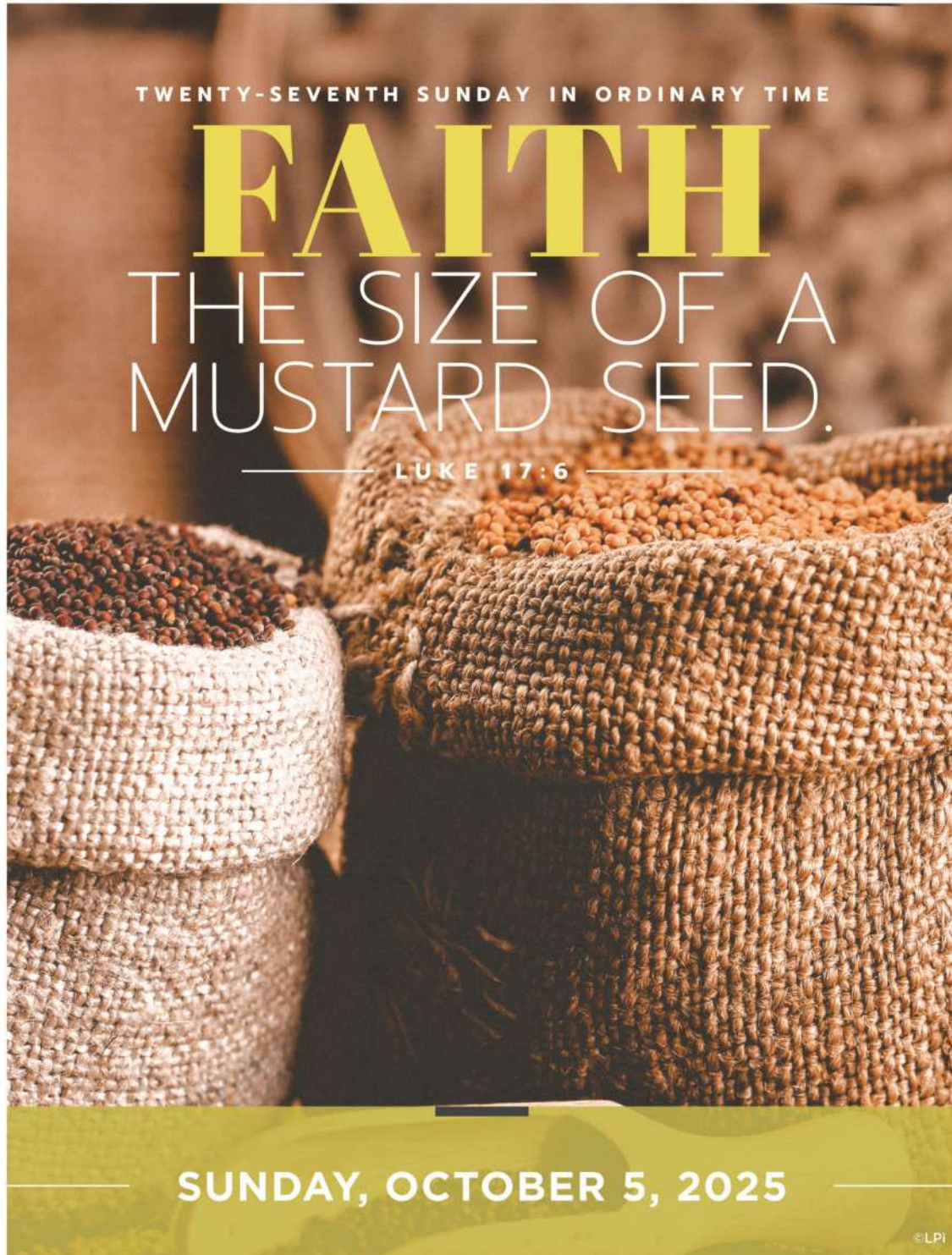


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN - DOOR #3**OFFICE HOURS:****MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY****8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.****PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Joe Gasta

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Welbert Suarez

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

ADORATIONPerpetual 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 Kevin Plankinton

Deacon Dave Stanton

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dbernas@stmarymokena.org**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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 6

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)
- 4:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Guadalupe and Lourdes)
- 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Lourdes)
- 6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)
- 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, October 7

- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
- 7:00 p.m. Roses of Mary (Fatima)

Wednesday, October 8

- 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 (Guadalupe and Lourdes)
- 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
- 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
- 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
- 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)

Thursday, October 9

- 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. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry (Fatima)
- 6:00 p.m. Monica's Mission (Side Chapel)

Friday, October 10

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. Minister of Care Breakfast Set Up (Guadalupe)

Saturday, October 11

- 7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 8:30 a.m. Minister of Care/Homebound Helper Breakfast (Guadalupe)
- 1:00 p.m. Reserved for Wedding (Church Hall & Chapel)
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, October 5

- 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)
- 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!







