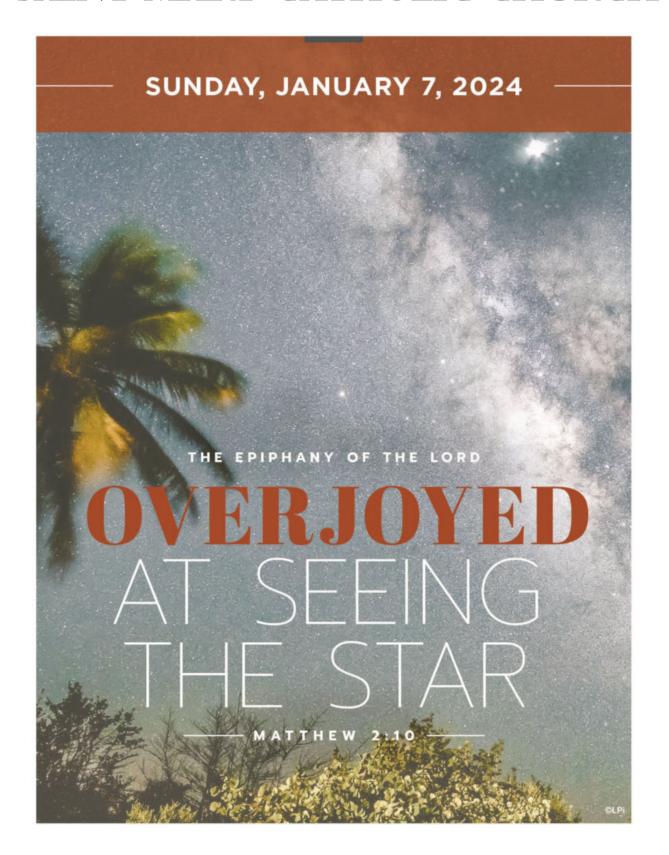
# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



#### 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\*

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\*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: How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?



Answer: The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

January 13 - January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski	Joan Aust Midge Saunders	Karen Dilger Joe Hartl	Sean Gleason	Barb Cianchetti
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Lora Oldham	Joseph Budzyn Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli Susan Rizzo	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Kathleen Melei Joshua Sifuentes	Nancy Blake Joanne Eckel Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge	Robert Koch Kathleen Rowe Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Clara LaMonte Dennis LaMonte III David LaMonte Jr. NOT FILLED	Danielle Cullen David Heitman Hannah Johnston Daniela Lacny	Kate Coyle Annie Kibbon Megan Wajda Katelyn Walker	Natalie Galka Emmy Skotnicki Nathan Skotnicki NOT FILLED	Ava Zahara Grace Zahara 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 Mike Rolinitis NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Sandy Halper	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.

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

# The Epiphany of the Lord

# Monday, January 8

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:30 p.m. Rosary

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Event (Guadalupe) 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

## Tuesday, January 9

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

8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church) 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6 (Classrooms) 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Fatima) 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms) 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Lourdes and Fatima) 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

# Wednesday, January 10

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) 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)

4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)

5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Guadalupe) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar Meeting (Fatima)

6:30 p.m. Pro Life Meeting (Lourdes)

6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)

# Thursday, January 11

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

8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

8:30a.m. Cyber Safety Presentation (Guadalupe) 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms) 6:00p.m. Cyber Safety Presentation (Guadalupe)

# Friday, January 12

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)

# Saturday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

10:00a.m. RE 8th Grade Candidate Session (Church

and Church Hall)

3:30 p.m. Conféssions (Church)

5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

# Sunday, January 14 **Donut Sunday**

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)

3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace(Fatima)

6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

# **Divine Mercy In-Home Ministry**

This Apostolate is one of compassion, mercy, and prayer. We are available to be with families and their loved ones, who are sick and dying, to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet with them. For information or if you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Michelle and Paul Sullivan at 815-995-0480.

