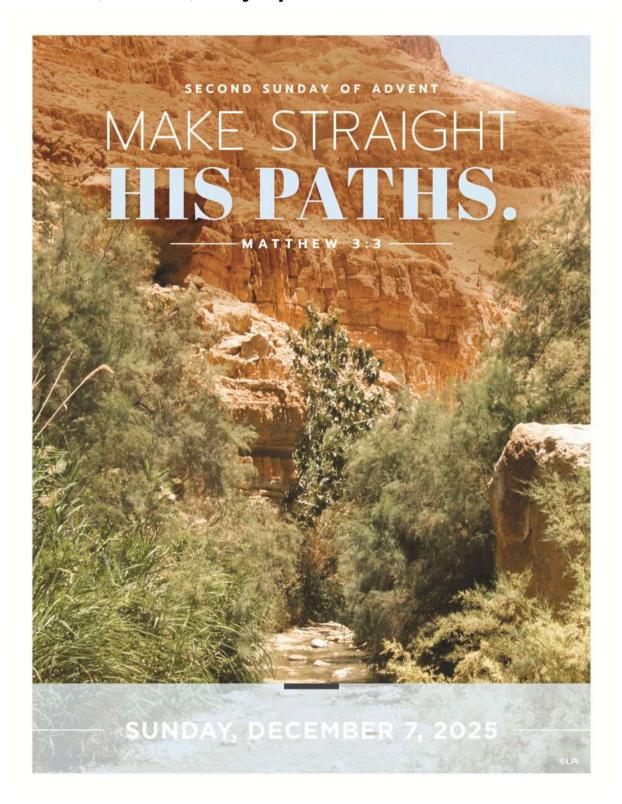
SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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.

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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

8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start

of the school year until May

7:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration available at Old St. Marv. Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. -7:45 a.m. Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 8

7:30am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

12:00pm: John Hryn

7:00pm: Thomas Gorski Sr.

Tuesday, December 9

8:00am: David McKay, Ruth Hopson, Stefania Barlog, Elizabeth Plaza, Dannis Panozo, David

Heniff, Dominic Tantillo

Wednesday, December 10

8:00am: John and Janet Abramic

Thurday, December 11 8:00am: Eileen Peffer

Friday, December 12 8:00am: Miguel Castro

Saturday, December 13

8:00am: David Rogers

5:00pm: Sara Whelton, James Hughes, Mary Hugelet, Joh, Ted, Harriet and Jennifer Narel, Ronald Skold, Richard Spindler II, Richard Rogala, Joseph Marconi,

Linda Heinicke, Willy Heinicke

Sunday, December 14

8:00am: Margaret Unton 9:30am: Larry Bahnaman 11:00am: James Trevor 6:00pm: Dennis Benson

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'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, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger, Kathleen Yonker

May God grant them healing!

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Cook Family, The Nizich Family



Please Pray for our Faithfully Departed Brothers and Sisters

Larry Hackett

Èternal 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 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 8

7:00 a.m. Confessions Cancelled

7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)

12:00p.m. Mass (Church)

6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)

6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church) 7:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6

4:45 p.m. RE Confessions (Church)

6:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 7-8

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

6:45 p.m. RE Confessions (Church)

7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, December 10

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)

4:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 1-8

4:45 p.m. RE Confessions (Church)

6:00 p.m. Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre (Guadalupe)

6:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 7-8

6:45 p.m. RE Confessions (Church)

Thursday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. Advent By Candlelight Set Up (Church Hall All)

4:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 1-8

4:45 p.m. RE Confessions (Church)

6:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight (Church Hall All)

Friday, December 12

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

8:30 a.m. Adoration for Increased Vocations (Church)

10:30a.m. Church Reserved until noon

Saturday, December 13 Altar Call Exodus 90

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)

8:00 a.m. Mass First Saturday (Church)

12:00p.m. K of C Christmas Party Set Up (Guadalupe)

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)

5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

6:00p.m. K of C Christmas Party (Guadalupe)

Sunday, December 14

Altar Call Exodus 90

Photos with Santa After All Morning Masses Donut Sunday

7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:30 a.m. RE Class (Gr. K-6) 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)

12:00p.m. OCIA Meeting (Lourdes)

6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE Immaculate Conception

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Monday, December 8th)

<u>IS</u> a Holy Day of Obligation, despite being a Monday.

