

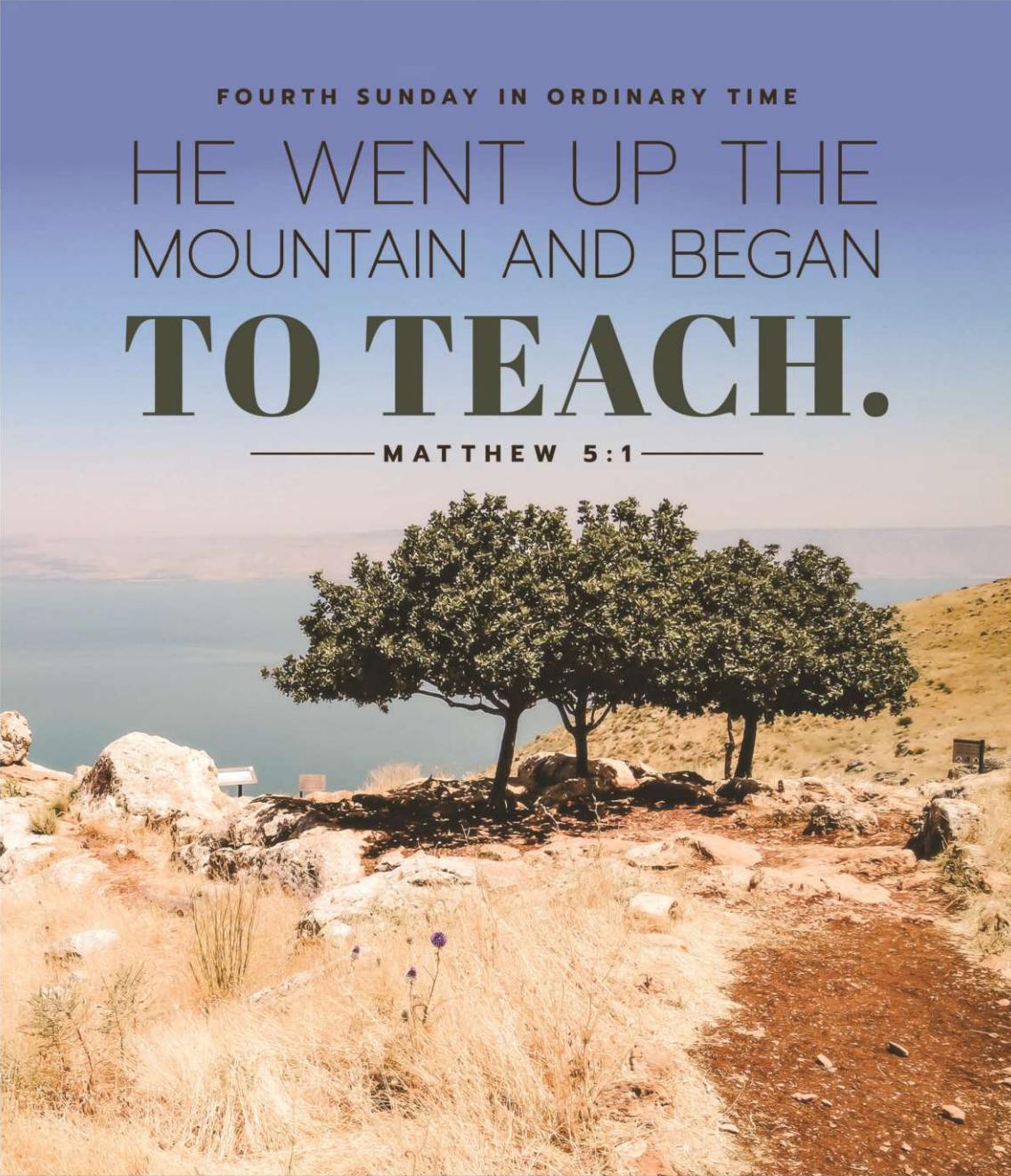
SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church."