"When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)



Jesus I Trust in You



# **Mass Intentions**

Monday, January 8

8:00am: Jerome Litrenta

Tuesday, January 9

8:00am: Patricia Genz, Kiki Panos

Wednesday, January 10

7:30am: Linda Ernat

8:30am: Michele Lockwood

Thursday, January 11 8:00am: John Damiani

Friday, January 12 8:00am: Dan Steele

Saturday, January 13

8:00am: Michael Ernest

5:00pm: John Kerins, Scott Reiter, Rita

M. Patterson, Keith Pratt

Sunday, January 14

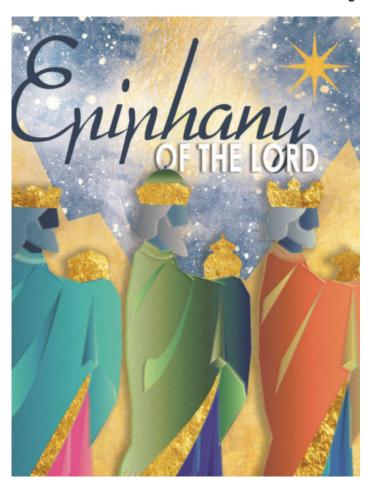
8:00am: Elizabeth Prindle Conover

9:30am: Bill Delladio 11:00am: Patsy Nugent 6:00pm: Simone Ramanos

#### 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!







# **Weekly** Prayer

# **Sunday's Readings**

# First Reading:

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

# Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed

to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,

and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

# Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church; BVM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Saint of the week

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

# Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord.

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

# Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

# Monday:

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

#### Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

#### Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45

### Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12

# Saturday:

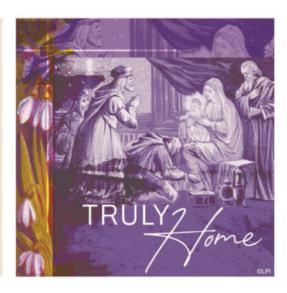
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17

# **Next Sunday:**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

- Father John Muir



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

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Jesus

# **To St. Mary Parishioners:**

We are so grateful for how welcoming you are to our families with young children.

Please don't underestimate the power of a simple affirmation, smile, or word of encouragement to those around you after mass.

# To the Parents of our Young Parishioners:

Thank you for bringing your growing family to celebrate with us! Know that you are welcome to sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear and we encourage you to quietly explain the parts of the Holy Mass to your child. If you feel you must go to the narthex with your child, please come back!







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 <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/stmarymokena/funds">https://www.osvhub.com/stmarymokena/funds</a>.

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 24th was

Online Giving \$14,659.13 Envelopes \$21,587.71 \$36,246.84

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



# Courage to Trust Strength to Love

CONSIDERING A CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR YOUR TEEN?



PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

THURSDAY, JAN 18 @ 7PM CHURCH HALL - FATIMA ROOM



# What Do You Seek?



Save the Date: Feb 18 a special kick-off event

For information on any of these events contact Tom Blue tblue@stmarymokena.org

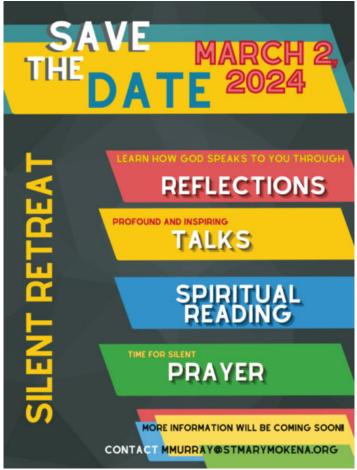
# January 14 Next Sunday is Donut Sunday!

Church Hall After All Morning Masses

# **NEXT GATHERING**

SUNDAY, 1/21
6PM MASS FOLLOWED BY YM
MEETING AT 7PM CHURCH HALL





# Expecting a baby? Ready to have your child baptized? \*Congratulation\*!

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.





# 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
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- 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**

3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

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



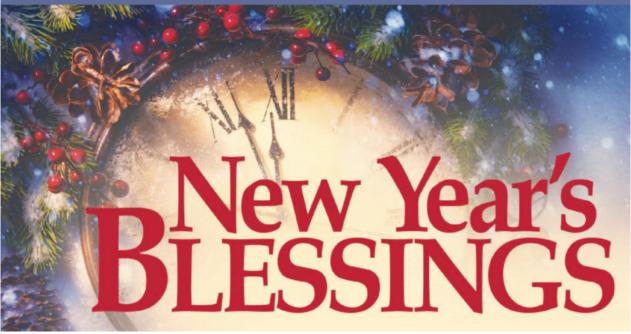
# We Are SMS

- Rigorous Academic Curriculum
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- Safe & Loving Place to Learn
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- Financial Aid Available
- · All Faiths Welcome

