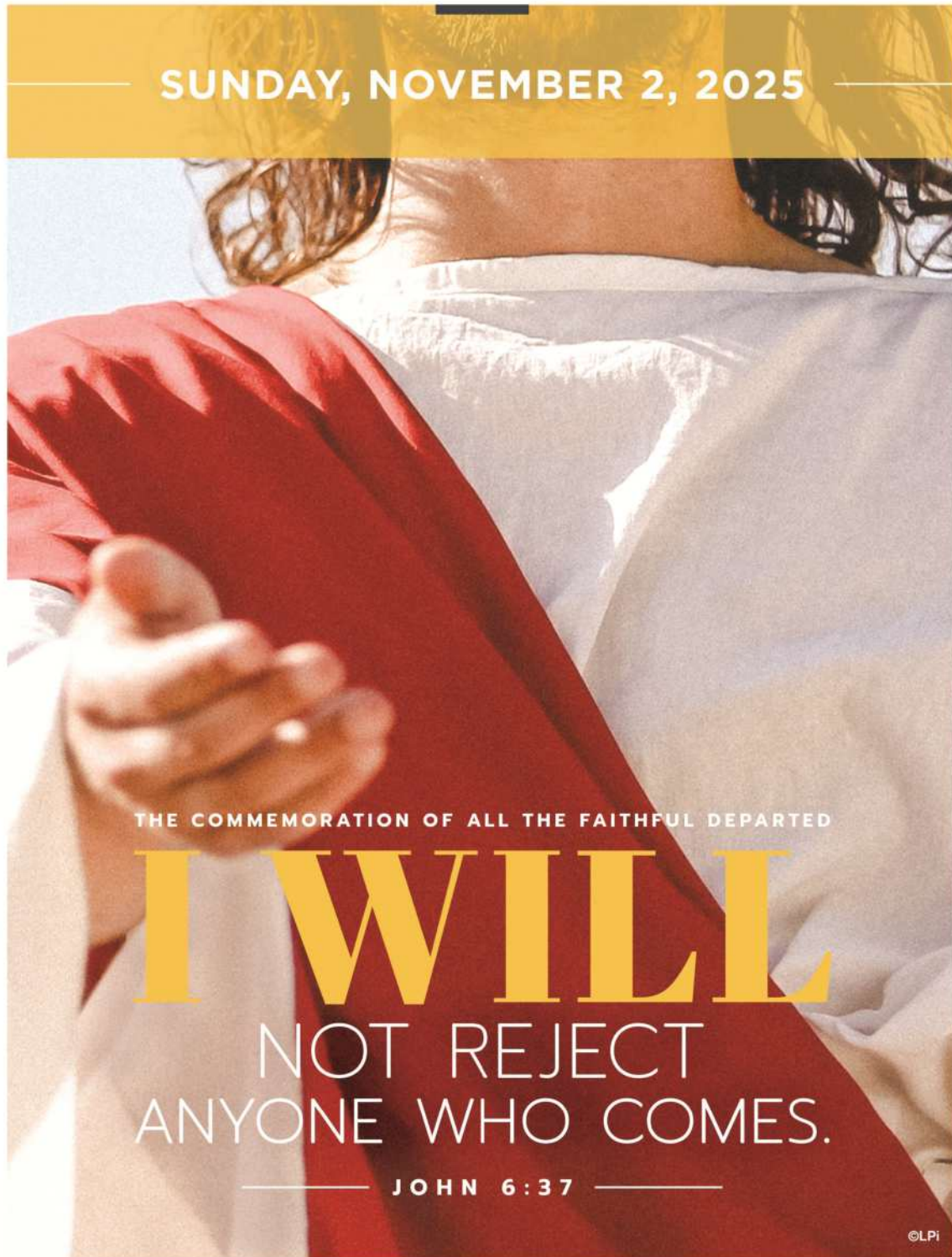


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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

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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Deacon John Rex

Deacon Kevin Plankinton

Deacon Dave Stanton

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RCIA - Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 708-326-9313.**BAPTISMS** - Baptisms are usually scheduled the first and third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptismal preparation class.**MARRIAGES** - Weddings need to be scheduled at least 6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Remember to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please stop in the parish office to begin this process.**REGISTRATION** - New to St. Mary? Please stop in the parish office to complete our registration form or visit our website at www.stmarymokena.org.**ANointing OF THE SICK** - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 3