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —



— SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 —

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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, February 2

8:00am: Mike Farkas

Tuesday, February 3

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino, Dennis Panozzo, Anna Mach, John Asmus

Wednesday, February 4

7:30am: Michael Duffy Sr.

8:30am: Edmund Sajewski, Nick Rizzo

Thursday, February 5

8:00am: Bernadine Kelso

Friday, February 6

8:00am: Richard Guzior

Saturday, February 7

8:00am: Terry O'Malley

5:00pm: The Brinkman family, Thomas Stanfield, Peter Pranckus

Sunday, February 8

8:00am: Tony Tonra

9:30am: Jane Narcissi

11:00am: Agnes Plecki

6:00pm: Frank Gorski

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, Shirley 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 Omastriak, 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 Tamossaitis, 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 our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters**



Sandra Matis



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

**God Bless Our
New Parishioners**

The Navarro family,
The Kovach family



**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

SP4 Arhan Atreya, USA

Capt Lukasz Bokun, ANG

Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF

AET2 Lauren Bulow, USCG

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

PFC Matthew Pakosz, USMC

MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF

SSG August Pintarro, USA

PFC Joshua Poplin, USA

E-3 Sydney Quattrochi, USAF

Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC

MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN

CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR

LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN

ME2 Gage Stearns, USCG

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.**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 2

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)
 4:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Guadalupe & Lourdes)
 6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (Lourdes)
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (JPII Room)

Tuesday, February 3

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Throat Blessing (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JPII Room)

Wednesday, February 4

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 (Church Hall)
 11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
 1:00 p.m. Young Heart (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)

Thursday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Deanery Meeting (Fatima)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry (School Cafeteria)

Friday, February 6

7:00 a.m. Confessions CANCELLED
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Adoration CANCELLED (Church)
 8:45 a.m. First Friday Devotion (Chapel)
 12:00p.m. Mass First Friday Devotion (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)

Saturday, February 7

CMAA Announcement Weekend
 7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
 9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Fatima)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions CANCELLED (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, February 8

CMAA Announcement Weekend
 7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. RE Sunday Class Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00p.m. OCIA Meeting (Lourdes)
 12:30p.m. Baptism (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

St. Mary Parish will start
 celebrating

First Friday Masses

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

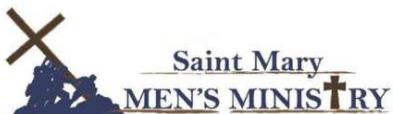
Next Mass: Friday, February 6th
12:00 PM

The First Friday Devotion consists of:

- Receiving Communion on the First Friday of each month for nine Fridays in a row
- Offering Communion in honor of Christ's Sacred Heart and in reparation for the sins committed against His Sacred Heart

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) MORNING CONFESSIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH.**
- 2) FRIDAY ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH.**
- 3) AFTERNOON CONFESSIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH. WE WILL STILL HAVE FIRST SATURDAY CONFESSIONS IN THE MORNING ON FEBRUARY 7TH.**



All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 21**



The Shroud of Turin

The Facts and Mystery

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



Giving

Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace

Support our ministries through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for January 18th

Online Giving	\$13,646.65
Envelopes	\$16,819.95
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	\$30,466.60

The Offertory for Christmas

Online Giving	\$25,925.25
Envelopes	\$136,458.26
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	\$162,383.51

Budget \$34,000

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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From Your Pastor

My dearest parishioners,

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

Tomorrow, February 2nd, the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is a special day for us as a parish to stop, give thanks, and think about the gift of men and women who have given their whole lives to God. This celebration was started by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1997 to honor the beauty, courage, and faithfulness of consecrated life. On the Feast of the Presentation, we remember how Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple and offered Him to God. In the same way, consecrated men and women offer their lives fully to God, trusting Him and serving His mission.

When we look at the history of our parish, we see that St. Mary of Mokena has been cared for by some religious orders like the Redemptorists, Benedictines, and Franciscans. Their service helped build a strong foundation of faith, love, and hope that continues today. Because of them, St. Mary has always been a place where God's love is shared and lives are changed. As priests of the Rogationist Order, Fr. Welbert and I are thankful to continue this mission. Each day, we try to listen to God and serve this parish with love, care, and dedication. Living a consecrated life is not always easy, but it continues to be a great joy and blessing, helping us live close to Christ and lead others to Him.

