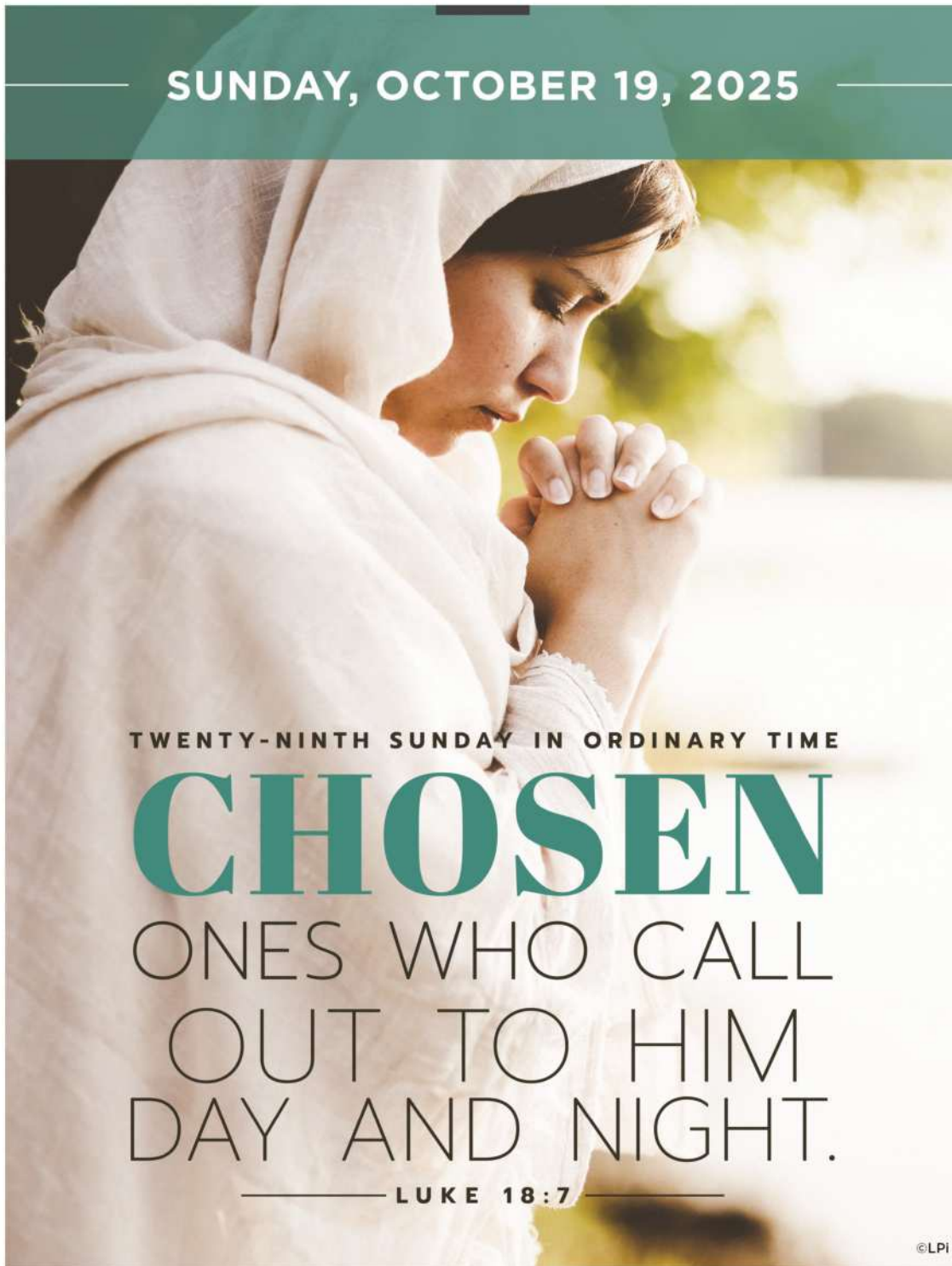


# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## CHOSEN

ONES WHO CALL  
OUT TO HIM  
DAY AND NIGHT.

