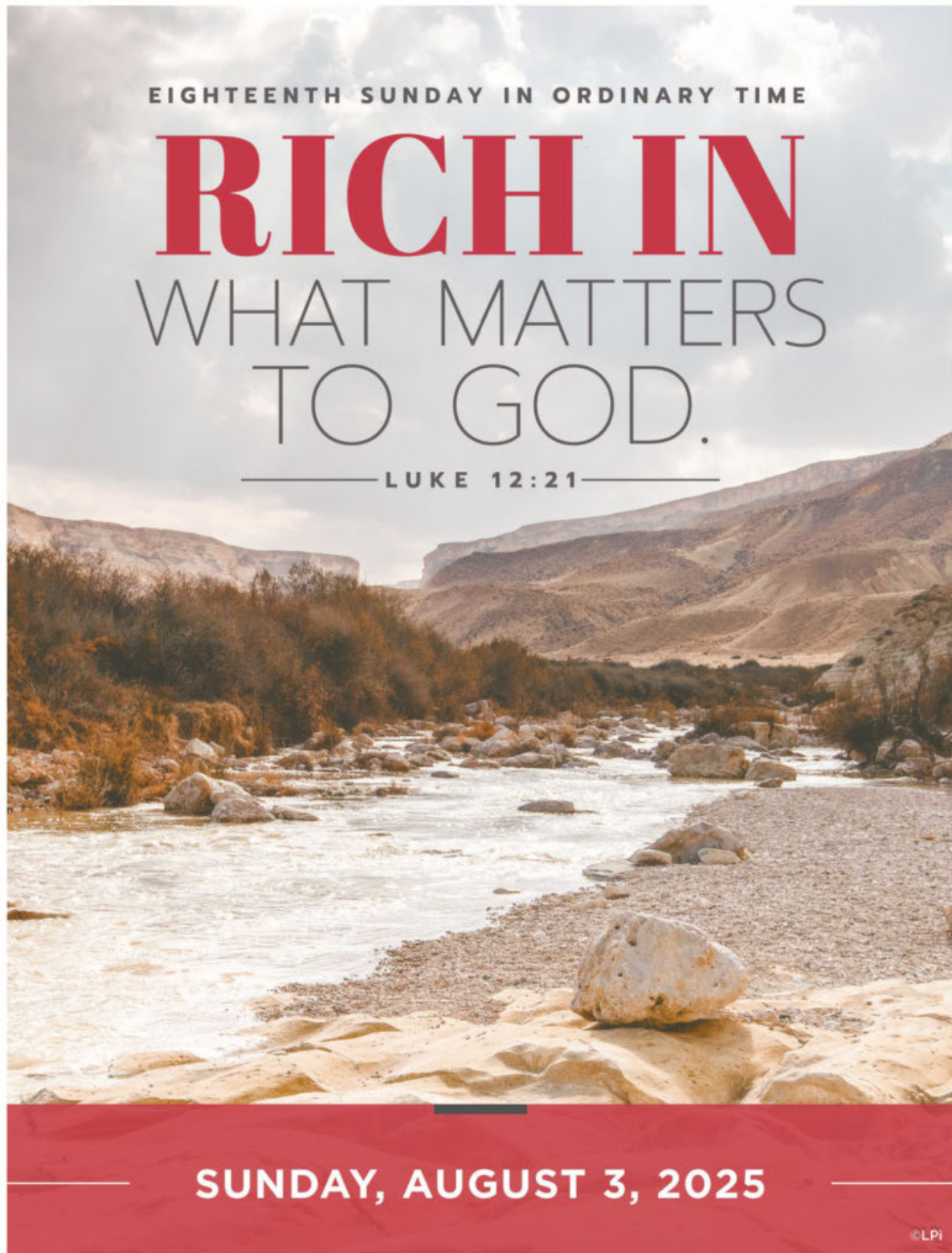


# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**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\*

**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 THURSDAY**

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

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Joe Gasta

Interim Parochial Vicar: Fr. Joel Ricafranca

**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:**

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

First Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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**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](http://www.stmarymokena.org).

