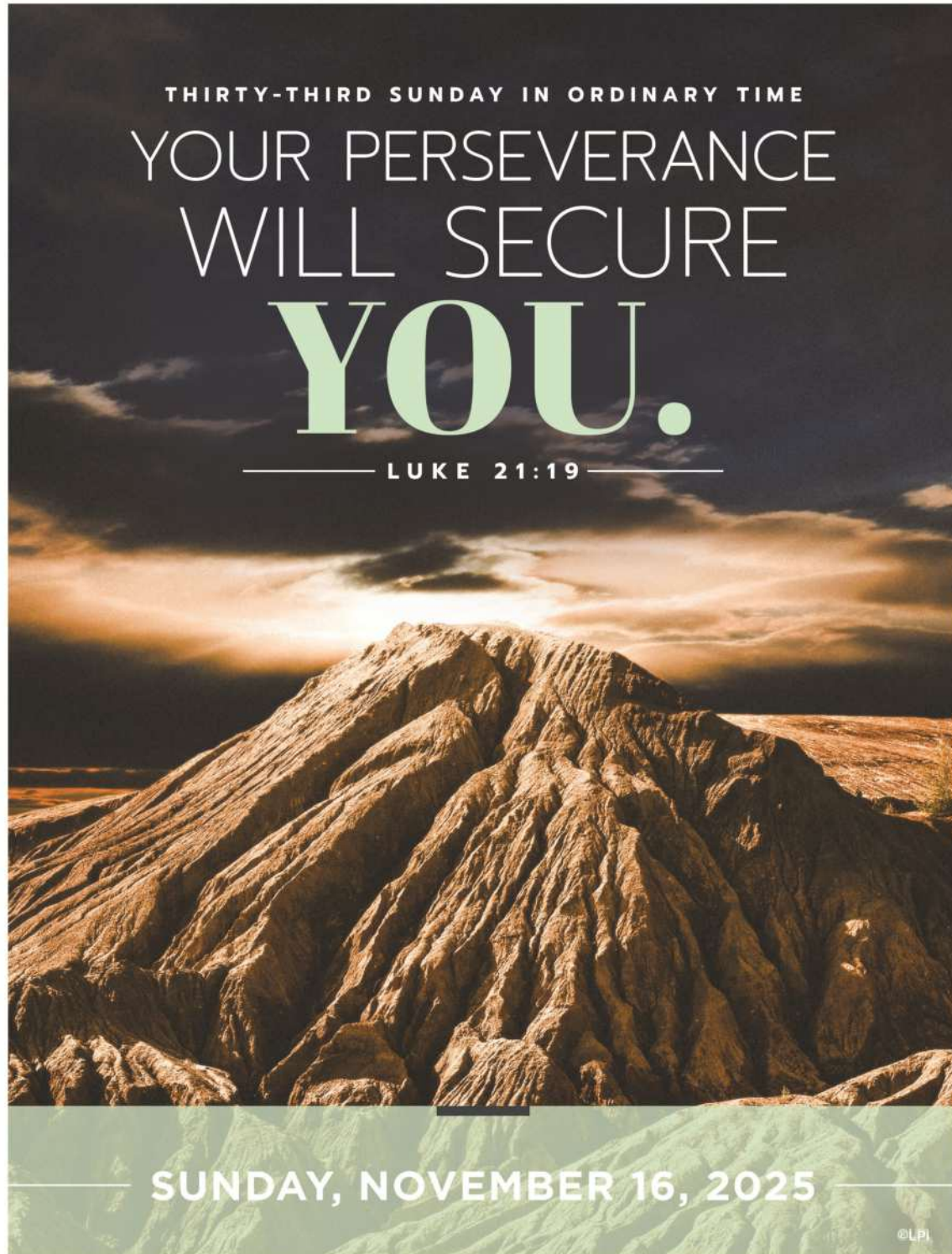


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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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708-326-9347 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.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 17

