

# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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.**

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Dindo Billote

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sam Conforti

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez Salas

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Deacon Peter Manning

Deacon John Rex

Deacon Kevin Plankinton

Deacon Dave Stanton

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School Assistant Principal, Michelle Huizinga

**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

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.

# A Note From Our Pastor



Question: Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer: All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

## **November 11 - November 12: Thirty-Second 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	Andrea Taylor	Tom Magdziasz Bill Trudeau	Chris McGeever Stan Nowak	Roberta Dreifke	Barb Cianchetti
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon John Mitoraj Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Joseph Budzyn Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo	Michael Dilger Frank Grobmeier Joanette Kulesa Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Kathy Judge Remo Lucci Bob Meyers	Karen Haugh Kathleen Rowe Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Lilly Butler Seamus McGarry Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski	Kaitlyn Diemer Olivia Diemer Daniela Lacny Liam Sullivan	McKenna Mason Jack McCarthy Andrew Pilon Noah Pilon	Natalie Galka Max Giannakas Nicholas Perkins NOT FILLED	Graeme Lopez 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 Diane Mucia	William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Linda Drake Melissa Rolinitis Mike Rolinitis NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Joan Aust	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Eugene Satrun		

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.



## Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Monday, November 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)  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Be Formed (Fatima Room)

### Tuesday, November 7

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 Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)  
 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Lourdes)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)  
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)

### Wednesday, November 8

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. Pro Life Committee Meeting (Lourdes)  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)  
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)  
 2:00 p.m. Widow and Widowers Club (Fatima)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)  
 7:00 p.m. AHG Planning Meeting (Fatima)

### Thursday, November 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 Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. Pro Life Adoption Movie (Guadalupe)

### Friday, November 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. Friday Morning Coffee (Fatima)  
 6:00 p.m. L'Alto Trivia Night (Guadalupe)

### Saturday, November 11

#### K of C Vocation Raffle Ticket Sales (Narthex)

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass First Saturday (Church)  
 8:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (Guadalupe)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### Sunday, November 12

#### K of C Vocation Raffle Ticket Sales (Narthex)

#### Donut Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 9:30 a.m. SMS Family Mass (Church)  
 9:30 a.m. RE Classes K-6th (Classrooms)  
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)  
 12:00p.m. Regina Caeli Choir Practice (Church)  
 12:00p.m. 50th Anniversary Vow Renewal (Church)  
 3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)  
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

## 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



Young women ages 18 to 39 are invited for the Advent Podcast series

## Under Mary's Mantle

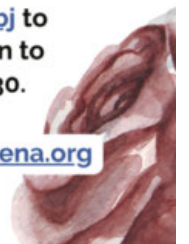
from "Abiding Together".

Thursdays starting Nov. 30th at 7:30PM

**ST. MARY, MOKENA**

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y4cernbj> to access the podcast for free! Listen to the episode "Fiat" ahead of 11/30.

Contact Erica at [esestak@stmarymokena.org](mailto:esestak@stmarymokena.org) with questions or to register.



## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, November 6**

8:00am: Alex and Ann Schneider

### **Tuesday, November 7**

8:00am: Sandy Compisi, Frank and Regina Marciano, Margaret Shea, Peter Pranckus, Gene Bondi, Carolyn Balich, Barbara G. Cope

### **Wednesday, November 8**

7:30am: Stephen Heffernan

8:30am: Donald Ternes

### **Thursday, November 9**

8:00am: Jack Payton

### **Friday, November 10**

8:00am: Nancy Hensley Spry

### **Saturday, November 11**

8:00am: Gerhard Kallus

5:00pm: Sarah Wolf, Gerald White, Rosina Petrassi, Barbara Klichowski, Michael Ernest, Virginia Ryan, Dominic and Simone Berchman, Alice Lesnik, Elizabeth Leech, The Parishioners of St. Mary

