



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MARCH 1, 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

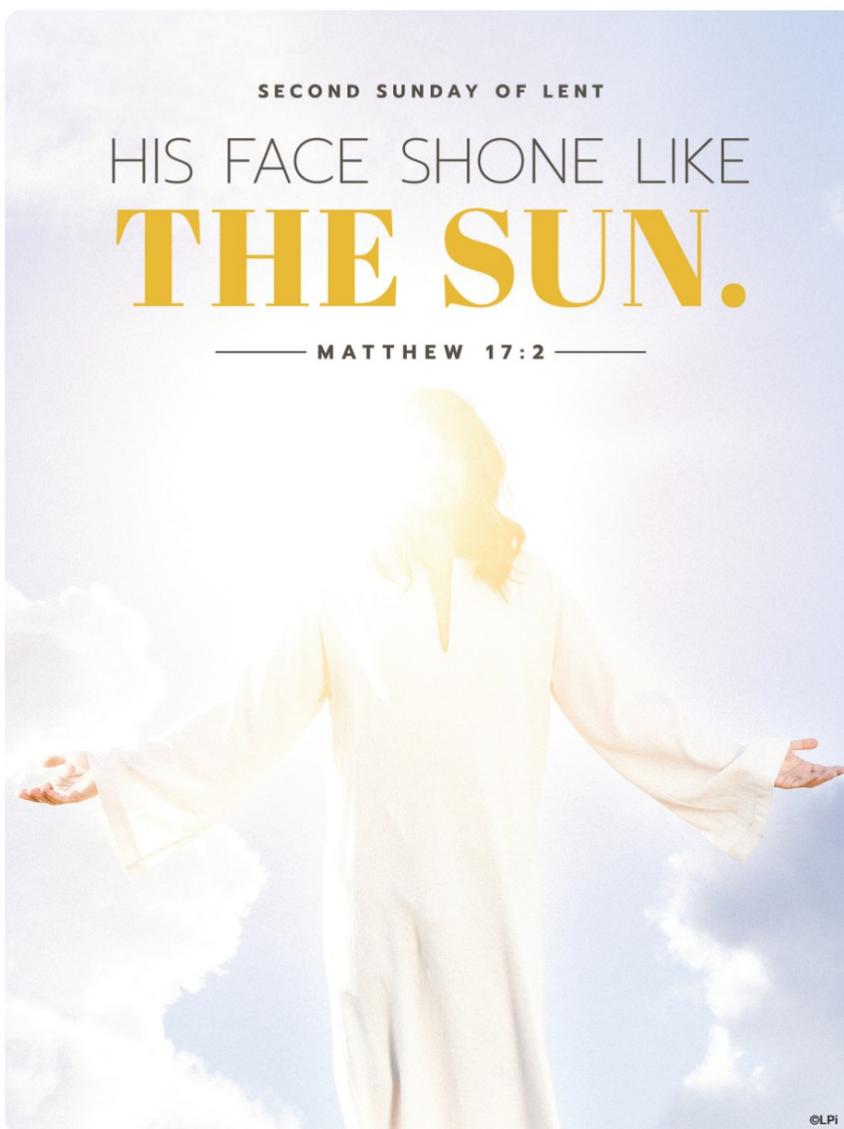
Wednesday | 8:00am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

19515 S. 115th Avenue
 Mokena, IL 60448
 708-326-9300
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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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!

I would like to remind everyone about the proper and reverent way of receiving Holy Communion. As we all know, the Holy Eucharist is Jesus Himself. It is not just a symbol or a piece of bread. *It is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ.* Because we are receiving our Lord, we must do so with great love, respect and care. The Church permits receiving Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hand.

Receiving on the tongue may be done while standing or kneeling according to the norms of the Church. Please open your mouth and extend your tongue so that the Sacred Host can be placed safely and reverently. When receiving in the hand, I ask everyone to follow the proper way taught by the Church. *Please place one hand on top of the other, forming a respectful and worthy place for our Lord.* After the priest or a minister of communion places the Sacred Host in your hand, please step aside and consume the Host immediately, using your other hand before returning to your seat. Let us also be attentive to any small fragments, remembering that even the smallest particle is truly the Lord.

As we come forward for Holy Communion, let us do so prayerfully and without distraction. Our actions, posture and behavior should show that we truly believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist. *If you have any questions about receiving Holy Communion, please feel free to speak with me after Mass.* Thank you for helping us maintain a spirit of reverence and devotion at this sacred moment of the Mass. May our love and respect for the Holy Eucharist grow deeper each day, and may we always receive our Lord with faith, care and reverence.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 2

8:00am: Baby Martello, Rita Rowe

Tuesday, March 3

8:00am: Patty Alberts, Richard Otto, Rick Urchell

Wednesday, March 4

7:30am: Ken Gorski

8:30am: Dennis Dilger Sr.