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Guadalupe and Lourdes)
 6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, November 18

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Finance and Administration Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support (Chapel)
 7:00 p.m. Family Day Meeting (Lourdes)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, November 19

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)
 11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart Meeting (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7&8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)

Thursday, November 20

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry (School Cafeteria)
 6:30 p.m. St. Peregrine Devotion (Chapel)
 6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. Behold (Church)
 7:30 p.m. ABC Meeting (Fatima)

Friday, November 21

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Adoration for Increased Vocations (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mom's Podcast Club (Guadalupe and Lourdes)
 5:30 p.m. Bingo (Guadalupe)

Saturday, November 22

Altar Call for Seminarian Endowment Fund

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (Guadalupe)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, November 23

Altar Call for Seminarian Endowment Fund

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. Family Day (Church Hall All)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, December 3rd

6:00 - 8:00 PM | St. Mary, Mokena

**Prepare your soul to welcome
our Lord this Christmas by receiving
the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**Confessions will be heard by both
St. Mary's and visiting priests.**



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.

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 17

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

Tuesday, November 18

8:00am: Louis Chesla, Bill Dorans, Richard Urchell, Marie Genovese, Joanne Hunter

Wednesday, November 19

7:30am: Diana Nash

8:30am: Joseph Rubino, Eva and Harry Troubeteris

Thursday, November 20

8:00am: Mary Jane McGinnis

Friday, November 21

8:00am: Wayne Sobota, Julie Baert Jones

Saturday, November 22

8:00am: Michael Honeycutt

5:00pm: Janice Sullivan, Fran Marzo, Robert Aducci, Sister Kathleen Ann Hook, Len and Helen Wolniak, Jose Castillo, Monica Hinderer, Michelle and Jeff Olson, Kim and Julie Kubalanza and Eddie Paszeltan

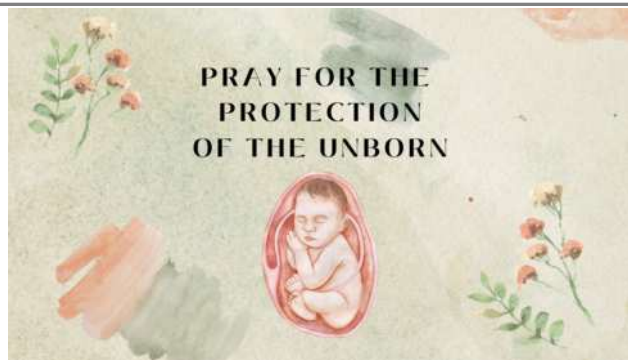
Sunday, November 23

8:00am: Stephen Heffernan

9:30am: Stan and Ken Ruminski

11:00am: Rosanne Spedale

6:00pm: Mary Beth Pratt



**PRAY FOR THE
PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN**

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, Emma Harrison, 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'Grady, 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, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger, Kathleen Yonker

May God grant them healing!

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Cichy family,
The Thomaston family



Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Roberta Urbanczyk

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



**LET US PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Almighty God, watch over and protect our
nation's military members and
their families. Take them into your most gracious
protection. Amen.**

SSG Jarred Andras, ARNG
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC
Capt Lukasz Bokun, 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
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, on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate the *World Day of the Poor*, a day Pope Francis established in his 2016 apostolic letter *Misericordia et Misera*. He reminds us that the poor are not just a problem to solve, they are our brothers and sisters, and we are called to love them.

Pope Francis invites us to open our eyes, hearts, and hands. Poverty is not always easy to see. It's not only people living on the streets or in far-off countries. Sometimes it's right next door, right here in Mokena and beyond. Look around. It could be a loved one quietly struggling with illness, grief, or a job loss. It could be a neighbor, an elderly person living alone, or a single parent working tirelessly to provide for their children. Sometimes it's a friend carrying burdens they can't talk about.