There is an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday (12/7) AND the Solemnity (12/8).

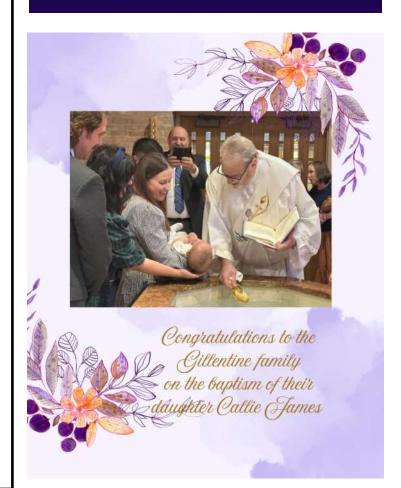
Mass schedule on 12/8:

7:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Confessions will be cancelled Monday morning (12/8) in light of this.



THERE ARE TWO MARIAN CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



This celebration is a **Solemnity** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This Solemnity recognizes that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin.

Ommaculate
Conception

DECEMBER 8TH

ORIGINAL SIN IS A STATE OF BEING, WHICH WE INHERIT FROM OUR FIRST PARENTS, ADAM AND EVE. THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH STATES THAT ORIGINAL SIN IS "A DEPRIVATION OF ORIGINAL HOLINESS AND JUSTICE" AND THAT HUMAN NATURE IS "INCLINED TO SIN" BECAUSE OF IT. (CCC 405).

Being all-knowing, God knew that the Blessed Virgin Mary would use say "yes" to becoming the Mother of His Son. He thus ensured that her nature was never tainted by original sin, so that **she would be perfect in all ways** for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Lady
of Guadalupe

DECEMBER 12TH

This celebration is a **Feast Day** and <u>not</u> a Holy Day of Obligation.

This Feast celebrates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego in Mexico.



A <u>SOLEMNITY</u> IS A CELEBRATION THAT USUALLY COMMEMORATES THE MOST IMPORTANT MYSTERIES OF OUR FAITH. IT IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF COMMEMORATION POSSIBLE. <u>MANY SOLEMNITIES ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION</u>.

A <u>FEAST</u> IS THE SECOND-HIGHEST FORM OF CELEBRATION. THEY HELP US TO REMEMBER OTHER PARTS OF FAITH, SUCH AS SAINTS' LIVES OR TITLES OF OUR LORD OR BLESSED MOTHER. <u>FEAST DAYS ARE NEVER HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION</u>.

Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of the Americas, since she honored the native people of Mexico by appearing in their traditional garments.

Join us in honoring our Blessed Mother by attending Mass not only on Monday for her Holy Day of Obligation, but for the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 12th, as well.



From Your Pastor

My dearest parishioners,

I greet you with love and peace in the name of Jesus!

Fr. Welbert and I just got back from a five-day retreat, and before things get busy again, I wanted to share a few thoughts with you. The retreat was a chance to slow down, pray, recharge, and connect with the Lord in a deeper way. It also gave me time to reflect on the past five months since I became your pastor, and I'm honestly amazed at how much God's grace has carried us through. At the same time, it reminded me that none of this would be possible without your love, support, and encouragement. Thank you for all the ways you've welcomed me not just since I became pastor, but from the very first day I arrived in this parish. Over the past few months, so many of you have gone out of your way: *inviting Fr. Welbert and me into your homes, sharing meals with us, asking us to bless your houses, and even bringing us food every week.* I'm still in awe of your generosity and thoughtfulness. We feel truly cared for, and I can't fully express how grateful I am.

Stepping into this role has been exciting, but also a bit overwhelming at times. There have been moments when the responsibilities felt heavy. But knowing I have your prayers, patience, and encouragement, and that you are walking alongside me as I continue to learn and grow makes a huge difference. During the retreat, I was reminded just how much I rely on God's grace, how much I still have to learn, and how blessed I am to serve here with all of you. I came back feeling renewed, at peace, and full of gratitude.

