



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

APRIL 12, 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

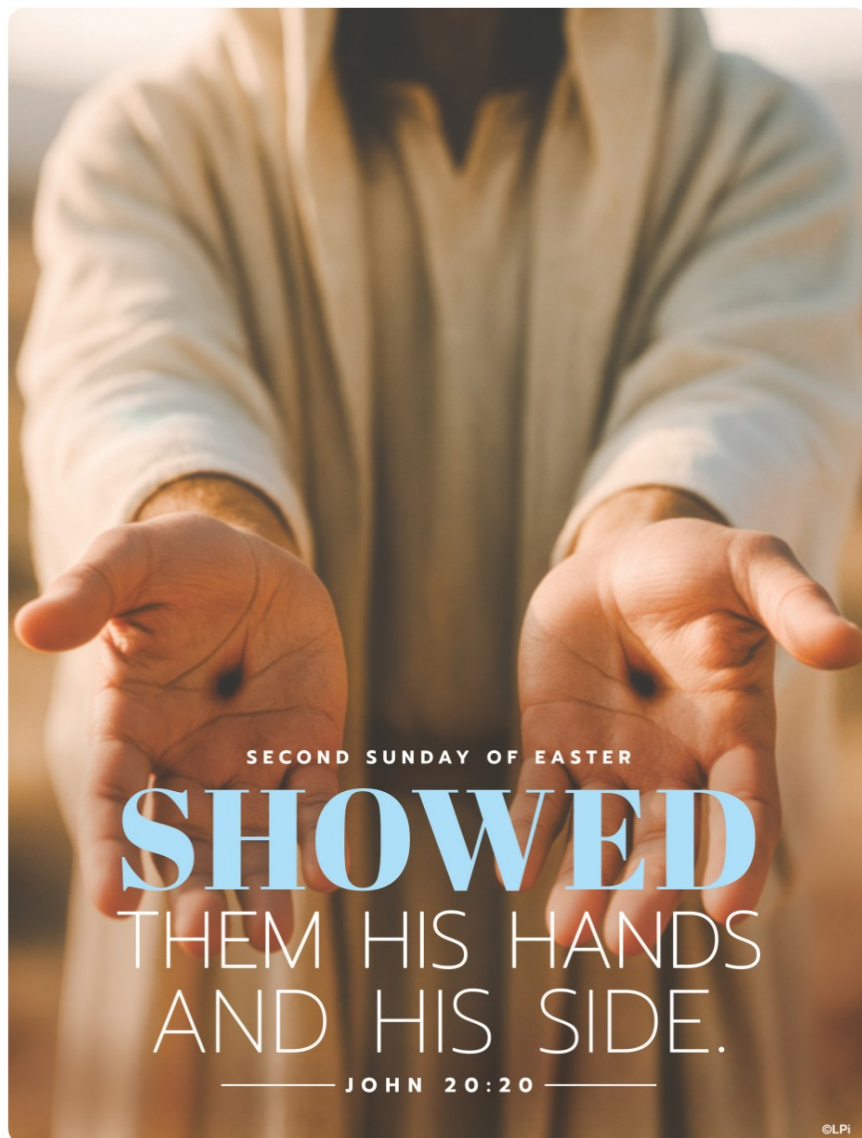
Wednesday | 8:00am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SHOWED
 THEM HIS HANDS
 AND HIS SIDE.

— JOHN 20:20 —

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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.

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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!

Many of us are devotees of the Divine Mercy. We recite the chaplet daily, sometimes quietly in our homes, sometimes together as a family, or in the silence of our hearts during a busy day. In these simple prayers, we bring to Jesus everything we carry: *our worries, our sins, our hopes, and even the needs of others*. By repeating the words: **Jesus, I trust in You**, we slowly learn to place our lives in His hands.

As we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, we are reminded of something very important: *God's mercy is not small or limited; it is overflowing and never runs out*. No matter how far we feel we have strayed, God continues to come closer to us because His mercy is always greater than our weakness.

That being said, this feast is an invitation not just to pray more, but to trust more. Sometimes we pray the chaplet but still hold on to fear, guilt, or doubt. Today, Jesus gently tells us: *Do not be afraid. Come to me as you are*. He does not wait for us to be perfect. He meets us in our brokenness and fills us with His love. As Pope Francis would say: *God's name is mercy*. This is who God is: *rich in mercy and faithful in love*. He does not desire to condemn us but to forgive, heal, and restore us when we turn back to Him. When we understand this, our hearts begin to change. We become more patient, forgiving, and compassionate toward others.

