



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday | 8:00am, 9:30am,
 11:00am, 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:00am
 Tuesday | 8:00am
 Wednesday | 7:30am
 Thursday | 8:00am
 Friday | 8:00am
 Saturday | 8:00am

Confession

Monday through Friday
 7:00am-7:45am
 Saturday | 3:30pm-4:30pm
 First Saturdays | 8:30am-9:30am

Devotions

Daily Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 7:30am

Wednesday | 8:00am
 Monday evenings | 6:30pm

Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 8:00am
 Wednesday | 8:00am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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www.stmarymokena.org



OUR VISION

The beauty and sacredness of the liturgy, sacramental life and parish experience at St. Mary Parish leads our parishioners and community to a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

THE PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
-Door # 3-

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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 contact 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



MY DEAREST PARISHIONERS,

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

As we all know, our parish offers daily opportunities for the sacrament of confession. I am truly happy and grateful to see many parishioners faithfully approaching this beautiful sacrament of God's mercy. At the same time, some have shared that they feel afraid or hesitant to come to confession, especially because they have been away for many years and are unsure how to do it. If this is how you feel, please know this: *you are not alone, and you should not be afraid.*

The sacrament of confession is not a place of judgment, *but a place of mercy, healing, and new beginnings.* God is not waiting to punish you. He is waiting to welcome you back. Like the loving Father in the parable of the prodigal son, He runs out to meet those who return to Him with humble hearts. All that is required is a sincere desire to come back to God: *humble yourself before Him, examine your conscience honestly, acknowledge your sins with sorrow, and trust in God's infinite mercy.*

You do not need perfect words or a perfect memory to make a good confession. Simply begin to tell what is on your mind and heart, and the Lord will do the rest. *Again, do not be afraid.* Fr. Welbert and I are here to help you and gently guide you through the sacrament. We are happy to walk with you, no matter how long it has been. May this holy sacrament be for all of us a true encounter with Christ's love, forgiveness, and peace. *Hope to see you!*

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 9

8:00am: Larry Hackett

Tuesday, February 10

8:00am: Dennis Panozzo, David Heniff,
Salvatore and Rosaria Sturino, Ercole and
Innocenza Sturino, Terry Hyland, Skip Daniel

Wednesday, February 11

7:30am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

8:30am: Ann Jones

Thursday, February 12

8:00am: Patrick and Patricia McAndrew

Friday, February 13

8:00am: Ann Jones

Saturday, February 14

8:00am: Jane Narcissi

5:00pm: The O'Neill family, Bryce Sadelski, Dave
Gasik, Edward Bean, Stefania Barlog,
Elizabeth Plaza

Sunday, February 15

8:00am: Barbara Sansone

9:30am: Danilo and Antonio Amigleio

11:00am: Linda Heinicke

6:00pm: Dwight Snow

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 Drobnick, 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, 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 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 Wallis, Kathy Wereldsma, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger, Kathleen Yonker

PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



**Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters**

Robert Gianone



*Eternal 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	MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC	SSG August Pintarro, USA
SP4 Arhan Atreya, USA	PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
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Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF	Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC
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TSgt Loretta Caplinger, USAF	CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR
E3 Colette Gagen, USN	LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN
ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG	ME2 Gage Stearns, USCG
PFC Noah Genz, USA	Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA	LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
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PV3 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
Cpl John P. Morrison, USMC	PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
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PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
PFC Matthew Pakosz, USMC	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.**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 9

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (Lourdes)

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Lourdes & Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, February 11

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Church Hall)
 4:00 p.m. Triduum Readthrough (Fatima)

Thursday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Adoration Monica's Mission (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Monica's Mission (Guadalupe)

Friday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)

