

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



19515 S. 115TH AVENUE, MOKENA, IL 60448 | 708-326-9300 | STMARYMOKENA.ORG

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

Deacons:

Deacon Gary Bednar
Deacon Peter Manning
Deacon John Rex
Deacon Kevin Plankinton
Deacon Dave Stanton

Parish Office:

Parish Secretary, Karen Dilger
Business Manager, Stephen J. Warunek
Evening Maintenance, Dave Bridges
Maintenance Supervisor, Gerardo "Gerry" Iniguez
Morning Maintenance, Thomas Pritchard
Director of Faith Formation, Megan Murray
Assistant Director of Faith Formation, Danielle Kuboushek
Assistant Director to the Clergy/Program Coord., Erica Sestak
Director of Religious Education, Tami Brongiel
Assistant Director of Religious Education, Suzy Olsen
RE Office Administrative Assistant, Therese Gembara
Director of Christian Service, Donna Hungerford
Director of Sacred Music, Joseph Berardi
Director of Liturgy, Bob Cornejo
Youth Minister, Tom Blue
Bulletin Editor, Cailin Valente
Funeral Coordinator, Susan Rizzo
Offertory and Database Administrator, Leticia Clark
Financial Secretary, Paula Perry
Sacristan, Zina Habib

School Office:

School Secretary, Charlotte Catchings
School Principal, Michele Alday-Engelman
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.

708-326-9307 Pastor@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9304 FrSam@StMaryMokena.org
815-221-6164 FrJuan@StMaryMokena.org

708-326-9300 DeaconGary@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9300 Deaconpete@aol.com
708-326-9300 DeaconJohn@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9300 DeaconKevin@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9300 Deacondave@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9300 Parish Fax Number 708-326-9301
708-326-9305 Secretary@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9309 Swarunek@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9314 Dbridges@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9314 giniguez@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9314 tpritchard@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9313 Mmurray@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9353 Dkuboushek@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9355 Esestak@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9356 Tbrongiel@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9357 Solsen@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9352 RE@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9312 Dhungerford@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9302 JBerardi@StMaryMokena.org
Bcornejo@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9354 TBlue@StMaryMokena.org
Bulletin@StMaryMokena.org
815-953-7228
708-326-9311 Lclark@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9310 Pperry@StMaryMokena.org
Zhabib@StMaryMokena.org

708-326-9330
708-326-9332 SchoolSecretary@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9348 Principal@StMaryMokena.org
708-326-9347 MHuizinga@stmarymokena.org

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: Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?



Answer: The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God. We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

December 16 - December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Bridget Barron	Tom Magdziasz Bill Trudeau	Richard Hamilton Joe Hartl	Art Wilson	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Sue Murphy Lora Oldham	Bob Cornejo Dave Skrzypiec Leslie Skrzypiec Christine Weeks	Roger Brown Frank Grobmeier Chris McGeever James Naumczik	Nancy Blake Remo Lucci Patti Pertchi Louise Szura	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin Alexis Ferin David Heitman NOT FILLED	Hazel Dilger June Fulton McKenna Mason Jack McCarthy	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 Diane Mucia	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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 11

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Advent Series (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. Be Formed (Fatima)

Tuesday, December 12

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:45 a.m. School Advent Confessions Grades 6-8 (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 4:45 p.m. RE Advent Confessions Gr 3-6 (Church)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:45 p.m. RE Advent Confessions Gr. 7-8 (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Lourdes and Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, December 13

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Parish Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
 9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Committee Meeting (Lourdes)
 2:00 p.m. Widow and Widowers Club (Fatima)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-6 (Classrooms)
 4:30 p.m. RE Advent Confessions Gr.3-6 (Church)
 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Search Leadership Team Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:45 p.m. RE Advent Confessions Gr. 7-8 (Church)

Thursday, December 14

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)
 4:45 p.m. RE Advent Confessions Gr. 3-8 (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Advent By Candlelight (Church Hall)
 7:00 p.m. Regina Caeli Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, December 15

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:15 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 7:30 p.m. Roses of Mary Meeting (Fatima)

Saturday, December 16

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)

