

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

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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.

ANointing OF THE SICK - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

A Note From Our Pastor



Question: Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?



Answer: If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

December 9 - December 10

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski	Joan Aust Midge Saunders	Karen Dilger Stan Nowak	Roberta Dreifke	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski Andrea Taylor	Joseph Budzyn Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Stefanie Walthier	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Joanette Kulesa Pamela Sanders	Michael Crowley Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Bob Meyers	Karen Haugh Kathleen Rowe Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Charlotte Barron Graeme Lopez Ava Zahara Grace Zahara	Kaitlyn Diemer Olivia Diemer Daniela Lacny Liam Sullivan	Silas Kuboushek Clara LaMonte David LaMonte Jr. Tyler Masloroff	Stefanie Banner Emmy Skotnicki Nathan Skotnicki NOT FILLED	Amelia Pluchar Charlie Pluchar Ruth Pluchar
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	YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 1 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 2 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 3 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.

First Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 4

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)
 1:00 p.m. RE 2nd Grade Meeting (Church Hall)
 6:00 p.m. RE 2nd Grade Parent Meeting (Church Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Advent Series (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. Be Formed (Fatima)

Tuesday, December 5

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 3-5 (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. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, December 6

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
(Note: No School Mass at 8:30)
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
 9:00 a.m. Mom's Podcast Club (Fatima)
 11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
 12:00a.m. Young at Heart (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-6 (Classrooms)
 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. K of C Degree Ceremony (Guadalupe)
 6:30 p.m. Christmas Concert Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, December 7

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)
 6:00 p.m. CCW Christmas Party (Offsite)
 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Church)
 7:30 p.m. Roses of Mary Meeting (Fatima)

Friday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:15 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00p.m. Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Saturday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
 1:00 p.m. K of C Christmas Party Set Up (Church Hall)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. K of C Christmas Party (Church Hall)

Sunday, December 10

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)
 3:00 p.m. Christmas Concert (Church)
 3:30p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Church Hall)

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

ATTENTION MINISTERS OF CARE

Please 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 11.



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

Thanks for all you do!



Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.**



December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your support for this collection December 9/10 provides financial assistance for retirement needs for 297 U.S. religious communities.

Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—collectively known as women and men religious—have selflessly served for decades without significant financial compensation. However, due to escalating health-care costs, numerous U.S. religious communities face a substantial gap between their elderly members' needs and the financial resources available for their care. Many religious orders currently experience insufficient retirement savings.

The 2022 appeal demonstrated Catholics' tremendous generosity by raising \$27.6 million. Diocese of Joliet parishioners contributed \$286,788.25 to the collection.

The senior religious in our diocese never retire from their vows, and they play a crucial role in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry as ongoing witnesses to the Gospel. Others are frail and need assistance, yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations by embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Please support the retirement needs of our senior religious. And please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

The Need is Great

- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members.
- There are 24,005 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2022, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$55,500 per person; skilled nursing care averaged \$82,700 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded \$1 billion.
- In 2022, 71 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or higher.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$7,679, whereas the average lay US beneficiary receives \$21,902.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

8:00am: Frank Witowski

Tuesday, December 5

8:00am: James White, Warren and Barbara Sutcliffe,
Gene Bondi, Sarah Wolf, Mary Reyling, Judah Hartl,
Robert Chiszar, Martin Lepacek

Wednesday, December 6

8:00am: Peter Prancus

Thursday, December 7

8:00am: John Damiani

7:00pm: Kathryn Saindon

Friday, December 8

7:30am: The Parishioners of St. Mary

8:30am: Bill Delladio

12:00pm: Lorraine Peppmuller

7:00pm: Lorraine Peppmuller

Saturday, December 9

8:00am: James White

5:00pm: David McKay, Rosina Petrassi, Eileen Pepper,
Edward Donbrowski, Michael
Ernest, Jane Narcissi, Charles Keenan,
Jill Kavanaugh, Virginia O'Malley

Sunday, December 10

8:00am: Elizabeth Prindle Conover

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: Josephine O'Connell

6:00pm: Alice Wolf



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Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and
Sisters

Mario Ricchio

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

God Bless Our
New Parishioners

The Klosowski Family,
The Kanu Family,
The Blaze 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 Drobick, 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, 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 Omastak, 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, 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!

Please Pray for the
Newly Baptized



Elliana Rose Barry,
Eleanor Rose James,
Raegan Kate Zybak

May God Bless the Little Ones

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



INDIVIDUAL AND DOUBLE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE.



EMAIL ERICA AT EESTAK@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.



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

VIGIL MASS

7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
MASSES

7:30 A.M. 12:00 P.M.

8:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.
(SCHOOL MASS)



Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

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

DECEMBER 9, 2023

**GRATEFUL FOR
LEARNING TO
LOVE YOU MORE**

John Narcissi presents his
healing mysteries, his love story,
and his mission



**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, November 26th was**

Online Giving	\$13,482.25
Envelopes	\$16,109.17
	\$29,591.42

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

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.**





*Courage to Trust
Strength to Love*

ADVENT KICK-OFF SUNDAY, DEC 3

7:00PM - CHURCH HALL

PIZZA NIGHT



**ISAIAH 40:3 "IN THE WILDERNESS PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD! MAKE
STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!"**

COMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, 12/10
MASS &
FELLOWSHIP**

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



**VETERANS CHRISTMAS
CARD SIGNING**

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

AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES



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.