Thursday, March 5

8:00am: Bill Dorans

Friday, March 6

8:00am: Richard Gosier

12:00am: Virginia Danley

Saturday, March 7

8:00am: Joe Gustafson

5:00pm: Bill Phelan, Joey DiNaso

Sunday, March 8

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Kim Ogden

11:00am: Theresa O'Connor

6:00pm: Paula Gorski

God Bless Our New Parishioners

Ms. Tilly Sylvain,
The Wirtz family,
Mr. Anthony Russell



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-Figliuolo, 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, Betty Krzewicz, 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, Barbara 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 Kelson-Tamer, Tiffany Theresa, John Turas, Judy Turas, Marion Wallis, Kathy Wereldsma Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Paul Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger, Kathleen Yonker



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

VINCENT JOHN BENEDETTO,
ROWAN JAMES REGAN,
ISABELLE MARY FRAINEY,
EMMA CECILIA RAJCA,
FULTON PIERRE CABES
MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Gerhardt Facko,
Jennie Buhs



*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
Capt Lukasz Bokun, ANG	E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF
Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF	Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC
AET2 Lauren Bulow, USCG	MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN
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
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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 2

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)
 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 (JP II Room)

Tuesday, March 3

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. 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 (Lourdes & Fatima)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, March 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)
 4:30 p.m. Re Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary Men (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. Marriage Ministry Info Meeting (Fatima)

Thursday, March 5

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. Jr. High Youth Ministry (School Cafeteria)

Friday, March 6

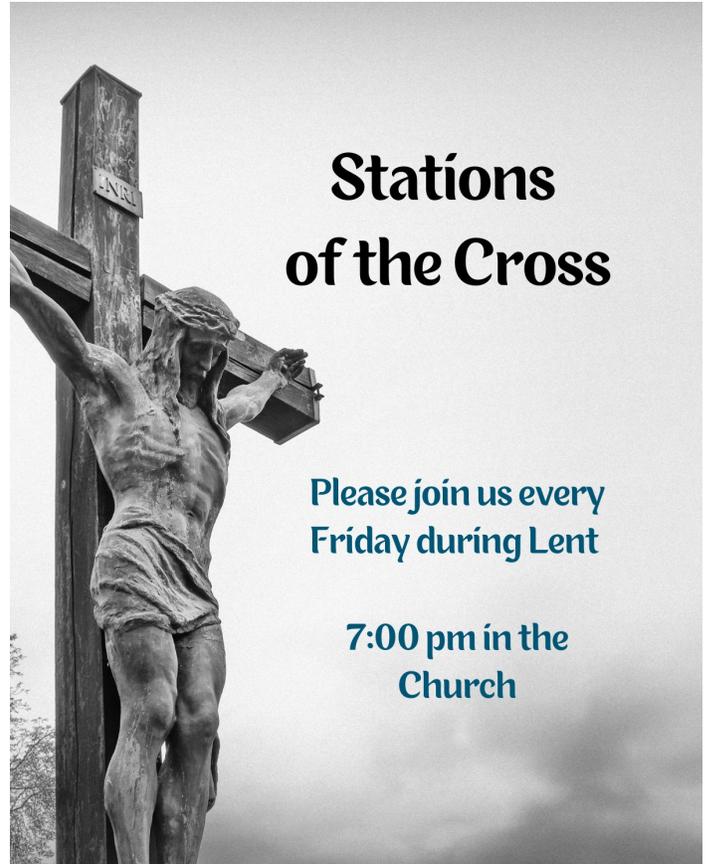
7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)
 8:45 a.m. First Friday Devotion (Chapel)
 9:30 a.m. Walking with Purpose (Guadalupe, Lourdes)
 12:00p.m. First Friday Mass (Guadalupe)
 1:00 p.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 7

Altar Call-Stroke Scan-Sign Up-Narthex
 7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass First Saturday (Church)
 8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
 9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Fatima)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 8

Altar Call-Stroke Scan-Sign Up-Narthex
 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)
 12:00p.m. St. Patrick St. Joseph Family Celebration
 (Church Hall All)
 1:00 p.m. OCIA Handing of Creed Rite (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



Stations of the Cross

Please join us every
Friday during Lent

7:00 pm in the
Church

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, March 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



Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**The Death and Resurrection
of Jesus Christ**



**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
Prainey family on the baptism
of their daughter
Isabelle Mary*



Giving

**Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace**

**Support our ministries
through faithful generosity.**

**The Offertory for
February 15th**

Online Giving	\$13,343.40
Envelopes	\$16,432.32
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	\$29,775.72

**The Offertory for
February 22nd**

Online Giving	\$15,297.40
Envelopes	\$20,151.15
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	\$35,448.55

Budget \$34,000

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

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.
Scan the QR
Code



Register
today!

