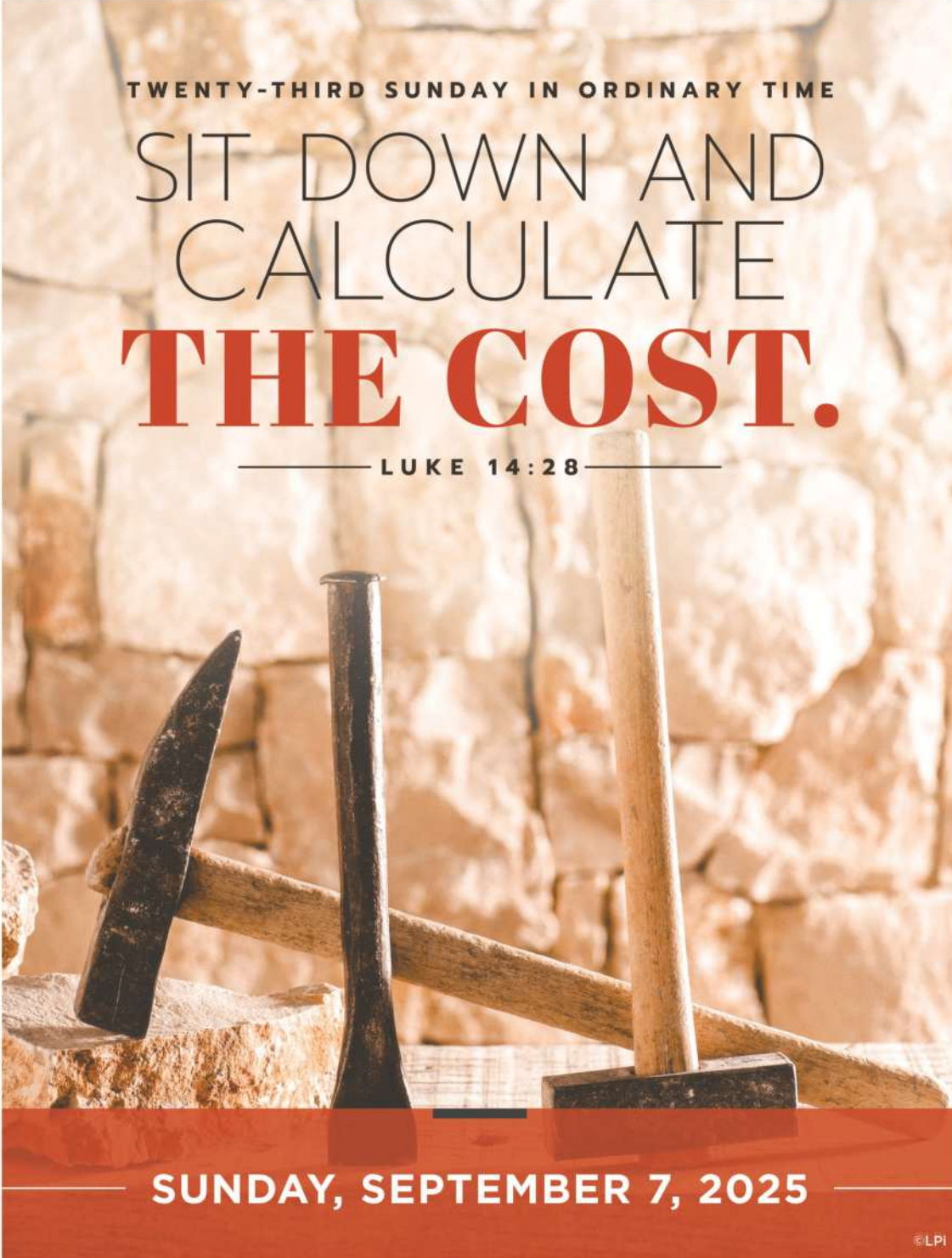


# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIT DOWN AND  
CALCULATE  
**THE COST.**

— LUKE 14:28 —

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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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 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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Deacon John Rex

Deacon Kevin Plankinton

Deacon Dave Stanton

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School Assistant Principal, Michelle Huizinga

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

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

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Monday, September 8

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting (Lourdes)  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

### Tuesday, September 9

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support (Chapel)  
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Lourdes and Fatima)  
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

### Wednesday, September 10

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)  
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe and Lourdes)  
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Lourdes)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. OCIA Meeting (Fatima)

### Thursday, September 11

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Committee Meeting (Lourdes)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
 6:00 p.m. Monica's Mission Mass (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Monica's Mission Refreshments (Guadalupe)