### **Sunday, November 12**

8:00am: Elizabeth Prindle Conover

9:30am: Raymond Rafferty

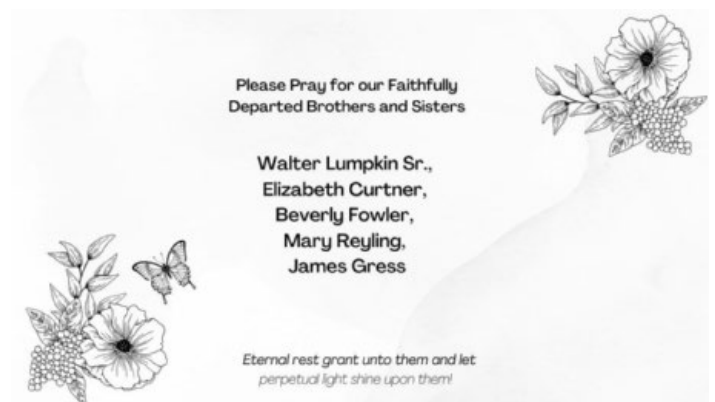
11:00am: Rita DiFiore

6:00pm: Margaret Unton



### **God Bless Our New Parishioners**

The Mangiaracina Famly,  
The Handorf family



### **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, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Janet Drobbick, Joanne Eaton, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, Bradley Frank, Marcia Frank, Mary Ann Fran-son, 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 Jr., Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, John McGeehan, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Ginny Meyer, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nich-ols, 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, 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!**

### **Please Pray for the Newly Baptized**



Myles Patrick Arseneau

*May God Bless the Little Ones*



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

**NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**Leading Youth  
in this  
Challenging  
Society**



*with guest speaker Tom Blue*

**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 29th was**

Online Giving	\$12,266.00
Envelopes	\$18,698.35
	<b>\$30,964.35</b>

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





*Congratulations to the  
Payton family  
on the baptism of their  
daughter Ava!*



*Congratulations to  
Gary and Nora Facko  
on the baptism of their  
grandson John George!*

*Congratulations to our newly married couples!*

*Marnie and Gerry  
Murphy*



*Courtney and Daniel  
Hermosillo*





# THIS ADVENT JOIN US FOR

## *Weekly* *Advent Reflections*

**MONDAY EVENINGS  
7PM  
CHURCH HALL**



**ADVENT  
VIDEO  
REFLECTION**



**ADORATION**



**SACRED  
ART  
REFLECTION**

**PLEASE JOIN US THIS ADVENT FOR WEEKLY VIDEO REFLECTIONS ON  
THE GOSPEL, USING SACRED ART IMAGES, FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF  
PRAYER AND ADORATION.  
COME LET US ADORE HIM!**

**NOVEMBER 27TH  
DECEMBER 4TH**

**DECEMBER 11TH  
DECEMBER 18TH**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT: [WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/REFLECTIONS](http://WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/REFLECTIONS)**



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE  
**MASS & BLESSING**  
 OF "THE ANNUNCIATION" WITH  
**BISHOP RONALD HICKS**



ST. MARY CEMETERY HAS INSTALLED NEW  
*Columbaria* FOR Cremation Burials



INDIVIDUAL AND DOUBLE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE.



EMAIL ERICA AT [ESESTAK@STMARYMOKENA.ORG](mailto:ESESTAK@STMARYMOKENA.ORG) WITH QUESTIONS.





*Courage to Trust  
Strength to Love*

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
NOVEMBER 5  
MASS & FELLOWSHIP**

**6PM MASS, 7PM GATHERING, TACO NIGHT**

**SUNDAY, 11/12**

**DONUT SUNDAY**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD  
OUR YOUTH MINISTRY VETERANS  
PROJECT**



**SUNDAY, 11/19**

**TEEN "BEHOLD"  
ADORATION**



**FOLLOWED BY  
FELLOWSHIP & DINNER**

For information contact Tom Blue [tblue@stmarymokena.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.



We invite all women to join us on  
**Saturday, November 11 at 9:00am**  
in the Church Hall

## We will discuss *Following God's Will*

We hope you'll join us at Women's Ministry where you will find great conversation, delicious food and inspiration for your spiritual journey.



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

RSVP and questions to  
[sistersinchrist@stmarymokena.org](mailto:sistersinchrist@stmarymokena.org).

L'Alto Young Adult Network presents

# TRIVIA Night

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7:30PM**

St. Mary, Mokena Church Hall

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM

**\$10/PERSON WITH ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

**\$15/PERSON AT THE DOOR**

Young adults ages 18-40 are invited to form teams of 4-6 players, individuals will be joined to make teams.

**REGISTER AT [STMARYMOKENA.ORG/TRIVIA](http://STMARYMOKENA.ORG/TRIVIA)**

Drinks and snacks included.

Winners will choose which approved charity proceeds are donated to.

Contact Danielle with any questions,  
[dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org).