St. Mary Mokena



FAMILY Day

An Opportunity to
Grow in Faith at Every Age

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
12-3 PM

Unlocking the Power of Prayer

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



Register by March 8 at
www.stmarymokena.org/family

Questions? Contact Megan,
mmurray@stmarymokena.org



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.



Join **the Rosary Men**



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

April Rosary Men will be April 8th

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**

March 7 - March 8: Third Sunday of Lent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Bridget Barron Anne Trovato	Midge Saunders Alice Wierzbinski	Karen Dilger Stan Nowak	John Brett NOT FILLED	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Mary Ann Braasch Andy Lihosit Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Joseph Budzyn Bob Cornejo Robert Rafferty	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Kathy Judge Gretchen Nenn	Sally Harper Remo Lucci Bob Meyers NOT FILLED	Heidi Adducci Siena Adducci James Nowak
Altar Server	Seamus McGarry Avery McNamara NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Hannah Johnston Gerard Sima NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Logan Raimondi Henry Valente Lucas Valente Erin Ventura	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 Phillip 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	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

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.**

Joliet Steubenville Youth Conference



Benedictine University, Lisle, IL.

Friday June 26- Sunday June 28

Incoming Freshman through graduating Seniors welcome for a weekend of faith, friendship, and an encounter with Christ like never before.

Speakers include: Chris Stefanick and Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Annual Diaper Bag Drive

We are starting to collect for our annual Diaper Bag Drive. Please consider donating goods to help support mothers and babies in need!

Contact tblue@stmarymokena.org with questions

Junior High

Next Meeting Mar. 5th in the school cafeteria.

**6:00-7:30pm
(Enter door 4)**

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry



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



ALL ARE INVITED TO:
A SPECIAL MASS
 PRAYING FOR ALL LOVED ONES IN THE
 PETITION BOOK

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH
6:00 p.m. in the Church

IF YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE WHO HAS LEFT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PLEASE ADD THEIR NAME IN THE PETITION BOOK LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX. WE PRAY FOR THE NAMES IN THAT BOOK AT SPECIAL MASSES AND ADORATION HOLY HOURS.

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"

EVANGELIZATION

1:1 Series



Session 5

How do I live my life on mission?

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

Eric Futterer

Coordinator of Youth Ministry
 St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield



Tuesday, March 3 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

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.*

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



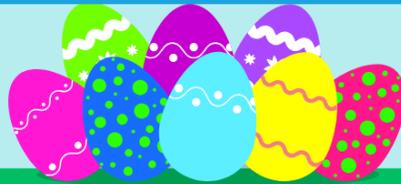
St. Mary Parish Easter Egg Hunt!

Hosted by the RE Board

**EASTER CANDY AND
PLASTIC EGGS
NEEDED**

TO MAKE OUR EGG HUNT PERFECT,
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE
ST. MARY RE OFFICE BY MARCH 15



Saturday, April 4

11:00 a.m.

Willowview Park Pavillion

**(next to St. Mary, Mokena
Church)**

SAVE THE DATE!

SPAGHETTI DINNER!



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 IN THE CHURCH HALL 6:00 P.M.

COST: FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE DONATED TO THE ST. MARY CEMETERY STONE FUNDRAISER



St. Mary Cemetery is fundraising!

In 1918, the Spanish Influenza affected the Mokena community. Among those who passed away were six Mexican workers, two of whom were young newlyweds. Despite not being parishioners here, these six workers were laid to rest in St. Mary Cemetery, through the kindness of the pastor.

Their graves went unmarked for over 100 years. Until now.

We are currently fundraising to mark the final resting place of these six workers. Only \$3,000.00 are needed to purchase and install a headstone for them.



Help us to fulfill the corporal work of mercy of Burying the Dead by attending and donating to the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner on March 21st. *All proceeds will go towards the cost of the stone.*

*Donations will also be accepted through our Online Giving page. In the event that the received donations exceed the cost of this stone, the remaining funds will be reserved for the purchase and installation of stones for other unmarked graves, or for replacements for historical stones which have been irrevocably damaged due to age.

SPRING FOOD DRIVE
benefiting:
The Frankfort Food Pantry

Please bring food donations to the
Church Hall on
March 21 & 22
Palm Sunday Weekend!





Would you like to be a Homebound Helper?

Volunteers are needed to assist our senior parishioners and those in need in the following ways:

- Visit and wellness checks
- Run errands to pick up medicine or do some grocery shopping
- Rides to doctor appointments, banks, haircut appointment or other errands

Contact Donna Hungerford if you are available
(708) 326-9312 or
dhungerford@stmarymokena.org



**BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT
WINTER/SPRING
SESSION**

**SEASONS OF
HOPE**

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

Sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month for six weeks in the St. Mary 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 NECESSARY AND
SPACE IS LIMITED.**





Come Join Us!



Revised Itinerary!

