



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

APRIL 26, 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

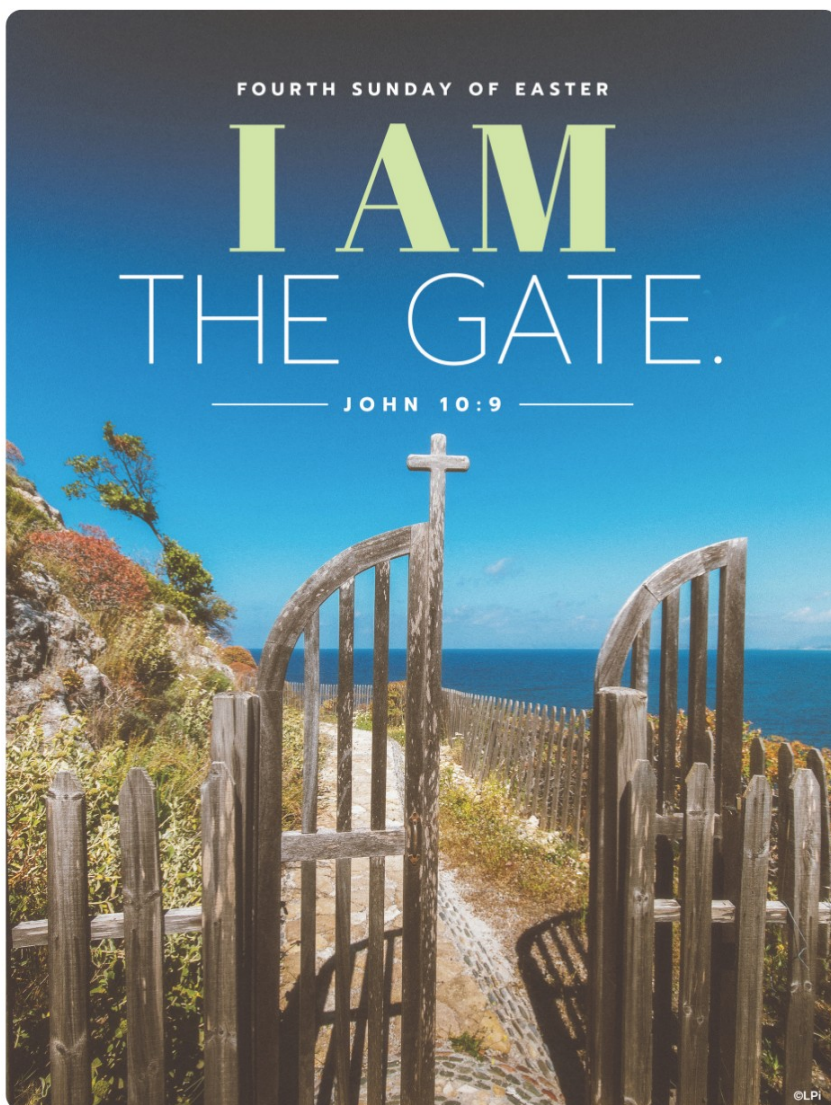
Wednesday | 8:00am

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.

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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!

Today, we celebrate the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, a special day in the Church dedicated to lifting up prayers for those whom God is calling to serve Him as priests, deacons, and religious. For us Rogationists, this day holds a particularly deep meaning because it is our charism to pray for the increase of holy vocations in the Church, dedicating ourselves wholeheartedly to asking the Lord to send more laborers into His harvest. Jesus Himself teaches us in the Gospel: *The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray to the master of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest (Matthew 9:37-38)*. These words are clear and direct: *praying for vocations is not optional; it is an essential part of our Christian life*. Every one of us, no matter our age, profession, or stage in life, is called to participate in this mission. We do this first and foremost through prayer, offering our intentions to God so that He may inspire young men and women to answer His call with generosity and courage.

It is important to remember, however, that our prayer is not simply for more vocations, but for holy vocations. We are seeking quality, not just quantity. It is not enough for someone to be called; what truly matters is that those called are formed in faith, guided by love, and committed to living lives of holiness and service. In other words, we pray that God raises up shepherds, not just workers, but priests, deacons, and religious who will faithfully serve His people and lead others closer to Him. There are many ways for us to participate in this mission both as individuals and as a parish community. We can offer daily prayers for vocations, include intentions in the Mass, encourage young people to discern God's call, and live lives that reflect the Gospel so that others are inspired to follow Christ more closely. Even simple gestures like praying a decade of the rosary for vocations, or speaking positively about the priesthood and religious life, can bear great fruit.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us unite our hearts in prayer, and support those whom God is calling. May our prayers help bring forth holy and courageous laborers for the Lord's harvest, and may we all be attentive to the ways God invites us to participate in this beautiful work. Let us remember that every prayer, every encouragement, every act of support counts for the Church, for the world, and for the glory of God.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