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)
 5:00 a.m. Cross Country Banquet (Guadalupe)
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Ministry (School Cafeteria)
 6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Welcome Run Through (Guadalupe)

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Deo Gratias Mass (Church)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, November 5

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7&8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)

Thursday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Welcome Set Up (Church Hall All)

Friday, November 7

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:45 a.m. First Friday Devotion (Chapel)
 12:00p.m. First Friday Devotion Mass (Church)
 6:00p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, November 8

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Women's Welcome Weekend (Church Hall All)
 1:15 p.m. Reserved for Wedding (Chapel)
 2:00 p.m. Wedding Mass (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, November 9

7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Women's Welcome Weekend (Church Hall All)
 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)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

JOIN US FOR OUR NEW TIME FOR

ADORATION

FOR INCREASED
 HOLY VOCATIONS TO
 THE PRIESTHOOD
 AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

EVERY FRIDAY

AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS
 FOR 30 MINUTES IN THE MAIN CHURCH.

STARTING THIS FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 7TH).

***Adoration will still take place in the
 Adoration Chapel without change.**



St. Mary Parish will start
 celebrating

First Friday Masses

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

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First Mass: THIS FRIDAY (11/7)
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

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 3

8:00am: Carmine and Marietta Cesario

Tuesday, November 4

8:00am: All souls in purgatory, Phyllis Olsta

Wednesday, November 5

7:30am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

8:30am: Wayne Sobota

Thursday, November 6

8:00am: Carolyn Balich

Friday, November 7

8:00am: Anthony and Mary Frances Consola,
Arnel and Elsie Dumlao-Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, November 8

8:00am: Stephen Heffernan, Maureen Hernon

5:00pm: Dale Grieser, James Hynes, Connie Gurgone

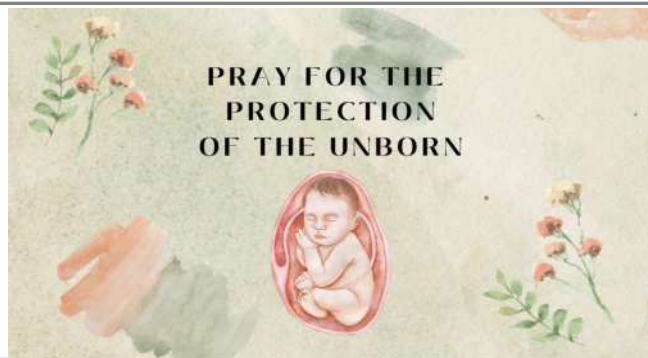
Sunday, November 9

8:00am: Jack Payton

9:30am: Margaret Unton, Paul Kosloskus

11:00am: Linda Rejowski

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 Drobnick, 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, 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



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
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MAJ 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!

Today, I would like us to take a quiet moment to remember those who have gone before us in faith: *our parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and even those forgotten souls who might not have anyone left to pray for them.* We don't do this just because it's a tradition. It's more than that. It's a reminder that we are called to pray for them, and to keep them close in our hearts.

We forget sometimes, don't we? Life gets busy, and we move on. But those prayers we whisper for our loved ones still matter. Every prayer, every Mass offered, and every candle lit is an act of love that never goes to waste.

As we remember them today, let us also think about the good they left behind: *how they loved us, the sacrifices they made, and the kindness they showed.* Many of them taught us how to live well, how to forgive, and how to trust God even when things were hard. Let their memory guide us to live with more love and faith. And you know, this remembering should not just happen once a year. Let's make it part of our daily walk with God: *to pray for those who have passed, to offer Masses for them, to light candles and to quietly say their names in prayer.*

I still remember lighting a candle for my grandparents last November, and I was struck again by how close they still feel. That's the beauty of our faith. Through the Communion of Saints, we are still connected. Death might take them from our sight for a time, but it cannot take away the love that binds us together. So today, and every day, let us keep that connection alive through our memories, our love, and our prayers. *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." Amen.*

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor



MAKE

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

In his first pastoral letter “Make”, Bishop Ronald Hicks encourages all of us to embrace the calling to make disciples. This means that we are meant to transform people into followers of Christ – people who know, love, and serve Him. But we must first make sure that we are followers of Christ, so that we are able to share Him with others.