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

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Monday, August 4

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Ushers/Greeters Meeting (Guadalupe)
- 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

### Tuesday, August 5

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Lourdes)

### Wednesday, August 6

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
- 7:00 p.m. Roses of Mary (Lourdes)

### Thursday, August 7

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour For Monica's Missions (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome (Fatima)
- 7:30 p.m. Monica's Mission Refreshments (Guadalupe)

### Friday, August 8


- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)

### Saturday, August 9

- 7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 11:00a.m. Baptism (Church)
- 12:00p.m. Catechist Orientation (Church Hall)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### Sunday, August 10

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



# Giving

## Summer of GENEROSITY

**Love, serve and give generously this summer.**

**The Offertory for July 20th**

Online Giving	\$14,135.15
Envelopes	\$15,141.41
	\$29,276.56

**The Offertory for July 27th**


Online Giving	\$12,002.40
Envelopes	\$20,186.74
	\$32,189.14

**Budget \$34,000**

**Thank you so much for your generosity!**

**Online Giving**

Give your gift today.  
Scan the QR Code





**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER JUNE 6TH-AUGUST 29TH**

The 24 hour call center service will still be available for any emergencies  
**708-326-9300**



## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, August 4**

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

### **Tuesday, August 5**

8:00am: Frank M. Flynn, Elizabeth Plaza,  
Stefania Barlog, Marie Genovese

### **Wednesday, August 6**

8:00am: Grandchildren of Deacon Pete and  
Barb Manning

### **Thursday, August 7**

8:00am: Father Joe Gasta

### **Friday, August 8**

8:00am: Alfred Dreifke

### **Saturday, August 9**

8:00am: Diana Nash

5:00pm: Richard Dudek, Terry McGuinness,  
Patty Alberts, Marie Genovese,  
Shannon Magurany

### **Sunday, August 10**

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Margaret Unton

11:00am: Jane Narcissi

6:00pm: Larry Hartwig

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Tammy Balamut, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Brenda Castile, Dolores Castro, Bonnie Caper, James Caper, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janet Drobnick, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, Bradley Frank, Marcia Frank, Mary Ann Franson, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Colleen Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Kelly Hampton, Natalie Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Bobbie, Howie, Mary Ingala, Daniel Izzo, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Joseph Kerke, Hattie Kerke, Diane Klootwyk, Richard Kolovitz, Jan Kosmatine, John Kurator, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Jay Lutsky, Shirley Lyons, Terrence McKenna, Jack Manuszak, Robert Margalus, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, John McGeehan, Joelee McMaster, Thomas Meehan, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Ginny Meyer, Nancy Miarecki, Rich Milkeris, Isabella Miller, Angel Munoz, Pat Murphy, Sue Murphy, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Jim Narel, Celine Narel, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Irene Okoniewski, Callie Olson, Bruce Omastiak, Matthew Orr, Bob and Jackie Pasqualoni, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Rosemary Purcell, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Sean Rio, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbara Rusin, Joseph Santiago, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Marie Shaw, Karen Singer, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Phyllis Stanton, Geoffrey Sullivan, Tom Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Terri Kelso-Tamer, Tiffany Theresa, John Turas, Judy Turas, Marion Walles, Kathy Wereldsma Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

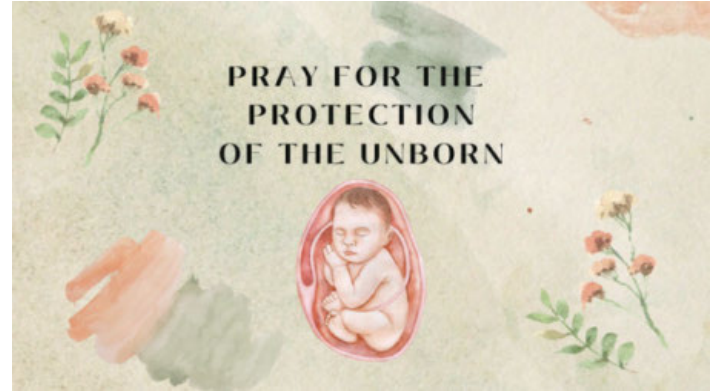
**May God grant them healing!**

## **God Bless Our New Parishioners**

The Kohn Family,  
The Rathbun Family  
DiGiorgio Family



## **PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN**



**Almighty God, watch over and protect our  
nation's military members and  
their families. Take them into your most gracious  
protection. Amen.**

