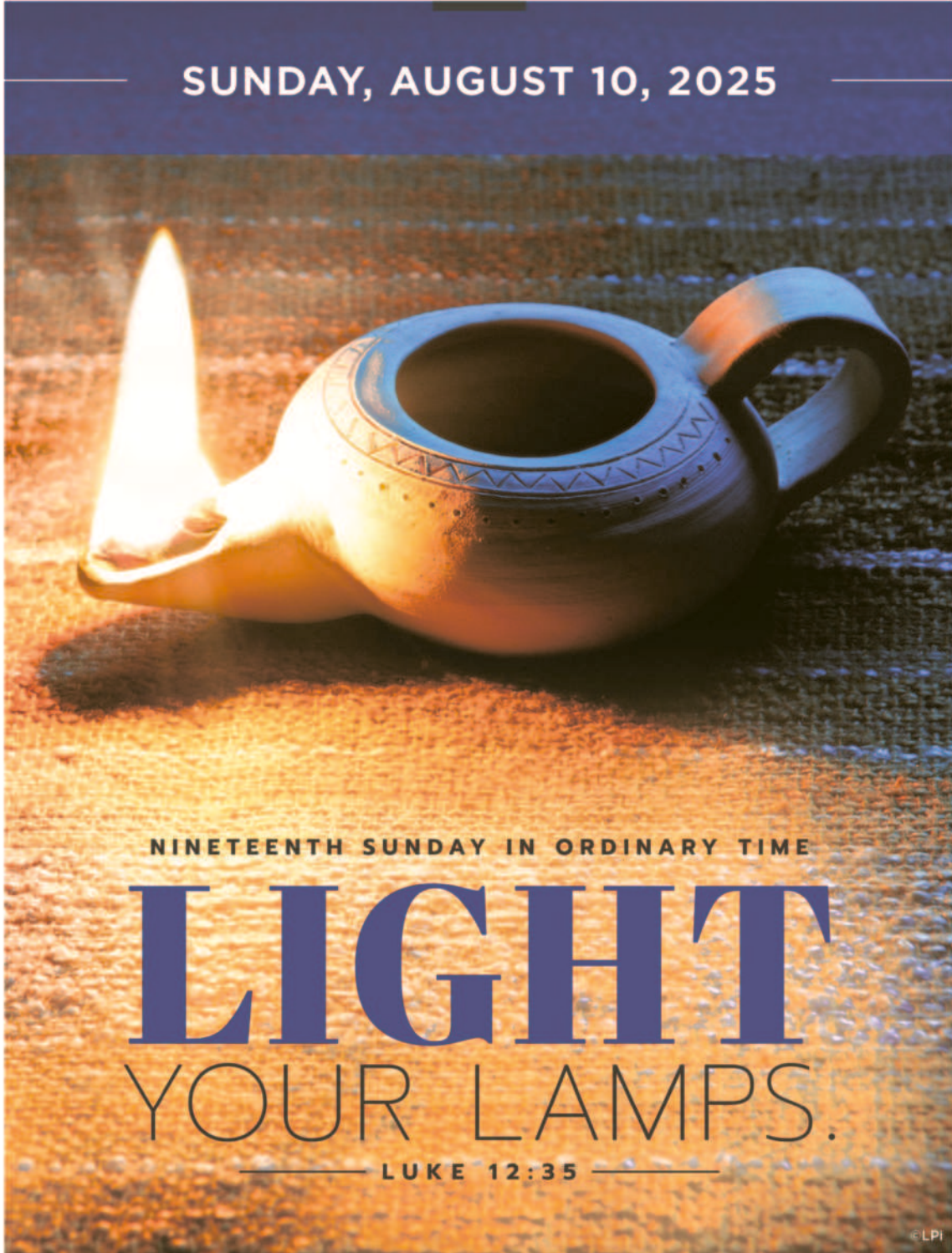


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIGHT
YOUR LAMPS.

LUKE 12:35

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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 THURSDAY

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:

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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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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 11

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Lectors Meeting (Guadalupe)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, August 13

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers Meeting (Guadalupe)

Thursday, August 14

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Committee Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Reception for Father Joe's Installation Mass (Church Hall All)

Saturday, August 16

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00p.m. Wedding Ceremony (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

August 15th

IS THE

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
 ASSUMPTION OF THE
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

AND A

**HOLY DAY OF
 OBLIGATION.**

MASS TIMES:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH: 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH: 8:00 AM
12:00 PM
6:00 PM*

***THE 6:00 PM MASS ON 8/15 IS ALSO
 FR. JOE'S INSTALLATION MASS AS PASTOR!**



**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 11

8:00am: Tina Bria, Bruno Siwinski

Tuesday, August 12

8:00am: James Trevor, Tom Kelso, Fr. Dindo
Billote, Fr. Sam Conforti, Marie Genovese