This day is also important for all of us as a parish. It is a day to say thank you for all religious men and women who show us God's love through their dedication to their ministries. It is a day to pray for them, to ask God for more vocations, and to remember that consecrated life gives hope to a world in need of love, service, and faith. I invite you to join us tomorrow in prayer and to offer your hearts, time, and talents to God. May the example of consecrated men and women inspire all of us to live our faith with courage, generosity, and trust in God so that together we may continue to share His love with the world.

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst
a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
(Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)

Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

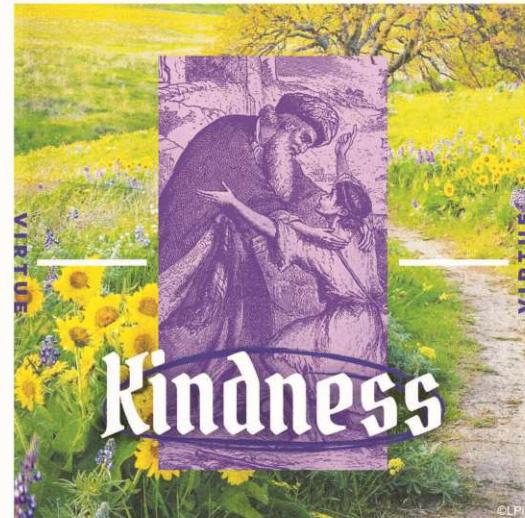
Monday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day



Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,
You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way.
Amen.

St. Mary's Annual
THROAT BLESSING
in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise



will take place in the church
following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
for a St. Mary Parish
Hospitality Committee

Do you have a gift for helping people feel welcome?
Do you get joy out of serving in practical ways?
Show God's love, make a meaningful impact at
parish events, and give back to St. Mary's in a
tangible way by joining the Hospitality Committee!

To learn more, please
CLICK HERE to fill out the form
or call the Parish Office, (708) 326-9300

*Congratulations to the
Burnson family
on the baptism of their
daughter
Marilyn Rose!*

EVANGELIZATION

1:1 Series

Session 4
Evangelization: For Love of Christ & His Church

Do you love your Catholic faith? Let's talk about it! Join parishioners from around the Diocese of Joliet for a chance to practice sharing your faith!

Presenter
Nick LaBanca
Joliet Chapter Team Captain
St. Paul Street Evangelization

3 February 2026
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Blanchette Catholic Center

Register Using the QR Code

Questions? Contact Alex Buldak
abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org
815-221-6256

An Evening for Married Couples with Dr. Edward & Beth Sri

Nationally Renowned Catholic Speakers
Authors of *The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful*

Save Date **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2026** @7:00PM

**The Realities of Marriage:
The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful**
with Dr. Edward & Beth Sri

Whether you've been married one year or forty, don't miss this powerful and inspiring evening! With humor, honesty, and deep faith, the Sris will share real-life insights into Catholic marriage—the joys and the struggles—and how God uses it all to draw spouses closer to Him and to each other.

\$50 PER COUPLE (MARRIED, ENGAGED, OR DATING)
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Hosted by *MAKING MARRIAGE*
Come be renewed in your vocation... and invite another couple to join you!

REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR SEATS ➤ ➤ ➤ bit.ly/srisatolm ➤ ➤ ➤

Join the Rosary Men



Wednesday, February 4th, 6:30pm Church Hall

Now is the time to answer Our Lady's call to action as a man, husband, father, mentor or young man. Become the spiritual leader you are called to be at home and in the community.

Join other faith filled men for an hour of fellowship, formation, and of course, the Rosary!

