



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

FEBRUARY 15, 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

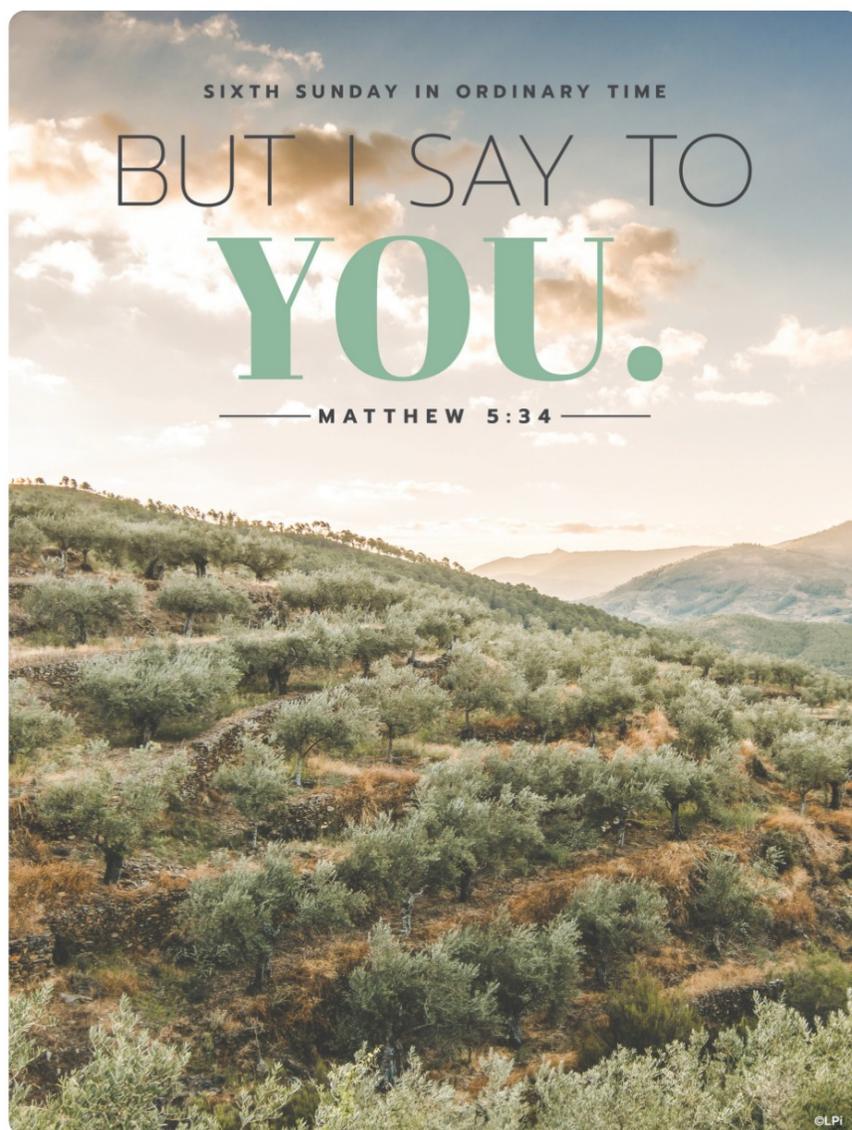
Wednesday | 8:00am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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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

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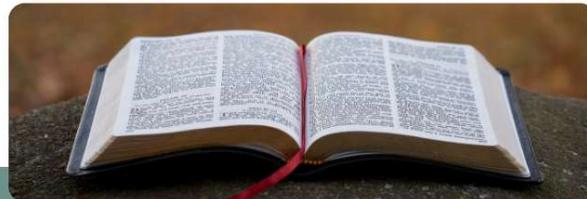
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OCIA - Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 708-326-9313.

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.

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!

This Wednesday, February 18, we begin the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This day marks a special time when we are invited to renew our faith, turn away from sin, and grow closer to God. It is a moment to pause and reflect on our lives and ask ourselves: *Am I really living the way God wants me to live?* Ash Wednesday is more than a date on the calendar or a yearly tradition. It is an opportunity to look deeply into our hearts. Many of us make it a point to attend church and receive ashes on our foreheads each year. But an important question remains: *Do we truly understand why we do this?* Ash Wednesday is not just about receiving ashes, but a call to real change in our lives.