How are we meant to do this? Bishop Hicks provides us with five simple ways:

- 1) **Conversion:** Bishop Hicks explains that Conversion is a particular moment “when you realize that God is real and not just a theory.” He goes on to explain that it is possible to go through the motions of faith, but not really believe. Conversion is a change of mind and heart, where we truly believe in Christ and are intentional about following Him.
- 2) **Confession:** The Sacrament of Confession is God’s way of bringing us back to Him. Bishop Hicks explains that all of us fall into sin, but Christ’s Death and Resurrection overpowered the effects of sin. By going to Confession, we are able to receive Christ’s grace and “live freely as beloved children of God.”
- 3) **Communion:** The Eucharist (Holy Communion) is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. By receiving the Eucharist, we are, quite literally, able to unite ourselves with Christ Himself, and “we receive the grace and power to go on mission as [Christ’s] disciple-makers.”
- 4) **Commission:** At the end of Mass, we “are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world.” More than just saying that the Mass is over, we are called to live our lives and to do good works in Christ’s name wherever we are.
- 5) **Prayer:** This is our way of communicating with God. It is more than a chore to check off of a list. It is “the heartbeat of our whole journey to live in union with Jesus.”



With Prayer as the unifying bond, Conversion, Confession, Communion, and Commission become a cycle to follow, which motivates us to preach the Gospel and “to shine the light of the Gospel for all to see”. Bishop Hicks writes that we do not need to travel far to do this – that we can share the Gospel with people in our own families, workplaces, and local communities, and, in doing so, make disciples.

In order to do this and make others into disciples, however, we must first make ourselves into disciples. Make time for God – for prayer, for Mass, for the Eucharist. When we make our world centered on God, it becomes easier to live as examples for others to follow. We then can make disciples by “being on fire with love for Jesus”, and by sharing that love with others in all that we do.

We encourage you to download and read the entirety of Bishop Hick’s new pastoral letter, MAKE, to discover how to live as a disciple and help make other disciples in your community.



MAKE.diojoliet.org

Ready to MAKE it real?

Bishop Hicks calls us to live out the great commission through Conversion, Confession, Communion, Commission, and a life sustained with prayer. Here at St. Mary's, we have many opportunities to take action. Use this simple checklist to create your own "MAKE Game Plan" and take the next step in discipleship!

CONVERSION

- ☐ **Men's Ministry and Sisters in Christ:**
Attend their monthly Saturday morning meetings where they learn and grow in faith together
- ☐ **The Search:**
Visit formed.org to watch this video series that answers life's deepest questions

CONFESSION

- ☐ **Daily Confession:** Monday-Friday 7-7:45am
- ☐ **Behold:** Adoration, Music, and Confession on November 20
- ☐ **First Saturday:** 8:00 am Mass followed by Confession

COMMUNION

- ☐ **Attend Mass an extra day during the week:**
8:00 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday & Saturday
7:30 am Wednesday
First Friday Devotion Mass at 12PM

COMMISSION

- ☐ **Daybreak Food Pantry:** Cook with other parishioners once/month or volunteer at the pantry
- ☐ **Divine Mercy Ministry:** Pray with the dying members of our parish

PRAYER

- ☐ **Novena:** Pray for our Confirmation Candidates beginning November 1
- ☐ **Adoration Chapel:** Make a visit or sign up for a Holy Hour

YOUR MAKE PLAN AT ST. MARY'S

Choose 2-3 goals from the categories above that are concrete, realistic and life-giving. Share your plan with a friend, a group you're part of, or a family member:



All Souls Day

We remember our loved ones. May they rest in peace.

Patricia Alberts
Mary Ann Anderson
Catherine Anderson
Jill Augustine
Mary Banik
David Barna
James Barr
Edward Bean
Ann Becker
Deacon Gary Bednar
Arlene Berardelli
Joseph Bogg
Frank Borich
Virginia Botta
James Burke
Kevin Bushnell
Mary Buczkowski
Joanne Callaghan
Sean Cassidy
Robert Ciastko
Ronald Colletti
Joseph Coyne
Mary Ann Cullen
Bernadine DeMent
Antonia DiVincenzo
Janice Dobek
William Dorans
Victoria Doyle
Joann Duffy

