

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor: Fr. Dindo Billote

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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:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters and Live Streams Jan 6 - Mar 31

January 6 - January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pamela DeGregorio	Susan Rizzo Alice Wierzbinski	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	Art Wilson	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Sue Murphy Karen Sayon	Bob Cornejo Dave Skrzypiec Leslie Skrzypiec Christine Weeks	Frank Grobmeier Joe Hartl Chris McGeever James Naumczik	Michael Crowley Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Judy Siegmund Patrick Wajda
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Rosie Cotton Seamus McGarry NOT FILLED	Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED	Henry Valente Lucas Valente Erin Ventura Penelope Witkowski	Josh Barger Max Giannakas Ryan Gross NOT FILLED	Charlie Pluchar Ruth Pluchar Therese Pluchar
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Rich Gavillet Tom Magdziasz NOT FILLED	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	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 Lec-

Monday, January 1
Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 2

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

Wednesday, January 3

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Fatima)

Thursday, January 4

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 11:00a.m. Catechetical Leadership Meeting
 Deanery DRE (Guadalupe and Lourdes)
 11:00a.m. Set Up Deanery Christmas Party
 (Fatima Room)
 1:00 p.m. Clergy Deanery Christmas Party
 (Fatima Room)

Friday, January 5

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. L'Alto Christmas Party (Guadalupe)

Saturday, January 6

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
 9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Lourdes)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. RE Catechist Epiphany Party
 (Guadalupe)

Sunday, January 7

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. Youth Ministry (Church Hall)

Divine Mercy In-Home Ministry

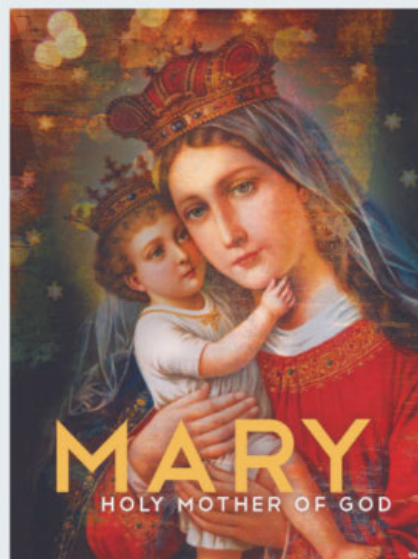
This Apostolate is one of compassion, mercy, and prayer. We are available to be with families and their loved ones, who are sick and dying, to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet with them.

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



Please note that January 1st is a holy day (Solemnity of Mary), but the obligation is lifted because the holy day falls on a Monday.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1

8:00am: Margaret Witowski

Tuesday, January 2

8:00am: Gene Bondi, Jack Payton, Kathy Hauck

Wednesday, January 3

8:00: Linda Ernat

Thursday, January 4

8:00am: Charlie Horn

Friday, January 5

8:00am: Judah Hartl

Saturday, January 6

8:00am: Jack Stanton

5:00pm: Patricia Genz, Robert Strezo, Jack Payton, Jack Stanton, Baby Judah Winkler

Sunday, January 7

8:00am: Stella Polcyn

9:30am: Stephen Unton

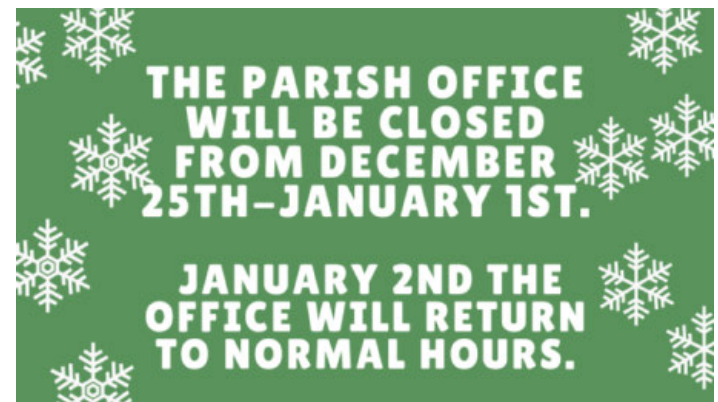
11:00am: Stella Polcyn

6:00pm: Mark Senz

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!





VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

JANUARY 2024

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers –priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet

- 1 Abbot Dismas Kalcic O.S.B.
- 2 Brs. Kenneth Arnold, John Blease, Thomas Dupre', Chris Englert FSC
- 3 Dcns. Eric Alvarez, Fred Ban, James Batis, Stephen Boffa
- 4 Sr. Rosanny P. Contreras Pozo, Sr. Maria Alejandra Pardo Rodriguez HMD
- 5 Fr. Ryan Adorjan. Fr. James Antiporek
- 6 Dcns. Rodger Accardi, Daniel Aderholdt, Ciro Afeltra, Albert Agurkis, Mark Armamentos
- 7 Vocations Office
- 8 Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil C.M.I. Fr. Jose Kadukunnel C.M.I. Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal Mathai C.M.I. Fr. Thomas Theneth C.M.I.
- 9 Fr. Jared Rutnicki
- 10 Sr. Camino Fernandez, Sr. Mary Grace Kuppe, Sr. Carmen Miravalles, Sr. Mary Villar OSA
- 11 Fr. Vernon Arseneau, Fr. Lee Bacchi
- 12 Fr. Raed Bader
- 13 **Seminarian Jared Beltz**
- 14 **Seminarian Andrew Bogusz**
- 15 Sr. Judith Ann Heble, Sr. Irene Jasien, Sr. Lois Jean Jensik OSB
- 16 Dcns. Michael Barrett, Gary Bednar, and Ralph Bias
- 17 Sr. Helen Jilek, Sr. Christine Kouba OSB
- 18 Fr. John Balluff, Fr. Brad Baker
- 19 Monsignor James E. Burnett, Fr. Thomas Cargo
- 20 Sr. Alberta Kywela, Sr. Norbertha Mlowe, Sr. Margaret Mary Schima OSB
- 21 Dcns. Patrick Blaney, John Blumenstein, William Boucek, James Breen, David Brockman
- 22 **Fr. Juan Carlos Pirir**
- 23 Fr. Mark J. Bernhard, Fr. Max Behna, Fr. Peter Infanger
- 24 Sr. Hyacintha Nepala, Sr. Karen Nykiel, Sr. Victorine Shongwe, Sr. Celestine Shakungu OSB
- 25 Fr. Thomas Borkowski
- 26 Fr. Larry Brunette, Fr. Dong V. Bui
- 27 Sr. Mary DePaul Stava, Sr. Sharon Marie Stola, Sr. Susanne Thome, Sr. Regina Ann Weissmann OSB
- 28 Sr. M. Kathleen McLinden, Sr. Mary Raphael Schmitz, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sheffer O CARM
- 29 Fr. Daniel Bachner
- 30 Sr. Mary Bratrsovsky, Sr. Johanna Choi, Sr. JoAnne Form OSB
- 31 Sr. M. Anthony de Lourdes Veilleux, Sr. Libby Dahlstrom, Sr. Mary Martin O CARM

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

Pope Francis



TWELFTH NIGHT

Party



Friday, January 5

7:00 PM

ST. MARY, MOKENA

Everyone ages 18-40 is invited to celebrate the
Twelfth Day of Christmas with us!
Pizza and drinks provided.

WHITE ELEPHANT: Bring any wrapped gift to play!
Feel free to bring something you received
you'd like to pass on.

Hosted by L'Alto Young Adult Network



*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



Exodus 90 is a ninety-day program for men.

The main reason men make an Exodus is this:
they want to grow.

Closer to God, their spouse, children, and
friends. Closer to that man that God has called
them to be.

We begin on January 1!

To learn more or join other men from
St. Mary Parish, email Kyle at
kyle.r.dodge@gmail.com
ASAP



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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, December 17th was

Online Giving	\$14,797.00
Envelopes	\$21,647.71
	\$36,444.71

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



**Courage to Trust
Strength to Love**

All teens are invited

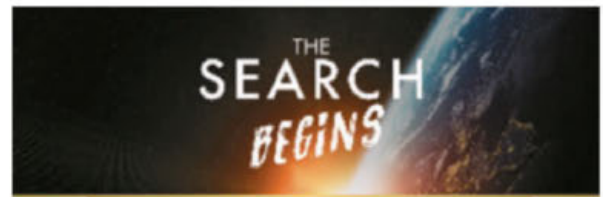
**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION**

*Happy
New Year!*

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 3 @ 7PM
CHURCH HALL**



What Do You Seek?