The ashes remind us of our humanity and the shortness of life. As we approach the priest, we hear the words: *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.* These words call us to humility and to live in a way that reflects God's love. More than anything, the ashes invite us to examine our hearts, acknowledge our sins, and turn back to God. It is not simply about being present at church, but about inner transformation. The season of Lent that follows is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: *a time to grow in faith, love, and mercy.* It challenges us to step away from distractions, open our hearts to God's guidance, and live more intentionally. Ash Wednesday reminds us that faith is not about routine, but about real change. This is why churches are often full on this day, because deep down, we recognize our need for renewal, mercy, and God's grace.

So, this Ash Wednesday, do not come only for the ashes. Come with an open heart that is ready to listen to God. Let the ashes be a sign of your desire to turn back to Him, to grow, and to live more faithfully. May this Lent be more than a ritual. May it be an invitation to real change, renewal, and the fullness of life God desires for you.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 16

8:00am: Peter Bria

Tuesday, February 17

8:00am: Kim DeSalvo Bozych

Wednesday, February 18

7:30am: Richard Guzier

8:30am: Ginny Hughes

12:00pm: Timothy Dilger

7:00pm: Nicholas Dushek

Thursday, February 19

8:00am: Roberto Limon

Friday, February 20

8:00am: Bill Delladio

Saturday, February 21

8:00am: Edmund Kulesa

5:00pm: Mary Hugelot, Joseph Rubino, Carole Sterkowicz, Antonia Di Vincenzo, Lucy McDonald, Dr. Robert Wombacher, Anthony Coltro

Sunday, February 22

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Julia Cheropec, Bernard Cicora

11:00am: Larry Hackett, Cecilia Bohan

6:00pm: Parishioners of St. Mary

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 Capar, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janet Drobbick, 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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

ROSIE PAYTON,
ROWAN JAMES REGAN,
ISABELLE MARY FRAINEY,
VINCENT JOHN BENEDETTO

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Virginia Danley, John Anderer



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



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	MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF
PFC Jensen Andras, USMC	SSG August Pintarro, USA
SP4 Arhan Atreya, USA	PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
Capt Lukasz Bokun, ANG	E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF
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
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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Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF	MAJ Bryan Welch, USA
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 16

Parish Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 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 (JP11 Room)

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Mass (Church)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Lourdes & Fatima)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP11 Room)

Wednesday, February 18

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 6:30 a.m. Ash Service (Church)
 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)
 12:00p.m. Mass (Church)
 1:00p.m. Young at Heart (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. Re Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Thursday, February 19

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Ministry (Cafeteria)
 6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

Friday, February 20

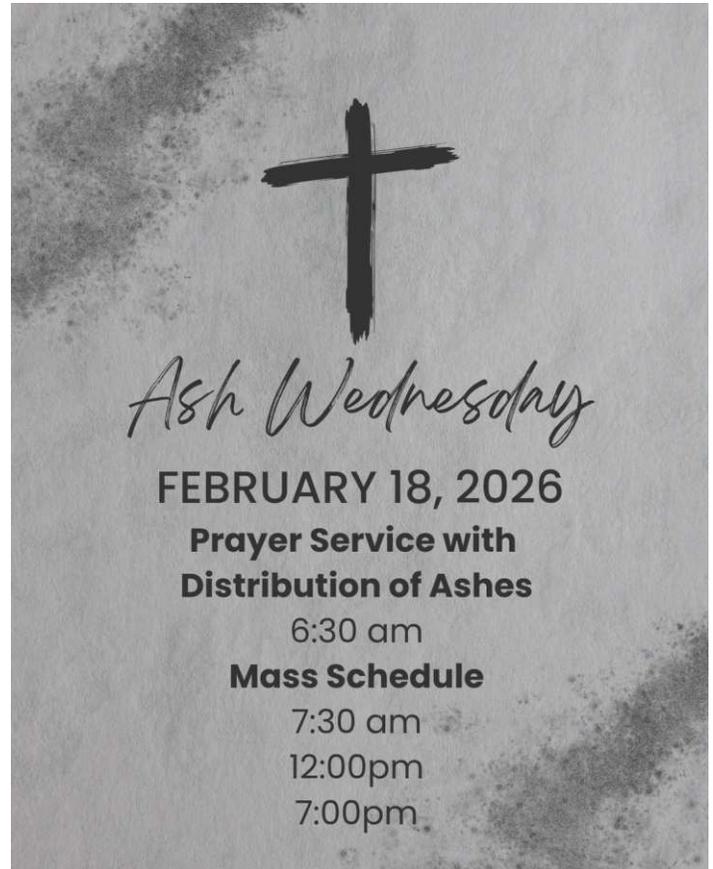
7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Walking with Purpose (Guadalupe, Lourdes)
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, February 21

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, February 22

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 (Classrooms)
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Baptism Prep (Fatima)
 3:30 p.m. OCIA Rehearsal (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1) THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY.