Here at St. Mary's, we have many ways to respond. We can pray for those in need, offer masses for the sick or lonely, support our outreach programs like food drives, or simply visit someone who feels forgotten. Even at home, small acts matter: *a shared meal, a kind word, teaching our children to give generously, or offering a prayer for someone who suffers.*

May this *World Day of the Poor* open our eyes, warm our hearts, and move us to action. Let us go forth with compassion and hope, ready to love and serve in any way we can.

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

VOCATIONS OFFICE

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

How to Support Your Priests

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The Propaedeutic and Discipleship Stages

BY FR. STEVEN BORELLO
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

A man's formation for priesthood takes place over the course of four stages. The first of these is the Propaedeutic Stage, a year of preparation before diving into academic work. During this year, the seminarian takes time to build a solid foundation in prayer, Scripture, catechesis and community. It is a season of deepening conversion where one learns to live a Christian rhythm of life. The goal is simple: to help a man center his life on Christ.

Upon completion of the Propaedeutic Stage, a man

begins the Discipleship Stage, during which a man begins the study of philosophy. Concurrently, the seminarian deepens his understanding and witness as a follower of Jesus in daily life. He grows in virtue, learns self-discipline, and gains a broad understanding of the human person and the world through his studies. It is a time of becoming a "disciple in heart and mind."

Together, these two stages foster the necessary interior and exterior freedom to hear and respond to the call to the priesthood. Without a firm spiritual foundation built on the habits of a true

disciple, later formation would lack stability. The priesthood is not a job one takes up but a calling one receives—and the earliest stages are about preparing the soil so that the Lord's call can take root and flourish.



This is Part 2 in a 3-part series of columns on the importance of your help in the formation of new priests

ABOUT FATHER BORELLO

Fr. Steven Borello is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet currently serving as the Director of Vocations.

Fr. Steven grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and is the oldest of 4 children.

He attended the University

of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he studied chemistry and chemical engineering.

While there, he received a call to the seminary to discern the priesthood.

He received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters of Divinity from Mundelein Seminary

and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Joliet in 2011.

He first served as an associate pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills and was then transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville in June of 2014.

In August of 2015, he began

serving at St. John Vianney College Seminary as a spiritual director, director of human formation, and instructor to over 120 men discerning a priestly vocation.

He returned to the Diocese of Joliet in August 2018 to begin as the Director of Vocations.



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Seminarian Peter Davis

I am from Naperville, IL. I was born on August 17, 1999, and I am the youngest of three siblings with my amazing sisters Therese and Tricia. I am blessed to have such a supportive family and am so grateful for the example of love my parents have given me. I always enjoyed school, and I felt that studying hard was the way I could make the best use of the talents God gave me.

I especially enjoyed math and physics, so I chose to major in mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois. Since I was passionate about environmental issues, I thought I could

have a career in renewable energy.

Once at college, everything seemed to be going really well; I had good grades, got internships, and was enjoying my classes.

Still, I could not help but feel unsatisfied every time I should have felt proud of my studies.

My solution at the time was to always stay busy, since I thought working towards more prestigious jobs in the future could make me happy.

During my sophomore



year of college, I attended a 3-day retreat at the University of Illinois and was astounded by the faith and maturity of some of my peers.

At the retreat, I felt the Holy Spirit in a profound way. Almost immediately after this retreat, the COVID-19 pandemic caused me to return home for the following year.

During this time, my study breaks were spent in prayer, and within months, I felt prayer had become my top priority.

I was attending Mass every day at my home parish, which attracted the attention of Fr. Borello, the vocation director, who happened to be

stationed there that year. I had been thinking about visiting a seminary, and honestly felt overjoyed when Fr. Borello invited me to chat over breakfast one morning after mass.

This led to a seminary visit within months, and a seminary application soon after. The gift of faith is truly the best gift I have received or could ever receive.

There is so much joy in seeking God in every moment of the day, and I am so excited to share this journey with my brothers in seminary.

