

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.****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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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 15

8:00am: Esther McGraw, Mary Pipala

Tuesday, December 16

8:00am: Rosina Petrassi, Faith Elizabeth Brodhurst, Richard Spindler Sr., Theresa O'Connor, James Barr, Mary Beth Pratt, Lorraine Oswald, Madilyn Banasiak, Harriet Whitely

Wednesday, December 17

7:30am: Barbra Noone

8:30am: Brian Wagner

Thursday, December 18

8:00am: The Heffernan family, Barbra Noone

Friday, December 19

8:00am: Luca Piccolini

Saturday, December 20

8:00am: Diana Nash

5:00pm: Richard Spindler III, Bob and Babe Podlasek, Lillian Ceresa, Robert

Juhant, Natalie Mooi, Robert Cook, Joseph Rubino, Donald Bernhard, Peter

Pranckus, Edward Bean, Alice Caron, Lorcan McGuinness

Sunday, December 21

8:00am: Bill Delladio, Patrick Doherty

9:30am: Stan and Ken Ruminski

11:00am: LoBue, Burns and McNally families

6:00pm: Fred Weber, Barb Sutcliffe

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 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 Wallis, 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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

REED JOSEPH GORMAN,
LUCAS JAMES GORMAN,
ELEANOR RUTH KERMER,
MARGARET MILLIE KERMER

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

God Bless Our New Parishioners

Ms. Christine O'Brien,
Mr. Jason Haseltine,
The Kohn family



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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE NAME OF SOMEONE CURRENTLY SERVING
IN THE MILITARY PUBLISHED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL THEIR
NAME, RANK, AND BRANCH OF SERVICE TO BOB CORNEJO,
BCORNEJO@STMARYMOKENA.ORG.
THANK YOU.

Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
1:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Reception Set Up (Church Hall All)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6
6:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 7-8
7:30 p.m. Simbang Gabi (Church)
8:30 p.m. Simbang Gabi Reception (Church Hall All)

Wednesday, December 17

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:00 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
4:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 1-8
6:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 7-8

Thursday, December 18

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
12:00p.m. K of C Blood Drive Set Up (Fatima)
1:00 p.m. K of C Blood Drive (Fatima)
4:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 1-8
6:30 p.m. St. Peregrine Devotion (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Behold (Church)

Friday, December 19

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)

Saturday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 21

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)
12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
1:00 p.m. Baptism Prep (Fatima)
2:00 p.m. Private Baptism (Church)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet



Learn How to MAKE Disciples!

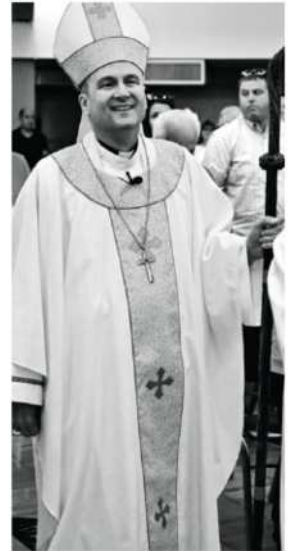
What: Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, MAKE, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet.

Where: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL (630) 355-1081

When: Tues., January 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm



Scan the QR Code to RSVP



MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission: Go and make disciples

Learn more about the bishop's pastoral letter, MAKE, by visiting: make.diojoliet.org



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

ACTION ALERT

Please contact Governor Pritzker to VETO SB 1950 - Legalizing Assisted Suicide

At 2:54 a.m. on October 31 the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois.

In Canada where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

PLEASE CALL GOV. PRITZKER AND INFORM HIM:

- People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws.
- Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans.
- There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments.

Go to www.ilcatholic.org for e-mail links, or
call the Governor's office directly
at 312.814.2121.