**Fathers
Husbands
Grandfathers
Godfathers
Mentors
All Men**

**Dads, bring your
SONS!
Food & Refreshments**

February 7 - February 8: Fifth 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	Pamela DeGregorio Ted Kopczynski	Bob Jostes Midge Saunders	SMS Student1 SMS Student2	Guy Cesario Roberta Dreifke	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Sue Murphy Karen Sayon	Joan Aust Joseph Budzyn Robert Rafferty Nancy Santry	Joe Austin Lin Austin Frank Dundek Pam Sanders	Michael Crowley Joanne Eckel Bob Meyers NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh James Nowak Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Johnny Cotton Rosamund Cotton NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin David Heitman NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Annie Kibbon Erin Ventura Megan Wajda NOT FILLED	Caleb Marietta Luke Tyrka Zachary Tyrka NOT FILLED	Caitlin Eiden Allison Eiden Gretchen Eiden McKenna Griffin
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 Carenas Linda Drake Maggie Knable NOT FILLED
Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	Denise Mueller	Ed Dorey	Carolyn Farhat	Ed Dorey
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.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

HS MEETINGS

February 22
March 1
March 8



**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.**

Fat Sunday Paczki Pre- Order



**Pre-Orders for Paczki
Sunday are now open.
Follow the QR Code to order
online or visit the parish
office for a physical copy.**

**Orders are due Tuesday, February 10
by 5pm. Pick-up February 15 after all
morning masses**

**Steubenville Sign-Up
June 26-29
Lisle, IL**



Junior High
**Next Meeting Feb. 5 in
the school cafeteria.
6:00-7:30pm
(Enter door 4)**

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

LENTEN SILENT RETREAT

How to See God's Goodness in the Cross

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 28
10AM-3PM
SHRINE OF ST. THERESE
DARIEN, IL

Register today at
www.stmarymokena.org/silent

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

Monica's Mission

ALL ARE INVITED TO:
ADORATION AND DISCUSSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
6:00 p.m. in the side chapel

- PRAYER FOR OUR LOVED ONES AWAY FROM THE FAITH
- COMMUNITY AND FAITH SHARING

We get together once a month to pray and support one another in our efforts to bring our loved ones back home to the Catholic Church.

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

Help us launch a new

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Are you passionate about the Sacrament of Marriage?
Want to help others build stronger marriages?
We're forming a core team to help build a ministry offering support, enrichment, and fellowship among couples.

Join us for an informational meeting:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
7:00 PM
CHURCH HALL



Deepen your own marriage, connect with other couples, make a lasting impact.

If you cannot attend but are interested, please email dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org.

Women are invited to


SIX LESSONS
FEARLESS & FREE
EXPERIENCING HEALING AND WHOLENESS IN CHRIST

a 6-week Walking with Purpose Bible Study based on Ephesians
hosted by Mom's Podcast Club, children are welcome to attend!

Fridays, 9:30-11:00
February 20 thru March 27
• Church Hall •
Free Registration at
www.stmarymokena.org/wwp
Questions? Contact
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

SCHOOL

ST. MARY SCHOOL

CASINO NIGHT

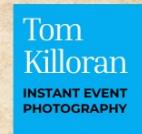
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Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312 or
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Sign up is required and space is limited.





Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee

Help us raise awareness about the sanctity of life from the moment of conception until natural death through prayer, education, fundraisers and events.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 10th in the Church Hall,
Fatima Room at 9:00 a.m.
We will be meeting the second Tuesday of the month.

Questions? Contact Donna Hungerford 708-326-9312 or dhungeford@stmarymokena.org



COMMUNITY LIFE

The Council of Catholic Women



The next **Board Meeting** will be **Wednesday, February 11** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room

The next **General Meeting** will be **Thursday, February 19** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

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Wednesday, February 4th

1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
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Contact Marla Garbarczyk

for information or if you need a ride 708-308-2505
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The next **Council Meeting** will be **Tuesday, February 10** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

The next **Officer Meeting** will be **Tuesday, February 24** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room



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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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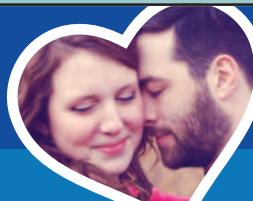
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