LUKE 18:7

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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

**\*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

**LAUDS;**

7:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings

**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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**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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Monday, October 20

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting (Guadalupe)  
 6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

### Tuesday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting (Guadalupe)  
 4:00 p.m. Bunco Set Up (Church Hall All)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)  
 5:00 p.m. RE Rosary (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7&8 (Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. Bunco for Breast Cancer (Church Hall All)  
 7:00 p.m. RE Rosary (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (School Cafeteria)

### Wednesday, October 22

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)  
 2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
 5:00 p.m. RE Rosary (Church)  
 6:00 p.m. Men's Retreat Meeting (Fatima)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7&8 (Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)  
 7:00 p.m. RE Rosary (Classrooms)

### Thursday, October 23

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
 5:00 p.m. RE Rosary (Church)

### Friday, October 24

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 3:00 p.m. Jr. High Social (Church Hall All)

### Saturday, October 25

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 10:30a.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast Set Up (Guadalupe)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### Sunday, October 26

#### K of C Pancake Breakfast after all Masses(Guadalupe)

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 (Guadalupe)  
 1:00p.m. Baptism Prep (Church)  
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

St. Mary Parish will start  
 celebrating

# First Friday Masses

as part of the First Friday Devotion  
 to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**First Mass: Friday, November 7th  
 12:00 PM**

The First Friday Devotion consists of:

- Receiving Communion on the First Friday of each month for nine Fridays in a row
- Offering Communion in honor of Christ's Sacred Heart and in reparation for the sins committed against His Sacred Heart



*Congratulations to the  
 Mondt family on the  
 baptism of their son  
 Frederick Arthur*

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 20

8:00am: Diana Nash

### Tuesday, October 21

8:00am: Concetta Martikonis, Ron Tamer, Kathleen Doherty, The Farhat family

### Wednesday, October 22

7:30am: Raymond Mooi Jr.

8:30am: Adeline Sestak

### Thursday, October 23

8:00am: Edward and Jane Wiora

### Friday, October 24

8:00am: Barbra Noone

### Saturday, October 25

8:00am: Diana Nash

5:00pm: Joseph Rubino, Frank Borich, Peter Prancus, Jack and Kristina Finn, Lorraine Oswald, Rick Powers, Brian Wagner, Leonard Kuboushek

### Sunday, October 26

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Helen Perry

11:00am: Bob and Babe Podlasek

6:00pm: Dominick Mase Narcissi

#### 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 Drobnick, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, John Finilli, 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, Joseph Kurczewski, 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 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, 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, Kathleen Yonker

**May God grant them healing!**

Please Pray for our Faithfully  
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Mary Lubert  
Milagros Limpin

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

God Bless Our  
New Parishioners

The Grant family,  
The Lingle family,  
The Valtierra 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	SSG August Pintarro, USA
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC	PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
Capt Lukasz Bokun, ANG	E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF
Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF	Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC
TSgt Loretta Caplinger, USAF	MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN
E3 Colette Gagen, USN	CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR
ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG	LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN
PFC Noah Genz, USA	Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA	LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
MIDN Isabella Judeh, USMMA	Maj Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA	CPT Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
PV3 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
Cpl John P. Morrison, USMC	PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF	MAJ Bryan Welch, USA
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF	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 I've shared with you before, we Rogationists have a special mission in the Church: *to pray for and to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life*. This is at the very heart of who we are, and it comes straight from the words of Jesus: *The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest. (Mt 9:37-38)* I am really thankful that as a parish, we've already taken this mission to heart especially through our simple prayer: *Send, O Lord, holy apostles into Your Church*. Every time we say these words, we are not just saying a nice line, we are asking God from the heart to touch the lives of young men and women, and to call them to follow Him as priests or religious sisters and brothers.