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of Illinois

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Diocese of Belleville
Archdiocese of Chicago
Diocese of Joliet
Diocese of Peoria
Diocese of Rockford
Diocese of Springfield-in-IL

Statement on Passage Assisted Suicide: SB 1950 October 31, 2025

With the passage of legislation to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois, the Illinois General Assembly has put our state on a slippery path that jeopardizes the well-being of the poor and marginalized, especially those in the disability community and have foreseeable tragic consequences. With all the assaults on human dignity and the growing number of vulnerable people we see every day, sadly the leaders and members of the General Assembly who voted for this offer us suicide as its response.

The bill now goes to the Governor, and we ask him not only to veto this bill in totality, but also to address humanely the reasons why some view assisted suicide as their only option and to heed the impact of similar legislation on other states and nations.

Many lawmakers chose to ignore the real advances in palliative medical care as an alternative to assisted suicide. Rather than signing this bill, we ask the Governor to expand and improve on palliative care programs that offer expert assessment and management of pain and other symptoms. These programs support caregivers and help ensure patient care is coordinated with other services. And they represent a compassionate and morally acceptable alternative to assisted suicide.

Today, we face real and immediate threats to human life and dignity, many from the very institutions created to protect them. The government shut down, a growing number of private and government sector layoffs, the terrorizing and deportation of our neighbors, and the loss of food and medical assistance for the poor and vulnerable are immediate problems that need attention, not enacting assisted suicide.

Let us also consider the impact on impressionable young people of legalizing suicide in any form. According to a 2022 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for U.S. teens and young adults 10-34. It is the second-leading cause of death for those 10-14. And, according to the National Institutes of Health, suicide contagion is a real risk to these young people after exposure to suicide. Add to that the ready availability of firearms in the U.S. and this is a tragedy we do not need to compound.

It defies common sense for our state to enact a 9-8-8 suicide hotline, increase funding for suicide prevention programs and then pass a law that, based on the experience of other jurisdictions, results in more suicide.

Join us as we continue to pray for all those who are sick and at the end of life, their caregivers and for all who feel life is no long worth living and need our support.

For media inquiries please email gilligan@ilcatholic.org.



From Your Pastor

My dearest parishioners,

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

On December 1st, we celebrated our very first Monday Mass at Clarendale Retirement Community in Mokena, and I must say, it was a truly moving experience. Seeing the faces of the residents light up as they received the Eucharist was a beautiful reminder of something very important: *how blessed we are to be able to come to Mass*. Some of the residents shared with me how much they missed going to church and receiving the Eucharist in person. Their words touched my heart deeply. It made me pause and reflect on how easy it is for us to take the gift of attending Mass for granted. Sometimes we come to church tired from the week, distracted by our worries, or even reluctantly, forgetting that the Mass is not simply a routine, but a sacred and precious moment to be with God and with one another.

Watching the joy of the residents as the Eucharist was brought to them humbled me. Their happiness came from the simple act of receiving Jesus in the Mass, reminding me that the Eucharist is always a blessing. It is something to cherish, a gift that nourishes our hearts and strengthens our faith no matter what our age or circumstances.

I hope this experience encourages all of us to reflect on how fortunate we are. We are blessed to gather as a parish family, to hear God's Word, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and to share this gift with our loved ones. At the same time, let us remember today in our prayers those who cannot come to church *whether due to illness, distance or age*, and ask God to be especially close to them, comforting and blessing them in ways only He can.

May we never take this blessing for granted. Let us come to Mass with grateful hearts, open to the joy, peace, and love that Jesus offers each time we meet Him. And may the same light of Christ we saw shining on the residents at Clarendale inspire us to bring His presence into our daily lives, sharing His love with everyone we meet.

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

SIMBANG GABI 2025

at St. Mary, Makena



St. Mary's will be hosting one of nine evening masses celebrated during the Advent season in preparation for Christmas Day,

Tuesday, December 16th
7:30pm

All are welcome for this beautiful Philippine Catholic Mass filled with gorgeous music and Christmas rituals, followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

Join us for CHRISTMAS MASS

at St. Mary, Makena

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m.

4:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25

12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

Carols sung by choir beginning at 11:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.