2) MORNING CONFESSIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AND MASSES.



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

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.*



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 this fall
through faithful generosity.**

**The Offertory for
February 8th**

Online Giving	\$13,553.40
Envelopes	\$27,041.53
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	\$40,594.93

Budget \$34,000

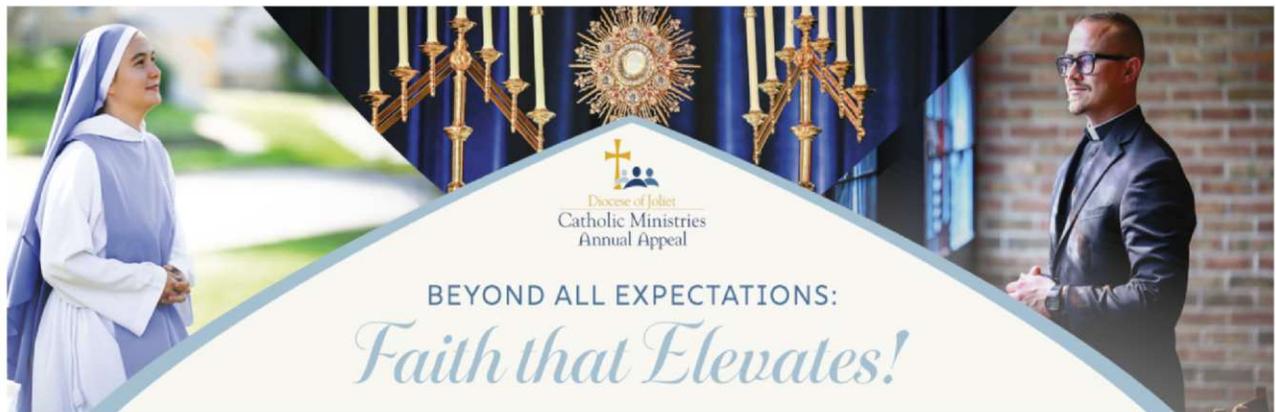
**Thank you so much for your
generosity!**

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.

Scan the QR
Code





Pledge your gift to the CMAA!

This is commitment weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a powerful way to put our faith into action. This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! When we care for those in need, we answer this call. Our parish joins with other parishes to serve the vulnerable, grow children in faith, and strengthen vocations. We cannot foster these ministries alone. This is a diocese-wide effort.

We receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish. Please prayerfully consider your gift and help our parish reach \$167,400.00. Complete and return a pledge envelope in church today. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

for our Lenten Parish Mission

ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY:

A Reflection on the Scrutinies

with Fr. Steven Borello,

Diocese of Joliet Vocations Director

Sunday, March 22 - Tuesday, 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.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The **ashes are a sign of repentance**, and the 40 days of Lent **mirror the 40 days Christ spent in the desert**, fasting and praying, before his public ministry.

The 40 days of Lent are considered **penitential days**, since we should make an intentional effort to follow God's teachings more closely and turn away from sin.

PENITENTIAL DAYS ARE SPECIFIC DAYS ON WHICH THE "CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL DEVOTE THEMSELVES IN A SPECIAL WAY TO PRAYER, PERFORM WORKS OF PIETY AND CHARITY, AND DENY THEMSELVES AS BY FULFILLING THEIR OWN OBLIGATIONS MORE FAITHFULLY AND ESPECIALLY BY OBSERVING FAST* AND ABSTINENCE†" (CANON 1249.)

* PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, AND ABOVE THE AGE OF 59, ARE NOT OBLIGED TO FAST.

† **ABSTINENCE**: HERE REFERS TO THE PRACTICE OF NOT EATING MEAT. APPLIES TO PEOPLE 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

We are encouraged to spend time fasting and abstaining from meat. This is a way for us to sacrifice worldly pleasures as a sign that we are repenting our sins. While we are meant to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, **only Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are prescribed days of fasting.** (This means that in a day, two of three meals should be small. These should not equal the third, larger one.)

Try to receive ashes – and to abstain from meat and to fast – this Ash Wednesday, as signs of repentance for our sins.

Ash Wednesday

IS OBSERVED ON
FEBRUARY 18TH.



CONSIDER JOINING the St. Mary Parish Hospitality Committee

We're looking for parishioners who can help people feel at home in our parish!

The role of this group will be to assist in setup, serving, and cleanup at parish-wide events such as First Holy Communion, Family Days, Confirmation, and other retreats and events.

