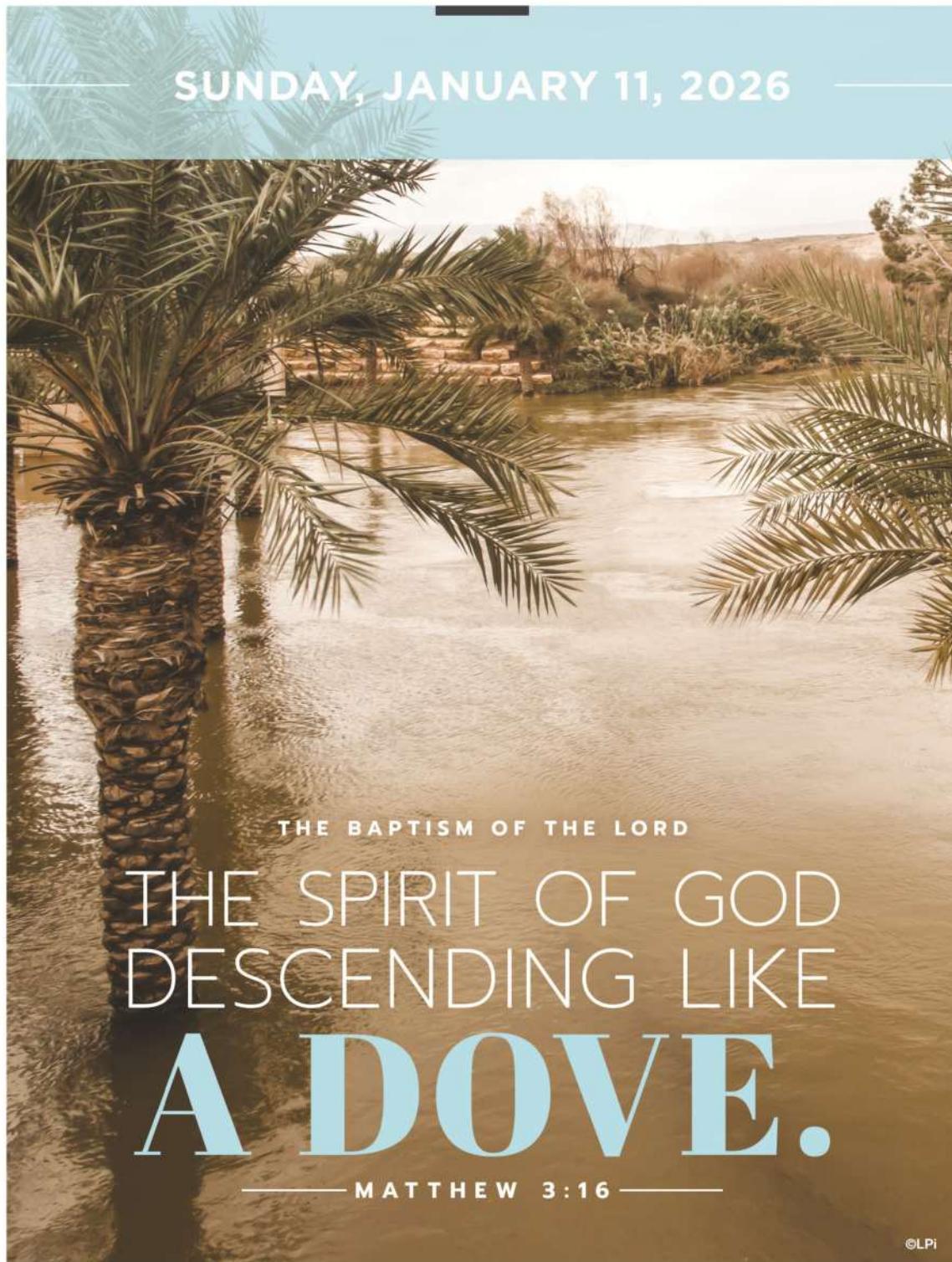


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"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/CONFESIONS:

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. -7:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

First Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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BAPTISMS - Baptisms are usually scheduled the first and third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptismal preparation class.

MARRIAGES - Weddings need to be scheduled at least 6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Remember to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please stop in the parish office to begin this process.