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
Next Session (Oct. 7th): St. Philip Neri

**Come learn about the patron saint of humor,
whose heart physically grew out of love for God!**

**Walk-ins welcome. Contact Erica at
esestak@stmarymokena.org with questions.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 6

8:00am: Mary Ann Cullen

Tuesday, October 7

8:00am: Diana Dilger, Carolyn Reils, Dennis Panozzo, Mary Farhat

Wednesday, October 8

7:30am: Parishioners of St. Mary

8:30am: Wayne Sobota

Thursday, October 9

8:00am: Remi Benkowski

Friday, October 10

8:00am: Joan Browne

Saturday, October 11

8:00am: Adeline Sestak

5:00pm: Bill Dorans, James G. Emerson, Michael Maher, Billy Power, Sam Gurgone, Carol Thompson, Tyler Camodeca, Sean Cassiday

Sunday, October 12

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Margaret Unton

11:00am: Ray Stair

6:00pm: Terry McGuinness

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, Rich Milkieris, 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 Santago, 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 Yeager

May God grant them healing!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

FREDERICK ARTHUR MONDT

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Walter Zoberis,
James Burke

*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 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
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!

This past week, Fr. Welbert and I had the privilege to attend our very first Priests' Convocation in the Diocese of Joliet. It was a truly inspiring and spiritually refreshing experience.

The convocation brought together priests from all over the diocese for a few days of prayer, reflection, and time together. We were warmly welcomed by our brother priests, and especially by our own Bishop Ronald Hicks, whose kind words and presence really set a warm and welcoming tone. It was great to feel that sense of unity and shared purpose with so many others who are also serving God's people.

One of the key moments was hearing Bishop Hicks' pastoral letter on evangelization. It was a strong reminder of the mission we all share: *to bring the good news of Jesus to the people in our parishes and beyond*. We also heard from different speakers who shared helpful ideas and stories about parish life and ministry.

Some of the most meaningful moments came from the personal stories shared by our fellow priests. Listening to their experiences, struggles, and joys reminded us of how the Holy Spirit is at work in each of our lives and in the lives of those we serve. These stories also made it clear how much we rely on God's grace and on the support of the people we serve.

Moving forward, as we thank God for the gift of the priesthood in our diocese, I humbly ask you to keep all of us priests in your prayers. We need your prayers more than you know. The mission is beautiful, but it can also be heavy at times. Your prayers give us strength, hope, and the grace to keep going. So, I humbly ask you: pray for us and walk with us. We are in this together, and with your support, we can continue to serve with faith, joy, and love. God bless!

"Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church"

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

**ST. MARY'S CO-DIRECTOR OF LITURGY
JOHN BRETT IS PREPARING TO BE A
PERMANENT DEACON!**

JOIN US FOR THE

Rite of Lector Mass

TO HELP SUPPORT HIM
AND THE REST OF THE CLASS OF 2027!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
7:00 PM**

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
BY BISHOP DENNIS SPIES.**

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE HALL
SPONSORED BY THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE CLASS OF 2029.

Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop
Hicks' new pastoral letter,
MAKE, to discover how you
and your loved ones can live as
disciples and help make other
disciples in your community.



MAKE.diojoliet.org



MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the **Diocese of Joliet**

October 4 - October 5: Twenty-seventh 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 Andrea Taylor	Guy Cesario Mary Frances Consola	SMS Student1 SMS Student2	Roberta Dreifke Art Wilson	YM Lector
Eucharistic Minister	John Mitoraj Sue Murphy Lora Oldham Karen Sayon	Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Nancy Santry Christine Weeks	Joe Austin Lin Austin Frank Dundek Pam Sanders	Sally Harper Remo Lucci Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Seamus McGarry Avery McNamara NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	David Heitman Gerard Sima NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lucas Pilon Noah Pilon Henry Valente Lucas Valente	Caleb Marietta Christopher Pienkos Cody Pienkos NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden Caitlin Eiden Gretchen Eiden
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Maurice Helm Mark Miron James Palermo Joe Toman	Chris Cichowicz Ed Dorey Rich Gavillet Roy Mueller	John Delladio Ed Dorey Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia Phillip Sparacino	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	YM Usher 1 YM Usher 2 YM Usher 3 NOT FILLED
Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	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, 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