SSG Jarred Andras, ARNG  
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC  
Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF  
TSgt Loretta Caplinger, USAF  
E3 Colette Gagen, USN  
ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG  
PFC Noah Genz, USA  
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA  
Midshipman Isabella Judeh, USMMA  
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA  
PV3 Devin Klinger, USA  
Cpl John P. Morrison, USMC  
Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF  
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN  
Capt Steven Pieczynski, USAF  
SSG August Pintarro, USA

PFC Joshua Poplin, USA  
E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF  
Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC  
MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN  
CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR  
LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN  
Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC  
LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR  
Maj Jennifer Tenumah, USAF  
CPT Vincent R. Teodoro, USA  
Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC  
PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN  
MAJ Bryan Welch, USA  
MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN  
CPT Christopher Zolner, USA

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE NAME OF SOMEONE CURRENTLY SERVING  
IN THE MILITARY PUBLISHED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL THEIR  
NAME, RANK, AND BRANCH OF SERVICE TO BOB CORNEJO,  
BCORNEJO@STMARYMOKENA.ORG.  
THANK YOU.**



## From Your Pastor

My dearest parishioners,

I greet you with love and peace in the name of Jesus.

Last Sunday, I shared with you a bit about the life and mission of the Rogationist Congregation, my religious family. In that message, I encouraged you to please pray for more holy vocations in the Church, in response to what Jesus Himself said: The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Mt. 9:37-38). I hope that by now you have already taken to heart this short but powerful prayer: Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church. I encourage you to make it a part of your daily prayer.

Today, I want to continue that message with something very close to my heart. We truly need more priests so that more people can be served, and the sacraments can reach more families and communities. It is difficult to meet everyone's needs when there are not enough priests to do the work.

At the same time, I want to gently remind you of something important: if you or your loved one ever needs a priest, whether for the anointing of the sick, a home visit, or simply someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to let us know. That's what we are here for. And please know that it is not a burden for us to be called to serve your spiritual needs. In fact, it is our joy because that is a part of our vocation. Sometimes, many of you hesitate, thinking you might disturb us. But please know this: you are never a disturbance. Your spiritual needs matter to us. We are your priests, and we are here to serve you.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and for walking with us in faith. Let us continue to pray for more vocations, and for one another. God bless you always!

With love in Christ,  
Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ  
Pastor



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

*The Installation Mass*

FOR REVEREND JOE GASTA, RCJ

*as Pastor*

OF ST. MARY PARISH.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH AT 6:00 P.M.

MASS WILL CELEBRATED BY  
THE MOST REVEREND RONALD HICKS.  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE CHURCH HALL.

**August 9 - August 10: Nineteenth 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	Bridget Barron	Antoinette Bria Midge Saunders	Guy Cesario Karen Dilger	John Brett Sean Gleason	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Karen Gordon John Mitoraj Sue Murphy Lora Oldham	Joseph Budzyn Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli	Roger Brown Frank Dundek Frank Grobmeier Gretchen Nenn	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh James Nowak Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Seamus McGarry Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin David Heitman NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Annie Kibbon Henry Valente Lucas Valente Megan Wajda	Josh Barger Luke Tyrka Zachary Tyrka NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden Caitlin Eiden Gretchen Eiden
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Ed Dorey Rich Gavillet Roy Mueller	John Delladio Ed Dorey Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Gabriella Carens Linda Drake NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
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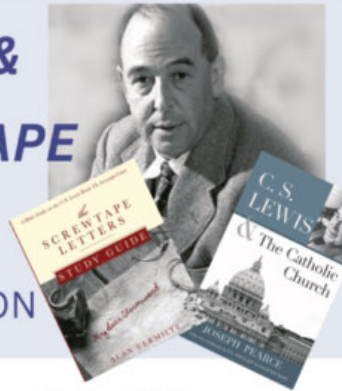
Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. At St. Mary, we are blessed with an amazing team of Altar Servers. We thank you for giving up your time to serve the Lord and St. Mary. "We also thank our wonderful team of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, and Live Streamers for their dedication and outstanding service."