REGISTRATION - New to St. Mary? Please stop in the parish office to complete our registration form or visit our website at www.stmarymokena.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 12

8:00am: Rose Napatano, Judah Winkler

Tuesday, January 13

8:00am: Dennis Dilger Sr., Ann Jones, Tom Gorski

Wednesday, January 14

7:30am: Dan Steele, Walter and Geraldine Nykacza

8:30am: Marlene Briscoe

Thursday, January 15

8:00am: Cody Leonhardt

Friday, January 16

8:00am: Bill Delladio

Saturday, January 17

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

5:00pm: Mary Hugelet, Joseph Rubino, Peter Gusich, Roert and Jennifer Strezo

Sunday, January 18

8:00am: Mathew Siwinski

9:30am: Julia Cheropec, Larry Bahnaman Jr.

11:00am: John Kerins

6:00pm: Rosemary Mabbott

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, Joelle McMaster, Thomas Meehan, Heidi Meekma, Patty Melei, 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 Omastia, 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 Tamosalitis, 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

 RILEY KINAST,
 LUCIA QUINN DOHERTY,
 HUGH JAKOB MAHOLOVICH,
 AVA ALVIS,
 JASMINE MCCALLISTER
 MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

God Bless Our New Parishioners

Mr. Logan Plantz,
Mr. Dan Goelz



LET US PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO SERVE

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

SSG Jarred Andras, ARNG	SSG August Pintarro, USA
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ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG	LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN
PFC Noah Genz, USA	Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA	LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
MIDN Isabella Judeh, USMMA	Maj Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA	CPT Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
PV3 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
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PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
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THANK YOU.

The Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 12

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)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, January 14

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)
 5:00 p.m. REACH First Reconciliation (Church)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)

Thursday, January 15

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

Friday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Adoration for Increased Vocations (Church)
 4:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Altar Server Pizza Party (Guadalupe)

Saturday, January 17

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Pre-Cana (Fatima)
 12:00p.m. Pre-Cana Lunch (Lourdes)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, January 18

Donut Sunday
K of C Pancake Breakfast after all morning Masses
 7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00p.m. Knights of the Holy Temple Meeting (Fatima)
 12:00p.m. OCIA Meeting (Lourdes)
 12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE HICKS
 WILL CELEBRATE MASS FOR THE
 PRIESTS, DEACONS
 AND PEOPLE OF THE
 DIOCESE OF JOLIET

ST. RAYMOND CATHEDRAL, JOLIET

JANUARY 11, 2026 AT 2:00 PM

A simple reception will follow in the
 Cathedral Commons. All are welcome!



Congratulations to the
 Geiger family
 on the baptism of their
 children
 Maisie Lynn
 Theodore Paul



From Your Pastor

My dearest parishioners,

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the moment when Jesus steps into the Jordan River and is revealed as God's beloved Son. As the Gospel tells us, the heavens were opened, the Spirit descended, and the Father's voice was heard: *You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.* But did you know that this feast is not only about Jesus? It is also about us. When we were baptized, God said the same thing to each one of us: *You are my beloved child.* That happened before we did anything special, before we made mistakes, before life became complicated. God chose us and loved us first.

This fact can be hard to remember in the middle of real life. Many of us come to Mass today overwhelmed by busy schedules, family worries, health concerns, financial stress, or quiet struggles no one else sees. Some of us feel tired, discouraged, or unsure if we are doing enough or being enough. This feast reminds us that our identity does not come from our successes, our failures, or what others think of us. *It comes from God, and that makes us special.*

Living our baptism means trying to remember that we are God's beloved children and letting that truth shape how we live: *It means choosing kindness when it is easier to be impatient, forgiving when it is hard, and showing up for one another here at St. Mary especially when someone is hurting or in need. It means trusting that God is at work in our everyday lives.*

This week, I invite you to take a simple moment to remember your baptism. Make the sign of the cross slowly. Thank God for calling you His beloved child, and ask for the grace to live faithfully as the person you were born to be. May this feast renew our hearts and strengthen our parish family as we continue to walk together in faith.

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor



Called to Serve

High School Young Men freshman to seniors

Are invited to become a

KNIGHT OF THE HOLY TEMPLE

St. Mary Parish in Mokena is excited to be part of a fairly new ministry in the Diocese of Joliet. Our parish will be launching the ministry of Knights of the Holy

Temple. Young men high school age along with their parents are invited to an information meeting being held on **Sunday January 18, 2026** after the 11:00 a.m. mass in the parish hall. A light lunch will be provided. Learn more and explore the possibility of becoming a Knight of the Holy Temple here at St. Mary Parish. Please

RSVP by calling the parish office 708 326-9300 on or before Wednesday January 14, 2026 let us know how many will be attending.



Mission Statement:

-The purpose of the Knights of the Holy Temple is to assist high school-aged men to experience **Godly masculine adventure, battle, and beauty**, with a foundation firmly grounded on **fraternity, formation, prayer, and parish service**.

