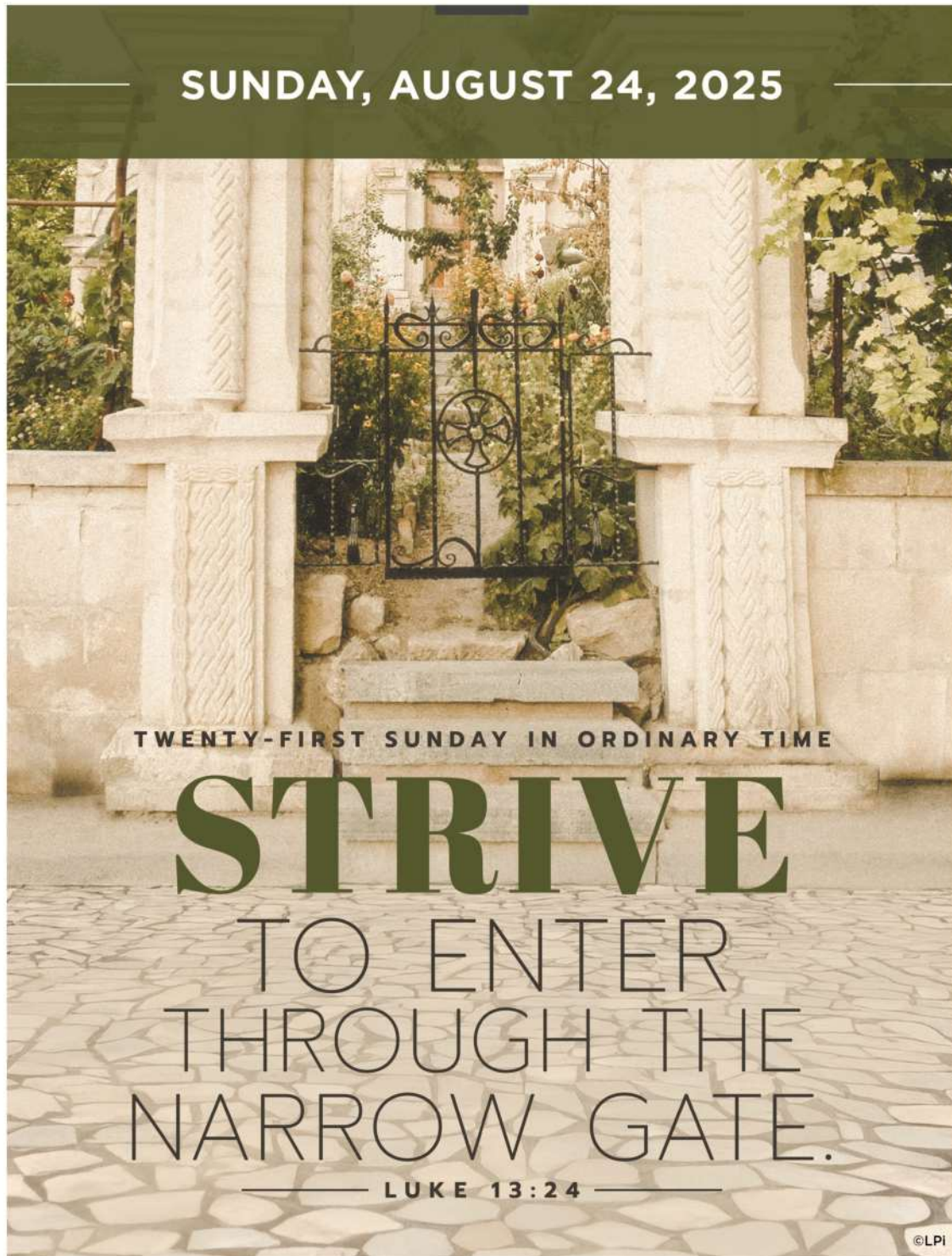


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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:

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Deacon John Rex
Deacon Kevin Plankinton
Deacon Dave Stanton