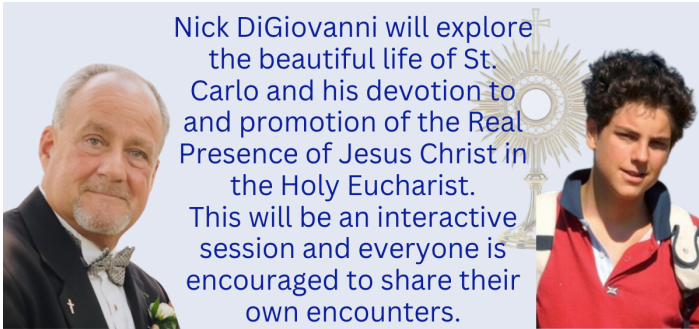
Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor



**Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY**

All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

**SATURDAY, MAY 23
ST. CARLO ACUTIS
& THE EUCHARIST**



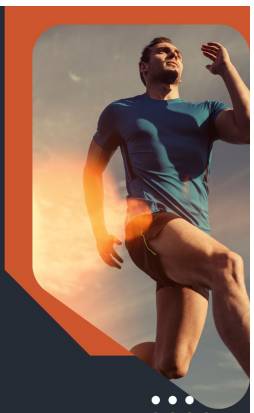
Nick DiGiovanni will explore the beautiful life of St. Carlo and his devotion to and promotion of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This will be an interactive session and everyone is encouraged to share their own encounters.

**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.

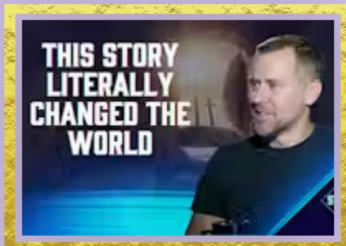
Please join us every Saturday morning in any kind of weather at 7:00 am (also Wednesdays at 5:00 am) in the St. Mary parking lot

FORMED Easter



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.

The SHOCKING News of Easter Sunday, The Chris Stefanick Show
Let's talk about the Resurrection with fresh eyes, so you can see what it means for you right now. Because if you want to live an authentic, joyful Catholic life, you gotta start right here at the core.



O Lamb of God, I Love You, Easter Special Feature
On this special feature-length episode, Benjamin Cello, Lolly Popular, and the Cheerful Chums join with traveling troubadour, Brother Joseph, to tell the story of the Passion of the Lord Jesus to little children. Using immersive and artful shadow puppetry and a soaring full orchestral score, Brother Joseph and Benjamin Cello bring the Greatest Love Story Ever Told to life!



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The Offertory for April 19th

Online Giving	\$14,227.00
Envelopes	\$28,800.20
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	\$37,027.20

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



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

IS OBSERVED ON APRIL 26TH THIS YEAR.

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a day set aside for prayer specifically for increased vocations to the priesthood, religious life, consecrated life, and the like. While recognizing other vocations (such as married life) as good, this day is meant to pray for those who might have a calling from God to dedicate their lives to Him directly.

This is actually what we pray for at the end of every Mass, when we say:

“SEND, O LORD, HOLY APOSTLES INTO YOUR CHURCH.”

We are asking God to bring forth more vocations!

This Day of Prayer coincides with Good Shepherd Sunday, to show that those called to the priesthood and religious life, are shepherds of God's flock: the faithful. (In fact, the word “Pastor” is Latin for “shepherd”!)



Pray for the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – women who followed their vocation to religious life – as they celebrate their order's 150th Anniversary in America!

St. Mary Cemetery is fundraising!

What started out as a small fundraiser for a headstone for unmarked graves from 1918 has now blossomed, thanks to your support.

St. Mary Cemetery is extending the headstone fundraiser to continue this mission to mark the final resting place of those without stones, and to replace or preserve historical stones which need repair.



Help us to fulfill the corporal work of mercy of Burying the Dead by donating to this fundraiser.

Donations can be made online:

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to this cause.
We would not be able to extend this fundraiser without you!

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart

are celebrating 150 years in the United States!

Pray for the Sisters who served at St. Mary Parish and School!

Those who are still with us...

Sister Judith Davies	Sister Mary Therese Forst
Sister Joanne Vander Heyden	Sister Ruth Agee
Sister Kathleen A. Hook	Sister Josephine Mulcahery
Sister Judith Plumb	Sister Sandra Duman
Sister Elaine Teders	Sister Dominic Dybel
Sister Debrah Funfsinn	Sister Diane Martin
Sister Lois Ann Cline	Sister Marilyn Renninger
Sister Kim Wolf	

And those who have passed away...