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



All men are invited to join us for our next meeting  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

**C.S. LEWIS &  
 THE SCREWTAPE  
 LETTERS**  
 LEARNING SESSION



**8am Mass - 10:30am**  
**St. Mary, Mokena**  
**Church Hall**

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!  
 SMPmensministry@gmail.com



FIT SHEPHERDS AIMS TO  
 HAVE EVERY MAN IN OUR  
 COMMUNITY BE IN THE  
 BEST PHYSICAL AND  
 SPIRITUAL SHAPE OF  
 THEIR LIVES.

**BE BETTER**

**Better son...Better husband  
 Better brother...Better father**



Fit Shepherds are formed through  
 Demanding workouts  
 Fraternity  
 Discipleship

A Fit Shepherd wants to model his life after  
 the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

**Please join us every Saturday morning in  
 any kind of weather at 7:00 am (also  
 Wednesdays at 5:00 am) in the  
 St. Mary parking lot**

*Adoration Under the Stars*

St. Mary, Mokena  
 Adoration Chapel Renovation Campaign

**BE PART OF OUR ADORATION CHAPEL FOREVER**



This renovation brings  
 beauty and reverence to the sacred space of  
 Old St. Mary's Adoration Chapel.  
 The ceiling is painted with stars in the same formation  
 as the sky when Jesus was born.  
 Each person who donates will receive a specific star  
 and a vial of 23k gold from their star.

Large Star	\$1,000
Medium Star	\$500 (sold out)
Small Star	\$250 (sold out)

Visit [www.stmarymokena.org/chapel](http://www.stmarymokena.org/chapel)  
 to support the beautiful renovations at Old St. Mary.





# Birthday Blessings

Please join us at Mass on the first Saturday/Sunday of each month in praying for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

All those celebrating will receive a special blessing after Mass!



*Monica's Mission*

**ST. MARY PARISH MOKENA, ST. MONICA'S MISSION**

BRINGING LOVED ONES BACK TO THE CHURCH

MONICA'S MISSION IS A GROUP DEDICATED PRAYERFUL PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ONES THEY LOVE ARE NO LONGER PRACTICING THEIR FAITH OR HAVE LEFT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO ATTEND ANOTHER CHURCH.

\*WE GET TOGETHER ONCE A MONTH TO PRAY AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN OUR EFFORTS TO BRING OUR LOVED ONES BACK HOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.\*

ALL ARE INVITED TO:

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION HOLY HOUR**

PRAYING FOR OUR LOVED ONES TO RETURN TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**THURSDAY AUGUST 7, 2025**

6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW IN THE CHURCH HALL

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 6:00 P.M.  
MORE TO COME!**



# The Assumption

IS CELEBRATED ON AUGUST 15TH.

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The **Assumption** is the celebration of the end of the Blessed Virgin Mary's life.

The term "Assumption" comes from the Latin word *assumptio* meaning "to take up" or "to receive". Christ "took up" and "received" His Blessed Mother into heaven, **body and soul**.

The Assumption is a **Solemnity**. It is also a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ARE DAYS ON WHICH WE ARE OBLIGATED (OR REQUIRED) TO ATTEND MASS. SUNDAYS ARE CONSIDERED HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION, ALONG WITH A FEW SOLEMNITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE FEW SOLEMNITIES CENTER AROUND THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN OUR FAITH.

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The Assumption is considered a Holy Day of Obligation because it honors the life of the Mother of God. Without her, Christ would not have been made man, and thus, He would not have been able to save us.

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**Mass Schedule:** Thursday, August 14th (Vigil Mass) at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 15th at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

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The Blessed Virgin Mary is St. Mary Parish's patron saint! Father Joe Gasta will be celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary by being installed as pastor on this Solemnity. Join us for his Installation Mass on Friday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m.!