Parish Office:

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Business Manager, Stephen J. Warunek

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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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Lourdes)

Wednesday, August 27

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:00 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
12:00 p.m. Festa Italiana Dinner Set Up (Church Hall)
2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)
6:00 p.m. Festa Italiana Thank you dinner (Church Hall)

Thursday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (Fatima)

Friday, August 29

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30 p.m. Wedding Ceremony (Church)

Saturday, August 30

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 31

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 25

8:00am: Bernadette Cimbalnik

Tuesday, August 26

8:00am: Mary Ann Cullen, Marie Genovese

Wednesday, August 27

7:30am: Marie Genovese

8:30am: Dennis Benson

Thursday, August 28

8:00am: Jack Saunders

Friday, August 29

8:00am: Vince Egresits

Saturday, August 30

8:00am: Bill Delladio

5:00pm: Jennifer Strezo, Joseph Rubino, Scott Reiter, Kevin Bushnell, Dennis Panozzo

Sunday, August 31

8:00am: James Emerson

9:30am: Helen and Gus Lattyak

11:00am: Marlene Briscoe

6:00pm: Rita Rowe

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, 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, 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

**Ronald Colletti,
Anna Judy Meyer,
Randy Henning, Jr.,
Thomas Kawka,
Mary Ann Anderson**

*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	

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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!

I just want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Whether your gift was big or small, please know that it is making a real difference in the lives of many who rely on the ministries and services supported by this appeal. Your generosity is a wonderful reflection of who we are as a parish: *a caring community that notices when others are in need and steps up with love and support*. Giving like this really shows what our faith is all about: *loving and serving others*.

As your pastor, I am truly grateful for how warmly and positively you responded. It brings me a lot of joy and pride to see how our parish continues to grow, not just in faith but in generosity as well. Our Bishop has also expressed his sincere appreciation for your participation and is deeply grateful for your support.

Thank you again. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and commitment.

"Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church"

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
(Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

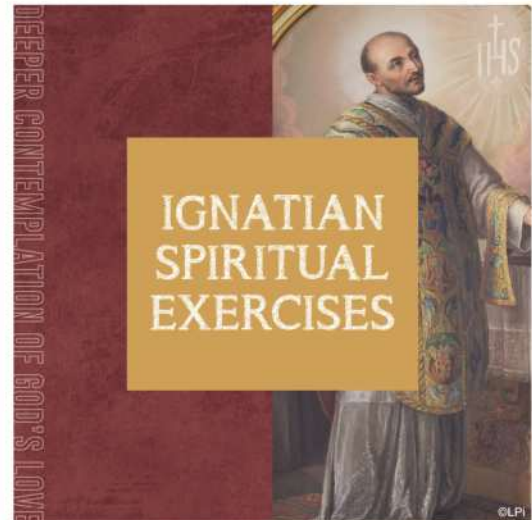
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,"
Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will
not be strong enough." So let us never be
so foolish that we rely on our own strength.
Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if
we ask for help.

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest
Wednesday: St. Monica
Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