But prayer is only part of it. We also need to stay open and to pay attention. Perhaps someone you know: your son, daughter, grandchild, sibling or friend has felt a quiet stirring in their heart a longing to serve God more deeply. These are sacred signs that God may be calling. If someone in your family expresses a desire to explore a vocation, support them, encourage them, walk with them and pray for them. Please don't be a stumbling block to God's invitation in their lives. Instead, be their first source of strength and joy as they discern the will of God.

And if you're a young person reading this, if you've felt something in your heart, something pulling you, don't ignore it. God often speaks in quiet ways, and He could be inviting you to something beautiful and bigger than yourself. Don't be afraid. Feel free to approach us, your priests. We are here to listen, guide, and help you discern. We can also connect you to our Vocations Director in the Diocese who can walk with you in this beautiful journey of discovery.

Let's keep praying together as a parish: *Send, O Lord, holy apostles into Your Church*. And as we pray, let's be open, supportive, and ready for the new vocations God is calling, maybe right here in our own community. God bless!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ  
Pastor

# TITANS WITH INTEGRITY

Dr. Engelman, Mrs. Huizinga, Fr. Joe and Fr. Welbert recognized our "Titans with Integrity" students for September. These students exemplified faith, character, and respect, living out the virtues we value at SMS.

**Congratulations, Titans!**

**Titans with Integrity: Michael W., Hayden S., Annie W., Rosie N., Kylee E., Ellie W., Charlie D., Michael V., Adeline W., Evelyn P., Charleigh R., Dominic C., Frankie F., Juliette P., Renata M., Vinny E., Michael C., Patrick M., Erin V.**



## October 25 - October 26: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, 6:00 PM</b>
Lector	Bridget Barron Andrea Taylor	Midge Saunders Alice Wierzbinski	Bob Cornejo Stan Nowak	John Brett Sean Gleason	Robert Langton
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski Sue Murphy	Joan Aust Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Stefanie Walthier	Joe Austin Lin Austin Frank Grobmeier Gretchen Nenn	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Elin Rose Coyle Kate Coyle Avery McNamara NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin David Heitman NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Frankie Fulton Grace Fulton June Fulton Silas Kuboushek Theo Kuboushek	Christopher Pienkos Cody Pienkos NOT FILLED 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 Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia Phillip Sparacino	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Gabriella Carens Linda Drake Maggie Knable NOT FILLED
Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	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.*



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**Doors Open 6:30 pm  
First Roll 7:00 pm  
Church Hall**

**Roll the dice.  
Beat the odds.**

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.

**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.*

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!





Saint Mary  
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to join us for our next meeting  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**



# SALVATION

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Deacon Pete Manning will lead us in a reflection and discussion of Salvation.

**8am Mass - 10:30am**  
**St. Mary, Mokena**  
**Church Hall**

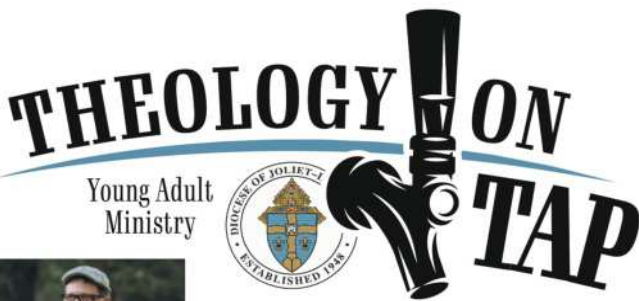
Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!  
SMPmensministry@gmail.com

# THE SOLEMNITY OF *All Saints Day*

(Saturday, November 1st)

is NOT a  
Holy Day of Obligation  
this year, since the  
Solemnity falls on a  
Saturday.

Mass in honor of All Saints Day  
will still be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.  
on November 1st.



