

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 FRIDAY

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

DEVOTIONS:**DAILY ROSARY**

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

DAILY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET; INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration available at Old St. Mary.
Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

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.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 1

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Lourdes)

Wednesday, September 3

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)
11:00 a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
1:00 p.m. Young at Heart (Guadalupe)
6:30 p.m. Search Leadership Team Meeting (Guadalupe)

Thursday, September 4

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
6:00 p.m. Athletics Parent Session (Guadalupe)
7:00 p.m. Family Day Core Team Meeting (Lourdes)
7:00 p.m. Welcome (Fatima)

Friday, September 5

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:45 a.m. First Friday Devotion (Chapel)
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)

Saturday, September 6

Baby Bottle For Life Weekend

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass First Saturday (Church)
8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Fatima)
12:00 p.m. Wedding Ceremony
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, September 7

Baby Bottles for Life Weekend

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



*Wedding
Convallation
Announcement*

September 6th

Zachary and Kristin
Greenwell



*Congratulations to the Colanto
family on the baptism
of their daughter
Vivian Mae*

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 1

8:00am: Sharon B. Conroy

Tuesday, September 2

8:00am: John Devlin, Rose Mendez, Alicia Skalniki

Wednesday, September 3

7:30am: Scott Reiter

8:30am: Wayne Sobota

Thursday, September 4

8:00am: Margaret Witowski

Friday, September 5

8:00am: Joan Browne

Saturday, September 6

8:00am: Sue Abramic

5:00pm: Gerald White, Lizzie Hand, Peter Prancus, Kevin Bushnell, Geri Maag, Robert Ciastko

Sunday, September 7

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: Frank Galateo, Eileen DeYoung

6:00pm: Wayne Sobota

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Tammy Balamut, Lisa Barber, 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 Drobick, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, John Finili, 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, Shirley 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'Grady, Irene Okoniewski, Callie Olson, Bruce Omastak, 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!

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Donald O'Heir



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

**God Bless Our
New Parishioners**

The Flores family,
The Dell family,
The Alvis family



**LET US PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO SERVE**

**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
Capt Lukasz Bokun, ARNG
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
MIDN 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!

I want to share something I'm truly excited about. Starting September 7, our parish will begin praying **Lauds** (*morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours*) every Sunday at 7:15 AM just before the 8:00 AM Mass.

Lauds is part of the Church's daily prayer, *what we call the Liturgy of the Hours*. It's a way the Church prays throughout the day, offering praise to God and lifting up the needs of the world. Priests and religious are asked to pray it every day, but the beautiful thing is, *it's meant for everyone*. You don't have to be a priest, a deacon or a consecrated person to pray this prayer. It's a prayer for all God's people.

I truly believe this will be a wonderful way for St. Mary to start our Sunday morning by coming together, quieting our hearts, and preparing ourselves for the Holy Mass. When we pray together like this, we remind ourselves that we are not just individual Catholics, but a faithful and devoted community. And praying the **Lauds** can help us enter the Mass with a heart that is more open and ready to receive Jesus.

So, I warmly invite all of you, especially the 8:00 AM mass goers, to come a little early on Sundays and join us in this quiet and beautiful prayer. No experience needed. Just bring your heart, and let's pray together!

"Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church"

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR
The Installation Mass
FOR REVEREND JOSE "JOE" GASTA, RCJ
as Pastor
OF ST. MARY PARISH!



CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER JOE!

Announcement



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We are writing to inform you of a necessary adjustment to the price of our 3-day candle effective October 1st. Our new candle price will be \$5.00. This decision was made with careful consideration and a result of rising costs.

We understand that price increases can be challenging and we want to assure you this adjustment is not taken lightly. We have held off on this change as long as possible. We appreciate your understanding and continued support of St. Mary. Your generosity allows us to maintain our ministries and provide the spiritual needs of our community.

May God bless you abundantly.

September 6 - September 7: Twenty-third 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	RE Lector 1 RE Lector 2	Denise L Bartolotta Kathy Mihalek	SMS Student1 SMS Student2	John Brett Bob Cornejo	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Mary Ann Braasch Andy Lihosit Karen Sayon	Joan Aust Robert Rafferty Nancy Santry Stefanie Walthier	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Kathy Judge Joanette Kulesa	Remo Lucci Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Seamus McGarry Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	Hannah Johnston Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Elin Rose Coyle Kate Coyle Logan Raimondi Erin Ventura	Josh Barger Natalie Galka Ryan Gross 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	YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 1 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 2 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 3 NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Denise Mueller	Ed Dorey	Carolyn Farhat	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.