As we move forward, Fr. Welbert and I would be so grateful if you continue to keep us in your prayers. We really need them. Pray that we may grow as priests and shepherds who reflect the heart of Jesus: *gentle, faithful, and compassionate*. Thank you and God bless you all.

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ Pastor

CONFESSION



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 \underline{we} are followers of Christ, so that we are \underline{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."

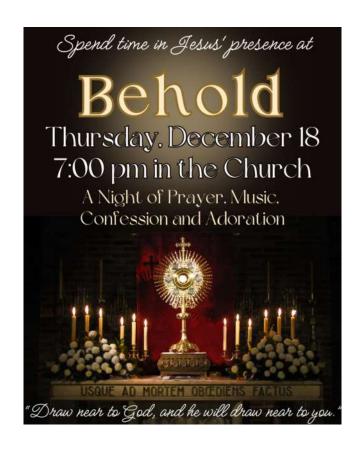
With Prayer as the unifying bond, Conversion, Confession, Communion, and Commission become a cycle to follow, which motivates us to preach the Gospel and "to shine the light of the Gospel for all to see." Bishop Hicks writes that we do not need to travel far to do this – that we can share the Gospel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

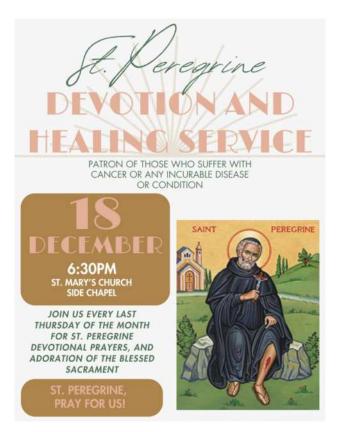
In order to do this and make others into disciples, however, we must first make ourselves into disciples. Make time for God – for prayer, for Mass, for the Eucharist. When we make our world centered on God, it becomes easier to live as examples for others to follow. We then can make disciples by "being 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





December 13 - December 14: Third Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Andy Lihosit Anne Trovato	Guy Cesario Mary Frances Consola	Denise L Bartolotta Stan Nowak	Bob Cornejo Roberta Dreifke	Ed Pluchar
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Sue Murphy Lora Oldham	Joseph Budzyn Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli	Sally Harper Gretchen Nenn Joshua Sifuentes Kathleen Sifuentes	Michael Crowley Joanne Eckel Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Johnny Cotton Rosamund Cotton Molly Cotton NOT FILLED	David Heitman Gerard Sima NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Annie Kibbon CJ Strzelczyk Emma Strzelczyk NOT FILLED	Luke Tyrka Zachary Tyrka NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Charlie Pluchar Stella Pluchar Therese Pluchar
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Maurice Helm Mark Miron James Palermo Tom Siemieniec Joe Toman	Chris Cichowicz Ed Dorey Rich Gavillet Roy Mueller Gregory Santry	John Delladio Ed Dorey Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia Phllip Sparacino	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Gabriella Carens Linda Drake Maggie Knable NOT FILLED
Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey Linda Drake
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, JANUARY 24

Double Header Meeting:

A Brief History of the Diocese of Joliet with Jim Lynch





Grow in Faith and Fellowship: The Power of Small Group Formation with Bob Cornejo

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

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





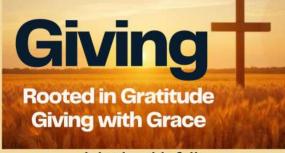
Exodus 90 is a ninety-day program for men.

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



Support our ministries this fall through faithful generosity.

> The Offertory for November 23rd

Online Giving \$14,523.90 Envelopes \$17,792.56

\$32,316.46

The Offertory for November 30th

Online Giving \$13,190.80 Envelopes \$15,881.50 \$29,072.30

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

Online Giving

Give your gift today. Scan the QR Code



Youth Ministry Upcoming Events



Steubenville Sign Up

Graduating 8th Graders through
Graduating High School Seniors are
able to sign up and join us for an
incredible weekend of faith,
adoration, and community with
thousands of teens from across the
midwest.