Sunday, December 17

Donut Sunday

K of C Photos with Santa after Masses

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00a.m. Regina Caeli Choir Practice
 12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
 12:30p.m. Baptismal Prep (Virtual)
 3:30p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Church)
 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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 19th
6:00 - 8:00 PM | St. Mary, Mokena

Prepare your soul to welcome
 our Lord this Christmas by receiving
 the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confessions will be heard by both
 St. Mary's and visiting priests.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
(Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

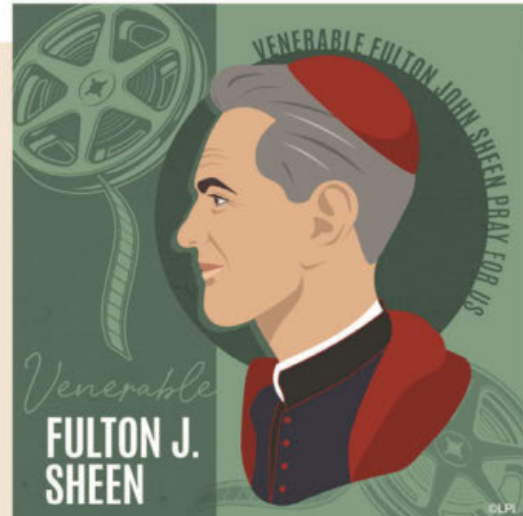
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts
this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way.
Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Wednesday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/>)

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11

8:00am: Eric, Kathy and Rowland Boucher

Tuesday, December 12

8:00am: Scott Reiter, Sheila Sargeant, Lorraine Peppmuller, Miguel Castro, Tom Genovese, Patricia Genz, Janice Smith, Joseph DiGiovanni, Sarah Wolf, Joseph Sokachitch, Leo and Helen Bentlejewski

Wednesday, December 13

7:30am: David Rogers

8:30: Dorothy Otten

Thursday, December 14

8:00am: Dennis Benson

Friday, December 15

8:00am: Esther McGraw

Saturday, December 16

8:00am: Mary Putman

5:00pm: Tom Kelso, Robert Knoerzer, Peter Prancus, Barbara Klichowski, Jerome Litrenta, Rina Milano, Ronald C. Adams, Rita Spindler

Sunday, December 17

8:00am: Peter and LaVerne Bria

9:30am: Ken and Stan Ruminski

11:00am: Fred Weber

6:00pm: Margaret Unton

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Bonnie Caper, James Caper, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Janet Drobick, 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, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, 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 Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastiak, Matthew Orr, Bob Podlasek, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Norbert Przybylski, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, John Turas, Judy Turas, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

May God grant them healing!



6

**Please Pray for the
Newly Baptized**



Henry Edward Dean,
Eloise Mae Dean

May God Bless the Little Ones

**God Bless Our
New Parishioners**

The DeGrazia-Cohen Family,
The Clark Family,
The Bean Family



**Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and
Sisters**

Charles E. Radgowski

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



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.

LOOKING FOR FAITH SERVICE & FUN FOR YOUR DAUGHTER?



The American Heritage Girls Program enables your daughter to grow in her FAITH, cultivate a heart for SERVICE, and have more FUN than she can imagine! AHG focuses on providing progressive level programming rich in opportunities for girls of all ages and abilities. With each AHG Level, girls are introduced to new skills, badge work, service projects, and outdoor experiences unique to a female audience.

AHG OATH

I promise to love **GOD**. Cherish my **FAMILY**.
Honor my **COUNTRY**. Serve in my **COMMUNITY**.

We want to start a troop!

We are looking for families with girls ages 5-12 to charter a troop in Spring 2024.



For more information on starting your daughter's journey with American Heritage Girls join us on **Monday, December 18 at 7pm** in the St. Mary, Mokena Church Hall or contact dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org.



Are you interested in celebrating your wedding at St. Mary Parish?

Contact Erica Sestak at
esestak@stmarymokena.org or at
708-326-9355 to book a date and
begin preparation for the
Sacrament of Marriage!