### Friday, September 12

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

### Saturday, September 13

#### Altar Call The Search K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 8:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (Guadalupe)  
 12:00p.m. CCW Welcome Back Tea Set Up (Guadalupe)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### Sunday, September 14

#### Altar Call The Search K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 9:30 a.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)  
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)  
 12:00p.m. CCW Welcome Back Tea (Guadalupe)  
 12:00p.m. Rite of Reception (Side Chapel)  
 12:30p.m. OCIA Meeting (Fatima)  
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



**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](mailto:SistersInChrist@stmarymokena.org) or call: 708-326-9313.

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



## 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](mailto:Kathleenmelei10@gmail.com)  
 815-416-8226



## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, September 8**

8:00am: Carolyn Balich

### **Tuesday, September 9**

8:00am: Dale Grieser, Dennis Panozzo, Sara Whelton

### **Wednesday, September 10**

7:30am: Dwight Snow

8:30am: Barbra Noone

### **Thursday, September 11**

8:00am: John Jack Stanton

### **Friday, September 12**

8:00am: James Trevor

### **Saturday, September 13**

8:00am: Renado Flores

5:00pm: John O'Reilly, Bill Dorans, Reena Joy Flores, Nicholas Markionni, Dale Jesk, Marie Genovese, Rita McNally, Howard and Elaine Heckler,

### **Sunday, September 14**

8:00am: Bill Delladio

9:30am: Margaret Unton, Olivia Porter

11:00am: John Zarlengo

6:00pm: Bob and Babe Podlasek

#### **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, 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!**

Please Pray for our Faithfully  
Departed Brothers and Sisters

**Jill Augustine,  
Andrew McCarthy,  
Randy Henning**

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

**God Bless Our  
New Parishioners**

The Reiter family,  
The Fox 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

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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!

As you may know, we are blessed to welcome a new parochial vicar to our parish family: Fr. Welbert Llyd Suarez, a Filipino priest from our Religious Order. Let us warmly welcome him and take this opportunity to get to know him as he begins his ministry among us.

Fr. Welbert was born and raised in Carrascal, a town in Surigao del Sur, Mindanao, Philippines. He is the second of four siblings. His religious and priestly journey began at the age of 17 when he entered the Rogationist Seminary in Cebu. He made his First Religious Profession of Vows on May 31, 2009. His formation years included valuable pastoral exposure, notably as Brother Assistant at the Saint Hannibal Formation Center in Cebu (2010–2011) and St. Anthony's Boys Village in Davao (2011–2012). He made his Perpetual Profession of Vows on June 1, 2014, at the Fr. Di Francia Center of Studies in Manila. He was ordained a deacon on August 29, 2015, and ordained to the priesthood on November 26, 2016.

Fr. Welbert's first assignment as a priest was as Assistant Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in Zaragoza, Bolinao, Pangasinan (2016–2019). In early 2019, he also served briefly at Rogationist College Parañaque in student affairs, before being sent to his missionary assignment in Papua New Guinea. Since November 2019, Fr. Welbert has served at the Sideia Mission Center in Alotau, Milne Bay Province. There, he embraced various ministries, including Assistant Parish Priest, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Vocation Director, and Chaplain of Saint Anne's Skills Training Institute on Sideia Island. In September 2023, he was entrusted with the responsibilities of Parish Priest and Superior of the Rogationist Missionary Community in Sideia, a mission he accepted with humility and deep trust in the Lord.

In all his assignments, Fr. Welbert has carried with him a spirit of service, availability, and generosity. He offers himself entirely to the mission of the Church and the care of God's people. By God's grace, he continues to love and serve wherever he is sent, grateful always for the privilege of his calling. Once again, let us welcome him and keep him in our prayers as he begins this new chapter with us.

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

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ  
Pastor



# 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 13 - September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pamela DeGregorio	Antoinette Bria Midge Saunders	Karen Dilger Richard Hamilton	Jim Contorno Roberta Dreifke	Ed Pluchar
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon John Mitoraj Sue Murphy	Joseph Budzyn Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Christine Weeks	Frank Grobmeier Kathy Judge Gretchen Nenn Pam Sanders	Michael Crowley Sally Harper Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Rosamund Cotton Avery McNamara NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin David Heitman NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Annie Kibbon Lucas Pilon Noah Pilon Megan Wajda	Caleb Marietta Cody Pienkos Christopher Pienkos NOT FILLED	Charlie Pluchar Stella Pluchar Therese Pluchar
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	Joan Aust	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	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.*



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

**Children's Liturgy**

begins September 14

All children from Kindergarten through grade 3 are invited to attend during 9:30 am Mass

Please note:  
Preschool-aged children must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Come to hear  
God's word!