This feast day is also a call for us to share this mercy. If we have received kindness from God, we are called to extend that kindness to others. Let us be gentle in our words, offer a listening ear, and keep a forgiving heart. In this way, we become instruments of God's mercy in our parish and in our homes. Today, let us not only pray the chaplet but truly live it. Let us trust more deeply. Let us turn to Him with sincere hearts. Let us forgive more freely, and let us believe that no sin is greater than God's mercy.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

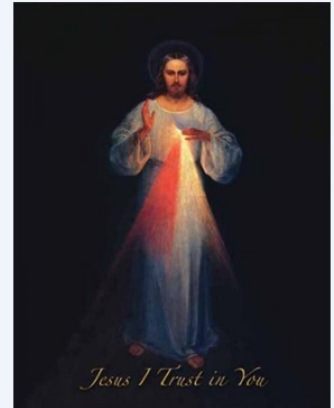
Sunday, April 12

Divine Mercy Sunday

Confessions will be heard.

1:45 p.m. - Explanation of Divine Mercy – Deacon John Rex

2:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



A Special Promise of Mercy

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the Diary of Saint Faustina, each time in a slightly different way:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy" (1109).

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (300).

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699). (*Pardon is available a week before and after the Feast.*)

Extraordinary Graces

Our Lord is emphasizing, through this promise, the infinite value of Confession and Communion as miracles of mercy. He wants us to realize that since the Eucharist is His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, it is the "Fountain of Life" (300). The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts. Why would Our Lord feel the need to emphasize this? Because so many people do not really understand it. They either see no need to receive Holy Communion, or they receive it simply out of habit. As St. Paul explains in his letter to the Corinthians, they eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, "without recognizing the body of the Lord" (I Cor 11:27-29).

In His revelations to Saint Faustina, Our Lord makes it very clear what He is offering us in Holy Communion and how much it hurts Him when we treat His presence with indifference:

"My great delight is to unite Myself with souls ... When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object" (1385) ...

"It pains Me very much when religious souls receive the Sacrament of Love merely out of habit, as if they did not distinguish this food. I find neither faith nor love in their hearts. I go to such souls with great reluctance. It would be better if they did not receive Me" (1288) ...

"How painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls, and they are indifferent toward Me. I want to lavish My graces on them, and they do not want to accept them. They treat me as a dead object, whereas My Heart is full of love and mercy. In order that you may know at least some of My pain imagine the most tender of mothers who has great love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a feeble image and likeness of My love" (1447).

So, Our Lord's promise of complete forgiveness is both a reminder and a call. It is a reminder that He is truly present and truly alive in the Eucharist, filled with love for us and waiting for us to turn to Him with trust. And it is a call for us all to be washed clean in His Love through Confession and Holy Communion no matter how terrible our sins and begin our lives again. He is offering us a new start.

**OUR LORD'S PROMISES ATTACHED TO THE PRAYING OF
THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
AS REVEALED TO ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**



1. "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary, 754)
2. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (Diary, 1541)
3. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary, 1541)
4. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (Diary, 687)
5. "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy....I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary, 687)
6. "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (Diary, 1521)
7. "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary, 1397)
8. "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony....I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary, 1320; also, cf. Diary, 1572)
9. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (Diary, 1075)
10. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of the Divine Mercy) will not perish." (Diary, 48)...."The two rays denote Blood and Water....These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father." (Diary, 299)
11. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 699)
12. "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731)

Excerpts taken from the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, titled Divine Mercy in My Soul, ©1987, Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MMA 01263.



Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

A MAN AND HIS MISSION:

Essentials for the Catholic Man

David Conover is a husband, father of eight, grandfather, and trial attorney for more than 30 years. Public speaking is part of his profession, but since his conversion to Catholicism in 2000, faith and formation are his passions to share.



8am Mass - 10:30am
St. Mary, Mokena
Church Hall

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
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FIT SHEPHERDS AIMS TO HAVE EVERY MAN IN OUR COMMUNITY BE IN THE BEST PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SHAPE OF THEIR LIVES.

BE BETTER

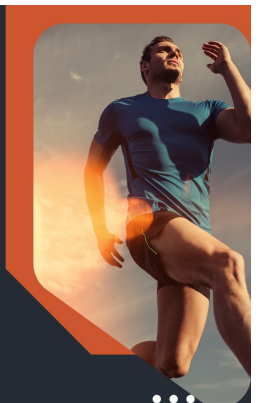
*Better son...Better husband
Better brother...Better father*



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



Online Giving

Visit our church website and click on **GIVING** to sign up and get started.