**THIS ADVENT
JOIN US FOR**

Weekly
Advent Reflections

**MONDAY EVENINGS
7PM
CHURCH HALL**

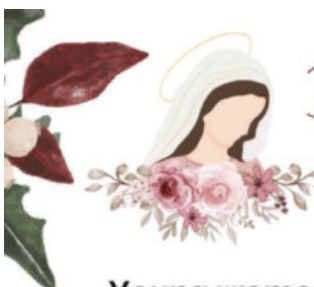




**ADVENT
VIDEO
REFLECTION** **ADORATION** **SACRED
ART
REFLECTION**

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



Roses of Mary

St. Mary Parish's
Young Women's Ministry

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

Under Mary's Mantle

from "Abiding Together".

**Next meeting: Thursday, December 7th
7:30 PM | ST. MARY, MOKENA**

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y4cernbj> to access the podcast for free! Listen to the episode "Garden of Her Womb" ahead of 12/7.

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

MOMS Podcast Club

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

Wednesday, December 6:

9:00am in the Church Hall

S10 E12: Advent Part 1: Hope in His Love -
St. Catherine of Siena
and

S10 E13: Advent Part 2: Faith in our Praise -
St. Hildegard of Bingen

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 come for the enjoyable conversation! Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org to get the virtual link or with any questions.



St. Mary's Christmas Concert



December 10th | 3:00PM | In the Church

Please join us for a
concert to celebrate
the awaited birth of our
Lord, followed by
refreshments in the
Church Hall!





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

THANK YOU VETERANS



We enjoyed having our Veterans come to Mass
with us and on a tour of our classrooms.



The poster has a dark blue background with white snowflakes. At the top, there are four Christmas ornaments: two with red and white patterns and two with green and white patterns. In the center, the word "Christmas" is written in a cursive font, and "GIFT DRIVE" is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below this, a red banner with white text says "DECEMBER 2 & 3". The main text is in a white sans-serif font, followed by a yellow text line and another white text line. At the bottom, there are two Christmas trees with yellow stars on top, decorated with red and white candy canes and yellow ornaments. In the foreground, there are several wrapped gifts: a blue one with a blue bow, a red one with a gold bow, a white one with a red bow, and a white one with a red bow. There is also a teddy bear wearing a red hat and scarf, and some oranges and a heart-shaped cookie.

Christmas GIFT DRIVE

DECEMBER 2 & 3

Please take a tag or two from our Christmas Giving Trees in the narthex. Return your wrapped gift with the tag to the church hall Christmas Drive weekend. Organizations will be here on Sunday, December 3rd to pick up the gifts and distribute them at their Christmas party.

Please don't be late. We want everyone to receive their gift on time.

7TH & 8TH GRADERS VISIT THE ST. MARY WEBSITE
TO SIGN UP AND VOLUNTEER!

CONTACT DONNA HUNGERFORD
WITH ANY QUESTIONS
708-326-9312



**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.

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 6:00 p.m. (Earlier time during Advent).**

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



The Council of Catholic Women

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christmas Party

Aurelio's Restaurant in
Frankfort

December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$25 and advance sign up is
necessary.



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grab bag gift.

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



The Young at Heart Senior Club

Join us for our

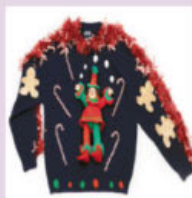
Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 6

1:00 p.m. in the

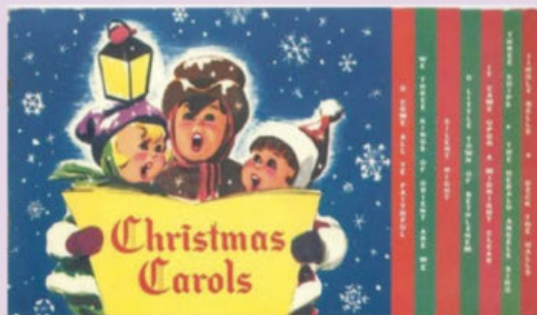
Church Hall

We will have an ugly sweater contest



also

Music Director Joseph Berardi will lead us
in singing Christmas Carols!



Questions, call Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

St. Mary Mokena Council 6993

Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM in the
Church Hall

A reception with light refreshments follows.

All parishioners are invited to the Exemplification
Ceremony for new members of the Knights of Colum-
bus. This ceremony used to be restricted to only
members but since being revised a few years ago, all
are now invited to attend. It is a half hour long and
bestows upon the candidates the first 3 degrees of
the Knights: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

All practicing Catholic gentlemen are invited to join by
December 5 to be part of this ceremony. First year
membership dues are free. Signup online at
www.KofC.org/Join. Be sure to put **6993** in the
Council # box.

Candidate's families and friends are especially
encouraged to attend. Any questions please contact
the Grand Knight, Eugene Satrun at **773-891-7430** or
Knight@MokenaKnights.org

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9 at
6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall



Pictures with Santa

Sunday, December 17
in the Church Hall
after all Masses

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Blood Drive

Thursday, December 21
3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.



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

Mass Etiquette

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| 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 |

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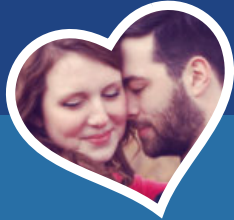
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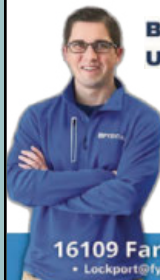
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