

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AND THEY OBEY **HIM.**

— MARK 1:27 —

— SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 —

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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 THROUGH FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

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.

From Our Pastor



Question: I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?



Answer: While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

February 3 - February 4: Fifth 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	Anne Trovato	Antoinette Bria Kathy Mihalek	Karen Dilger Stan Nowak	Nick DiGiovanni	Barb Cianchetti
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Greeter	NOT FILLED	Joan Aust	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.

If you are assigned and are unable to serve, please request a substitute via the Scheduler.

4th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 29

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 p.m. Rosary

Tuesday, January 30

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 Practice (Church)
4:45 p.m. First Reconciliation Practice (Church)
5:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)
7:00 p.m. Regina Caeli Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

Wednesday, January 31

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
4:45 p.m. First Reconciliation Practice (Church)
5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Fatima)

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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 Coffeehouse (Fatima)
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)

Saturday, February 3

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Lourdes)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, February 4

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)
12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
7:00 p.m. Galentine's Girl Talk (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)



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7:30 AM - 12:45 PM
PARISH LIFE CENTER



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**MISSIONARIES
TO THE FAMILY**

AN INITIATIVE TO REVITALIZE THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 29

8:00am: Esther McGraw

Tuesday, January 30

8:00am: Peter Pranckus

Wednesday, January 31

7:30am: Jerome Litrenta

8:30am: Baby Judah Winkler

Thursday, February 1

8:00am: Viola Luecht

Friday, February 2

8:00am: Matias, Arnulto, Vilma Guillermo Diaz-Hernandez

Saturday, February 3

8:00am: Sarah Wolf

5:00pm: Agnes Plecki, Daniel Francis Murray, Ercole and Innocenza Sturino, James T. Barrett, Deacon Bob Kaminski

Sunday, February 4

8:00am: Susan Geschrey

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: James DiGiovanni

6:00pm: Bob and Dolores Klimowski

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, Bernadine Kelso, 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, Joelee McMaster, 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, Sean Rio, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Karen Singer, 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!

God Bless Our New Parishioners

Mr. Richard Reyling,
The Wyrostek Family



Please Pray for the
Newly Baptized



**Finn Steven Vargo,
Nicolas Ryan Philibin**

May God Bless the Little Ones

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and
Sisters

**Charles Beck,
Marianne Lulinski**

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



“
**THE DEVIL RUNS
AWAY WHEN WE
MAKE THE SIGN
OF THE CROSS.**
”

-ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

FATHER OF
MONASTICISM





CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

GRANT APPLICATION OPEN

The 2024 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant through the Diocese of Joliet is now open for 2024 applications. Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Joliet and complete the CCHD application available on the DOJ website (*see left*), including all supporting documents requested. Only completed applications will be considered. CCHD is looking for organizations that seek to engage in one of the Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Poor, Visit the Imprisoned, Visit the Sick, Shelter the Homeless, Bury the Dead, and Give Drink to the Thirsty.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Tanya Singh at cchd@dioceseofjoliet.org. Applications will be accepted from January 15 through March 1, 2024. *Thank you!*

For more info and to apply, visit
catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd



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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, January 14th was
Online Giving \$11,939.50
Envelopes \$13,278.52
\$25,218.02

The Offertory for
Sunday, January 21st was
Online Giving \$14,380.00
Envelopes \$14,929.87
\$29,309.87

Budget \$32,500

Christmas Masses
Online Giving \$17,292.75
Envelopes \$132,097.33
\$149,390.08

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2024

BENEFITS OF A PAPER CALENDAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE



IN AN ERA DOMINATED BY SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, the traditional paper calendar may seem like an antiquated relic from a bygone era. In 2011, I officially switched from my five-year calendar/planner, which sat with heavy prominence on my desk, to a digital calendar that automatically syncs with my phone. Admittedly, the digital calendar is much more convenient and efficient, and once I made the move, I had no regrets. Yet, I still miss some of the nuances of using a paper calendar.

One thing I miss about writing an event down is the ability to impress my friends or family by telling them that I'm going to write down our appointment "in ink" — a nod to the importance and value of our upcoming gathering. I also miss the act of flipping through the pages of a physical calendar, as it evokes so many memories and emotions. Esthetically, a paper calendar — especially those that hang on the wall — also provides a wide array of styles to display, like artwork, in our homes and offices.

I am delighted that the Diocese of Joliet has partnered with Catholic Extension to publish a 2024 Anniversary Calendar for our 75th Jubilee. Catholic Extension, since 1905, has been effectively building up and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the United States, especially those in economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated areas.

