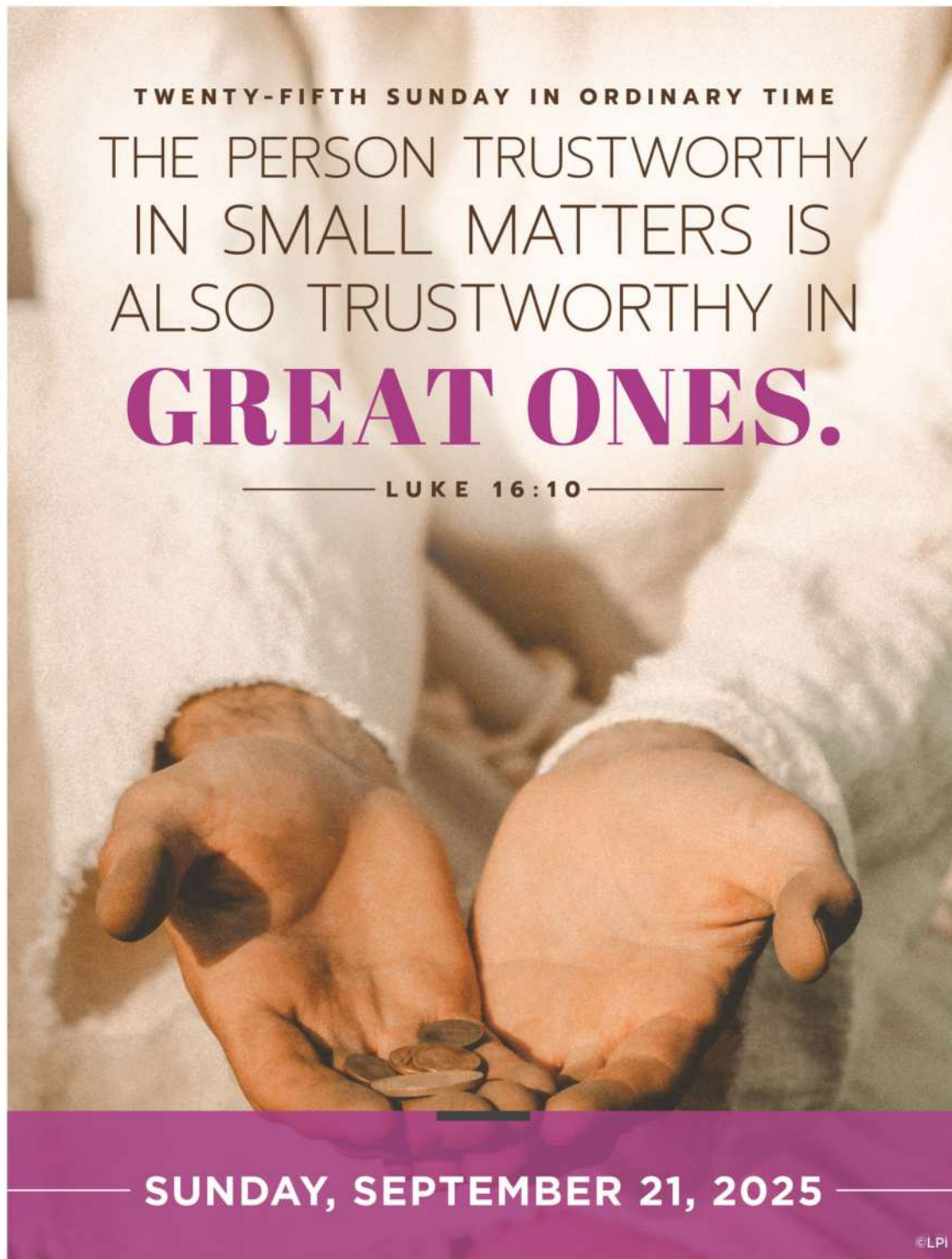


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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

***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.

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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

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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.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 22

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00p.m. K of C Blood Drive Set Up
 1:00 p.m. K of C Blood Drive
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, September 23

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (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 (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. Roses of Mary (Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting (Lourdes)

Wednesday, September 24

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Church Hall)
 2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. The Search Launch (Guadalupe)

Thursday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. St. Peregrine Devotion (St. Mary Chapel)
 7:00 p.m. Behold (Church)

Friday, September 26

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, September 27

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 1:15 p.m. Church Hall and Chapel Reserved
 2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, September 28

40 Days for Life Altar Call

Donut Sunday

7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
 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. The Search 2025 Fall Launch (Guadalupe)
 12:30p.m. Baptism (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Baptism Prep (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

IN HONOR OF THE
FEAST OF
ST. FRANCIS OF
ASSISI
(OCTOBER 4TH)




ST. MARY
ANNUAL
PET BLESSING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
12:30 P.M. CHURCH LAWN

All Pets Welcome!