*All men are invited to join
us for our next meeting*
JANUARY 27, 2023

**THE BEAUTY &
HISTORY OF OUR
CATHOLIC MASS**

Discussion led by
Bob Cornejo and Nick DiGiovanni



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)



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, December 3rd was**

Online Giving	\$17,396.75
Envelopes	\$19,080.71
	\$36,477.46

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

Join us for
CHRISTMAS MASS

at St. Mary Mokena



**SUNDAY,
 DECEMBER 24**

4:00 p.m. (Church)
 4:15 p.m. (Hall)
 6:00 p.m. (Church)



**MONDAY,
 DECEMBER 25**

(all in Church)
 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)
 8:00 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
 12:30 p.m.

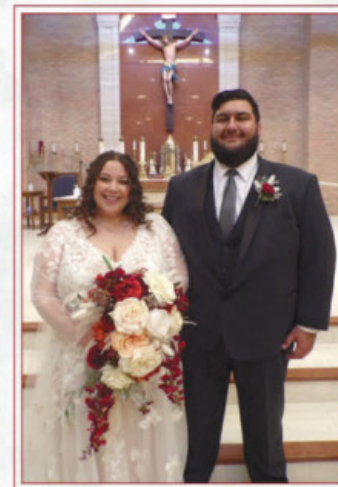


**FILL JESUS' MANGER
 WITH GOOD WORKS
 THIS ADVENT!**

Everyone is invited to take a piece of paper from the basket and read what your challenge is! Once the challenge is completed, put a cotton ball in the manger in the Narthex. By the end of Advent, Jesus will be born into a soft and warm manger filled with good works!



*Congratulations to
 Joshua and Kathleen
 Sifuentes!*





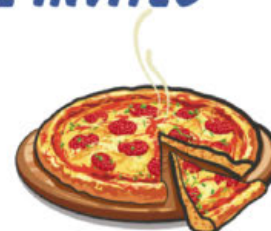
*Courage to Trust
Strength to Love*

8th Grade Night!

**ALL ST. MARY PARISH 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED
TO JOIN OUR HS TEENS**



**Sunday, December 10
6PM Mass
7:00-8:30PM Church Hall**



**DISCOVER SMP'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM.
PARTICIPATE IN OUR VETERANS' CHRISTMAS PROJECT.**

For information contact Tom Blue tblue@stmarymokena.org



COMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 1

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

YOUTH DAY @

LEWIS UNIVERSITY

**SUNDAY, 12/17
DONUT SUNDAY!**

AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES



For information contact Tom Blue tblue@stmarymokena.org



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

Under Mary's Mantle

from "Abiding Together".

Next Meeting: **FRIDAY, December 15th**
7:30 PM | ST. MARY, MOKENA

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y4cernbj> to access the podcast for free! Listen to the episode "Warrior Mother" ahead of 12/15.

Contact Erica at esestak@stmarymokena.org with questions or to register.

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.

**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 11TH
DECEMBER 4TH DECEMBER 18TH

PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/REFLECTIONS



This Advent, join other Catholic moms of school-age children and younger to chat about the "Abiding Together" podcast series.

Wednesday, December 20:
9:00am in the Church Hall
S10 E14: Advent Part 3: Miraculous Joy
-St. Therese of Lisieux
and
S10 E15: Advent Part 4: The Prince of Peace Reigns-St. Teresa of Avila

Listen to each podcast prior to gathering (search "Abiding Together" wherever you listen to podcasts) or just join us for the enjoyable conversation!
Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org to get the virtual link or with any questions.



January 20th, 2024 | 6:30PM

JAMO'S LIVE

10160 191st St, Mokena

CRAPS ♠ BLACKJACK ♥ ROULETTE

♣ POKER TOURNAMENT ♦

\$85/person General Admission includes:

Hor d'oeuvres, open bar, \$200 in casino chips
with the option to buy more throughout the evening

\$300/person Poker Tournament includes:

(limited number available)

Reserved seat, bar service at table, hor d'oeuvres,
open bar, and buy-in to poker tournament

Winner splits the pot (only cash prize of the evening)

Purchase tickets at www.stmarymokena.org/casino

Game play is for 3 hours, 7:30-10:30pm.