As we mark our 75th anniversary, this calendar beautifully expresses a narrative woven together as a tapestry of a vibrant Catholic Community. It superbly highlights key milestones with historical photographs and anecdotes that chronicle our extraordinary history and evolution. Each month unfolds with an invitation to revisit moments of significance: from the establishment of the diocese to the growth of parishes to the contributions of the clergy, religious, and laity.

This calendar also bridges different generations. It connects those who have witnessed the diocese's transformative journey with the younger Catholics who may be fascinated to learn about their roots. At the same time, it encapsulates the collective memory of our diocese, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. Graphically, the calendar allows us to see that the diocese is much larger than only our own parish experience.

Moreover, the calendar serves as a practical guide offering information on liturgical seasons, feast days, and holy days, along with reminding us about special liturgies, ordinations, and events. It also gives us the opportunity to remember former bishops and sets aside a specific date to pray for each of our parishes. By seamlessly integrating the sacred and the secular, our calendar becomes a daily and monthly companion, enhancing our connection to our faith, heritage, and the sense of belonging to God and each other.

Our calendar further highlights the contributions of individuals, movements, and organizations that have shaped and continue to shape our diocese. Through profiles, stories, and brief history lessons, it celebrates all those heroes, both popular and unsung, whose dedication, faith, and service embody the spirit of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

The calendar's inclusion of key events, Masses, service opportunities, and milestones for the upcoming year not only keeps us informed but also invites active participation. It hopefully will inspire and motivate us to come together and contribute our time, talents, and gifts to ensure that our diocese remains strong and alive for generations to come.

These calendars are so beautiful and informative, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses, companies, and service providers who sponsored the 2024 Anniversary Calendar at their local parishes.

If you were not able to procure a calendar for yourself, please scan the QR code or go to this link to view it electronically: bit.ly/3tE94m0



procure a calendar for

Like so many of you, I will continue to use my digital calendar that syncs with my computer and smartphone. However, I also will proudly consult daily our paper calendar as a companion to navigating the folds of time in the digital age. By honoring the past, embracing the present, and hoping for the future, may we continue to pray for each other.

Happy New Year! And with every passing day and each monthly move to the next calendar page, may God bless you and yours.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



SILENT RETREAT

**MARCH 2,
2024**
10AM-4PM

**CARMELITE MONASTERY &
RETREAT CENTER**
MUNSTER, IN



**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
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CONFESSIONS, STATIONS OF THE
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Strength to Love*

**FEBRUARY
18, 5PM
CHURCH
HALL
DINNER
INCLUDED**



What Do You Seek?

**REGISTER FOR
KICK-OFF EVENT
HERE:**



Fat Sunday is Coming Soon

- Angel Creme
- Apple
- Apricot
- Bavarian Creme
- Black Raspberry
- Strawberry

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WILL GO
TOWARD OUR
SPRING DIAPER
BAG DRIVE**

**Order online
at:**



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form in the
narthex or parish
office**



High School & Junior High Girls are invited to an evening just for girls!

Sunday, February 4th

7:00 pm

St. Mary's Parish Hall



Galentine's Party and Girl Talk

"Girl Talk" is a night of fun and formation

Tacos! CRUMBL Cookie! Photo backdrop! Win a Stanley!

Join us for a conversation regarding girls' unique bodies and cycles, so they can have confidence and understanding of how God made them. Sign ups welcome, but not required. Use the QR code below!



Annie Norton



Annie is a registered nurse and certified Marquette Method instructor with Simply NFP. She is a parishioner at St. Marys and has 4 children. She can be reached at annie@simplynfp.com or (815) 953-9067

Meet your hosts:

Meg is a registered nurse working in women's health as a labor and delivery nurse. She is an instructor in the Marquette Method of NFP with Simply NFP. She is a St. Mary's parishioner and school mom. She can be reached at megmkay@yahoo.com or by phone 708-465-3718.



Meg Murray

Simply NFP provides natural family planning instruction virtually and in person to couples and women, as well as providing educational presentations regarding cycle health and awareness to girls and women of all ages.

St. Mary Parish's Stained-Glass Window Series Returns!



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday,
February 25th

Join us for a talk on St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

This will be followed by prayers for our homebound parishioners and those in Senior Living Communities.

More information coming soon!

PICKUP YOUR LITTLE BLACK BOOK!

Little black books will be available after all Masses beginning January 28th. These helpful books offer simple, insightful daily 6 minute reflections that will strengthen your faith during Lent.

Called & Gifted

Discover God's call for your life through a 5-step process of discerning your personal charisms

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Sign-in and refreshments 8:30 a.m.
Programming 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. Mary Parish
901 N. Center Street
Piano, IL 60545

Please register by March 7

Register by March 7
Scan the QR code or visit
qrco.de/C620224

\$30/person; registration required

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



**Discover God's call for your life through
a 5-step process of discerning
your personal charisms**

The Holy Spirit is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work that only you can do. This enriching workshop will help you discern your spiritual gifts and how they can benefit your family and community.