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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 22

8:00am: Ed Paszeltan

Tuesday, September 23

8:00am: Barbara Kurczewski, Mary Ann Cullen,
The Ernest family, Stephania Barlog, Elizabeth
Plaza

Wednesday, September 24

7:30am: Patrick Flaherty

8:30am: Luz Sanchez, David Heniff

Thursday, September 25

8:00am: Enrico Russo

Friday, September 26

8:00am: Raefala Flores

Saturday, September 27

8:00am: The Dudek Family

5:00pm: Joseph Rubino, John Sullivan Jr., John
Sauerbier, Linda Kurtz, Marge Vanvleet, Rose
Grunhard, Phil Gurgone, Mary Jane Dulevich

Sunday, September 28

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Pat Knoerzer

11:00am: Wayne Sobota

6:00pm: Patty Alberts

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'Gradney, 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, Barbra Rusin, Joseph Santiago, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Marie Shaw, Wendy Sifuentes, 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

The O'Donnell family,
The Joyce family,
The Haag family,
The Randall family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

DOROTHY THERESE MARKASOVIC,
SOPHIA MAE CANDARI

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES



**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, ANG
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
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SSG August Pintarro, USA
PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF
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LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
Maj Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
CPT Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
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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've been thinking a lot about the recent canonizations in Rome and wanted to share a few reflections. Many of us watched the event online and witnessed a powerful moment of grace and hope for the Church. During his homily, Pope Leo spoke beautifully about Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. He emphasized that holiness is accessible and meant to be lived in everyday life, especially through the examples of these two new saints. Pope Leo reminded us that *the saints show us how not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces*. One line that really hit me was when he said: *the greatest risk in life is to waste it outside of God's plan*.

These two new saints lived that message in such a real way. St. Carlo Acutis, who loved the Eucharist and used technology to share his faith, once said: *In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint*. This is a good reminder to all of us that holiness can continue to grow in our everyday lives. St. Pier Giorgio Frassati is known for his ability to serve the poor and create strong friendships. The Pope recalled how St. Pier Giorgio is often associated with the word "*Upwards*," referring to a famous photo of him climbing a mountain. This image beautifully expresses his constant striving toward God.

Neither of these new saints were looking for attention or praise. They did not waste their youth chasing comfort or success. They simply lived with joy and faithfulness. They had the courage to follow Christ and let Him guide their lives. That's what holiness is all about. It's not about being perfect but staying faithful in the small things each day. Whether it's at work, at home, or helping someone nearby, we are all called to take small steps of love and fidelity.

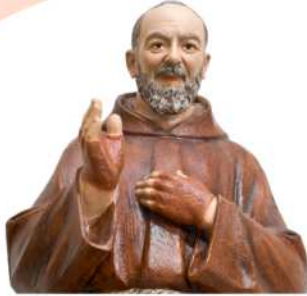
As we keep walking together in faith here at St. Mary, I really hope that the examples of St. Carlo and St. Pier Giorgio can encourage us all to live with that same boldness and joy. So let us try to say yes to God's will, one moment at a time. God bless you all.

"Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church"

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

THE FEAST DAY OF
St. Padre Pio
 IS SEPTEMBER 23RD.



St. Padre Pio was a Capuchin Franciscan Friar, who suffered much through his life – both physically and spiritually.

From his childhood, St. Pio felt himself called to God. Because of this, **St. Pio is the patron saint of adolescents.**

St. Pio was also a **stigmatist**. This means that – miraculously – St. Pio received the same **five wounds of Christ** during the Crucifixion: one wound on each of hand and foot, and a wound in the side.

St. Pio once said: **“Pray, hope, and don’t worry.”** He always trusted in God.

PRAYER FOR TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

O LORD, WE ASK FOR A BOUNDLESS CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN YOUR DIVINE MERCY, AND THE COURAGE TO ACCEPT THE CROSSES AND SUFFERINGS WHICH BRING IMMENSE GOODNESS TO OUR SOULS AND THAT OF YOUR CHURCH. HELP US TO LOVE YOU WITH A PURE AND CONTRITE HEART, AND TO HUMBLE OURSELVES BENEATH YOUR CROSS, AS WE CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN OF HOLINESS, CARRYING OUR CROSS THAT LEADS TO HEAVENLY GLORY. MAY WE RECEIVE YOU WITH GREAT FAITH AND LOVE IN HOLY COMMUNION, AND ALLOW YOU TO ACT IN US AS YOU DESIRE FOR YOUR GREATER GLORY. O JESUS, MOST ADORABLE HEART AND ETERNAL FOUNTAIN OF DIVINE LOVE, MAY OUR PRAYER FIND FAVOR BEFORE THE DIVINE MAJESTY OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

Encourage young adolescents to grow closer to Christ – St. Mary’s new Junior High Youth Ministry starts this Thursday: September 25th!