SAVE THE DATE: JAN 28

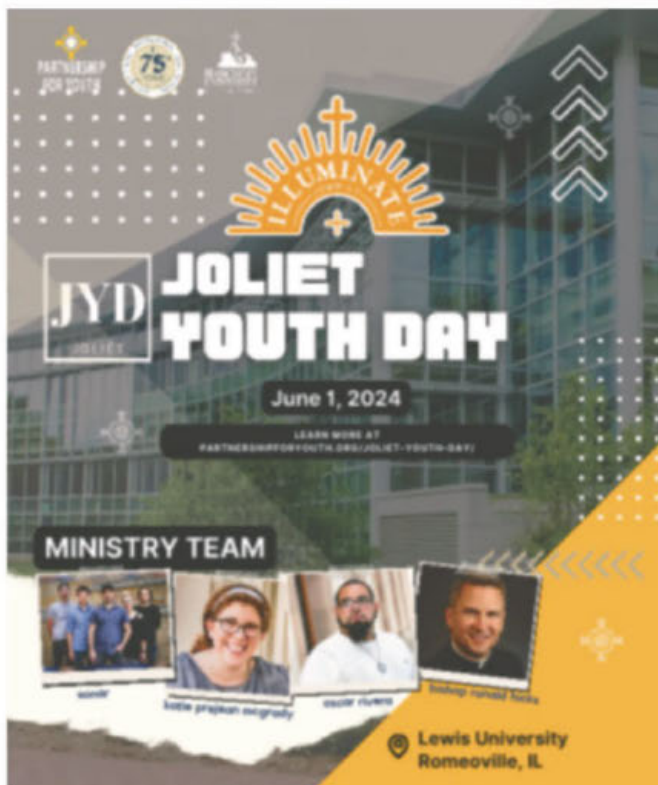
COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, 1/7

**6PM MASS FOLLOWED BY YM
MEETING AT 7PM CHURCH HALL**

SUNDAY, 1/14

DONUT SUNDAY



For information contact Tom Blue tblue@stmarymokena.org

*This Christmas season we invite you
to make plans for prayer.*



Eucharistic Adoration at Old St. Mary Church

All parishioners are invited to spend time in
adoration, any hour of the day!

Regular adorers who have the same holy hour
each week are still needed:

Visit www.stmaryokena.org/adore to sign up!

To receive the code to enter the Church,
please visit or call the parish office: (708) 326-9300

**Expecting a baby?
Ready to have your
child baptized?**

Congratulations!

We invite you to contact the
Parish Office to make
arrangements for your
child's Baptism!

Families are welcome to take
the monthly Baptism Prep class
prior to baby's birth
and schedule the Baptism
once they've arrived.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • FAMILY

We invite all women to join us on
Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 8:45am
in the School Cafeteria

The Our Father Prayer

If you've never joined us at
Women's Ministry, this is a great
meeting to see what we're all
about! Meet other wonderful
women of the parish and be
inspired by learning more about
our faith and hearing stories of
hope from other women.



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

RSVP and questions to
sistersinchrist@stmaryokena.org.

Christmas Miracle

LEGNICA, POLAND, 2013



In St. Hyacinth's Church, during Christmas Mass on
December 25, 2013, a Sacred Host accidentally fell on the
ground during the distribution of Holy Communion. It
was immediately placed in a container with water and
closed in the tabernacle. A few days later, a red spot
appeared on its surface. The Bishop of Legnica decided
to establish a commission for the scientific analysis. The
results confirmed that it had similarities to "human heart
muscle with alterations that often appear during agony."



When we receive Holy Communion, we receive the Body of Jesus Incarnate,
the same Jesus Who was born as a little baby, died on the cross and rose
from the dead for our sake. This Christmas, let us ask for the grace to love
Him and treasure Him more in the Eucharist.

"Come, Let us Adore Him"



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.





ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Open House Dates

January 18, 2024 from 5:30 - 8:00
Exclusive Private Evening Tours

This will be an exclusive opportunity for prospective families to go on private tours led by SMS teachers, administration, and staff, providing an inside look at the vibrant academic and community life at St. Mary. After exploring our campus, take the opportunity to enjoy refreshments, relax, and connect with other SMS parents. Pre-registration is required.