Members will choose which events they can attend. Show God's love, make a meaningful impact, and give back to St. Mary's in a tangible way by joining the Hospitality Committee!

To learn more, please fill out the form at www.stmarymokena.org/volunteer or call the Parish Office, (708) 326-9300.



*Little Black
Books
are available!*

The Little Black Books used for short, daily Lenten reflections are available in the Narthex.

Each meditation will bring you closer to our Lord during this liturgical season.

From the Sacred Music Office:

Hello all,

I hope everyone is having a pleasant winter! In the liturgical calendar, today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today is also the last Sunday we will say or sing *Alleluia*, as we refrain from using it beginning on Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. Because of this, the closing hymn at Mass this weekend (February 15th) is *All Creatures of Our God and King*; an appropriate selection today since the last few lines of the hymn, give us plenty of opportunities to sing *Alleluia*!

During Lent, you will notice that much of the music is more subdued and often written in a minor key. This musical shift helps us to reflect on Christ's Passion as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. As the Adult Choir continues to rehearse a variety of music for the upcoming liturgical seasons, I am grateful to each member for generously sharing their time and talents to help enrich our liturgies throughout the entire liturgical year.

Additionally, if anyone is interested in joining the Adult Choir we would love to have you! Being part of music ministry is not only a way to serve the parish, but also a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, community, and spiritual growth. If you are interested in joining the choir, please send me an email or see me after one of the weekend Masses!

Sincerely,

Joseph Berardi

Director of Sacred Music

jberardi@stmarymokena.org



February 21 - February 22: First Sunday of Lent

	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 Guy Cesario	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	John Brett Roberta Dreifke	Youth Ministry Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas Andy Lihosit Lora Oldham	Bob Cornejo Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Nancy Santry	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Joanette Kulesa Pamela Sanders	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Bob Meyers NOT FILLED	Heidi Adducci Siena Adducci NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Johnny Cotton Rosamund Cotton Molly Cotton Avery McNamara	Jillian Ferin Gerard Sima NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Frankie Fulton Grace Fulton June Fulton NOT FILLED	Cody Pienkos Christopher Pienkos NOT FILLED 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 Phillip Sparacino	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Youth Ministry Usher 1 Youth Ministry Usher 2 Youth Ministry Usher 3 NOT FILLED
Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	Ed Dorey	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 Pickup

February 15th in the Church Hall after all morning masses.
Cash or check only.

Donuts & Packzis available until sold out!

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

LENTEN SILENT
RETREAT

How to See
God's Goodness
in the Cross

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 28
10AM-4PM

SHRINE OF ST. THERESE
DARIEN, IL

Register today at
www.stmarymokena.org/silent

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

St. Peregrine

DEVOTION AND
HEALING SERVICE

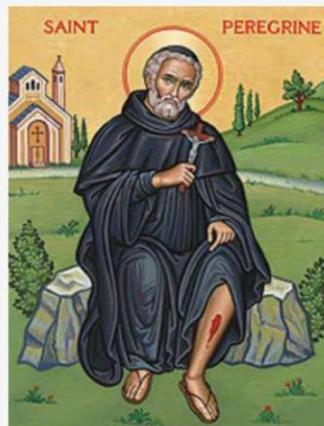
PATRON OF THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH
CANCER OR ANY INCURABLE DISEASE
OR CONDITION

26
FEBRUARY

6:30PM
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
SIDE CHAPEL

EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH!

- ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS
- RECONCILIATION
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Spend time in Jesus' presence at

Behold

Thursday, February 26th
7:00 pm in the Church

A Night of Prayer, Music,
Confession and Adoration



USQUE AD MORTEM OBEDIENS FACTUS

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."



Religious Education

**LAST CHANGE TO
GET YOUR TICKETS
AFTER MASSES ON
FEB 14 & 15!**

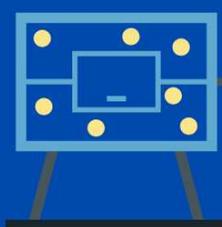
R.E. RAFFLE

*Support our ministry
and win cash prizes!*



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

CASH PRIZES



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



Please support the Religious Ed mission!

• For questions call 708-326-9352

• re@stmarymokena.org

St. Mary has two Blessing Pantries

Look for them just South of the front door of the parish, next to the parking lot. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, please drop them off at the Parish Office. Be sure to check that they have not expired.

Please take a look at the suggested donation list. What items do you and your family enjoy? Don't forget to include those!