September 27 - September 28: Twenty-sixth 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	Bridget Barron	Joan Aust Bob Jostes	Guy Cesario Stan Nowak	John Brett Bob Cornejo	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Andy Lihosit	Joan Aust Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo Stefanie Walthier	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Frank Dundek Sally Harper	Michael Crowley Bob Meyers Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Heidi Adducci Siena Adducci James Nowak
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Rosamund Cotton Avery McNamara NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Frankie Fulton Silas Kuboushek Theo Kuboushek Logan Raimondi	Josh Barger Natalie Galka Ryan Gross NOT FILLED	McKenna Griffin Daniela Lacny Finn McInerney
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.



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

High School Youth Ministry

**September 28th
Donut Sunday!
High school helpers
sign up here.**



**Next Meeting October 5th at
7pm**

Junior High Youth Ministry (6th-8th Grade)

**Our first event is Thursday, Sept 25th 6-
7:30pm in the Church Hall. Scan the QR code
to fill out our information survey for this
school year!**



More info contact Matt Jung at mjung@stmarymokena.org



All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 **CALLED TO MORE:** **THE ADVENTURE OF** **DISCIPLESHIP**



Join us for our 8th Anniversary!

Fr. Joe Gasta will lead a discussion on what it means to be a disciple, the virtues needed for this journey, and how to live our lives for Christ.

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



PRAY FOR THE
PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN



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Giving with Grace

Support our ministries this fall through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for
September 14th

Online Giving	\$11,523.40
Envelopes	\$18,138.05
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Budget \$34,000

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Wedding
Consolidation
Announcement

September 27th

Samuel Beyer and
Abigail Casey

Behold

JOIN US FOR OUR
MONTHLY HOLY
HOUR, FILLED WITH
REFLECTIONS AND
MUSIC.

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25TH
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**



Women's Welcome Weekend

formerly Christ Renews His Parish

NOVEMBER 8 & 9
everything
beautiful

This incredible one and a half day renewal weekend will help restore balance, rediscover the peace of Christ, connect you with other women, and renew your relationship with God.

This weekend is for women of all ages!

Get ready for a weekend of good food: we provide Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Free registration at

www.stmarymokena.org/welcome

Limited space available.

Email Danielle with any questions,
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org
or call the parish office, (708) 326-9300.



Roses of Mary

St. Mary Parish's
Young Women's Ministry

Young women ages 18 to 39 are invited to
join a six-part video and discussion series
from FORMED on

True Reformers:
Saints of the Catholic Reformation

Tuesdays | 7:00PM | Church Hall
First Session (Sept. 23rd): St. Thomas More

Join us as we learn about saints from the past to
better understand the present!

Walk-ins welcome! Contact Erica at

esestak@stmarymokena.org with questions!

St. Peregrine DEVOTION AND HEALING SERVICE

PATRON OF THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH
CANCER OR ANY INCURABLE DISEASE
OR CONDITION

25
SEPTEMBER

6:30PM
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
SIDE CHAPEL

JOIN US EVERY LAST
THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FOR ST. PEREGRINE
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS.
ST. PEREGRINE,
PRAY FOR US!

NEXT PEREGRINE DEVOTION:
OCTOBER 30



Hey, young adults!

Looking for ways to
get involved and meet
people this fall?
Check these out.



SAMUEL GROUP DIOCESE OF JOLIET YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-35

- Samuel Group gives participants the necessary tools for vocational discernment and other major life decisions.
- Monthly sessions from October-April include Adoration, Mass, Confession, and talks focusing on topics such as prayer, vocation to marriage and consecrated life, and more.

[catechesis.diojoliet.org/
young-adult-ministry](http://catechesis.diojoliet.org/young-adult-ministry)



@catholc.sports

Registration for basketball and
soccer leagues at
ilcatholicsports.leagueapps.com/



YA Frassati Fellowship

Chicago Southwest Suburbs | Ages 18-39

Bible studies, GroupMe chat, events, all to help young adults become disciples of Jesus Christ, cultivate more involvement in His Church, and connect with peers on the pilgrimage to Sainthood.