When games have ended all casino chips will cash out for raffle tickets which will then be used to enter for prize of your choice. The Poker Tournament is a cash prize and the winner will split the pot with St. Mary School.

*General Admission tickets purchased prior to December 23rd
will receive an extra \$50 in casino chips at the event.*



ALL IN (\$2,500+):

- Promotion at event as Drinks Sponsor
- Business Logo/Family Name at Bar
- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- 6 Complimentary General Admission Tickets to Event
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

HIGH ROLLER (\$1,000+):

- Promotion at event
- Business Logo/Family Name at Roulette Table
- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- 4 Complimentary General Admission Tickets to Event
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

DOUBLE DOWN (\$500+):

- Promotion at event
- Business Logo/Family Name at Craps Table
- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- 2 Complimentary General Admission Tickets to Event
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

ANTE UP (\$250+):

- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

In-Kind Donations:

We gratefully welcome in-kind donations which will be acknowledged at the level of sponsorship equivalent to the value of the items donated, with the exception of event tickets.

Proceeds to benefit children's playground and academic enhancements at SMS!

Donate at www.stmarymokena.org/sponsor

St. Mary School is a 501C3 Organization and Donations will be Tax Deductible

Deadline to donate is January 10, 2024

Please contact Erica with any questions,
aemiklaszewski@gmail.com or (708) 491-6734.





Religious Education

Advent Service Opportunity

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



BY
DEC.
15

“PJ and a book” drive for kids

- Collecting NEW PJs size 6+ and a new or gently used book for kids
- Please drop off your donations at the RE office inside door 3 by Dec 15th (unwrapped)



re@stmarymokena.org

QUESTIONS?: ☎ 708-326-9352

STEWARDSHIP

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us. The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out."

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service. In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

©Catholic Stewardship Consultants



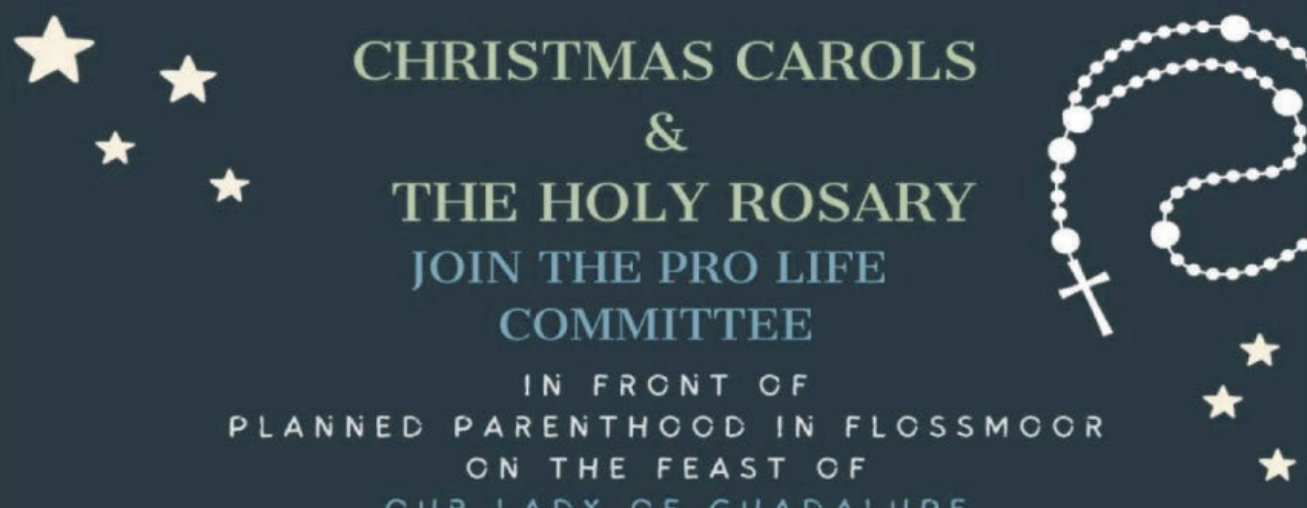
All Ministers of Care are invited to pick up a poinsettia, Christmas card and small gift to deliver to the homebound person you visit.