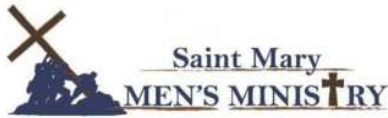
Please also join us on January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

December 20 - December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent

	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	Denise L Bartolotta Kathy Mihalek	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	Sean Gleason Art Wilson	Robert Langton
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo Nancy Santry	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Kathy Judge Joanette Kulesa	Remo Lucci Bob Meyers Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh James Nowak Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Elin Rose Coyle Kate Coyle Avery McNamara NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Dennis Dilger Hazel Dilger Silas Kuboushek Theo Kuboushek	Natalie Galka Ryan Gross Christian Taylor NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden Caitlin Eiden Gretchen Eiden
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 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	Carolyn Farhat	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,
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



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**

EXODUS

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

Giving+

**Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace**

Support our ministries this fall
through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for
December 7th
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



Youth Ministry Upcoming Events



**For the battle
belongs to the Lord.**

1 SAMUEL 17:47

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.**

**DONUT SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY
FOLLOWING ALL MORNING
MASSES**



Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

St. Peregrine DEVOTION AND HEALING SERVICE

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

**18
DECEMBER**

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!



Spend time in Jesus' presence at

Behold

Thursday, December 18
7:00 pm in the Church

A Night of Prayer, Music,
Confession and Adoration

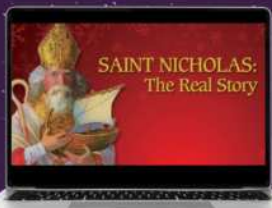


Online Advent Resources

FORMED



daily.formed.org/advent



ASCENSION
The Faith Formation Leader



[ascensionpress.com/
frmikeadvent](https://ascensionpress.com/frmikeadvent)

Hallow



hallow.com/advent

relevant
radio

relevantradio.com/advent



MOMS Podcast Club

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

First & Last Name: _____

Phone #: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Please include my name with the recipe: ☐ Yes ☐ No

What makes this recipe special to you? (ex: Does it remind you of good times? Is it your favorite?) _____

What is the ethnicity of the recipe? (e.g., Italian, German, Irish, Mexican, etc?) _____

Is this recipe specific to any dietary restrictions? ☐ Gluten-Free ☐ Peanut-free

☐ Low sugar or salt ☐ Keto ☐ Other: _____



ST. MARY SCHOOL CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY,  6:30 P.M.,
JANUARY 24 CHURCH HALL

 WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PARTNERS: 

HIGH-ROLLER SHERIFF: \$1,000

- 4 tickets • Name/Logo on promos, napkins & bar
- Recognition in parish bulletin + event social/website

ROYAL FLUSH RANCHER: \$750

- 2 tickets • Name/Logo on Texas Hold'em Table(s)
- Recognition in parish bulletin + event social/website

SILVER CHIP WRANGLER: \$500

- Name/Logo on Craps Table(s) • Recognition in event social media

LUCKY PIONEER: \$250

- Name/Logo on Roulette Table(s) • Recognition in event social media

WILD OUTLAW: HIGH TICKET ITEMS

- Name/Logo on Raffle Ticket Item • Recognition in event social media

stmarymokena.org/casino

*When you hitch your wagon to our cause,
you won't be ridin' off empty-handed.*

*Our highest sponsors earn tickets to the shindig
and all partners earn praise far and wide!*

Email questions to Erica at
aemiklaszewski@gmail.com

And rest easy, partner:
all donations are fully tax-deductible.

Advent Service Opportunity

Gift your community!



Religious Ed



“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)

708-326-9352

re@stmarymokena.org

ADOPT A CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE

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

*Pray for them
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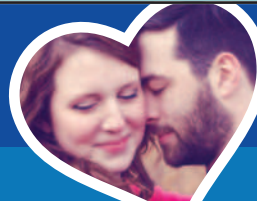
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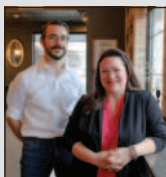
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