Wednesday, August 13

8:00am: Ted Golebiowski

Thursday, August 14

8:00am: Nadine Russo

Friday, August 15

8:00am: Irene Lenahen

Saturday, August 16

8:00am: Virginia Cubalchini
5:00pm: Ted Golebiowski, Bob and Babe
Podlasek, Ray Stair, Peter Prancus,
Edward Bean, Deacon Mark Miravalle, Patty
Alberts

Sunday, August 17

8:00am: Maria and Fiore Petrassi
9:30am: John Silius
11:00am: Al Sparks
6:00pm: The Farhat Family

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, Andy Lihosit, 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

Ms. Theresa Anderson,
The Aguirre Family,
The Judd Family



Please Pray for our Faithfully Departed Brothers and Sisters

**Thomas Kawka,
Mary Ann Anderson
James Barr
Dennis Pannozo
Donald O'Heir
Arlene Berardell**

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



**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 Joshua Poplin, USA
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC	E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF
Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF	Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC
TSgt Loretta Caplinger, USAF	MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN
E3 Colette Gagen, USN	CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR
ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG	LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN
PFC Noah Genz, USA	Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA	LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
Midshipman Isabella Judeh, USMMA	Maj Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA	CPT Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
PV3 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
Cpl John P. Morrison, USMC	PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF	MAJ Bryan Welch, USA
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
Capt Steven Pieczynski, USAF	CPT Christopher Zolner, USA
SSG August Pintarro, 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.

I just want to share something very important to me. We are very blessed to have perpetual Eucharistic adoration in our parish. Not every parish has this gift, but we do. When you enter the adoration chapel, you'll find Jesus there, truly present. He is always waiting for us: *ready to listen, comfort, and guide us*. As your pastor, I encourage you to make time to visit our adoration chapel. Even just a few quiet minutes with Jesus can make a big difference. You don't have to say much, all you need to do is be there. Sit with Him. Rest in His presence. Let Him speak to your heart. I try to go there regularly, if not every day. Honestly, it helps me very much. It brings peace to my mind, strength to my heart, and reminds me that I'm never alone. I want you to experience that as well.

Just recently, our Men's Ministry had a wonderful conversation about the importance of Eucharistic adoration. Hearing them talk about their own experiences: *the way Jesus has touched their lives in that quiet and sacred space* was truly inspiring. It reminded me again how powerful it is to simply spend time with the Lord. If you're going through something difficult or challenging, go to Jesus. If you're confused, tired, or in need of peace, go to Jesus. If you're grateful, go to Him. Our adoration chapel was also recently renovated and it has become an even more beautiful place to pray. I love seeing parents come in with their children, young couples praying together, and people of all ages simply sitting with Jesus. It's a beautiful thing to witness.

So, I invite you to come and visit Jesus. He doesn't ask for much, just a little of your time. Let Him love you, embrace you and speak to you. Let Him heal what needs healing in your life. You don't need the perfect words, just show up and I promise you; you won't leave the adoration chapel the same.

"Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church"

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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

The Installation Mass

FOR REVEREND JOSE "JOE" GASTA, RCJ

as Pastor

OF ST. MARY PARISH.

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

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

August 16 - August 17: Twentieth 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	Susan Rizzo Alice Wierzbinski	Bob Cornejo Richard Hamilton	Jim Contorno Roberta Dreifke	Robert Langton
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Bob Gombas Ted Kopczynski Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo Nancy Santry	Joe Austin Lin Austin Sally Harper Kathy Judge	Michael Crowley Patti Pertchi Bob Meyers NOT FILLED	Heidi Adducci Siena Adducci Robert Koch
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Rosamund Cotton Avery McNamara NOT FILLED	Kirra Ganz (sub req.) Hannah Johnston NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Elin Rose Coyle Kate Coyle Emma Strzelczyk CJ Strzelczyk	Natalie Galka Ryan Gross Caleb Marietta NOT FILLED	Daniela Lacny Finn McInerney NOT FILLED
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Ed Dorey Rich Gavillet Roy Mueller	John Delladio Ed Dorey Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia NOT FILLED	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Gabriella Carens Linda Drake NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Joan Aust	Ed Dorey	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, 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.

The Assumption

IS CELEBRATED ON AUGUST 15TH.

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**.

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.

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.



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.

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.!



Saint Mary MEN'S MINISTRY

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
to support the beautiful renovations at Old St. Mary.



DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Important Update for Parishioners: Action Required Regarding CMAA InPew Envelopes

The Development Office of the Diocese of Joliet is committed to maintaining transparency and open communication with our parishioners. We wish to provide an important update concerning the status of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) InPew Envelopes.