Please stop by the parish office beginning Monday, December 11th.




If you are unable to deliver, contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312 and someone will take it for you.

Thanks for all you do!




**CHRISTMAS CAROLS
&
THE HOLY ROSARY**
**JOIN THE PRO LIFE
COMMITTEE**

IN FRONT OF
 PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN FLOSSMOOR
 ON THE FEAST OF
 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
 5:00 CHRISTMAS CAROLS
 (HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES WILL BE AVAILABLE)
 6:00 P.M. ROSARY
 WITH ST. MARY MEN FOR LIFE
 7:00 P.M. PIZZA AND FELLOWSHIP
 FRANKFORT AURELLIO'S RESTAURANT
 RSVP TO TBLUE@STMARYMOKENA.ORG
 BY DECEMBER 7TH.



Spiritual Adoption Update

Your little baby now weighs six ounces. He or she has fingernails and eyelashes. Baby has his or her own unique fingerprints and taste buds are working. Baby's sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore.

Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All baby needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle!

Please continue to pray for me!





The Council of Catholic Women

There will be a Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 13 at
9:00 a.m. in the Fatima Room,



The Young at Heart Senior Club

Join us for our next meeting
Wednesday, December 20
1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall



Questions, call Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018.
Call Emily if you need a ride (708) 479-2903
and leave a message.

The Widow and Widowers Club

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be
Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in
the Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.



Pictures with Santa

Sunday, December 17
in the Church Hall
after all Morning Masses
Bring your camera!

Blood Drive

Thursday, December 21
3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
in the Church Hall



To sign up, scan the QR Code, go to
www.versiti.org/IL or call Versiti at 847-305-9998.
Appointments encouraged, walk-ins welcome!

You can donate whole blood every 56 days or double
red every 112 days.

Photo ID is required.

If you are on blood thinners, you may still be able to
donate by doing a "Double Red" donation.



**Thank you to the St. Mary Knights of Columbus for this beautiful float leading
The Mokena Christmas Parade this year!!**

St. Mary reminds everyone Jesus is the reason for the Season!



OUR LADY OF Guadalupe

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

PRAY FOR US
DECEMBER 12



Thomas L. Murphy, P.C.



- Wills & Trusts • Probate
 - Estate Planning • Real Estate
- (708) 403-5500

9500 Boromet Dr., Ste. 103 • Mokena



AVAILABLE MONDAY
THROUGH SATURDAY

Let us give you a quote
for your first cleaning!

(708) 722-2909

e-mail: info@diamondmaidcleaning.com

Quality Work – Reasonable Prices

**DEMMIS
PLUMBING
& SEWER**



Lic# 055-044826

Ask for a
PARISHIONER
DISCOUNT

708.420.0806 EMERGENCY
SERVICE
www.demmisplumbing.com

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!



Receive a \$100 Visa gift card with
your FREE in-home estimate

**\$99
Installation***

*Does not include cost of material. Expires 12/31/11

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration

CALL NOW 708-462-6373

*Guaranteed not to clog for
as long as you own your home,
or we'll clean your gutters for free.



• LeafGuard®
is **guaranteed never to
clog** or we'll clean it for
FREE*

- Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
- Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
- Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

**ENGLERT
LeafGuard®**
Get it. And forget it.®

Thank You For Your Patronage
**PEPPER MILL
FAMILY RESTAURANT**

Open 7 Days

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

708.478.8748

19137 S. Wolf Rd., Mokena

www.PepperMillMokena.com

**Senior
Discount
10%**
Tues, Wed, Thurs



MIDWEST
INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS ADVISORS



Don Zolfo

Financial Advisor - 38 years of investing experience

- Investment Management
- Comprehensive Financial Planning
- Tax Efficiency Planning
- Estate Planning Review
- Inherited IRA Management
- Wealth Builder Program - Investment Education

Advisory services offered through Sowell Management, a Registered Investment Advisor.

779.230.2296 • www.midwestinvestba.com



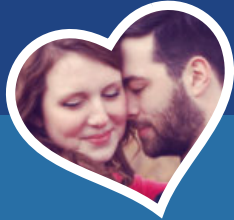
Tom Morrison
Real Estate Broker

Mike McCatty Group
Buying or Selling?

