

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your 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.

Deacons:

Deacon Peter Manning
Deacon John Rex
Deacon Kevin Plankinton
Deacon Dave Stanton

Parish Office:

Parish Secretary, Karen Dilger
Business Manager, Stephen J. Warunek

Maintenance Supervisor, Gerardo "Gerry" Iniguez
Morning Maintenance, Thomas Pritchard
Director of Faith Formation, Megan Murray
Assistant Director of Faith Formation, Danielle Kuboushek
Administrative Assistant of Faith Formation, Elizabeth Kozak
Assistant Director to the Clergy/Program Coord., Erica Sestak
Director of Religious Education, Tami Brongiel
Assistant Director of Religious Education, Suzy Olsen
RE Office Assistant, Kathy Brzeszkiewicz

Directors of Liturgy, Deacon Pete Manning and John Brett
Director of Christian Service, Donna Hungerford
Director of Sacred Music, Joseph Berardi
Youth Minister, Tom Blue
Bulletin Editor, Cailin Valente
Funeral Coordinator, Susan Rizzo
Offertory and Database Administrator, Leticia Clark
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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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Wednesday, August 20

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Thursday, August 21

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. CCW Wine and Song Set Up
(Guadalupe)
6:00 p.m. CCW Wine and Song (Guadalupe)

Friday, August 22

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30p.m. Wedding Ceremony (Church)
5:30 p.m. Back to School Skate (Circle Drive)

Saturday, August 23

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, August 24

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
1:00 p.m. Baptism Prep (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
NEWLY BAPTIZED

NOLAN ADENT,
ESTHER MAE MRAZ,
HAYDEN AUBREY SALERNO,
VIVIAN MAE COLANTO

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES



**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 18

8:00am: Frank M. Flynn

Tuesday, August 19

8:00am: Brian McCarthy, Jack Yeo, Marie Genovese

Wednesday, August 20

8:00am: Ed Pasztelan

Thursday, August 21

8:00am: Mary Jane McGinnis

Friday, August 22

8:00am: Bill Delladio

Saturday, August 23

8:00am: Diana Nash

5:00pm: The Butkus, Sinal and Ksiazek families,
Fr. Bob Garrow, Marie Genovese, Patty Alberts,
Ray Rafferty

Sunday, August 24

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino, Stephen Sestak

9:30am: Pat Knoerzer

11:00am: Lauretta Flynn

6:00pm: Dina Mastro

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Tammy Balamut, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Brenda Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Brenda Castile, Dolores Castro, Bonnie Caper, James Caper, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janet Drobbick, 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, Beverly Klosowski, 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, Barbra 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!



Wedding Banns

August 22nd

**Ross Nelson and
Ashley Just**

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Duggan family,
The James Johnson family,
The Shaughnessy family,
Ms. Angelica Martinez



**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

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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!

It's hard to believe, but it's already been more than a month since I officially became your pastor. Wow, time really flies. Maybe it's because we have all been so busy doing what we love: *serving the Lord and His Church together*. Since day one, I've been deeply moved by how active, kind, and generous you are. Your warm welcome, your support, and your faith have truly touched me. As you already know, I was a little nervous stepping into this role. But now, that nervousness has been replaced by gratitude and excitement because of you. Each day I serve here, I learn something new from your dedication, your stories, and your quiet acts of service. You inspire me, and you have helped me gain the confidence I needed. I feel so blessed to be here, and I just want to say thank you for accepting me, for praying for me, and for loving me in your own simple and sincere ways. As we move forward, I want to thank in a special way those who serve our parish in so many ways. Our parish is so blessed to have each of you. So, let's keep walking together, praying together, and building a parish community where Jesus is truly at the center. I am so honored to be your pastor. And please know that I am keeping all of you in my prayers. God bless you and your families!

"Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church"

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

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who is involved with and at our parish. Whether you are a member of or lead any of the groups or ministries listed below; whether you donate your time, talent, or treasures in different ways; or whether you simply love the parish and attend Mass here, please know that St. Mary Parish would not be the same without you.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Baptismal Preparation
Marriage Preparation
Special Religious Development (SPRED)
Youth Ministry
L'Alto Young Adult Network
Men's Ministry
Sisters in Christ
Roses of Mary
Scripture Study
Women's Welcome
Mom's Podcast Club
Storytime
Little Flowers
The Search
Fit Shepherds
OCIA
Monica's Mission

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Divine Mercy Chaplet Apostolate
St. Peregrine Devotion
Confidential Prayer Line Participants
Behold
Perpetual Adorers
Rosary Group

CHRISTIAN SERVICES MINISTRIES

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
Knights of Columbus
Pro-Life Committee
Bereavement Support Team
Widow & Widowers' Club
Young at Heart
Ministers of Care
Homebound Helpers
Daybreak Volunteers
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Young at Heart

SCHOOL

Teachers
Staff
Advisory School Board
Athletic Board and Coaches
Parent Teacher Committee (PTC)
Men's Club
Prayer Parents
National Junior Honor Society
Student Council
Sandwich Patrol

CHURCH

Parish and Religious Education Staff
Parents and Students of SMS and RE
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Wedding Coordinator Team
Funeral Coordinator Team
Acolytes
Knights of the Holy Temple
Marian Garden Committee
Art & Environment
Adult Choir
Children's Choir
Live Streamers
Altar Servers
Ushers & Greeters
Lectors
Parish Council
Finance Council
Offertory Counters
Children's Liturgy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists & Assistant Catechists
Hall Monitors
Office Helpers
Summer Camp Team
REACH
Religious Education Board

CCW Welcome Back

Mass and Tea

All ladies welcome!