 @L'AltoYoungAdultNetwork



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

**Wednesday, November 15**  
**at 9:00am**

in the Church Hall  
**"Holding Lightly with  
Sister Josephine Garrett"**

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](mailto:DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org)

# St. Mary's Sacred Music

NOVEMBER 5TH  
31TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOUND IN THE BLUE GATHER BOOK ON PAGE 1182

ALL HYMNS FOUND IN NAVY-BLUE ST. MICHAEL HYMNAL

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

## OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Holiest in the Height #717

## GLORIA

## FIRST READING

*Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10*

## PSALM

*In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

*Psalm 131*

## SECOND READING

*1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13*

## GOSPEL

*Mt 23:1-12*

## PRESENTATION

For the Fruits of His Creation #514

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

AMEN

LAMB OF GOD

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord

## COMMUNION HYMN

Abide with Me #402

## CLOSING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King #407

Do you feel called to praise the Lord through music? Join one of our choirs! Below is listed our choir options:

### Children's Choir:

2nd & 4th Sunday at 9:30

### Adult Choir:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30

### Regina Caeli Choir:

Every Sunday at 11:00

### Cantors or Instrumentalists:

Any Weekend Mass!

**Jospeh Berardi:** [jberardi@stmarymokena.org](mailto:jberardi@stmarymokena.org) **Abby Gonyaw:** [agonyaw@stmarymokena.org](mailto:agonyaw@stmarymokena.org)



RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

## JOIN ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD!

*We're seeking 2 members!*

**Volunteering for the Religious Education Board is a wonderful way to serve your parish! As you prayerfully consider applying, please be aware of the following details and expectations of Board Members:**

- One (1) Board term is three (3) years in length.
- Board meetings are held every other month.
- The board serves in an advisory function to the Pastor and Director of Religious Education.
- Board members will be expected to support the vision and mission statements of the St. Mary Religious Education Program and the strategic plan for the current catechetical year.
- Board members will be expected to be present at some Sacramental and special events throughout the catechetical year.

**Thank you for your consideration to serve in this important role. Your involvement will assist Catholic parents in raising their children in the faith and help build the domestic church.**

**We look forward to hearing from you! To apply, please complete the Discernment Candidate Profile found on our webpage <https://www.stmarymokena.org/religious-education>**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 20th**



ST. MARY PTC

WREATH



*Sale*



ORDERING OPEN  
OCTOBER 20TH - NOVEMBER 17TH

WREATHS WILL BE DELIVERED TO  
CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 28TH. PICK UP WILL  
BE 1:00-3:30.

[HTTPS://GO.NOBLEVALLEYWREATHS  
ALE.COM/23STMARY](https://go.noblevalleywreathsale.com/23stmary)



A decorative border at the top of the flyer featuring various autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, along with small pumpkins and gourds.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thanksgiving  
FOOD DRIVE

November 18 & 19

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Church Hall before Masses. All food will be picked up Sunday, and taken to organizations serving those in need.

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**Attention 7th & 8th graders: Help is needed to tape boxes, collect, sort, pack and load food. Bring your service form!**

**Visit the St. Mary website to sign up!**

Contact Donna Hungerford for information (708) 326-9312.



JOIN THE ST. MARY PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE FOR AN  
ADOPTION MONTH MOVIE:

# LIFEMARK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL.



DAVID'S COMFORT WORLD IS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN WHEN HIS BIRTHMOTHER UNEXPECTEDLY REACHES OUT TO HIM, LONGING TO MEET THE 18 YEAR OLD SON SHE'S ONLY HELD ONCE. WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF HIS ADOPTIVE PARENTS, DAVID EMBARKS ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY THAT LEADS TO A STAGGERING TRUTH FROM HIS PAST. FROM EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS KIRK CAMERON AND THE KENDIRCK BROTHERS-CREATORS OF WAR ROOM AND FIREPROOF COMES LIFEMARK, INSPIRED AN INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY THAT CELEBRATES THE GIFT OF LIFE!





### The Council of Catholic Women

The next **Board Meeting**, will be  
Wednesday, November 8th  
in the Church Hall, Fatima Room at  
9:00 a.m.

The next **General Meeting** will be  
Thursday, November 16  
6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

### The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday,  
**November 15**  
1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

**Lynn Rymarz**  
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Performance begins at 1:00 p.m.  
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**ALL PARISHIONERS & Friends are to join**  
**the Young at Heart to a trip to**  
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**Wednesday, November 28th**  
**\$44.00 per person Includes bus transportation,**  
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We will meet in the parking lot by 9:15 a.m. and  
depart by 9:30 a.m.

We will return at approximately  
4:30 p.m. Questions, call  
Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018.



### The Widow and Widowers Club

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 8  
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Contact Marcia Frank for information about  
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Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

The next **Officer Meeting** will be  
Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Lourdes Room., Church Hall

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing?
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- 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.  
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