708.267.6725

www.mccattyrealestate.com

catholicmatch®
Illinois



CatholicMatch.com/IL

— WE APPRECIATE OUR
ADVERTISERS!

CENTRAL
SOD FARMS, INC.

Wholesale • Retail

At Rte. 30 (Lincoln Hwy.) & Harlem

Frankfort 708.720.2222



**Little
Blossom**
Early Education

**Infants to Preschool
School Age Fun Club**

**19245 Everett Lane
Mokena 708.479.3737**
www.littleblossomearlyed.com



EggCetera
CAFE

Enjoy Breakfast & Lunch All Day

Two Locations

19709 Mokena Street, Mokena
Located Across from Downtown Metro Station

708-478-6051
Open 5:30AM - 2PM M-F
6AM - 2PM Sat & Sun

10120 191st Street, Mokena
708-478-0070

Open Daily 6AM - 3PM
Carry Outs Available

Gail & Dino Bastas, Parishioners



Maertinsheating.com

708-479-9350

**Place Your Ad Here and
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator



MICHAEL E. KIRSCH, D.D.S.
1997 ALUMNI

FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY

Even & Sat. Hours Available • New Patients Welcome

8650 W. 159th St., Orland Park

(708) 460-1702



Moving Services Inc

Thomas Callaghan

Sales Representative

TCallaghan@MovingServices4U.com

(708) 529-9797

**MAKING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE
TO LIVE AND WORK.**
ROOFING • SIDING • GUTTERS
SOFIT • FASCIA & MORE!

APEK
INCORPORATED

Licensed • Bonded • Insured
Lic # 104.015809

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
815-774-0900

15% OFF!
for Parishioners

www.ApekInc.com



Angelo Caputo's Coupon



On purchase of **\$50 or more**
with this coupon.*

• **Family Owned and Operated since 1958** •
Making our way south after serving the north side for over 64 years!
Come visit Caputo's now in Orland Park!



**SAVE
\$5.00
OFF!**

*Excludes liquor, sales tax, lottery, wine
grapes, gift card purchases and all advertised
sale items. Coupon must be present at time
of purchase. Limit 1 Coupon cannot be
duplicated. Coupon is redeemable only at:
Angelo Caputo's 11333 W 159th St., Orland Park IL 60467
VALID 6/25/23 THRU 7/21/24.

PLU #10087

**MOKENA'S NEWEST ENTERTAINMENT
DESTINATION OPEN YEAR ROUND**



9 SIMULATOR BAYS

130+ VIRTUAL COURSES

12+ VIRTUAL SPORTS



9418 W 191ST STREET | MOKENA, IL 60448
(708) 719-3964 | 19THHOLEMOKENA.COM

FOOD & DRINK | VIDEO GAMING | GIFT CARDS | LEAGUES | PARTY RENTALS



**Creating Beautiful Smiles
with the Latest Technology**



D. Spencer Pope, DDS, MS
Board Certified Orthodontist
Licensed Specialist in Orthodontics
& Dental Facial Orthopedics

19815 GOVERNORS HWY, #1 | FLOSSMOOR, IL 60422 | (708) 799-0060
311 ALANA DR. | NEW LENOX, IL 60451 | (815) 462-3232



**FREE
AD DESIGN**

with purchase
of this space

**CALL
800-950-9952**

Kathleen Creswell Cunningham, Attorney At Law
REAL ESTATE • WILLS • TRUSTS • ESTATES

ETL
CROSS TOWN LEGAL

19201 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 205, Mokena
info@crosstownlegal.com

708.478.9700



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Mary Church, Mokena, IL

B 4C 01-4183

JAMO'S Live

BURGERS • BANDS • BANQUETS

708.981.1400

10160 191st Street
Mokena, IL 60448

www.jamoslive.com



Dine In • Carry Out • Delivery
Private Event Rooms

19836 Wolf Rd., Mokena

708.478.0022

www.aureliospizza.com



A FULL SERVICE GROCERY STORE

Quality Choice Meats
Fresh Produce
Deli/Bakery
Catering Available

451 N. Locust St. • Manteno
815-468-8932

2141 Calistoga Dr. • New Lenox
815-463-5046

100 Market Pl. • Manhattan
815-478-4127

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Are you invested properly?
Get a second opinion.