Rooted in *Gratitude*
Giving with *Grace.*

Support our ministries this Spring through faithful generosity.

Online Giving offers convenience and a simple, secure way to contribute from your phone, tablet, or computer on a recurring basis. Your generosity plays a meaningful role in sustaining the daily operations and ministries of our community. Any gift, offered freely and from the heart, helps us to continue the good work we share here at St. Mary Parish.

Giving

GENEROSITY
Love, serve and give generously.

The Offertory for March 29th

Online Giving	\$12,151.75
Envelopes	\$26,057.70
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	\$38,209.45

Budget \$34,000
Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 13

8:00am: Nancy Leonhardt, William Briscoe

Tuesday, April 14

8:00am: Dorothy Hart, Genevieve Bohrer, Judah Winkler, Guy Cesario III, Leon Witkowski

Wednesday, April 15

7:30am: Lugerio T. David
8:30am: Sarah Wolf

Thursday, April 16

8:00am: Anthony Norkus Jr., Nick King

Friday, April 17

8:00am: Darlene Murphy

Saturday, April 18

8:00am: Dorothy and Joseph Spiracino

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, Sandy Halper, Kelly Hampton, Catherine Hansen, Natalie Haran, Emma Harrison, Jeremiah Hartmann, Bobbie, Howie, Mary Ingala, Daniel Izzo, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Joseph Kerke, Hattie Kerke, Claude Klimas, Diane Klootwyk, Beverly Klosowski, Richard Kolovitz, Jan Kosmatine, Betty Krizewicz, John Kurator, Joseph Kurczewski, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, 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 Omastak, Matthew Orr, Bob and Jackie Pasqualoni, Dorothy Peterson, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Rosemary Purcell, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Richard Reyling, 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, Yvonne White, Dan Wolf,

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters



Barbara Bekker



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

God Bless Our
New Parishioners

The Sutor family,
The Benoit-Mischek 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	MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF
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SP4 Arhan Atreya, USA	PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
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ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG	Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC
PFC Noah Genz, USA	LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA	Maj Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
MIDN Isabella Judeh, USMMA	CPT Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
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PV3 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
PV2 Mary Rose Krizewicz, ARNG	PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
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Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday, April 13

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 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. Wild Goose (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. R.E. & Noonan Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (JP II Room)

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Meeting (Fatima)
 4:30 p.m. RE Class Project (Fatima)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Class Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support (Chapel)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, April 15

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 11:00 a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart Meeting (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. School Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)

Thursday, April 16

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. CCW Mtg Set Up (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Reception Set Up (Guadalupe)
 1:00 p.m. RE and Noonan Confirmation Mass (Church)
 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Reception (Guadalupe)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 5:30 p.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast Set Up (Guadalupe)

Sunday, April 19

K of C Pancake Breakfast After All Morning Masses

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

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart

are celebrating 150 years in the
United States!

This order was
influential in developing
and supporting St. Mary
School since the time of
its foundation.



**Join us for the 11:00 a.m. Mass
on Sunday, April 26th, where we
will recognize the order on this
momentous occasion!**

children's Liturgy

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

Please note:

Preschool-aged children must be
accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

**Come to hear
God's word!**





April 18 - April 19: Third Sunday of Easter

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pamela DeGregorio Andrea Taylor	Midge Saunders Alice Wierzbinski	SMS Student1 SMS Student2	Sean Gleason Art Wilson	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Robert Rafferty Midge Saunders Stefanie Walthier	Sally Harper Kathy Judge Joshua Sifuentes Kathleen Sifuentes	Michael Crowley Patti Pertchi Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh James Nowak Judy Siegmund NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Johnny Cotton Rosamund Cotton Molly Cotton NOT FILLED	Gerard Sima Liam Sullivan Lorenzo Zambrano NOT FILLED	Lucas Pilon Noah Pilon Henry Valente Lucas Valente	Ryan Gross Christopher Pienkos Cody Pienkos NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden Caitlin Eiden Gretchen Eiden McKenna Griffin
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Maurice Helm Mark Miron James Palermo Joe Toman NOT FILLED	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	Denise Mueller	Ed Dorey	Carolyn Farhat	Ed Dorey
Live Stream			Frank Grobmeier		

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. At St. Mary, we are blessed with an amazing team of Altar Servers. We thank you for giving up your time to serve the Lord and St. Mary. We also thank our wonderful team of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, and Live Streamers for their dedication and outstanding service.

If you are assigned and are unable to serve, please request a substitute via the Scheduler.