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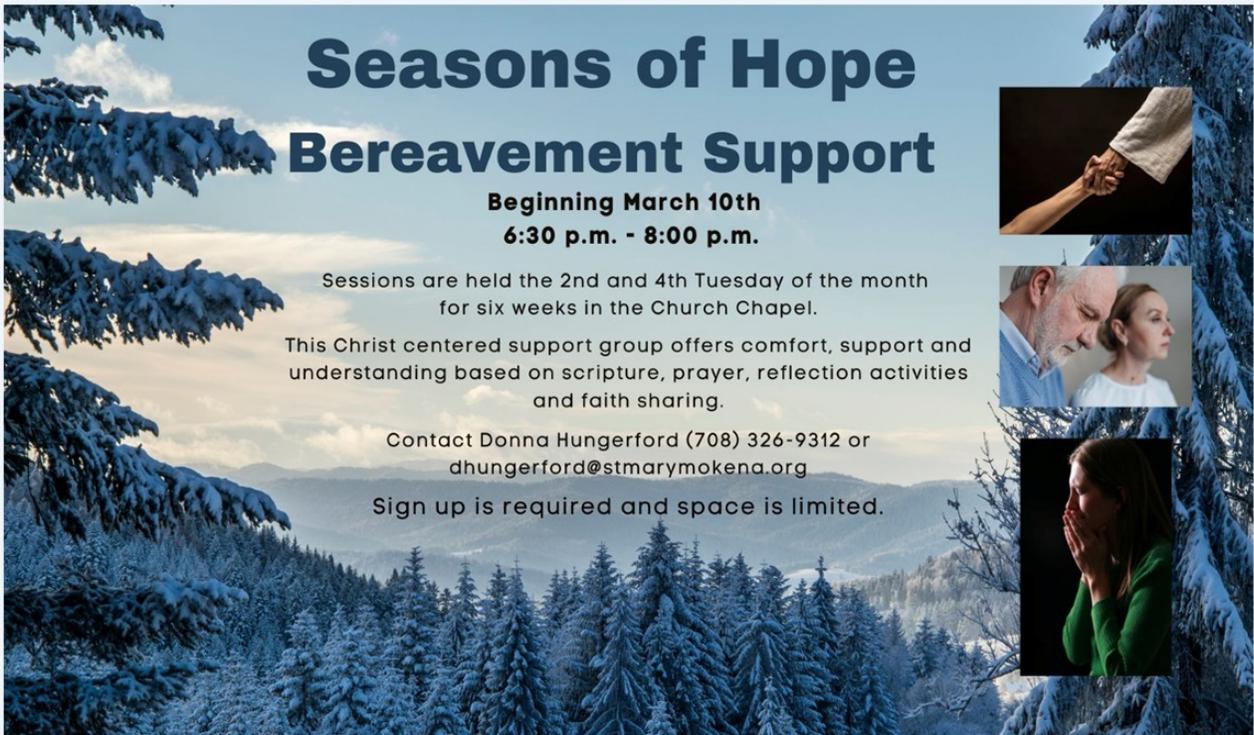
**Beginning March 10th
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month for six weeks in the Church Chapel.

This Christ centered support group offers comfort, support and understanding based on scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing.

Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312 or dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

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

March for Life 2026

Illinois Pro-Life March on Thursday, March 19 at the Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building.

401 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62701

The St. Mary Pro-Life Committee is organizing a bus to the March.

More details to come!



**Stroke Scan will be available in March in the
Church Hall, Lourdes Room.
Sign up will be in the Narthex, March 7 & 8.**



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- Bone Density (T-Score) \$25

*Bloodwork may not be available in all regions.



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Screening Preparations

- Wear a two-piece comfortable outfit, no dresses.
- No food or caffeine 4 hours prior to screening.
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The Council of Catholic Women

The next **General Meeting** will be **Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room
 The next **Board Meeting** will be **Wednesday, March 11** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room



The January meeting focused on posture, balance and a little Cha Cha Cha led by CCW member and dance coordinator, *Elaine Noonan!*

St. Mary's Young at Heart Club

Join us on Wednesday, February 18th for a

Valentine's Day Party

Our meeting is in the Church Hall
 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.



St. Mary's Young at Heart



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.)

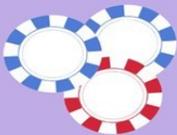
\$40.00 per person includes bus \$15 toward slots and \$10 voucher toward lunch

Contact **Marla Garbarczyk (708) 308-2505** for information.

All parishioners & friends are welcome!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Officer Meeting** will be **Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room
 The next **Council Meeting** will be **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

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Contact **Roberta Dreifke** for more information 708-334-1909

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Congratulations to the McCabe family on the baptism of their son Jack Carlin

“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!*



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