I look forward to starting my final year at St. John Vianney College in the Fall of 2023.

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THE FEAST DAY OF
St. Gertrude
IS NOVEMBER 16TH.



St. Gertrude was a Benedictine nun who lived in the late 1200s. At the age of 25, God began to grant her visions, which turned her closer to Christ's Sacred Heart, and away from worldly teachings.

Because of these visions, St. Gertrude was considered a mystic, and she wrote several works, including a book of prayers. She had a strong devotion to the holy souls in purgatory. There is a powerful prayer, which, when prayed, is believed to release souls into heaven.

THE PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE

ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER THEE THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THY DIVINE SON, JESUS, IN UNION WITH THE MASSES SAID THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, FOR ALL THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY, FOR SINNERS EVERYWHERE, FOR SINNERS IN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, THOSE IN MY OWN HOME AND WITHIN MY FAMILY. AMEN.

**The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Pray the prayer of St. Gertrude to help these souls!**

November 22 - November 23: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

	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	Antoinette Bria Susan Rizzo	Karen Dilger Richard Hamilton	Bob Cornejo Roberta Dreifke	Robert Langton
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Andy Lihosit Lora Oldham	Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli Christine Weeks	Kathy Judge Gretchen Nenn Joshua Sifuentes Kathleen Sifuentes	Remo Lucci Patti Pertchi Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Heidi Adducci Siena Adducci NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Johnny Cotton Rosamund Cotton Molly Cotton NOT FILLED	Hannah Johnston Gerard Sima NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Hazel Dilger Dennis Dilger Frankie Fulton Grace Fulton June Fulton	Christian Taylor Luke Tyrka Zachary Tyrka NOT FILLED	McKenna Griffin Daniela Lacny NOT FILLED
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Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	Sandy Halper	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey Linda Drake
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.



All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

A POPE & A PRESIDENT

The extraordinary story of the partnership between Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan and how their bond helped confront the great evil of 20th Century Soviet Communism.



8am Mass - 10:30am

**St. Mary, Mokena
Church Hall**

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



Exodus 90 is a ninety-day program for men.

The main reason men make an Exodus is this:
they want to grow.

Closer to God, their spouse, children, and friends. Closer to that man that God has called them to be.

We begin on January 5, 2026!

To learn more or join other men from
St. Mary Parish, email Kyle at
kyle.r.dodge@gmail.com

St. Peregrine DEVOTION AND HEALING SERVICE

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

**20
NOVEMBER**

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!**



Giving+

**Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace**

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

**The Offertory for
November 9th**

Online Giving	\$15,322.00
Envelopes	\$16,565.06
	\$31,887.06

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

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.
Scan the QR
Code



Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

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. 16th

Church Hall, 7-9pm

Next Junior High Meetings

Nov. 20th

Dec. 4th Christmas Party

School Cafeteria, 6:00-7:30pm

YM Thanksgiving Adoration & Potluck

Nov. 23rd

Our annual Thanksgiving potluck & adoration night for our high school program. Join us for a night of prayer and fellowship. We'll start in the chapel at 6 and go back to the hall after. Bring a friend and food to share

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

MOMS Podcast Club

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

Friday, November 21

9:30 am

in the Church Hall
"Learning to Pray
to God Our Father"

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



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!





Register today at
www.stmarymokena.org/family

Spend time in Jesus' presence at

Behold

Thursday, November 20

7:00 pm in the Church

A Night of Prayer, Music,
Confession and Adoration





WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • FAMILY

Taking God With You In The Chaos

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.

All women ages 18 and over
are invited to

Advent
BY CANDLELIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
6:00 - 8:30 PM
St. Mary Mokena Church Hall

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.

Doors open at 6pm. The evening includes live instrumental music, a
special Advent reflection, and time for enjoying the company of
friends, new and old.

Included are hors d'oeuvres, wine, and a dessert buffet.