Patrick Duggan
John Fenili
Carol Forster
Richard Gemmell
Marie Genovese
Jacqueline Heitman
Nancy Hennecke
Randy Henning Jr.
Dolores Ingram
Carmen Izzo
Dale Jesk
Judy Jones
Owen Joyce
Thomas Kawka
Florence Kaczmariski
Joan Kelly
Marie Kilgallon
Thomas Knable
William LeBeau
Milagros Limpin
Mary Lubert
Patricia Lynch
Joseph Lynch
Daniel Marshall
Christopher Martz Sr.
Diane Mastro
Dina Mastro
Andrew McCarthy
Terrence McGuinness

Robert Menclewicz
Linda Michalak
Anne Minnich
Gloria Murphy
Thomas Murray
Barbra Noone
Donald O'Heir
John O'Reilly
Florence Pachura
Dennis Panozzo
William Phelan
Mary Pipala
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Elizabeth Ragona
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Chester Ryske
Adeline Sestak
James Shemroske
Lad Smutny II
Wayne Sobota
Raymond Sullivan
John Sullivan Jr.
Dennis Skalkus
William Stine Sr.
Antoinette Swiatek
Carol Thompson
Josephine Triumph
Walter Zobeirs

WE CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.

All Souls Day

IS COMMEMORATED ON NOVEMBER 2ND.



All Souls Day is not a Solemnity. Rather, it is a day where **we pray for all of the faithful departed.**

On All Souls Day, **we especially pray for the souls in Purgatory.** These souls are seeking purification, that they might one day join the saints in heaven and be with our Lord.



In the Catholic Church, the entire month of November is dedicated to the souls in Purgatory. Take time this month to pray for the repose of the souls of friends and family who have passed away.

November 8 - November 9: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Bridget Barron Ted Kopczynski	Denise L Bartolotta Guy Cesario	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	Roberta Dreifke Art Wilson	YM Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon John Mitoraj Sue Murphy	Joseph Budzyn Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo Nancy Santry	Michael Dilger Kathy Judge Joanette Kulesa Pam Sanders	Sally Harper Patti Pertchi Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Avery McNamara Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	David Heitman Gerard Sima NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Kate Coyle Annie Kibbon Henry Valente Lucas Valente	Natalie Galka Ryan Gross Christian Taylor NOT FILLED	McKenna Griffin Daniela Lachy NOT FILLED
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Maurice Helm Mark Miron James Palermo Tom Siemieniec 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	Joan Aust	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey Linda Drake
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, 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



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



Congratulations to the Rapp
family on the baptism of their
daughter Caroline Nycole



Giving+

Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace

Support our ministries this fall
through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for
October 26th

Online Giving	\$12,322.40
Envelopes	\$20,053.01
	\$32,375.41

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

Online Giving

Give your
 gift today.
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 Code



Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Junior High

**Next Meeting Nov. 3rd in
the school cafeteria.
6:00-7:30pm
(Enter door 4)**

High School Bible Study
All high Schoolers are invited to
join in on a deep dive into the
Gospel of Mark.

**Starting weekly on Tuesday
Nights 7:30-8:30pm in the
Parish office. Join us virtually if
you can't make it in person.
Contact Matt for details.**

Next HS Meeting

Nov. 9th



**Join us for a night of
fellowship and
conversations about finding
God in a world full of
noise.**



Recharge Conference

**The Diocese of Joliet is hosting a 1-Day High School
Conference as a halfway point to Steubenville
2025. Join us as we spend a day focused on
finding voice of the Lord calling you to do
incredible things. It'll be a day full of talks,
fellowship, and live music. Reach out to Matt if
you are interested.**

**When? January 10th
9am-6pm Ending with Mass
Where? St. Raphael in Naperville
Lunch is included. We will travel
by bus**

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry



MONICA'S MISSION
ST. MARY PARISH MOKENA
 BRINGING LOVED ONES BACK TO THE CHURCH



ALL ARE INVITED TO:
A Speaker series

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
 Featuring
Tom Blue:

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Sharing ideas of communicating the Faith &
 will facilitate a Group Work Session

6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

}

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.

Would you like to help?
 We are looking for reverts to the faith, willing to share their faith journey back to the Church.
 Contact Deacon Pete Manning: deaconpete@aol.com SUBJECT: "Revert"

All women ages 18 and over
are invited to

Advent

BY CANDLELIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
6:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us for an elegant evening filled with fellowship, reflection, and food as we prepare our hearts to embrace the season of Advent and greet Christmas with true readiness. **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 are \$25 and are on sale at www.stmarymokena.org/advent.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

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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How to keep faithful in stormy seasons of life



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

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

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

Register
today!