-The Knights encourage its members to grow in virtue and to learn how to become Catholic gentleman. The Knights help members gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church, to commit to properly live out our Catholic faith.

The Knights hold monthly meetings that are run by the young men who are its members. Within the guidelines of the Knights of the Holy Temple, all activities are decided by the members of the Knights. The Knights will develop friendships with each other and have opportunities for Christian formation. Engaging with Knights at other Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Joliet and outside our Diocese in service and social settings will also provide opportunities for friendship and fun.





Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Giving

**Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace**

Support our ministries this fall
through faithful generosity.

**The Offertory for
December 28th**

Online Giving	\$14,868.65
Envelopes	\$19,711.88
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	\$34,580.53

**The Offertory for
January 4th**

Online Giving	\$30,165.65
Envelopes	\$20,057.41
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	\$50,223.06

Budget \$34,000

**Thank you so much for your
generosity!**

Online Giving

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January 17 - January 18: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski Andrea Taylor	Guy Cesario Mary Frances Consola	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	John Brett Roberta Dreifke	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Andy Lihosit Lora Oldham	Bob Cornejo Susan Rizzo Stefanie Walthier Christine Weeks	Joe Austin Lin Austin Frank Dundek Pam Sanders	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Bob Meyers NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch James Nowak
Altar Server	Johnny Cotton Rosamund Cotton Molly Cotton Seamus McGarry	David Heitman Gerard Sima NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Dennis Dilger Hazel Dilger Silas Kuboushek Theo Kuboushek	Christopher Pienkos Cody Pienkos 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	Denise Mueller	Ed Dorey	Carolyn Farhat	Ed Dorey
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.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

HS MEETINGS

January 11

January 25



**Blessed Sandra
Sabattini
Pray for us!**

High School Bible Study

**Join us as we journey through
the New Testament Letters**

**Tuesday Nights at 7:30 in the
parish office.
Contact Matt for details.**

Come and See Night

The SMP Youth Ministry invites all high schoolers to come and see what our program is all about. Join us for a night of food, fellowship, and getting to meet the real Jesus. This night is designed for all to come and experience the faith in a simple and welcoming way.

January 25th at 7pm in the Church Hall. If you have a friend or a loved one unsure about the faith in high school, invite them to see what a wonderful adventure life with Christ can be.



Donut Sunday January 18th

Join us in the church hall after all morning masses while supplies last. All proceeds go to support our Youth Ministry Program!

Need High School service hours? Reach out for our sign-up form

Junior High

**Next Meeting Jan. 22 in
the school cafeteria.
6:00-7:30pm
(Enter door 4)**

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry



BE FORMED

SEASON 12: THE CREED – JESUS CHRIST

FEBRUARY 13 – MAY 13, 2026

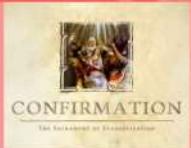
Learn more about the Creed and the identity of Jesus Christ through this 90-Day Discipleship Ministry! For more information, visit our website at beformed.net.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 5, 2026


beformed.net

beformed2020@gmail.com

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Janauary 20th- March 24th

TUESDAY EVENINGS
7PM
-OR-
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9AM

Take 9 weeks to delve into the Scriptures surrounding the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Holy Spirit!

Registration due before **January 11th**
Parish rate: \$27
 Registrations after this date, books will be purchased individually.
Individual rate: \$30

Link to register: www.stmarymokena.org/scripture
 or sign up after Mass January 11th in the Narthex

Soul to Soul Coaching Presents

Catholic Speed Dating

Ages 21ish-39ish

St. Priscilla's Church
Chicago, IL
January 24th
5:00pm

REGISTER HERE



Register here

Adult Faith Formation
 Presents:

The Wild Goose Series

Adult Confirmation Preparation Classes

These faith formation classes focus on the Holy Spirit and incorporating God's love in your daily life

Join us on Monday evenings
 January 26th - May 11th
 6:30pm
 Church Hall

For questions or registration, contact Megan Murray:
mmurray@stmarymokena.org



Register
today!



St. Mary Mokena

FAMILY Day

An Opportunity to
Grow in Faith at Every Age

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
12-3 PM

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

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



Register by January 25 at
www.stmarymokena.org/family



SCHOOL



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Open House Dates

January 15, 2026 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM
VIP Sneak Peek Night

and

January 25, 2026 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Open House & Tours

Both events will be an outstanding opportunity for prospective families to take private tours led by SMS teachers, staff, administration, clergy, students, and alumni. These tours provide an inside look at the vibrant academic and community life at St. Mary Catholic School. **RSVP is required.**

The St. Mary Difference

- Rooted in Catholic values, we welcome families of all faiths
- Will County's Largest Catholic Elementary School
- Rigorous Academic Curriculum
- High School Readiness with Advanced Algebra
- Multi-Student Discount
- Safe & Loving Place to Learn

SCAN
ME



For additional questions, contact Marketing & Enrollment Coordinator Danelle Bernas at dbernas@stmarymokena.org.