We encountered an unexpected challenge with UPS back in March, which resulted in the loss of 23 packages containing InPew Envelopes, many with checks made out to the CMAA. To date, UPS has been unable to locate these missing packages. In light of this situation, we strongly advise parishioners who made a gift via check using an InPew Envelope to verify their transaction with their bank.

If you find that your check has not been cashed, we recommend you take the necessary steps to stop payment on that check.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to the CMAA, and we hope you will prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 CMAA through one of our mailings, or by making a secure gift over the phone by calling (815) 838-8515, or online at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org. Please deduct any incurred bank fees from your gift to the CMAA.

The Development Office would like to reassure all our parishioners that there have been no reported incidents of fraud related to these delivery issues. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we worked tirelessly to remedy this issue as best we could.

And we are humbled and grateful for your generous support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal which is so vital to our mission. Your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of so many, and we are thankful for your ongoing commitment to our shared mission of spreading Jesus' kindness and love to all.

For more information, please contact the Development Office at (815) 838-8515 or our Chief Development Officer, Jane Lager, at jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org.

*Congratulations to
Nicole and Joseph
Wieher!*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
NEWLY BAPTIZED

OLIVER EDWARD CORNFIELD,
CAYDEN AVERY MARSHALL-IZZO,
JAMES DAVID TEREK

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES



*Wedding
Banns*

August 16th

Daniel Mueller and
Alexis Antonucci

PRAY FOR THE
PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN



Giving

Summer of
GENEROSITY

Love, serve and
give generously
this summer.

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.

Scan the QR
Code

The Offertory for August 3rd

Online Giving	\$19,590.30
Envelopes	\$21,117.91
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	\$40,708.21

Budget \$34,000
Thank you so much for your
generosity!



Save the Date

THE SEARCH

IS LIFE'S JOURNEY TAKING YOU SOMEWHERE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR LIFE?

The Search guides viewers through seven episodes to examine life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith. Through interviews with astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

**JOIN US TO WATCH THE
SERIES TOGETHER!**

Sundays at 12 PM

OR

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Beginning September 21 & 24, join us for a delicious meal and conversation about this series!

Registration coming soon.

ADULT FAITH



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

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

Join us on
Sundays, starting September 14th
to take your faith life to the next level

**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.

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



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



Stewardship

August 10, 2025

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question.



The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?"

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

©Catholic Stewardship Consultants

**BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT**

**FALL
SESSION**

SEASONS OF HOPE

Beginning September 9th from
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the
month
for six weeks in the St. Mary Chapel.

This Christ centered support group offers comfort,
support and understanding based on scripture, prayer,
reflection activities and faith sharing.

Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312 or
dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

**SIGN UP IS
NECESSARY
AND
SPACE IS
LIMITED.**



**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.

**Pray the Holy Rosary in Church on
Mondays at 6:30 p. m.**
(unless it is a holiday)



**The first Monday of the
month our Rosary is ded-
icated to the life of the
unborn!**



An updated version of the
WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED
booklet is now available in the Narthex.

Please pick up a copy to have on hand in the event
these resources are needed for a Mom in Crisis. The
booklet, put together by the Prolife Committee,
contains information on Pregnancy
Resource Centers, Housing, Post-Abortive Help,
Adoption Agencies, and more!
It is also available on the St. Mary website.



BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE



SEPTEMBER
6 & 7



THE PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE WILL BE PASSING OUT BABY
BOTTLES IN THE NARTHEX.

PLEASE TAKE ONE OR TWO AND RETURN IT WITH
YOUR HEARTFELT DONATION BY NOVEMBER 24TH.

CASH OR CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO WATERLEAF ARE
GREATLY APPRECIATED.
NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ON LINE
USE THIS LINK

[HTTPS://ONECHOICELIFE.ORG/WATERLEAF-BABY-BOTTLES-
FOR-LIFE-2024/](https://onechoicelife.org/waterleaf-baby-bottles-for-life-2024/)

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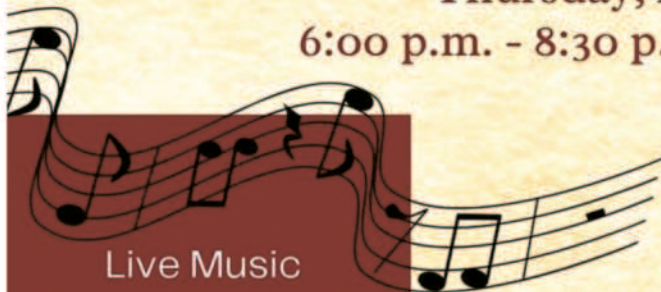


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The next **Board Meetings** will be
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Wine & Song Event
Thursday, August 21st 6:00 in the
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Council Meeting will be Tues-
day, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the
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