**BRETT
SCHAIBLEY**

FINANCIAL
ADVISOR
Parishioner
School Parent
Member SIPC

brett.schaibley@edwardjones.com

20238 S. LaGrange Rd.
Frankfort
815.469.6315

101 Mobility
Experts in Mobility and Accessibility Solutions

We sell, service,
and install:

STAIR LIFTS
PORCH LIFTS
RAMPS
HOME
ELEVATORS



Parishioner

708.968.1250

southchicago.101mobility.com

**McMahon Painting
& Decorating**



INTERIOR • EXTERIOR
RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL

Exterior • Cedar Siding • Caulking • Power Washing
Interior • Wallpaper Removal • Drywall Repair • Faux Finishing

FOR A FREE ESTIMATE, CALL BRIAN MCMAHON
(708) 478-3419 • Parishioner
References Available

Parishioner Discount



-Serving
Dinner Daily-
(708) 719-3370

Banquets for all occasions
Party Room Available

9716 W. 191st Steet • Mokena
www.balagio-restaurant.com

AMBROSINO'S
Fine Italian Foods

Deli • Market • Catering

Special Events • Weddings

815-464-5002

20495 S. LaGrange Road

Frankfort, IL 60423

www.ambrosinos.com

**CENTURY 21
Pride Realty**
www.sold21.com



BOB & TERESA KROLL

Full Time Selling Brokers

Over 2300 Homes SOLD

(708) 609-2027

**LaMONTE LAW
& CONSULTING**

Real Estate | Estate Planning
Wills | Trusts



David R. LaMonte, Sr.
Attorney & Parishioner

708-882-0050

www.lamontelaw.com



Having trouble
hearing the sermon?
GIVE US A CALL!

**AUDIOLOGIC
SERVICES**

708-995-7265

11041 Front St. • Mokena

**maple house
café**

Serving Breakfast & Lunch
Open Daily 7am-3pm
814-464-0533

11400 W Lincoln Hwy, Mokena

\$2 OFF any \$20 Purchase
\$3 OFF any \$30 Purchase

**Lumes
FAMOUS
Pancake House
and Restaurant**

Open 7 Days 6 am - 4 pm

20594 S. LaGrange Rd.

815.469.7530

lumespancakehouse.com

**Ray's HANDYMAN
SERVICE**

• PAINTING • CARPENTRY
• PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL
AND MUCH MORE...
NO JOB TOO SMALL

PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

708.925.3060

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME
Jeff Hansen**

jhansen@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2683

**Ed the Plumber
Ed the Carpenter**

708.652.1444

Best Work • Best Rates

PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

Eugene Satrun CHH CSP FAIHA

Over 42 Years of Experience in
Occupational Health & Safety

815-791-8782

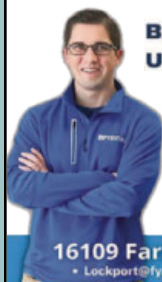
Satrun@SaturnOHS.com

www.SaturnOHS.com

Mokena, IL 60448



FYZICAL
Therapy & Balance Centers



**BACK PAIN? NECK PAIN? DIZZY?
UNSTEADY? AFRAID OF FALLING?**

• Owner, Kyle Dodge, PT, DPT, OCS is board certified in
Orthopedics and can help you feel better!
• Parishioner of St. Mary Mokena

(815) 306-4781

16109 Farrell Rd. Lockport, IL 60441

• Lockport@fyzical.com

• www.fyzical.com/Lockport-IL



**VIKING
ROOFING**
LICENSED
INSURED **708.425.8786**

**BURKE
ORTHODONTICS**

10343 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL
www.smilesbyburke.com
Call for a Free Consultation
815-469-7150



**Franciscan
HEALTH
INSPIRING HEALTH**

FranciscanHealth.org



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Mary Church, Mokena, IL

A 4C 01-4183