Thursday, March 19

8am - Mass - St. Mary, Mokena

8:45am - Bus Departs

Noon - Adoration/Confession

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield

1pm - Rally Begins

2pm - March Begins

3pm - Departure

6pm - Approx Return

Bus Ticket \$30

Contact the Parish Office for Tickets
Limited seating...reserve your seat now!

For more information: Donna Hungerford 708 326-9312 or dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
February 18-
March 29

Join us in
peaceful
prayer!



HELP SAVE LIVES IN FLOSSMOOR & DOWNERS GROVE

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **26,000** saved babies
- More than **180** closed facilities
- More than **275** converted workers

40daysforlife.com/flossmoor

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Outside Planned Parenthood

19831 Governors Hwy

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



Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings

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Tuesday March 17th to Thursday March 19th

Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment.

Do You Have Any of These Risk Factors?

High Blood Pressure ♦ High Cholesterol ♦ Family History of Stroke, Heart Attack, Aortic Aneurysms or Cancer ♦ Diabetes ♦ Atrial Fibrillation ♦ Obesity

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Stroke Risk Screening

Ultrasound of the carotid artery looking for plaque or blocked arteries.



Liver Screening

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as masses or tumors.



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Ultrasound of the abdominal aorta looking for an aneurysm.



Kidneys (2) Screening[†]

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- Bone Density (T-Score) \$25

*Bloodwork may not be available in all regions.



For blood package pricing, open phone camera, hover over QR code and tap the link.

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

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be **Tuesday, March 10** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room
Due to the Parish Mission, the next Officer Meeting will be Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room

Save the Date!
K of C Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, March 21 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION!
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026
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Contact Roberta Dreifke for more information 708-334-1909

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HELPING HANDS



The Knights of Columbus have formed a sub-committee called Helping Hands which is offering our services to any parishioner who is in need of repairs around their home and is unable to perform these tasks due to financial hardships or not having able bodied family members available. The resident may be responsible for any material costs, but the Knights would provide the labor. There is a screening process to make sure it is something our members can handle and the work qualifies.

Anyone wishing to apply should contact Donna Hungerford, Christian Service Director (708) 326-9312 to schedule a visit from one of our members. If you are interested in joining this committee, email Rich Neubauer rich.neubauer3@gmail.com



St. Mary's Young at Heart



Trip to Four Winds Casino
Wednesday, March 4

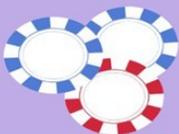
Meet near the Parish Office Door #3 on the circle drive by 9:15 a.m. (depart 9:30 p.m. & return approximately 4:30 p.m.)

\$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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The St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? We meet the first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room (unless it is a holiday). Prayer Shawls for the ill, homebound and grieving are like receiving a "Hug from God". If you would like to give you are welcome to choose from a wide variety of colors and styles at the Parish Office front desk.



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.



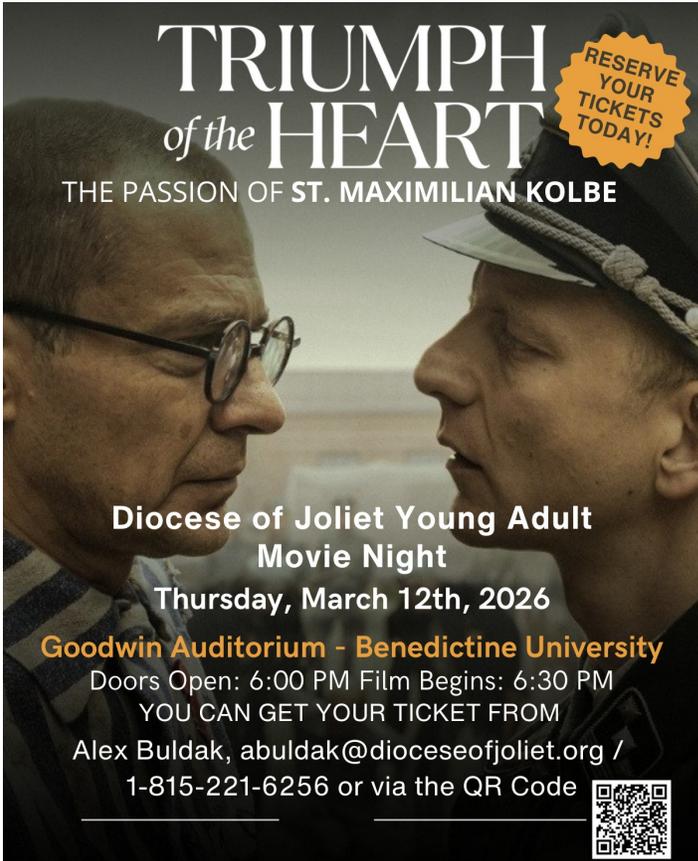


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