Saturday, February 14

CMAA In Pew Weekend

RE Raffle Ticket Sales

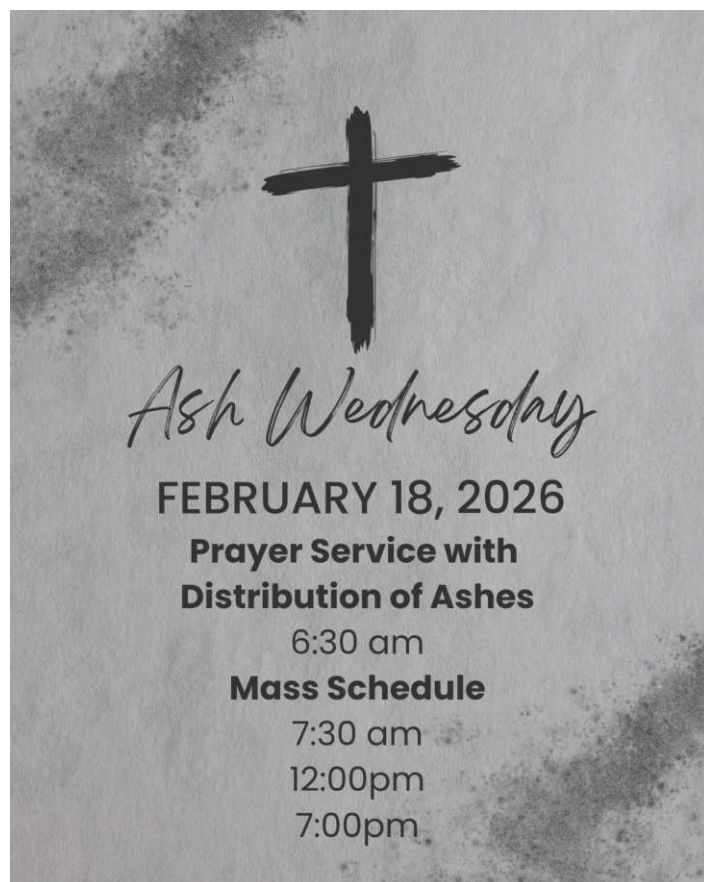
7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, February 15

CMAA In Pew Weekend

RE Raffle Ticket Sales

7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:00 p.m. OCIA Meeting (Lourdes)
 12:30 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



Ash Wednesday
 FEBRUARY 18, 2026
 Prayer Service with
 Distribution of Ashes
 6:30 am
 Mass Schedule
 7:30 am
 12:00pm
 7:00pm



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



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**



*Congratulations to the
Schroeder family
on the baptism of
their son
Emory Stephen*



Giving

**Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace**

**Support our ministries
through faithful generosity.**

**The Offertory for
January 25th**

Online Giving	\$12,831.90
Envelopes	\$17,806.67
	\$30,638.57

**The Offertory for
Sunday February 1st**

Online Giving	\$19,371.90
Envelopes	\$27,859.05
	\$47,230.95

Budget \$34,000

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

Online Giving

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gift today.

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Code





Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report is in today's bulletin. As Christians, we are called to elevate our faith beyond all expectations in service to our brothers and sisters in need. Through the CMAA, we serve the most vulnerable in our community, and our parish benefits from many CMAA-supported ministries including vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish goal is \$167,400.00. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you!



for our Lenten Parish Mission

Grow in our Desire to Be Saved:

A Reflection on the Scrutinies

with Fr. Steven Borello,

Diocese of Joliet Vocations Director

Sunday, March 22-Wednesday, March 24

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

St. Mary, Mokena

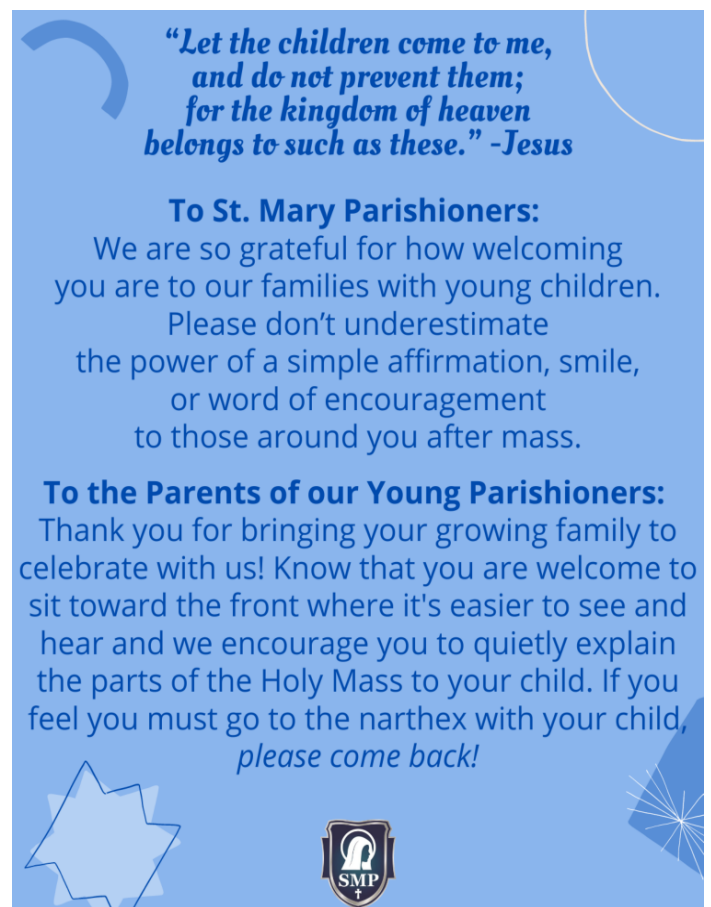
Sunday, March 22:
“For What Do We Thirst?”

Monday, March 23:
“And Now I See.”

Tuesday, March 24:
“Come Out.”

Each evening will include Adoration.







PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

FAYE MAREN HOEKSTRA,
EMORY STEPHEN SCHROEDER,
MARILYN ROSE BURNSON
JACK CARLIN MCCABE,
CREW JONATHAN RYCZEK,
BENJAMIN MICHAEL MILLER,
GABRIEL FRANCIS MILLER

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

February 14 - February 15: Sixth 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	Andy Lihosit Anne Trovato	Joan Aust Mary Frances Consola	Richard Hamilton Stan Nowak	Sean Gleason Art Wilson	Andy Habib
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Andrea Taylor	Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Stefanie Walthier Christine Weeks	Kathy Judge Gretchen Nenn Joshua Sifuentes Kathleen Sifuentes	Remo Lucci Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Seamus McGarry Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	Hannah Johnston Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Dennis Dilger Hazel Dilger CJ Strzelczyk Emma Strzelczyk	Natalie Galka Ryan Gross Christian Taylor NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden Caitlin 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 Phllip Sparacino	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Gabriella Carens Linda Drake Maggie Knable NOT FILLED
Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	Joan Aust	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	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.

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. 19 in the school cafeteria.
6:00-7:30pm
(Enter door 4)

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

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



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

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 reverts to the faith, willing to share their faith journey back
to the Church.

Contact Deacon Pete Manning: deaconpete@aol.com SUBJECT: "Revert"



Religious Education

R.E. RAFFLE ★★

*Support our ministry
and win cash prizes!*

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DRAWING FEB. 15, 2026
TICKET: \$5.00 EACH

CASH PRIZES



FIRST PRIZE – \$1,000
SECOND PRIZE – \$500
THIRD PRIZE – \$250



Please support our school!

• For questions call 708-326-9352

• re@stmarymokena.org

New Year, New Resolutions for 2026

How can I grow in my faith and in my heart?

Here are a few ideas to consider.

Read the bible - Try to commit to reading 15 minutes of scripture a day. Consider signing up for Bible Study or Bible in a Year. The Lord can speak to you through scripture.

Worship –There is no substitute for receiving the Holy Eucharist. It is our spiritual food and our strength. Can you come to Mass more often? Perhaps you can attend daily Mass?

Prayer – Make time for it. A good time is first thing when you get up before the business of the day makes it difficult. How about before meals or before going to bed? This is a good time to count all your blessings and thank God. If you had a rough day, talk to Him about it.

Adoration – Spend time with our Lord in the blessed sacrament. Often times the Lord will speak to you in the silence. It is important to listen.

Journal - Think about all the blessings and struggles you have had in your life. Writing things down can reveal when God has been present when you needed him. How quickly we forget.