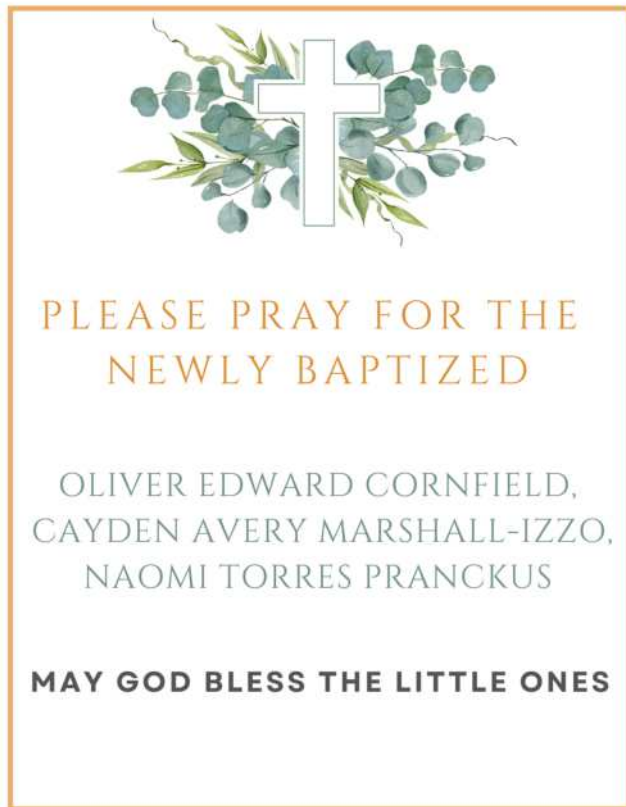


Devotions, Explained!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of His call to discipleship.

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the
narrow gate. Remove from
me anything that distracts
me from You, Your love, Your
invitation, Your mission. Keep
me close to You, familiar at
every step.
Amen.



August 30 - August 31: Twenty-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	Sue Mahns	Guy Cesario Mary Frances Consola	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	Guy Cesario Sean Gleason	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Sue Murphy Andrea Taylor	Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli Susan Rizzo	Joe Austin Lin Austin Frank Grobmeier Joanette Kulesa	Michael Crowley Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Heidi Adducci Siena Adducci James Nowak
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Rosamund Cotton Avery McNamara NOT FILLED	Kirra Ganz (sub req.) David Heitman NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Frankie Fulton June Fulton Henry Valente Lucas Valente	Christian Taylor Luke Tyrka Zachary Tyrka 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 Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Gabriella Carens Linda Drake NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Sandy Halper	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Frank 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.



All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20**
**REPOSED IN THE SACRED HEART:
UNDERSTANDING OUR SUFFERING**

Martin Gianotti will show us that we can truly trust in Christ when He says, "In the world, you will have trouble, but take courage, for I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)



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 17th**

Online Giving	\$12,601.15
Envelopes	\$14,588.35
	\$27,189.50

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

Online Giving

Give your gift today.
Scan the QR Code



St. Mary Parish has new Relics!

Relics are the remains or remnants of Saints (such as bones or belongings).

There are various types of relics. **First-class relics** come directly from the saint (such as a piece of hair or bone). **Second-class relics** are items that touched the saint (such as a piece of clothing or belonging). **Third-class relics** are items that touched a first- or second- class relic. St. Mary's relics are first- or second-class relics.

THE BIRTHDAY OF *St. Faustina Kowalska* IS AUGUST 25TH.

Christ appeared to St. Faustina numerous times to reveal His love for His people, and how He desires to share His **Divine Mercy**. St. Faustina wrote down Christ's messages to her in her **Diary**. She also was responsible for having the **Divine Mercy image** painted and shared with the world.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is a popular way to show devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy.



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET IS PRAYED ON A ROSARY. THERE ARE OPTIONAL PRAYERS AT THE BEGINNING, BUT AN "OUR FATHER", A "HAIL MARY", AND THE "APOSTLES' CREED" MUST BE PRAYED BEFORE THE FIRST DECADE. THEN, ON THE "OUR FATHER" BEADS, SAY "ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER YOU THE BODY AND BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF YOUR DEARLY BELOVED SON, OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, IN ATONEMENT FOR OUR SINS AND THOSE OF THE WHOLE WORLD." ON THE "HAIL MARY" BEADS, SAY "FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD." REPEAT THIS FOR EACH DECADE. AT THE END OF THE CHAPLET, SAY "HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD," THREE TIMES. THERE ARE MORE OPTIONAL PRAYERS TO CLOSE THE CHAPLET.

Honor St. Faustina Kowalska by visiting her relics!

St. Mary's relics are found in the northwest corner of the church,
by the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



St. Mary Youth Ministry

BE A LIGHT... CONQUER DARKNESS!