For more information, contact
SMS Assistant Principal,
Michelle Huizinga
(mhuizinga@stmarymokena.org) or
(708) 326-9347



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





# The Epiphany of Our Lord

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated them-

selves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

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1-12: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

205 E. JACKSON ST., JOLIET, 10:00AM-11:30AM

#### 1-16: ST MARY IMMACULATE

15629 RT. 59, PLAINFIELD, 4:30PM-6:00PM

#### 1-17: OUR LADY OF MERCY

701 S EOLA RD, AURORA, 4:30PM-6:00PM

# 1-19: ST. JOSEPH

211 N. CENTER AVE., BRADLEY, 10:00AM-11:30AM

#### 1-22: ST. LAWRENCE

165 RICE RD, SOUTH WILMINGTON, 4:00PM-5:30PM

#### 1-31: ST. JOAN OF ARC

820 DIVISION ST., LISLE, 5:00PM-6:30PM

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF JOLIET MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
DELIVERS HEALTHY FOOD TO PEOPLE IN NEED. ALL MOBILE FOOD
PANTRIES ARE CONTACT-FREE DRIVE-THRUS. PLEASE CLEAR SPACE IN
YOUR TRUNK OR BACK SEAT SO VOLUNTEERS CAN LOAD BOXES OF FOOD
DIRECTLY INTO YOUR VEHICLE. SNOW, OR SHINE!

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
PLEASE CHECK FACEBOOK.COM/CCJOLIET FOR THE
LATEST INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES.



# Are you interested in cooking for Daybreak?

St. Mary's is looking for an additional Head Cook. We gather in the Church Hall Kitchen the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (except December) at 2:00 p.m. and prepare a meal for the homeless. The Head Cook does the shopping in advance. Food is stored in our kitchen and prepared with the help of a few other volunteers. The meal is delivered to Daybreak by 6:00 p.m. and set up by the Head Cook. Additional St. Mary volunteers will be on site to handle the serving.

Daybreak is located at 611 E. Cass St., Joliet.

If you are interested in this role, contact

Donna Hungerford for information, (708) 326-9312 or

dhungerford@stmarymokena.org



Pro Life

JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL
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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

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# 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.

# **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.

Would you prefer to sew, knit or crochet from home? No problem. Let us know and we will provide you with all the details to get started. We are especially in need of sewers!

# Stay warm!

# The Young at Heart **Senior Club**



Join us for our **Next meeting** Wednesday, January 17th 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall (weather permitting)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 Church Hall.



The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lourdes Room, Church Hall.

# HELPING HANDS

The Knights of Columbus have formed a sub-committee called Helping Hands which is offering our services to any parishioner who is in



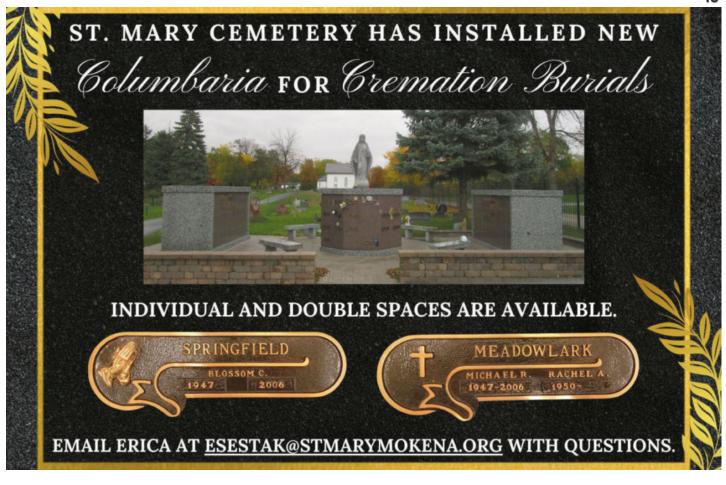
need of minor repairs around their home and is unable to perform these tasks due to financial hardships or not having able bodied family members available. The resident may be responsible for any material costs, but the Knights would provide the labor.

There is a screening process to make sure it is something our members can handle and the work qualifies. Anyone wishing to apply should contact Donna Hungerford, Christian Service Director (708) 326-9312 to schedule a visit from one of our members. If you are interested in joining this committee, email Rich Neubauer neuric01@hotmail.com

# The Widow and Widowers Club

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











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