Share your experiences –Look for an opportunity to share what you know about Jesus. Have you witnessed something miraculous? Most of us have had an experience we can share. You can also do this by being an example. Share your joy. If someone responds to you, invite them to Mass or one of our activities. St. Mary's has so much to offer.

Service/Participate – Be a part of something that would help you grow in faith. Maybe it's time to step out of your comfort zone. There are many ministries and community organizations that need volunteers. It's a good feeling helping those in need.

Stewardship – God has given us gifts. Pray that your gift is revealed if you don't know yours. What responsible way do we handle our gifts? How are we using them? Be generous with your time, talent and treasure. A smile or kind gesture goes a long way.

Charity – Are you a giver? How do you share your gifts from God with your neighbor?

Love – Do you take the time to show your appreciation? Do you forgive? Let us forgive others as God forgives you.

Make 2026 a year to grow closer to Jesus and in your faith.

If you have been away, remember it is never too late to come back.
Your life will have more meaning.

Jeremiah 29:13

You shall seek me, and shall find me: when you shall seek me with all your heart.



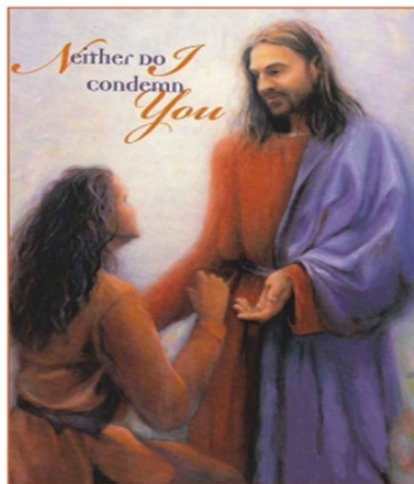


Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee

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



MERCY, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS...

If you are suffering from grief after having had an abortion, remember that God always offers forgiveness. Nothing is unforgivable and the Church is the hospital of healing. Just as the father ran to the prodigal son when he came home, so too is God waiting with open arms to receive you back home!

2026 Retreat Dates

May 1 - 3

Oct. 2 - 4

Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center
at Sisters of Mt. Assisi - Lemont, IL

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressure of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process.

Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by reconciliation, grace and peace.

Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises that help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist.

The retreat concludes with a Memorial Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Information, prayer, registration contact:

815-370-8118 or 815-634-3796

www.diojoliet.org or

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness – call the Rachel's Vineyard toll-free national hotline at

877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)

ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH DAY

FAMILY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

FOLLOWING 11:00 A.M. MASS

12:00 NOON - 4:00 PM CHURCH HALL

\$20.00 PER PERSON

\$70.00 PER FAMILY (2 ADULTS AND CHILDREN
UNDER THE AGE OF 18)

CHILDREN UNDER 3 YRS OF AGE ARE FREE.

CASH BAR, RAFFLE BASKETS, 50/50 SPLIT THE POT

- BUFFET DINNER & HOMEMADE DESSERTS
- FAMILY FUN
 - FACE PAINTING AT 12:30 P.M.
 - HULA HOOP CONTEST, BALLOON TWISTER 1:00 P.M.
- ENTERTAINMENT/MUSIC
 - IRISH DANCERS AT 2:30 P.M.

Contact Roberta Dreifke
for more information 708-334-1909

Sponsored by the
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)





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



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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Trip to Four Winds Casino

Wednesday, March 4

Meet near the Parish Office Door #3 on the circle drive by 9:15 a.m. (depart 9:30 p.m. & return approximately 4:30 p.m.)

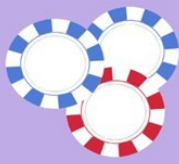
\$40.00 per person includes bus \$15 toward slots and \$10 voucher toward lunch



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Contact Donna Hungerford if you are available
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Look for them just South of the front door of the parish, next to the parking lot.

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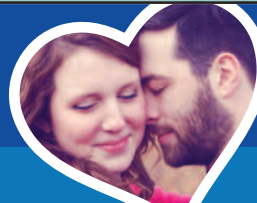
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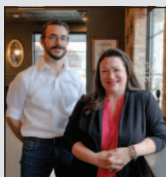


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