God Bless Our
New Parishioners

The Cortese family,
The Bokun family,
The Rispoli family,
Ms. Hope Esposito



Wedding
Banns

October 11th

Matthew Payton and
Kyla Frain

Giving+

Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace

Support our ministries this fall
through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for
September 28th

Online Giving	\$11,514.90
Envelopes	\$17,469.57
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	\$28,984.47

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

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.
Scan the QR
Code



SMP High School & Junior High Youth Ministries Present



Rosary by the Fire



October 12th 7pm in the Marian Garden

**Join us for a night of prayer,
community, and chili dogs.**

All parishioners are welcome!



Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

ADULT FAITH

MOMS Podcast Club

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

**Thursday, October 30
9:30 am**

in the Church Hall
Season 3, Episode 8

"Family, Trauma, and Honoring Your Father and Mother with Brya Hanan"

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

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.



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.

Monica's Mission

ALL ARE INVITED TO:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

ADORATION

6:00 P.M. IN THE SIDE CHAPEL

OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

THE FEAST DAY OF
St. Francis of Assisi
 IS CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 4TH.

St. Francis of Assisi was born to a wealthy Italian merchant family in the late 12th century, and lived in a sinful manner in his youth. After hearing God's voice, St. Francis slowly spent more time in prayer. God then told him, "**Francis, repair my Church.**"

This led to St. Francis' decision to choose poverty and peace in his pure pursuit of God.

From then on, St. Francis encouraged people to return to God and His Church, during a period of scandal. Others who sought God followed St. Francis' way of life: brotherhood by following the Gospel. From this, the Franciscans were born.

This view of brotherhood – that **all living beings are God's creation** – is how St. Francis became the patron saint of animals.

His view of peace in God also brought us the Prayer for Peace. This prayer follows St. Francis' understanding of life and his desire to follow God as seen through the Gospel.



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (PRAYER FOR PEACE)

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF
 YOUR PEACE:

WHERE THERE IS HATRED,
 LET ME SOW LOVE;
 WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;
 WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;
 WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;
 WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;
 WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT
 I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK
 TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE,
 TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND,
 TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.
 FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,
 IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED,
 AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO
 ETERNAL LIFE.

Honor St. Francis and his love of God's creation by joining us for our annual Pet Blessing this Sunday (October 5th)!

**Dear Community Partner,**

On October 24, 2025, St. Mary Catholic School is hosting our 4th Annual Fun Run, and we wish you to become a sponsor. Your support is crucial in helping us provide an enriching, Christ-centered education for our students. This year, the funds raised will go towards continuing building enhancements.

Why Sponsor the Fun Run?

Your support benefits every student at St. Mary School in Mokena, a non-profit Catholic institution dedicated to excellence and spiritual growth. The Fun Run is a celebration of school spirit, bringing together families, faculty, and local supporters for a day of fitness, fun, and fellowship. Thanks to generous sponsors like you, last year's event raised over \$50,000 for curriculum enhancements, teacher development, and student resources.

Sponsorship Opportunities**Run! — \$1000 Donation**

- Logo on event T-shirts worn by students, staff, and volunteers
- Featured on 99pledges.com fundraising site
- Prominent placement on event welcome signage
- Advertising board placement around the track
- One-year gym banner display
- Recognition in the St. Mary Catholic Church bulletin

Jog! — \$500 Donation

- Logo on event welcome signage
- Advertising board placement around the track
- One-year gym banner display
- Featured on the 99pledges.com fundraising site
- Recognition in the St. Mary Catholic Church bulletin

Walk! — \$200 Donation

- Logo on event welcome signage
- Logo included on materials distributed to participants
- Inclusion on the Fun Run page of 99pledges.com
- Recognition in the St. Mary Catholic Church bulletin

If you have any questions or would like to confirm your sponsorship, please contact one of our Fun Run Committee members Bryan Bishop 708-299-6260, Anna Carmine 708-305-7972, Bill Johnson 708-473-5749 or via email smsfunrun@stmarymokena.org. October 3rd deadline to have company logo on fun run tee shirts.