Sister Constantine Kowalczyk	Sister Rosanna Raderstorf
Sister Cordula Spielvogel	Sister Rosa Angela Karasiewicz
Sister Doris More	Sister Theodora Wessel
Sister Francis Hoffman	Sister Theresa Clare Kurtenbach
Sister Gervase Steinfort	Sister Marilyn Ellert
Sister Madonna McGrath	Sister Eileen Wemhoff
Sister Mary Colette Stein	Sister Lorita Lawler
Sister Mary Constance Faulstich	Sister Mary Cathrine Reichert
Sister Mary Robertine Dick	Sister Charlotte Goetze
Sister Mary Benedict Becker	Sister Mary Jane Sola
Sister Mercedes Koch	Sister Mary Shawn Mitchell

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 27

8:00am: Deacon Pete Manning, Ronald Tamer

Tuesday, April 28

8:00am: John Kerins, John Gembara, Guy Cesario III, Robert Davies, Those suffering from mental illness

Wednesday, April 29

7:30am: Wallace Granzow

8:30am: Carmela Salgado

Thursday, April 30

8:00am: Ken Ruminski

Friday, May 1

8:00am: Richard Guzior, Ginny Hughes

12:00pm: Herman Salgado, Sandy Tome

Saturday, May 2

8:00am: David Heniff

5:00pm: Paul Peffer, Gerhardt Facko, Nick Rizzo, Barb Bekker

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am: Carmine and Marietta Sturino

9:30:am: Dorothy Wiora

11:00 am: Martin Plecki

6:00 pm: Esperanza Salgado



*Wedding
Banns*

May 2nd

Colin Mullaney &
Molly Stewart

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 Krzewicz, 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 Milkieris, 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 Pasquaioni, Dorothy Peterson, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Rosemary Purcell, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Richard Reyling, 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 Kelso-Tamer, Tiffany Theresa, John Turas, Judy Turas, Marion Wallis, Kathy Wereldsma Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Yvonne White, Dan Wolf,

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Curran family,
The Allen family



Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Betty Hannafin,
Patricia Gedville

*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	2LT Brooke Scanlon, USA
TSgt Loretta Caplinger, USAF	MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN
SSgt Colton DeLanoit, USAF	CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR
SrA Joshua Fishel, USAF	LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN
E3 Colette Gagen, USN	ME2 Gage Stearns, USCG
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
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA	A1C Benjamin Underwood, USAF
PFC Tyler Kilmartin-Radtke, USA	PE2 Joshua James Underwood, USA
PV3 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
PV2 Mary Rose Krzewicz, ARNG	PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF	MAJ Bryan Welch, USA
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
PFC Matthew Pakosz, USMC	CPT Christopher Zolner, USA

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IN THE MILITARY PUBLISHED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL THEIR
NAME, RANK, AND BRANCH OF SERVICE TO BOB CORNEJO,
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 27

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)
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (JP II Room)

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. K of C Blood Drive (Guadalupe & Kitchen)
 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support (Chapel)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Lourdes)
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, April 29

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Ambassador Meeting (Lourdes)

Thursday, April 30

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. K of C Exemplification Ceremony (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. St. Peregrine Devotion (Chapel)
 7:00 p.m. Behold (Church)

Friday, May 1

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)
 12:00p.m. First Friday mass (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, May 2

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
 9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Fatima)
 2:00 p.m. Wedding Mass (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, May 3

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

St. Mary Parish is celebrating

First Friday Masses

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

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Next Mass: Friday, May 1st
12:00 PM

The First Friday Devotion consists of:

- Receiving Communion on the First Friday of each month for nine Fridays in a row (*You must be in a state of grace to receive.*)
- Offering Communion in honor of Christ's Sacred Heart and in reparation for the sins committed against His Sacred Heart



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
NEWLY BAPTIZED

CLAIRE JEAN BAERWOLF,
 HUDSON THOMAS BOLEY,
 CARSON LAURIE HERMOSILLO,
 OLIVIA ROSE FIALKO,
 THOMAS PATRICK CAVENEY

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

Join **the Rosary Men**



Wednesday, May 6th, 6:30pm Church Hall

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

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

**Fathers
Husbands
Grandfathers
Godfathers
Mentors
All Men**

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

May 2 - May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Andy Lihosit Andrea Taylor	Guy Cesario Mary Frances Consola	Denise L Bartolotta Karen Dilger	Sean Gleason Art Wilson	Ed Pluchar
Eucharistic Minister	Karen Gordon John Mitoraj Sue Murphy Karen Sayon	Cris Pirelli Susan Rizzo Nancy Santry Midge Saunders	Michael Dilger Frank Grobmeier Kathy Judge Gretchen Nenn	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Harrison Guldan Avery McNamara NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Charlotte Johnston Hannah Johnston Gerard Sima NOT FILLED	Logan Raimondi CJ Strzelczyk Emma Strzelczyk NOT FILLED	Ryan Gross Luke Tyrka Zachary Tyrka NOT FILLED	Charlie Pluchar Stella Pluchar Therese Pluchar NOT FILLED
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	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	Carolyn Farhat	Ed Dorey
Live Stream			Cyndi 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.