Young Adult  
Ministry



Bring all your friends and join us for  
appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

**Thursday November 6th, 2025**

**Time: 6:30 to 9:00 pm**

**Location: "The Pub" at Coal Ben  
Benedictine Univ Campus  
5580 College Rd, Lisle, IL 60532 \*\*Next to  
Hall of Business"**

**Chris Padgett - Catholic Speaker, Musician, Author, and Comedian.**

Chris Padgett is a popular speaker, musician, and author who has traveled around the world for over two decades giving concerts, talks, parish missions and retreats to all ages about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

Known for his zany sense of humor and his love for books, Chris is a "very zealous" convert to Catholicism. He and his family entered the church on Easter of 1999. He holds a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

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# Giving

**Rooted in Gratitude**  
**Giving with Grace**

**Support our ministries this fall  
through faithful generosity.**

**The Offertory for  
October 12th  
will be shared  
in the next bulletin.**

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

### Online Giving

Give your  
gift today.  
Scan the QR  
Code





# October is the Month of the Rosary

The Rosary is an **important and powerful prayer**, given to us by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself, as a gift to St. Dominic in the early 1200s.

The Rosary was an answer to his prayers for help at the time.

The Rosary has also been a **tool used for protection against any and all foes**. In 1571, a Catholic fleet was being attacked by a strong opponent. St. Pope Pius V asked for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for the fleet's safety and victory. The Catholic fleet won! This victory took place in October of that year. Since then, October has been associated with the Rosary, specifically with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th).

The Rosary initially consisted of **fifteen Mysteries**.

In 2002, St. Pope John Paul II added **five new Mysteries**.

**THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES FOCUS ON CHRIST'S EARTHLY BEGINNING.**

**THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES FOCUS ON CHRIST'S EARTHLY MINISTRY.**

**THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES FOCUS ON CHRIST'S PASSION.**

**THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES FOCUS ON CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH.**

While the Rosary focuses on Christ's life,  
**it begins and ends with our Blessed Mother.**

The first Joyful Mystery is the Annunciation, where our Blessed Mother gave her "yes" to God's plan. The fifth and final Glorious Mystery is the Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven, where she reigns with her Son, Jesus Christ.

**Without our Blessed Mother, Christ's life - and our salvation - would not be possible.**

**Check out St. Mary's new YouTube "Shorts" on the Rosary!  
Visit our channel and be on the lookout for  
new shorts every Friday in October!**

# Support Our Youth Ministry Programs



**October 19<sup>th</sup> All Morning Masses**

**\*While Supplies Last\***

**All proceeds go back to our youth ministry events**



**Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.**

**[mjung@stmarymokena.org](mailto:mjung@stmarymokena.org)**



Youth Ministry

ADULT FAITH

SAVE THE DATE

*Advent*  
BY CANDLELIGHT

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

*We need volunteers to make this evening a success!*

**To be a table decorator**, please contact Michelle Sullivan at (815) 995-0480. Decorators provide table settings for 8, centerpiece, unscented candles, and two bottles of wine.

**To be a baker**, please contact Maria Kavanaugh at (815) 280-3909. Bakers supply 3 dozen small, bite-sized desserts.

*Tickets will be on sale at [www.stmarymokena.org/advent](http://www.stmarymokena.org/advent) beginning November 1.*

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](mailto:DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org)

*Spend time in Jesus' presence at*

**Behold**

Thursday, October 30  
7:00 pm in the Church  
A Night of Prayer, Music,  
Confession and Adoration



USQUE AD MORTEM OBEDIENS FACIUS

*"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."*

*St. Peregrine*  
**DEVOTION AND HEALING SERVICE**


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

**30**  
**OCTOBER**

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

JOIN US EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FOR ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS, AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**ST. PEREGRINE,  
PRAY FOR US!**





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

Limited space available.

Email Danielle with any questions,

[dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org)

or call the parish office, (708) 326-9300.



Save  
the  
Date

St. Mary Mokena



# FAMILY Day

An Opportunity to Grow in Faith at Every Age

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
**12-3 PM**

All parishioners, regardless of age, are warmly invited to an afternoon filled with faith-based activities, a shared meal, and memories made together at St. Mary's! Here's what you can look forward to:

- ✓ Lunch all together as a Parish Family
- ✓ Split into age groups (adult, teen, grade school, and nursery) for an age-appropriate talk or activity
- ✓ End with a communal time of prayer



Registration coming soon!