June 26th -28th Benedictine Univserity Lisle, IL



Next Junior High Meeting
Will be after the New
Year Starts!
Thank you for a great
first semester.

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<u> High School</u>

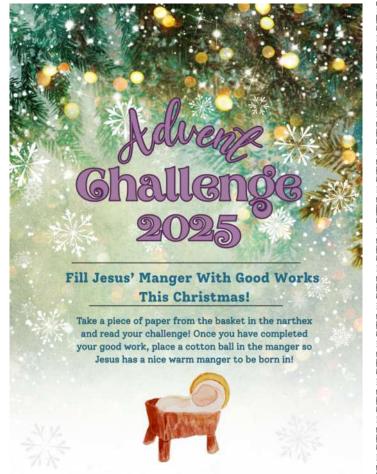
Dec. 7 Youth Ministry 7pm Dec. 9. Bible Study 7:30pm Dec. 14 Donut Sunday

Christmas Party Date TBA

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.
mjung@stmarymokena.org



ADULT FAITH









Join other Catholic moms of school-age children and younger for conversation on the "Abiding Together" podcast.

Friday, December 19
9:30 am
in the Church Hall

"S17 E6 - Return to the Heart with Dr. Shane Owens"

Listen to podcast prior to gathering (search "Abiding Together" 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 Parish & School Collaborative Cookbook

Please join us in creating the first annual Parish & School Collaborative Cookbook by sharing your favorite recipes.

Submit your recipes through one of the following:

- Online: https://forms.office.com/r/cSaX39L9Wd
- Email *: Tracy Lendi at tracylendi@me.com.
- Drop Off *: At the Parish or School Office to "Tracy Lendi/Parish School Collaborative Cookbook".



*For Email & Drop Off, fill out the bottom of this form and include with your submission.

Submissions Due by: January 16, 2026 (NEW DATE)

Questions? Call or email Tracy Lendi at 630-290-7059 or at tracylendi@me.com.

Cookbooks will be available for ordering soon.

Recipe Submission Form

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First & Last Name:						
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What makes this recipe	special to you? ((ex: Does it rer	nind you	of good tim	es? Is it your	
favorite?)						
What is the ethnicity of t	he recipe? (e.g.,	Italian, Germa	ın, Irish, N	Чехісап, et	c?)	
Is this recipe specific to	any dietary restr	ictions?	☐ Gluter	n-Free	Peanut-free	
☐ Low sugar or salt	□ Keto	☐ Other:	()			



Advent Service Opportunity

Gift your community!







"PJ and a book" drive for kids BY DEC. 15



- Collecting NEW PJs size 6+ AND a new or gently used book for kids
- Please drop off your donations at the RE office inside door 3 by Dec 15th (unwrapped)

9 708-326-9352

re@stmarymokena.org

ADOPT A CONFIRMATION CANIDIDATE

NAMES AVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 1ST ON THE KIOSK IN THE NARTHEX

Pray for them
as they prepare
to become
fully initiated
into the
Catholic Church



Sponsored by the Religious Education Office

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.)







COMMUNITY LIFE



The Council of Catholic Women



The next **Board Meeting** will be Wednesday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room

The Young at Heart Club

Christmas Party at Balagio Ristorante Wednesday, December 17 at 12:00 Noon

Contact Marla Garbarczyk for information 708-308-2505

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,

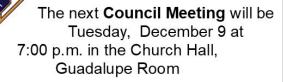
December 8th in the Church Hall

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.

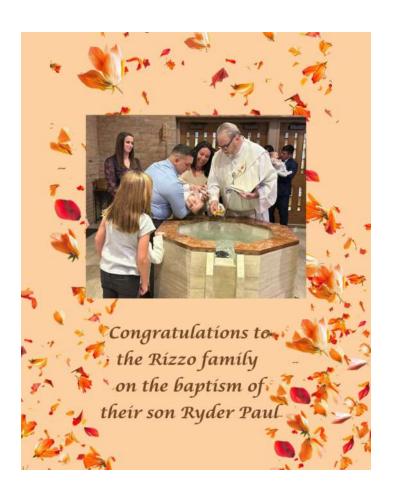
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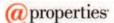
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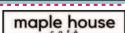




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