@yafrassatifellowship
linktr.ee/yafrassatifellowship



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.



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Professionals

Live and share your Catholic faith in
the workplace—and find deeper
friendships along the way!

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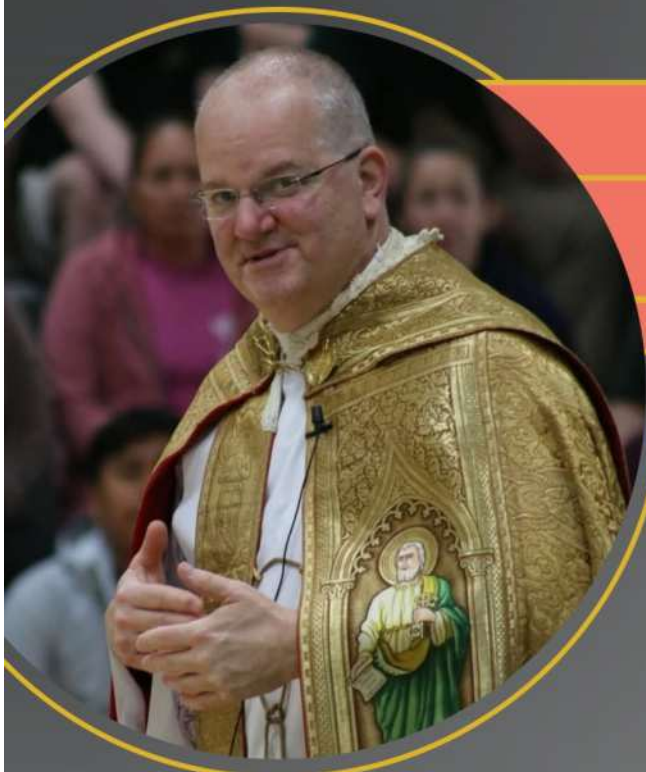
Session 1



DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Office of Mission

Do you love your Catholic faith? Let's talk about it!
Join parishioners from around the Diocese of Joliet
for a chance to practice sharing your faith!



Special Guest

Bishop Dennis Spies

Diocese of Joliet Auxiliary Bishop



7 October 2025



7:00 PM – END



Blanchette Catholic Center



Register Using the QR Code



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

Our Sacred Music Department is looking for new voices!

I am happy to announce that the Adult and Children's Choir have resumed singing for various liturgies at St. Mary! The Children's Choir sings once a month at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass, and at the weekly school Mass. The Adult Choir usually sings at the 9:30 am Mass, alternating with the Children's Choir. Both choirs have eagerly prepared a variety of music that will draw us all closer to God.

Additionally, I am also looking for more voices to join the Adult Choir. If you love to sing, you would be perfect for this ministry! We sing a variety of different styles of music, from traditional hymns and chant to other sacred songs that deepen our prayer, lifting our hearts to God. Being part of the choir is not only a way to serve the parish, but also a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, community, and spiritual growth.

Rehearsals take place on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. We would love to welcome new voices into our choir family! If anyone is interested in joining either choir please see me after one of the weekend Masses!

Sincerely,
Joseph Berardi
Director of Sacred Music



Grandparent's DAY

We celebrated a very special Grandparents Day with Mass, celebrated by Fr. Joe, with our grandparents and families. Afterward, students showed their grandparents around their classrooms and the school, followed by snacks and refreshments in the lunchroom.



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



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



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

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

Thank you Breakfast Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
8:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL
FOLLOWING THE 8:00 A.M. MASS

- WE WILL REVIEW PROCEDURES & ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
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Saturday, October 18
Access Clinic
1700 75th St.
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Tuesday, October 28
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The Council of Catholic Women

The next **General Meetings** will be
Thursday, September 18
6:30 p.m. in the
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The St. Mary Widow & Widower's Club

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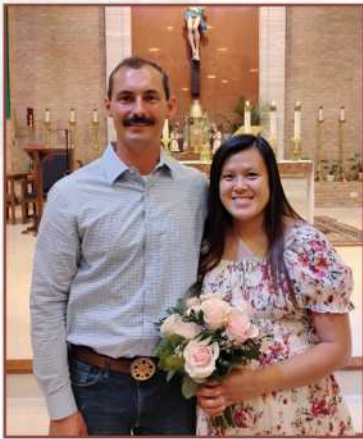


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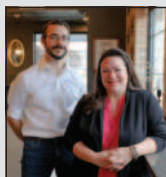
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