you to all who participated in this blessed weekend.
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Congratulations to
Meghan Neylon and
Edward Ramirez!





*Courage to Trust
Strength to Love*

**ALL HS TEENS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
SUNDAY, OCT 22, 7PM**

**CHURCH HALL
ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

**OUR TOPIC IS "GOSSIP" FEATURING A
POWERFUL HOMILY FROM
FR. MARK BERNHARD.**



Enjoy fellowship and pizza afterward.



COMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, 10/29
DONUT SUNDAY!
AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES**



**SUNDAY, 11/5
MASS &
FELLOWSHIP**

**6PM MASS
7PM MEETING
TACO NIGHT**



For information contact Tom Blue tblue@stmarymokena.org

ALL WOMEN 18 & OLDER
ARE INVITED TO

Advent BY CANDLELIGHT

Join us for an elegant evening filled with fellowship, reflection, and food as we prepare our hearts to embrace the season of Advent and greet Christmas with true readiness.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
St. Mary's Church Hall

The evening includes live instrumental music, a special Advent reflection, and time for enjoying the company of friends, new and old. Included are hors d'oeuvres, wine, and a dessert buffet.

Tickets are \$25, available at www.stmarymokena.org/advent and in the parish office. Space is limited and no tickets will be sold at the door. General questions may be directed to Danielle, dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org.

Hostesses and bakers will be needed to make this evening a success! Please contact Michelle Sullivan (815) 995-0480 to decorate a table or Maria Kavanaugh (815) 280-3909 to bring dessert.

Is your spouse not a churchgoer? Are they part of another tradition and you feel alone in your faith? If you struggle trying to get your spouse to come to Mass or it is a point of contention...

Join us

for a night of solidarity and sharing.

Hear from others navigating faith with a non-practicing spouse and walk away with hope and resources.

Thursday, October 26

6:30 PM | St. Mary, Mokena Church Hall

Contact Deacon John Rex,
deaconjohn@stmarymokena.org
with any questions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EUCHARIST



St. Mary of Egypt
Egypt- 4th Century



St. Mary was just 12 years old when she left for Alexandria, where she lived a very dissolute life for 16 years. One day, she saw a ship of pilgrims leaving for Jerusalem and she decided to join them.

On the feast day of the Exaltation of the Cross, she was overcome with sorrow for her sins, while looking up at a beautiful image of Our Blessed Mother.

She venerated the True cross and Mary continued to speak with her. The Virgin Mary said that she will only find peace across the Jordan. There, St. Mary lived in the desert for 47 years, finding peace for her soul. She met a Monk who would give her Holy Communion once a year.

One day, the Monk did not have a boat to cross to the other shore. St. Mary was found miraculously walking on water across the river to receive Holy Communion.

Such was her desire to receive Jesus and Jesus' desire to give Himself to her.

MOMS Podcast Club



Join other Catholic moms of school-age children and younger for conversation on the "Like a Mother with Katie McGrady" podcast.

Wednesday, October 25
at 9:00am

in the Church Hall
"Big Decisions &
Daily Discernment
with Elizabeth Nava"

Listen to podcast prior to gathering (search "Like a Mother with Katie McGrady" wherever you listen to podcasts) but even if you don't get to it, we'd love to have you join us!

Children are welcome and snacks and toys are provided.

Questions?

Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org



Religious Education

Service Opportunity

Looking for an opportunity to help your community? Here is a great chance to get your family involved!



BY
OCT.
22ND

Hat and Glove drive for kids

- Collecting NEW Hats and Gloves for kids to keep warm this winter
- Please drop off your donations at the RE office inside door 3 by Oct. 22nd



QUESTIONS?: 708-326-9352

re@stmarymokena.org



Bunco
for Breast Cancer

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Doors Open 6:30 pm

First Roll 7:00 pm

Church Hall

**Roll the dice.
Beat the odds.**

Breast Cancer has touched many of us and we come together in honor of all the women, those who lost their battle and those that are survivors, to help raise funds so that scientists may continue to research and eradicate this disease in the near future.

**RESERVE EARLY!
TABLE OF 4 - \$60**

*You don't need a table of four to play!
Everyone will be divided up into tables
and will rotate throughout the evening.*

Come with a friend, a family member, your Bunco group, fellow parishioner or come on your own. **This event is a great way to meet new friends as the tables rotate throughout the evening. Bunco is very easy to learn and follow, we teach everyone how to play before we start playing for the night.**



WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

**Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Appetizers,
Split the Pot, Amazing Raffle Baskets and Prizes**

Be sure to bring cash to purchase Split the Pot and Raffle Basket Tickets!

Yes, I will attend the St Mary PTC Bunco for Breast Cancer fundraising event!!

Fee is \$20.00 per person, or \$60.00 for a table of 4. Please make checks payable to St Mary PTC.
Please return completed form to the school office, attention: Missy Biondo.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

I cannot attend, enclosed is my donation of _____ to the St Mary PTC Bunco for Breast Cancer event.

This is a PTC sponsored event, 100% of the proceeds from this evening go to
The Breast Cancer Research Foundation!





St. Mary Fall Mission Appeal

"FOCUS" is the largest Catholic collegiate missionary organization whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students. FOCUS missionaries encounter students on campus, invite them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompany them as they pursue lives of virtue and excellence.

Missionaries build up students in the faith, sending them out to spread the Good News and to live out the Great Commission: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19).

The FOCUS missionaries from the University of Illinois-Chicago will be visiting our parish the weekend of October 28-29 to share about their mission to raise disciples on college campuses.

Interesting in learning more? Contact Grace Garcia at 810-357-3648 or grace.garcia@focus.org.

Donations will be accepted (checks may be made payable to FOCUS with UIC Team Acct - 35015 in the memo.)



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

The crosses on the Church lawn remind us of the loss of life due to the horrendous act of abortion. Please join us in praying for the understanding that **life begins at conception!**



The Pro-Life Committee

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Visit the St. Mary website for more information.

Pray the Holy Rosary in Church on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

The first Monday of the month our rosary is dedicated to the life of the unborn.



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Please continue to pray for me!





The Council of Catholic Women

General Meeting, October 19

Members only

Costume Contest & Chili Cook Off

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The next **Officer Meeting** will be
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The next **Council Meeting** will be
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Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

The Widow and Widowers Club

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 11 at
2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Contact Marcia Frank for information about
joining this group (708) 227-8290.

Mark your calendar—We will attend a

Halloween Party Wednesday, October 25th
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the Frankfort
Senior Community Café.

Contact Patricia Backus to register
(815) 351-8995



Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing?
- Would you like to learn how?
- 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!
Our next meeting will be Monday,
November 6th in the Church Hall
Fatima Room 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.

Our monthly meetings are a time for work and prayer. We pray the Fatima rosary while creating shawls. These shawls are a reminder of God's love and a visible sign of a "hug from God".

Visit the St. Mary website for more information or just come to one of our meetings.

Would you prefer to sew, knit or crochet from home? No problem. Let us know and we will provide you with all the details to get started.

We are especially in need of sewers!



The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday,
October 18

1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

Pumpkin decorating contest

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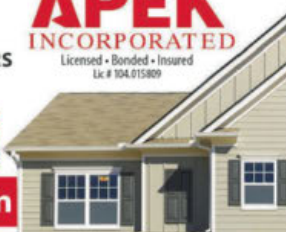
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