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
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# All Soul's Day

Sunday, November 2nd

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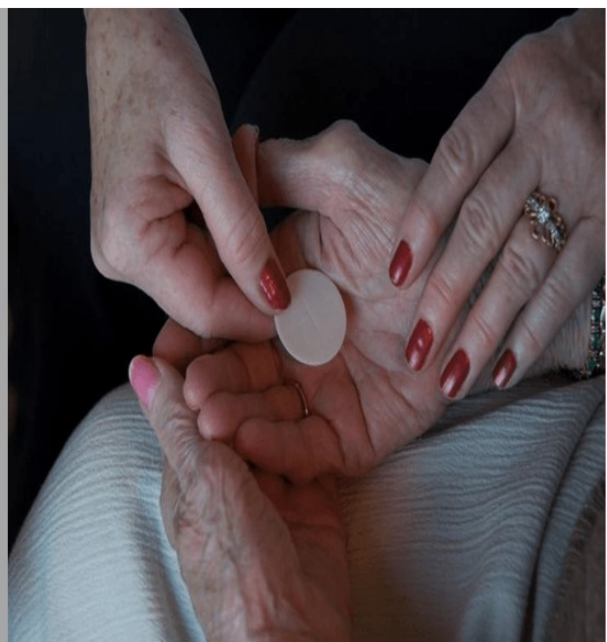
You may take your photo home after the Mass or it can be displayed through Sunday November 9th. (Please be sure your name and phone number are on the back)



## MINISTER OF CARE VISITS

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## Pro-Life Testimony

Texas has some of the strongest [laws protecting unborn children](#) in the nation...while New Mexico has absolutely none. That makes the border between the two states an abortion hotbed. After Roe v. Wade was overturned, abortion facilities from throughout the Southern United States moved just inside the New Mexico state line.

"One [woman] had **traveled from San Antonio to Santa Teresa, crossing state lines in search of an abortion in New Mexico,**" wrote Southwest Coalition for Life CEO and longtime 40 Days for Life leader Mark Cavaliere. But this mom's story has a happy ending, as Mark noted that prayers of 40 Days for Life participants played a role in redirecting the woman to a pregnancy help center, where **she saw her baby on the ultrasound, chose life, received the support she needed to head back home, and got connected with a San Antonio pregnancy help center!**

"We must do more to reach out to these women before they leave Texas, addressing their fears, offering them hope and providing them with life-affirming health care" Mark added.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, Day 15: October 11, 2023



### 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.

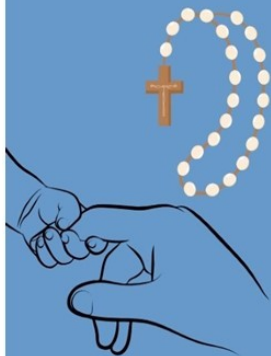
#### Access Clinic

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

#### Flossmoor Planned Parenthood

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Father Joe will join us on  
October 28th!

Sign up for a different day or get more information by visiting [40daysforlife.com/flossmoor](http://40daysforlife.com/flossmoor)

**THE ST. MARY MEN FOR LIFE ROSARY GROUP WILL PRAY AT 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH. ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN US FOR PIZZA AFTERWARDS AT AURELLIO'S IN FRANKFORT**

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





**The Council of Catholic Women**

**CCW Mass of Remembrance**

Sunday, November 2  
8:00 a.m. Mass



The next **Board Meeting** will be Wednesday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room  
The next **General Meeting** will be Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room

The next **Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, October 26 after**  
**all morning Masses in the**  
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**St. Mary's Young at Heart Club**

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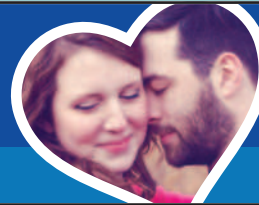
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