Thank you for your support,

SMS School Board Dr. Michele Engelman - Principal Mrs. Michelle Huizinga - Assistant Principal



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Doors Open 6:30 pm

First Roll 7:00 pm

Church Hall

**RESERVE EARLY!
TABLE OF 4 - \$60**

*You don't need a table of four to play!
Everyone will be divided up into tables
and will rotate throughout the evening.*



Breast Cancer has touched many of us and we come together in honor of all the women, those who lost their battle and those that are survivors, to help raise funds so that scientists may continue to research and eradicate this disease in the near future.

Come with a friend, a family member, your Bunco group, fellow parishioner or come on your own. **This event is a great way to meet new friends as the tables rotate throughout the evening. Bunco is very easy to learn and follow, we teach everyone how to play before we start playing for the night.**

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

**Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Appetizers,
Split the Pot, Amazing Raffle Baskets and Prizes**

Be sure to bring cash to purchase Split the Pot, Raffle Basket Tickets and drinks!

Yes, I will attend the St Mary PTC Bunco for Breast Cancer fundraising event!!

Fee is \$20.00 per person, or \$60.00 for a table of 4. Please make checks payable to St Mary PTC.
Please return completed form to the school office, attention: Missy Biondo.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

I cannot attend, enclosed is my donation of _____ to the St Mary PTC Bunco for Breast Cancer event.

This is a PTC sponsored event, 100% of the proceeds from this evening go to
The Breast Cancer Research Foundation!





Religious Education

Service Opportunity

Looking for an opportunity to help your community? Here is a great chance to get your family involved!



BY
OCT.
23RD

Hat and Glove drive for kids

- Collecting NEW Hats and Gloves for kids to keep warm this winter
- Please drop off your donations at the RE office inside door 3 by Oct. 23rd



re@stmarymokena.org

QUESTIONS?: 708-326-9352



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



**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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Pro-Life Testimony

When Ramona Trevino served as the manager of a Planned Parenthood facility in Sherman, Texas, she thought she was doing good.

"I thought I was helping women who were underinsured and in poverty, and I thought this was an alternative right – that this was a way they could receive healthcare that was affordable," she said. "It became more evident as the years passed that that's not what we were about."

Trevino said she realized that her work with Planned Parenthood – ostensibly directed at women – was often targeted at teenage girls, including one as young as 12, who came to the clinic for birth control. "I know on the surface that doesn't sound like such a big deal," Trevino said, "but it is, because they are living a life of promiscuity, living irresponsibly, and when the birth control fails, they come back with their parents to seek advice."

Trevino remembered that God was tugging at her heart but she remained employed at Planned Parenthood.

Then several years ago, Trevino encountered a group of people who peacefully prayed for the conversion of hearts during a **40 Days for Life campaign** in her home state. The public witness of those at the vigil had a profound effect on Trevino. On day 3 of that campaign, she approached one of the praying women and asked for help, stating she did not want to work there anymore. She ultimately left her post and now is a national pro-life advocate for 40 Days for Life, returning to her Catholic faith.

She shares her message whenever she can:

"We're out on the sidewalk, we are placing our trust and we are surrendering to Jesus because we have no idea of the impact we are making on those around us, those who work inside these facilities, the women who are going in," she said. "We will never know the effect, and we're not meant to know because we would be so tempted to glorify ourselves and not glorify God, who deserves all the glory."



**Father Joe will join
us on
October 28th!**

Sign up for a different day or
get more information by visiting
40daysforlife.com/flossmoor

**Help save lives in your local
community!**

Join the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee
as we pray at the following locations:

Saturday, October 18 - 9:30 a.m.

Access Clinic

1700 75th St.

Downers Grove

Tuesday, October 28 - 9:30 a.m.

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Please gather with us as unified followers of Christ!

Flyers/reminders can be picked up in the Narthex.

Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m. We welcome new members and new ideas!

Young at Heart Club

2025 Luau and live music featuring the Ukulele Moonshiners!





The Council of Catholic Women

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The next **Board Meeting** will be
Wednesday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the
Church Hall, Fatima Room

The next **General Meeting** will be Thursday,
October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall,
Guadalupe Room



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

The next **Council Meeting** will be
Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.
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The St. Mary Widow & Widower's Club

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**Contact Jan Homolka if you are interested in
joining this group janhomolka@yahoo.com**



St. Stephen's Seniors Young at Heart Club is hosting an afternoon with the Rat Pack

Date: Sunday, October 12, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: St. Stephen Parish Life Center
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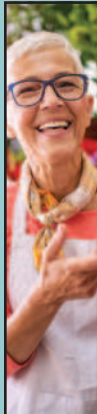


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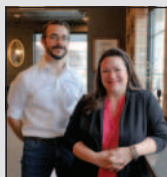


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