SADDLE UP & PUT ON YOUR BOOTS FOR



ST. MARY SCHOOL

CASINO NIGHT



★ WELCOME TO THE WILD WEST ★

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24



6:30 PM,

CHURCH HALL

\$100/person or \$350/4 people
includes heavy appetizers,
open bar, and \$100 in chips

All are welcome:

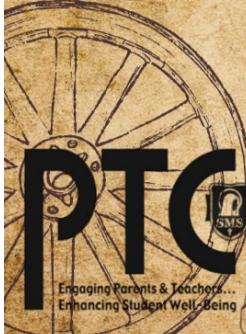
parents, parishioners and friends!

Don't mosey around: price increases to

\$125/person after January 16

Buy your tickets today at

www.stmarymokena.org/casino



Engaging Parents & Teachers...
Enhancing Student Well-Being

Email questions to Erica at
aemiklaszewski@gmail.com



Religious Education

Thank You!





Pjs & A book Drive





- RE families donated bins full of new PJs and books to "My Joyful Heart" in Mokena for local kids to snuggle up with a book this winter

708-326-9352

QUESTIONS?:

re@stmarymokena.org

ADOPT A CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE

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

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.)



Sponsored by the Religious Education Office



Religious Education

St. Mary's R.E. Mission 2025 RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!

Raffle will run from:
Nov 10- Feb 15, 2026

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDED:
 ☈ FIRST PRIZE - \$1,000
 ☈ SECOND PRIZE - \$500
 ☈ THIRD PRIZE - \$250

Tickets available in the R.E. Office

Help us continue to build our mission!



Stewardship Reflection**January 11, 2026 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God's “beloved” sons and daughters “with whom He is well-pleased.”

Catholic Stewardship Consultants



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Pancake Breakfast

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday, January 11
after all morning Masses
in the Church Hall.

Join the St. Mary Knights of Columbus for all you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage and special fruit toppings.

Start your day with a great breakfast and the great company of your fellow parishioners.

COST:

Free will offering

All donations will benefit the
K of C and the charities
it supports.



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**ALL MEMBERS and
THEIR FAMILIES
ARE WELCOME**

**ST. MARY'S
COUNCIL 6993
BOWLING
NIGHT**

*Get ready for a night of strikes and spares
at the Council's Family Bowling Night!*



WED. JANUARY 21ST

7PM - 9PM

THUNDER BOWL

18700 S. Old LaGrange Rd.

\$21 Per Bowler

**Includes 2 hours of bowling,
shoe rental, pizza and pop**

RSVP BY TUES. JAN. 13TH

Tom McDermott

Email to: tmac834@comcast.net

Please include the number of bowlers

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Council of Catholic Women



The next **General Meeting** will be **Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

Elaine Noonan is our Speaker
Posture, Balance and a Little Cha Cha Cha!

Save the Date!

St. Patrick Family Celebration

Sunday, March 8 in the Church Hall at 12:00 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be **Tuesday, January 13 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall



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"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Jesus

To St. Mary Parishioners:
We are so grateful for how welcoming you are to our families with young children. Please don't underestimate the power of a simple affirmation, smile, or word of encouragement to those around you after mass.

To the Parents of our Young Parishioners:
Thank you for bringing your growing family to celebrate with us! Know that you are welcome to sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear and we encourage you to quietly explain the parts of the Holy Mass to your child. If you feel you must go to the narthex with your child, *please come back!*



Children's Liturgy

All children from Kindergarten through grade 3 are invited to attend during 9:30 am Mass

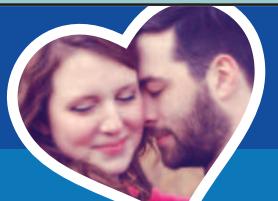
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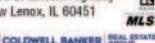
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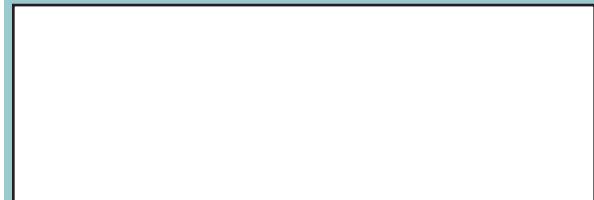
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