# Welcome SPRED to Saint Mary

**Special Religious Development**  
Faith Formation and Fellowship for those with Disabilities

**Join our group!**

*We are looking for friends:*



**ages 17-21 with intellectual or  
developmental disabilities (IDD)** who  
want to be part of a faith community.

**Our First Meeting:**

**Monday  
September 8  
St. Mary, Mokena  
Fatima Room  
6:00 PM**

**Contact**

Kathleen Sifuentes  
Kathleenmelei10@gmail.com  
815-416-8226





## Roses of Mary

St. Mary Parish's  
Young Women's Ministry

Young women ages 18 to 39 are invited to join a four-week video series from "Word on Fire".

## The Eucharist

Join us for our final session for the summer!

Wednesday, August 6th

7:00PM | Church Hall

Contact Erica at [esestak@stmarymokena.org](mailto:esestak@stmarymokena.org) with any questions.

*"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!



*Congratulations to the  
Wamrow family on the baptism  
of their son  
Colin Dennis*



JOIN US THIS FALL

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

Tuesday  
evenings  
7pm

starts  
**9TH/ 10TH  
SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday  
mornings  
9am

*The Book of  
Revelation*  
with Jeff Cavins

Join us for an 11 session bible study either Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. This study will take us deeper into the mysteries of the Word in the Book of Revelation

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 1ST

To register and for details,  
contact Meghan Gargas:  
meghangargas@yahoo.com



## OCIA classes start in September!

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

- Learn more about the Catholic Faith
- Grow in your faith journey
- Fellowship with other Christian adults

Thinking  
about  
becoming  
Catholic?

Contact Megan Murray  
Director of Faith Formation:  
MMurray@stmarymokena.org  
708-326-9313



## Park Meetups

Join other families from  
St. Mary Parish  
at the park this summer.  
Casual meetups begin at 10:00 am,  
feel free to come when you can and  
leave when you must.

**Tuesday, August 5th**

**Prairie Ridge Park, Mokena**

21431 Coneflower Dr, Mokena, IL 60448

**Monday, August 11th**

**Hanover Estates Park, Manhattan**

24107 S William Dr, Manhattan, IL 60442

**Tuesday, August 19th**

**Buske Park, Mokena**

11500 Hillside Ln, Mokena, IL 60448

**The more the merrier!  
Invite friends to join us.**

Email Danielle with any questions:  
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

**L'Alto Young Adult Network and  
St. Jude Augustinian Young Adult Ministry**  
invite adults ages 18-40 to



**THEOLOGY ON TAP**  
ENDORSER OF ADULT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**@ GATTO'S**  
1938 E. LINCOLN HWY  
NEW LENOX

**JOIN US AT 7PM  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**



**NICK LABANCA**

THE GREAT COMMISSION:  
WHY WE LIVE AND SHARE OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

CONTACT DKUBOUSHEK@STMARYMOKENA.ORG  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.





RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

# CALLING FORTH

All Families and  
Volunteers

**2025-2026**  
**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN ON THE WEBSITE**

<https://www.stmarymokena.org/>

CLASSES BEGIN: September 9th

## JOIN US



**CALLED TO SERVE?**

FAITH-FILLED CATECHIST



CATECHIST ASSISTANT



SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST



OFFICE ASSISTANT/ HALL  
MONITOR/TRAFFIC HELPER



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## Stewardship

Today's Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices — based on serving God and others — downright foolish. But let's see what God thinks.



Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about “stuff” as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

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## COOKING FOR DAYBREAK



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
VOLUNTEERED TO HELP COOK OR SERVE A  
MEAL AT DAYBREAK!

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR VOLUNTEER SHEETS  
TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL THEM TO  
DONNA HUNGERFORD BY AUGUST 8TH.**

THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT TO YOU  
AND WE WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
CONTACT **DONNA HUNGERFORD**  
(708) 326-9312 OR  
[DHUNGERFORD@STMARYMOKENA.ORG](mailto:DHUNGERFORD@STMARYMOKENA.ORG)





**Interested in the  
St. Mary Pro-Life Committee?**  
We meet the second Thursday of each  
month in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m. in  
the Lourdes Room.

Visit the St. Mary website for more  
information.

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Council Meeting will be Tues-  
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The next **Officer Meeting** will be Tuesday, August 26  
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