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 24th**

Online Giving	\$12,606.40
Envelopes	\$15,622.85
	\$28,229.25

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

Online Giving
Give your
gift today.
Scan the QR
Code



St. Mary HS Youth Ministry **2025-26 Kick-Off Event**

Sunday, September 7
5pm - Church Hall
6pm - Mass
7pm - Food & Friends



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

More info contact Matt Jung at mjung@stmarymokena.org

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



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



*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:

HOLY MASS WITH FR. JOE GASTA

OFFERED FOR PRIVATE SPECIAL INTENTIONS & NAMES IN THE MONICA'S MISSION PETITION BOOK

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW IN THE CHURCH HALL

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT 6:00 P.M.



DIOCESE OF JOLIET
Office of Mission

EVANGELIZATION

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COST:
FREE

**1ST TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH**

7:00 PM

**OCTOBER
THROUGH
SEPTEMBER**

Learn how to share
your faith with
confidence!

Gatherings focused
on Community,
Prayer, and
Evangelization.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Practice in a
community of
disciples committed
living on mission!

Are you ready to
take the next step
in your life of faith?

**Blanchette Catholic Center - 16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403**

Questions? Contact Alex Buldak - abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org - 815-221-6256

This time offers parishioners the space to practice sharing their faith with others who are committed to the mission of the Church, which is to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Each of these sessions will cover different topics, practical examples, time for practice, and prayer ministry.

These sessions are free and open to all who want to practice sharing the gift of their 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

SISTERS IN CHRIST
WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • FAMILY

Taking God With You In The Chaos

How to keep faithful in stormy seasons of life

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Women's Ministry meets following the 8am Mass in the Church Hall. A full breakfast will be served. To RSVP email: SistersInChrist@stmarymokena.org or call: 708-326-9313.

James 1:3
Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Congratulations to the Salerno family
on the baptism of their daughter
Hayden Aubrey

**Congratulations to the
Adent family**
On the baptism of their son
Nolan Ryan



2025-26
RELIGIOUS ED

HELP YOUR CHILDREN MEET THEIR **BEST** FRIEND



- **AUG. 30:
BLACK OUT DATES BEGIN**
- **SEPT. 1: TIER 2 PRICING ENDS**
- **SEPT 9:
CLASSES START FOR
PROCESSED
REGISTRATIONS**
- **SEPT 15: REGISTRATIONS
RECEIVED AFTER AUG 30
WILL BEGIN PROCESSING**

REGISTER HERE



STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. That understanding, however, is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are. On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence and who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our existence and for every breath we take.



Our Lord speaks of true humility in our Gospel passage from Luke, telling the parable of the guests invited to a wedding banquet and instructing us not to seek a place of honor at the banquet table, lest a more distinguished guest arrives and we are asked to move to a lower place. Jesus has much more in mind here than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents.

On the other hand, when we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others — then God “exalts” us by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace. Jesus goes on to encourage us to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them to offer us any worldly advantage or prestige — “the poor, the crippled, the lame.” Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility — recognizing that we are all “little” ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father’s heavenly banquet.

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*It's almost time to start shopping for new
winter coats for the kids!*

KIDS WINTER COAT DRIVE

NEW AND CLEAN GENTLY USED COATS MAY BE
DROPPED OFF IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER
MASSES
OCTOBER 4 & 5
STARTING AT SIZE 8 - 20(XXL)
PLEASE BE SURE ALL ZIPPERS AND BUTTONS ARE IN ORDER.

COATS WILL BE DELIVERED TO
MY JOYFUL HEART AND DISTRIBUTED TO
THOSE IN NEED.
HELP BRING WARMTH TO CHILDREN
THIS YEAR!

Contact Donna Hungerford
with any questions
(708) 326-9312

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 donation by September 20 & 21.

Cash or checks made payable to Waterleaf are greatly appreciated.

No donation is too small!

If you would like to donate online use this link

<https://onechoiceonelife.org/waterleaf-baby-bottles-for-life-2025/>

All funds will go to Waterleaf Women's Center which supports and educates pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies.



St. Mary's Young at Heart Club

All are welcome to join
no matter your age and bring a friend!

We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month

Membership Dues are \$25.00

Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

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
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.*





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
Church Hall
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.**



HELPING HANDS

The Knights of Columbus have formed a sub-committee called Helping Hands which is offering our services to any parishioner who is in need of minor repairs around their home and is unable to perform these tasks due to financial hardships or not having able bodied family members available. The resident may be responsible for any material costs, but the Knights would provide the labor.

There is a screening process to make sure it is something our members can handle and the work qualifies. Anyone wishing to apply should contact Donna Hungerford, Christian Service Director (708) 326-9312 to schedule a visit from one of our members. If you are interested in joining this committee, email Rich Neubauer
rich.neubauer3@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be
Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in
the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

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

THE INTELLECTUAL
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