THS

Congratulations Matt!

Matt Jung has been named Youth Director & Assistant to the School for Religious Studies at St. Mary Parish. Matt has been integral in building our high school youth ministry program over the past 2 years in a part time role. As a full-time staff member he will lead our HS program and initiate a middle school program for 6th, 7th & 8th graders. He will also serve as a valuable faith & religious studies resource for our school. Matt is replacing Tom Blue.



For the past few years Matt has been employed full-time as the program operations director at the Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park. He is a 2022 graduate of St. Ambrose University where he earned a degree in Kinesiology and a minor in Theology while excelling in track and cross-country (4-time national qualifier). Active in campus life, he served as a peer campus minister, was active in their campus pro-life group and served as a men's faith group leader.

2025-26 Kick-Off Event

Join us for another year of faith, fun & friends!

Sunday, September 7

5pm



ADULT FAITH

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

IMPORTANT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 25TH

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



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

BE FORMED

**A 90 DAY DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE
FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

**EXPERIENCE PRAYER,
SCRIPTURE,
THE SACRAMENTS,
COMMUNITY,
AND THE TEACHINGS & TRADITIONS OF
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



SEASON 11 - THE CREED - PART I

THE FATHER

September 12th - December 10th, 2025

Register online July 24th
through August 17th, 2025

Late registrations run
through September 3rd, 2025



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!

Register at stmarymokena.org/search





OCIA classes start in September!

Order of Chrisitan Initiation for Adults

Join us for a casual Meet and Greet

Sunday, September 7th

OCIA Meet & Greet

Find out more about the OCIA process!

Enjoy some bagels and pastries while
learning more how to take your faith
life to the next level!

11am Mass
Social 12-1pm

Classes start
September 14th!

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





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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COOKING FOR DAYBREAK



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

**THE NEW SCHEDULE HAS BEEN SENT TO
YOU AND WE WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU
DID NOT RECEIVE THE SCHEDULE,
PLEASE CONTACT
DONNA HUNGERFORD
(708) 326-9312 OR
DHUNGERFORD@STMARYMOKENA.ORG



**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!**

**OUR NEXT PRO-LIFE
MEETING IS THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11TH**

9:00 A.M.—10:30 A.M.

Church Hall,
Lourdes Room.

**No registration
necessary.**

Join us!



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.

**Walking
with
Moms in
Need**

- Pregnancy Help
- Post-Abortive Help
- Housing
- Adverse Diagnosis
- MORE!!!!



St. Mary Parish 2025
MOKENA, IL

**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!**

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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.

in the Church Hall

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3

Join us for a Luau with the Ukulele Moonshiners!

Questions? Contact Marla Garbarczyk
708-308-2505



CCW Welcome Back *Mass and Tea* All ladies welcome!

Sunday, September 14th in the Church Hall
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- Enjoy live music
- Assorted teas
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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

Mark your calendar for the
CCW Welcome Back Tea
Sunday, September 14th in the
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after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls for the ill, homebound and grieving are like receiving a "Hug from God".

If you would like one to give to someone, you are welcome to choose from a wide variety of colors and styles at the parish office front desk.

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH.**



The St. Mary

Widow & Widower's Club

This group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at a designated restaurant or other locations.

Contact Marcia Frank for details



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,
Guadalupe Room



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus would like to give parishioners an opportunity to have this statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their homes. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your devotion to Mary, whose main goal is to lead us to her Son, Jesus.

The tradition of the traveling statue is to remind us of the 1917 apparition of Mary to three peasant children in the city of Fatima, Portugal. The apparition told them to pray for world peace. While the statue is in your home, you are encouraged to pray the rosary or other Marian prayers for peace. If you would like to have her in your home for a week or two at a time, please email Donna Hungerford

Dhungerford@stmarymokena.org or Bob Rafferty, Bob.rafo@yahoo.com. Delivery and pick up will be arranged and prayers will be provided for you. (The statue is approximately 19" in height).



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