Sunday, September 14th in the Church Hall
after 11:00 a.m. Mass

- Enjoy live music
- Assorted teas
- Finger sandwiches & dessert

*Don't forget to wear
your hat to the tea party!*

RSVP to Roberta Dreifke 708-334-1909

Table reservations available
\$10.00 fee accepted at the door.

*A beautiful handmade Marion quilt by
Barb Satrun will be one of our raffled items.*



August 23 - August 24: Twenty-first 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	Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Bob Jostes	Guy Cesario Stan Nowak	Bob Cornejo Art Wilson	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Karen Gordon Andy Lihosit Lora Oldham	Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Stefanie Walthier Christine Weeks	Michael Dilger Frank Dundek Gretchen Nenn Pam Sanders	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh James Nowak Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Seamus McGarry Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Dennis Dilger Hazel Dilger Silas Kuboushek Theo Kuboushek	Daniela Lacny Christopher Pienkos Cody Pienkos 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 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	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	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, 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.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

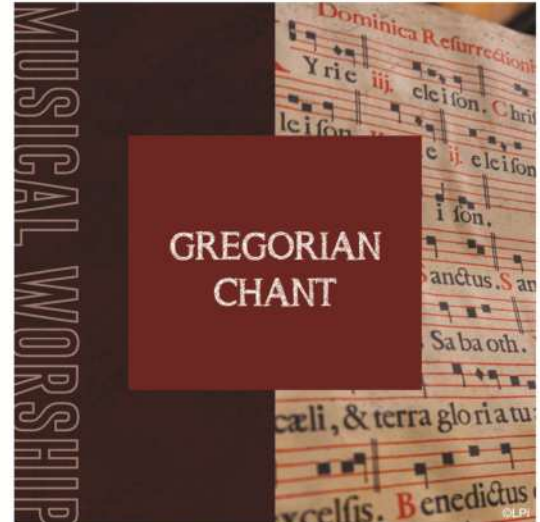
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Friday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,
In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week.

"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

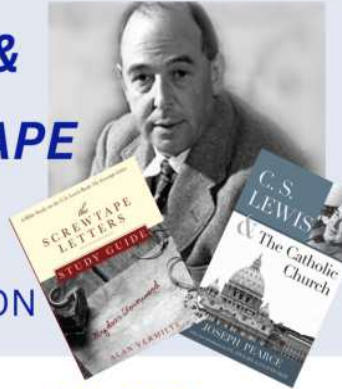
— *Father John Muir*



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**

*"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!



Giving

Summer of GENEROSITY

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

The Offertory for August 10th

Online Giving	\$22,731.15
Envelopes	\$16,483.70
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	\$39,214.85

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

Online Giving

Give your
 gift today.
 Scan the QR
 Code





PLEASE, DO ALL YOU CAN TO ENCOURAGE PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS. YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

'I felt something had changed. I was not the same.'

I had the great blessing of growing up in a family in which faith was lived in a simple, practical way. However, it was my paternal grandmother in particular who influenced my journey of faith. She was a woman who explained to us, who talked to us about Jesus, who taught us the catechism. ... The first proclamation is at home, in the family! And this makes me think of the love of so many mothers and grandmothers in the transmission of faith.

One day in particular, though, was very important to me: Sept. 21, 1953. I was almost 17. It was "Students' Day." Before going to the celebration, I passed through the parish I normally attended, I found a priest that I did not know, and I felt the need to go to confession. For me this was an experience of encounter: I found that someone was waiting for me. ... After making my confession, I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like a voice, or a call. I was convinced that I should become a priest.

Pope Francis

Address on Vigil of Pentecost, May 18, 2013



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 at St. Mary, Mokena

for a delicious meal and conversation about this series!

Register today at www.stmarymokena.org/search or using the QR code.





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
Kathleenmele10@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 DEADLINE: AUGUST 25TH

To register, please call Parish Office 708-326-9313
or email Meghan Gargas: meghangargas@yahoo.com

save the date
NOVEMBER 8/9, 2025



Women's
Welcome
Weekend

*everything
beautiful*



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 19th
Buske Park, Mokena**

11500 Hillside Ln, Mokena, IL 60448

**Thanks for a
fun summer!**

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
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Stewardship

August 17, 2025

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain

about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

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

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**Interested in the
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We meet the second Thursday of each
month in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m. in
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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)

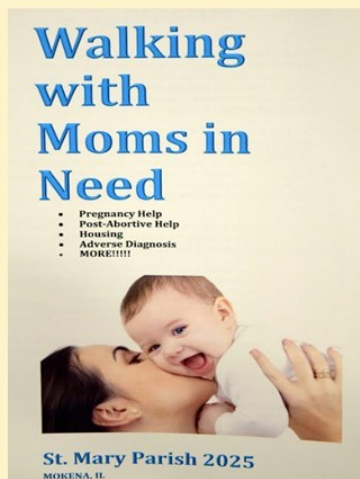


The first Monday of the
month our Rosary is ded-
icated to the life of the
unborn!



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



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The Council of Catholic Women

The next **Board Meetings** will be
Wednesday, September 10
9:00 a.m. in the
Church Hall, Fatima Room

Wine & Song Event
Thursday, August 21st 6:00 in the
Church Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Officer Meeting** will be
Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Church Hall, Lourdes Room

The next **Council Meeting** will be Tuesday,
September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall,
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OUR NEXT MEETING
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8TH.



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our funds that go to the many charities we support.

Congratulations to Bob Strahanoski, our first place
\$500 winner, and a big thanks to Father Joe for
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St. Mary's Young at Heart Club

**All are welcome to join
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We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month

Membership Dues are \$25.00

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Meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

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