**Giving**

Summer of  
**GENEROSITY**

Love, serve and  
give generously  
this summer.

**Online Giving**

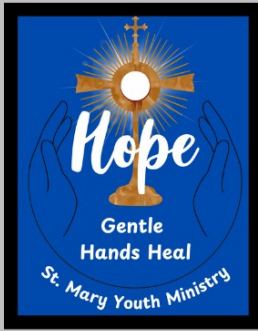
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The Offertory for  
August 31st  
will be shared  
in the next bulletin.

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







## *St. Mary HS Youth Ministry*

# **2025-26 Kick-Off Event**

**Sunday, September 7**

**Church Hall**

**4:45pm - Doors  
Open**

**5pm - Kick-Off**

**6pm - Mass**

**7pm - Food & Friends**



**The Gentle Hands of Hope, Showing  
the Light for the World to See**

## **Rest of September**

**Sept. 14 Youth Ministry Meeting**

**7pm Church Hall**

**Sept. 21 No Youth Ministry**

**Sept. 28 Donut Sunday**

**Following all Morning Masses**



More info contact Matt Jung at [mjung@stmarymokena.org](mailto:mjung@stmarymokena.org)



## MOMS Podcast Club

Join other Catholic moms of school-age children and younger for conversation on the "Real + True" podcast.

**Thursday, September 18**

**9:30 am**

**in the Church Hall**

**"What the Catechism Says about the Practice of Daily Prayer"**

Listen to podcast prior to gathering (search "Real + True" wherever you listen to podcasts) but even if you don't get to it, we'd love to have you join us! Children are welcome and snacks and toys are provided.

Questions?

Email [DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org](mailto:DKuboushek@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](http://stmarymokena.org/search)



*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 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.



**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**  
*Office of Mission*

# EVANGELIZATION

# 121



**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?

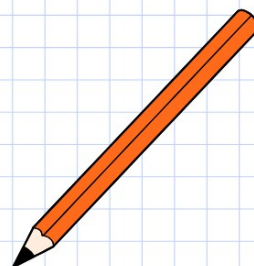
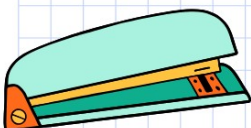
**Blanchette Catholic Center - 16555 Weber Road  
Crest Hill, IL 60403**

**Questions? Contact Alex Buldak - [abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto: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!







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**







RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

## JOIN ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD!

*We're seeking 2 members for the 2025-26 term*

**Volunteering for the Religious Education Board is a wonderful way to serve your parish! As you prayerfully consider applying, please be aware of the following details and expectations of Board Members:**

- One (1) Board term is three (3) years in length
- Board meetings are held monthly
- The board serves in an advisory function to the Pastor and Director of Religious Education
- Board members will be expected to support the vision and mission statements of the St. Mary Religious Education Program and the strategic plan for the current catechetical year
- Board members will be expected to be present at some Sacramental and special events throughout the catechetical year

**Thank you for your consideration to serve in this important role. Your involvement will assist Catholic parents in raising their children in the faith and help build the domestic church.**

**We look forward to hearing from you! To apply, please complete the Discernment Candidate application:**



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Oct 15th**



**Save the Date!**

**MINISTERS OF CARE & HOMEBOUND HELPERS ARE INVITED TO A**

*Thank you Breakfast!*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
**IN THE CHURCH HALL**  
**FOLLOWING THE 8:00 A.M. MASS**

- SHARE PERSONAL STORIES ABOUT HOW GOD LED US TO THIS MINISTRY
- TALK ABOUT THE PEOPLE WE VISIT AND HOW THEY HAVE TOUCHED US
- REVIEW PROCEDURES & ANSWER QUESTIONS

RSVP DONNA HUNGERFORD 708-326-9312  
 OR RESPOND TO MY EMAIL  
 DHUNGERFORD@STMARYMOKENA.ORG  
 BY OCTOBER 1ST



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# 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://onechoiceonelifelife.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.



# 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

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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  
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.**



**Would you like  
to be a  
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Helper?**



**Do you have  
some spare time?**

Volunteers are needed to assist our senior parishioners and those in need in the following ways:

- Visit and wellness checks
- Run errands to pick up medicine or do some grocery shopping
- Rides to doctor appointments, banks,
- haircut appointment or other errands

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(708) 326-9312 or [dhungeford@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dhungeford@stmarymokena.org)**



## 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,  
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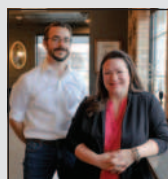


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