St Mary Youth Ministry Mother's Day

T-Shirt Fundraiser Pre-Order

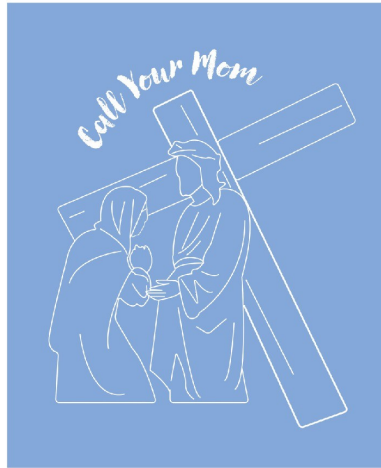
All proceeds go back to lowering the cost for the Steubenville Conference.

Front



Conference.

Back



Adult and Youth Sizes
Approved SMS Spirit Wear

This is a pre-order only. Final Orders are due by April 26th. Questions? Contact mjung@stmarymokena.org

Youth		Adult	
Small		Small	
Medium		Medium	
Large		Large	
XL		XL	
		XXL	

\$18 Each

Family Pack: 4 or more \$15 Each

Name

Email

Payment Options (circle one):

Cash

Check made out to St Mary Parish, Memo Youth Ministry

Venmo: stmarymokena (mention fundraiser as label)

St. Mary's offers a warm welcome to all of our New Members of the Catholic Church

Newly Baptized:

- Andrea Zackary
- Kelly Michael
- Mark Ethan
- Nicholas Ethan
- Amelia Julianna
- Isabella

Professed Catholic Faith:

- John Alex
- Andrew Richard
- Matt Erich

Full Initiation:

- Jaiden Luis
- Joseph



Welcome!



curious about BECOMING CATHOLIC?

LET'S connect



Tell us who you are and a St. Mary staff member will reach out with more information!

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER LISTENING TO THIS BRAND NEW PODCAST WITH DR. SRI!



WITH DR. EDWARD SRI

Free in the Ascension App beginning on May 1! Get the official prayer guide and find out more at ascensionpress.com/mass

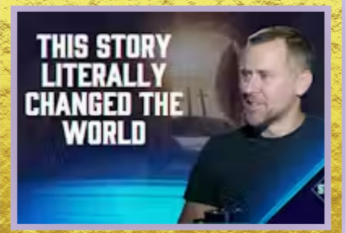
Join other parishioners to discuss and reflect on what you learn: Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Church Hall beginning May 6.

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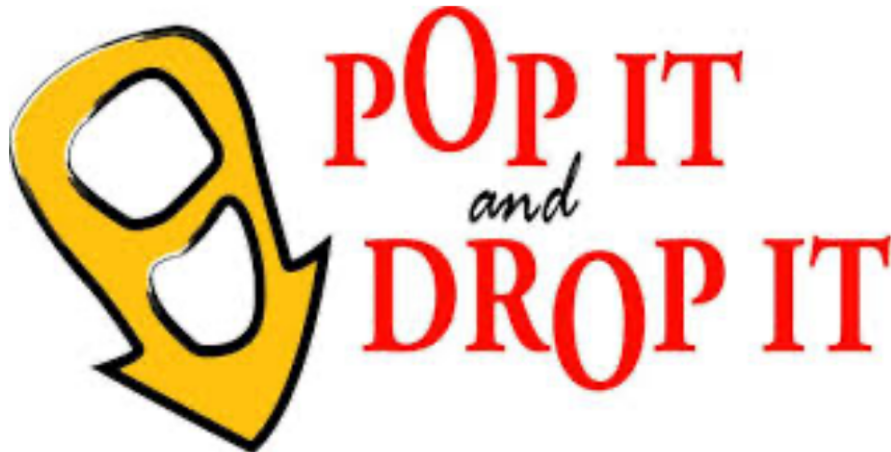


A Discussion on Easter in Art Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp consider depictions of the Resurrection in Sacred Art in this 3-part series.

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It can be difficult to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns — job stress, family struggles, health problems and political division — press in around us. At times, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had “seen the Lord.”

He insisted that he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ’s side. Yet Thomas’ doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds. What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, we need only seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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**Pictured: Anne Partyka, Sue Lazzari, Marge Mallo
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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, April 14 in the Church Hall, Fatima Room at 9:00 a. m. We meet the second Tuesday of the month.

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



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The Council of Catholic Women

The next **General Meeting** will be **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass
Sunday, April 26 at 8:00 a.m. in Church



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

The next **Officer Meeting** will be **Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room

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.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 13th

Contact Jan Homolka if you are interested in joining this group janhomolka@yahoo.com



The Young at Heart Club



Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 15 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall

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