Details: siena.org/called-gifted

JOIN US FOR:

Coffee & Fellowship

FRIDAY MORNINGS | 9AM | CHURCH HALL



questions? contact Megan:
mmurray@stmarymokena.org

St. Mary Parish Choirs

Children's Choir- This choir consists of children in grades second through eighth. The Children's Choir sings every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am Mass (the members who attend St. Mary's school will also sing at the school mass on Wednesday mornings). Rehearsals are on Tuesday at 3:30 pm every week.

Adult Choir- The Adult Choir is open to adults of all ages. This choir sings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. The choir rehearses every Tuesday at 5:30 pm. This Choir consists of volunteers and is open to anyone to join, no experience required.

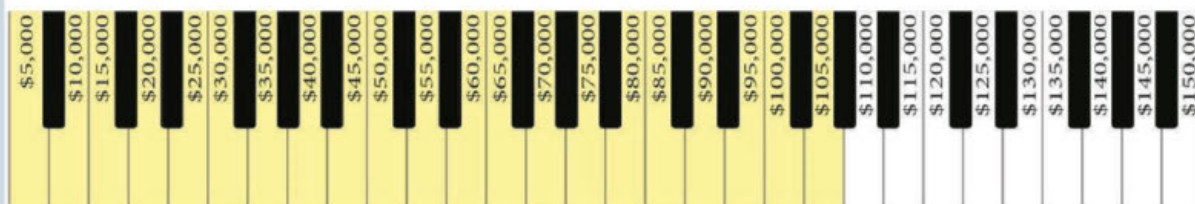
Regina Caeli Choir- The Regina Caeli Choir sings at the 11:00 am Mass weekly. The choir rehearses every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. The Regina Caeli Choir sings choral music with four-part harmony, as well as Latin Motets.

For more information please contact
Joseph Berardi: jberardi@stmarymokena.org

A Symphony of Giving Fundraising Update

Last updated on January 8th

Fundraising Goal - \$150,000



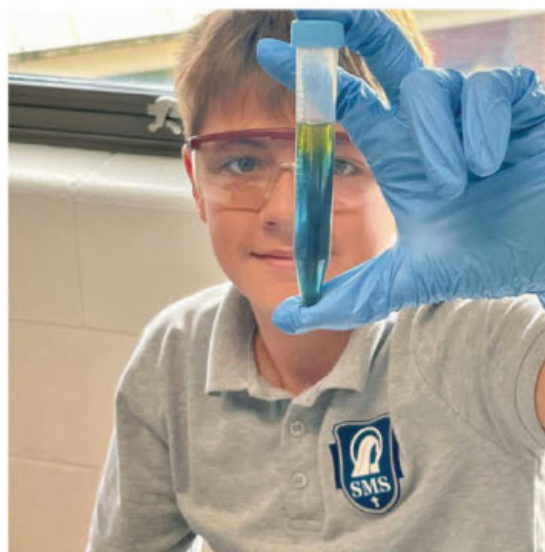


ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL
THROUGH 8TH GRADE

JANUARY 28, 2024
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM



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For more information, contact
SMS Assistant Principal,
Michelle Huizinga
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(708) 326-9347



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

JOIN ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD!

We're seeking new members
for 2024-2025 term

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 here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yprza3rj>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Jan. 30, 2024



Support Daybreak Center by participating The Coldest Night of the Year in Joliet on February 24, 2024!

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk to help raise important funds for Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center.

Team up, fundraise, walk, and take a moment to look closer... because it's cold out there.



To register and for details visit
<https://cnoy.com/location/joliet>

Can't walk? You can still make a donation!



Did you know?

St. Mary has a Poor Box located in the narthex on the East wall near the prayer book?

The money collected goes into a fund we use to help families in our parish who are in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Daybreak is accepting food donations!



To donate food to Shepherd's Table through their Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/3ZYZWcD>

OR drop off food any time between
8:30am – 9:00pm.

Daybreak is located at
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Saturday, February 24th at Access Abortuary in Downers Grove

Thursday, March 14th at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor

Sign up in the church narthex the weekend of February 24 & 25.

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There will be a General Meeting Thursday,
February 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room,
Church Hall.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be
Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the
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The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday,
February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the
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The Young at Heart Senior Club



Join us for our next meeting:
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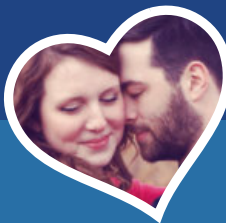


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