January 28, 2024 from 10:30 - 2:30
Open House & Tours

This will be an exceptional opportunity for prospective families to immerse themselves in our vibrant St. Mary community. You'll have the chance to meet our administration, take tours guided by SMS teachers, staff, students, and even meet some of our accomplished alumni. This is your chance to experience why SMS is the place to be for the 2024-25 school year. Pre-registration is not required, just join us!



Christmas Break
December 24 - Jan. 5
Religious Ed Classes resume Sun, Jan. 7



Religious Education

Thank You!



Pjs & A book Drive



- RE families donated bins full of new PJs and books to "My Joyful Heart" in Mokena for local kids to snuggle up with a book this winter

QUESTIONS?:

708-326-9352

re@stmarymokena.org

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St. Paul calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Let us "give thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were "amazed at what was said about him." We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice. ***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

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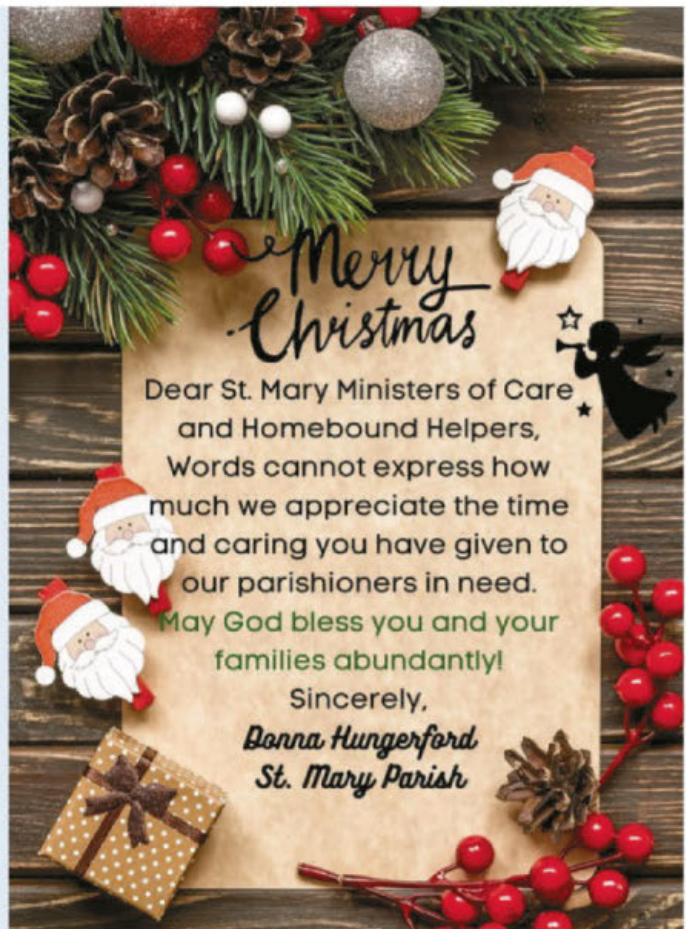


Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who donated toys and participated in our annual Christmas Giving Tree!

Also, a big thank you to all of our volunteers.

May God bless you all!



JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL
HOLY HOUR FOR
LIFE

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 21
3:00 P.M.
IN CHURCH



St. Mary
Catholic Church
19151 S. 115th Ave.
Mokena, IL

EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE
READING &
REFLECTION by
Deacon John Rex

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET

BENEDICTION





The Council of Catholic Women

There will be a Board Meeting Wednesday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fatima Room, Church Hall.

There will be a General Meeting Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.



*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing?
- Would you like to learn how?
- Would you like to be a part of a Ministry helping those stricken with cancer, chronic conditions, or other situations by providing them with a prayer shawl?

We invite you to join our group!
Our next meeting will be Monday,
February 4 in the Church Hall
Fatima Room 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.
WE DO NOT MEET IN JANUARY

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

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

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The next **Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

Join us for our next
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 21
after all morning Masses in the
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The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lourdes Room, Church Hall.

The Young at Heart Senior Club



Join us for our
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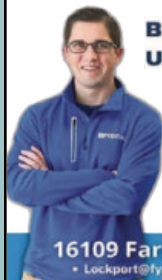
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