Tickets are \$25, available at
www.stmarymokena.org/advent

and in the parish office. Space is limited and no tickets will be sold
at the door. Questions may be directed to Danielle,
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org.

Hostesses and bakers will be needed to make this evening a success!
Please contact Michelle Sullivan (815) 995-0480 to decorate a table or
Maria Kavanaugh (815) 280-3909 to bring dessert.

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION

Our 4th grade students celebrated All Saints' Day by choosing a saint to research, while learning about their faith filled lives and virtues. Students then dressed as their saint for Mass. Through this project, students were reminded that we are all called to live lives of holiness and follow the example of the saints who devoted themselves to God.



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Christmas Gift Drive

The Christmas Giving Trees will be in the narthex soon!

- ★ Take a tag and purchase a gift for someone in need.
- ★ Bring your new, wrapped gift back to the Church Hall during the **Christmas Gift Drive, December 6 & 7**

All gifts will be picked up on Sunday, December 7 at 12:00 noon!
Please don't be late!

Questions? Contact Donna Hungerford
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Watch the St. Mary Website for student service hours opportunities!!

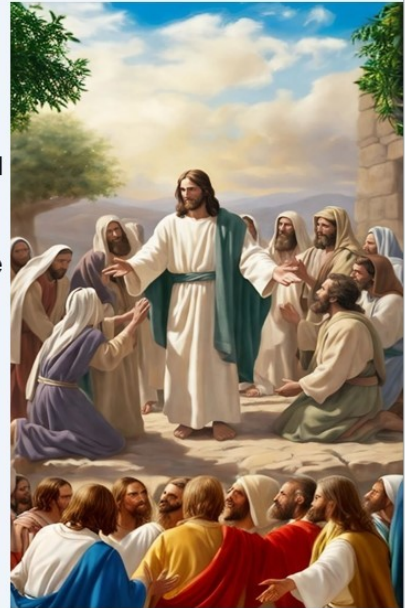
Stewardship

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as his faithful stewards.

Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Our Lord reminds us that all in this world is passing. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." Onward, Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!



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What a moment!

Father Greg Alberts, who was a seminarian at St. Mary Parish, met Pope Leo during a trip to Italy in October!

Father Greg is currently Parochial Vicar at Queen of Apostles Parish in Joliet.





The Council of Catholic Women

The next **General Meeting** will be Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

Diapers will be collected at this meeting and donated to Birthright in Joliet.

Large sizes are especially needed!



**CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Officer Meeting** will be Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room

The next **Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

**K of C Christmas Party
Saturday, December 14th in the Church Hall**



Pictures with Santa
after Masses December 14 & 15
in the Church Hall

Blood Drive, Thursday, December 18 from 1:00 p.m.– 7:00 pm n the Church Hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing?
- Would you like to be a part of a Ministry helping those stricken with cancer, chronic conditions, or other situations by providing them with a prayer shawl?

We invite you to join our group!

**Our next meeting will be Monday,
December 8th in the Church Hall**

Fatima Room 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.

Prayer shawls for the ill, homebound and grieving are like receiving a “hug” from God. If you would like to give one to someone special you are welcome to choose from a wide variety of colors and sizes at the Parish office front desk.



Visit the St. Mary website for more information or just come to one of our meetings. We are especially in need of sewers!

The Young at Heart Club



**Join us in the
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Wednesday,
November 19th
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\$10 for this event
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Erik (Elvis) Donner
will be here!

**Also, enjoy a taste of Thanksgiving
with your friends.**

**Save these Dates!
Wednesday, December 3
Victorian Christmas Carolers/Lunch
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**Wednesday, December 17
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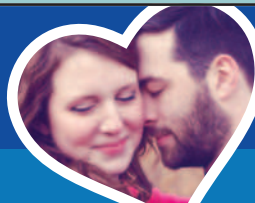
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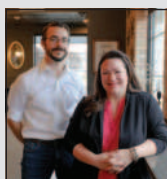
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