St. Mary Mokena



FAMILY Day

An Opportunity to Grow in Faith at Every Age

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
12-3 PM

Holiness: Our Universal Call

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



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*Pray for them
as they prepare
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HERE'S HOW:

- Pull a name from the jar in the narthex; it will have the date of their Confirmation
- Pray with their name as often as possible with any prayer you prefer (rosary, novena, etc)
- Write them a personal note to be given to them on the day of their Confirmation

(Note cards are available in the R.E. office if you'd prefer.)

**Thank you to
everyone
who donated
Coats for
Kids!
May God
Bless You!**



My Joyful Heart

Sharing the love of Christ with
Chicagoland's children in need

October 9th, 2025

St. Mary Mokena Catholic Church
Attn: Donna Hungerford
19515 115th Ave
Mokena, IL, United States

Dear St. Mary's Congregation,

Thank you for your amazing donation of coats this year. We are truly grateful for your donation which allows us to continuously provide necessities for so many children struggling with the basic clothing. Thank you for helping us and for the awareness you bring to the organization; it is a blessing. Because of your help this year and the previous years, this is the first time we are able to provide a coat for every child in the program! We are filled with joy knowing that, because of your help, no child will go without a coat this winter. What a beautiful picture of love in motion.

My Joyful Heart, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization provides gifts of love, encouragement, and necessities to needy children multiple times throughout the year. Gifts such as clothing, shoes, hygiene, undergarments, coats, winterwear, bedding, school supplies and so much more. Since 2002, we have served over 10,000 unique children throughout Chicagoland!

Your help is deeply appreciated and will have a significant impact on our ability to carry out our mission. With your support, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children we serve, sharing the love of Christ with them. Thank you for your generosity and compassion, a true reflection of Christ who taught us the profound impact of selfless giving.

For the children we serve,

Erin Burns

Erin Burns
Director of Operations



**Consider joining the
St. Mary Pro-Life Committee
OUR NEXT MEETING IS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.**

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! No registration necessary.



Baby Bottles for Life



Thank you to all who donated !

We collected \$11,175.73

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



Illinois Right to Life Presents



GROUNDZERO TOUR

Preparing for Gov. Pritzker's Constitutional Amendment

2025 - 2026

*Join us for an eye-opening discussion on Governor J.B.
Pritzker's upcoming proposed constitutional amendment.
Learn from Illinois Right to Life's President, Mary Kate
Zander, how this change could impact life-affirming laws in
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**Immaculate Conception School
Saint Angela Room - 505 E North St, Morris, IL**



Tuesday, November 11th



7:00 PM

For any questions regarding this FREE event, please email us at - kfrieders@hotmail.com



The Council of Catholic Women

CCW Mass of Remembrance

ALL SOULS

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

Thank you to all who donated to the Purple Project during Respect Life Weekend. We collected \$1,524.98. God bless you!



Thanks to everyone who attended the CCW Halloween Party!



Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy are still being collected. These boxes are filled with items and sent to children in need each Christmas!

SAVE THE DATE! CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Aurelio's in Frankfort
More details to come!



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

November 15 Chili Cook Off

6:00 p.m. after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church Hall

Sponsored by the K of C and the CCW!



St. Mary's Young at Heart



Trip to
Four Winds Casino

Wednesday, November 5

Meet near the Parish Office Door #3 on the circle drive by 9:15 a.m. (depart 9:30 p.m. & return approximately 4:30 p.m.)

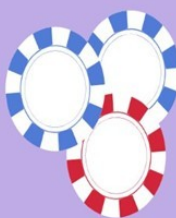
\$35.00 per person includes bus,
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Contact Marla Garbarczyk (708) 308-2505 for information.



All parishioners & friends are welcome!

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\$ 50 third place*



Saturday, November 15th

6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

*This event benefits charities
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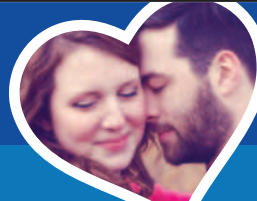
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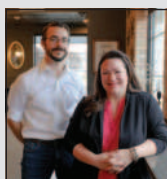
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