Save The Date



Youth Ministry

**Senior and 8th Grade Graduate Celebration
Sunday May 24th 7pm in the Church Hall**

Join us for a night celebrating our graduates as they prepare for the next journey of their lives. All members of the High School and Junior High Ministries are invited to attend with their whole family. A home cooked meal will be provided. Allergy friendly options will be available.

Invites and RSVP to Come Soon.

EVANGELIZATION

1:1 Series

Session 7

Know Your Story - Share Your Story



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

Konnor Damery

FOCUS Team Director for the Bosco Project



Tuesday, May 5 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

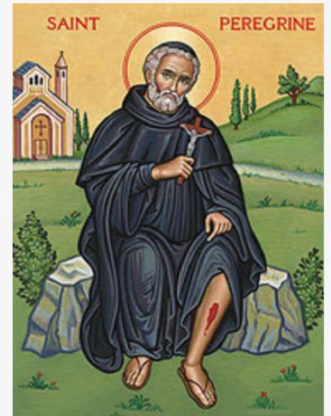
St. Peregrine DEVOTION AND HEALING SERVICE

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

APRIL
 30

6:30PM

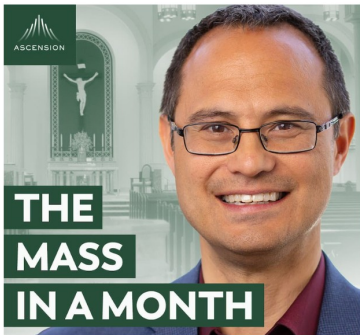
ST. MARY'S MAIN CHURCH



LAST THURSDAY
 OF EVERY MONTH!

- ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTIONAL & HEALING PRAYERS
- BLESSING WITH ST. PEREGRINE RELIC
- STAY FOR BEHOLD AT 7:00PM, HOUR OF ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

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.**

Spend time in Jesus' presence at

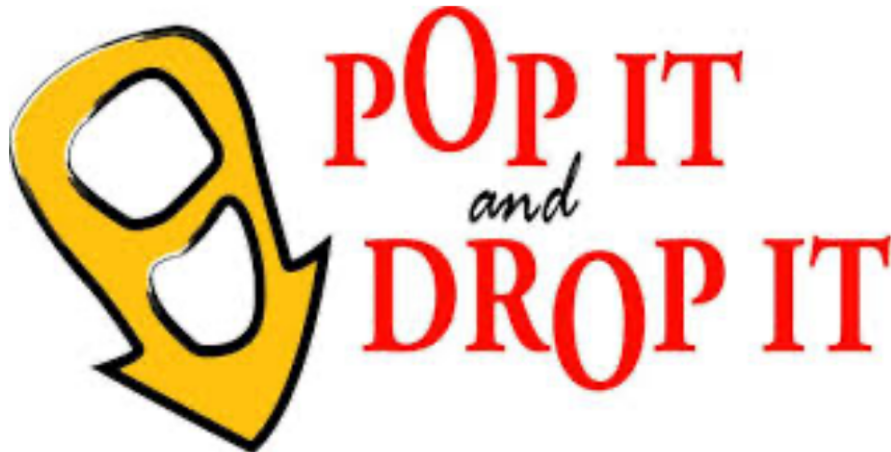
Behold

Thursday, April 30th
 7:00 pm in the Church

A Night of Prayer, Music, Confession and Adoration



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



WE WANT YOUR POP TOPS!

The St. Mary Student Council is collecting aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. RMH provides a home away from home for families with critically ill children.

Last year, in our 1st collection we turned in 121 pounds of pop tops! Drop off your pull tabs to the church office or the school office.

Questions, contact Mrs. Bozzi (pbozzi@stmarymokena) or Danelle Bernas (dbernas@stmarymokena)



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Mrs. Jane's RE
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Wednesday
Class year-end
performance
is always a
big hit!



Thank you St. Mary Parish!
During our February Blood Drive, 41 units were
collected helping to save 123 lives!

Hope is in Bloom

Donate Blood

Tuesday
April
28

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



ST. MARY MOKENA-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WE NEED *45 DONORS* TO REACH OUR GOAL!

Every donation can save up to 3 lives.

CHURCH HALL
19515 115TH AVENUE
MOKENA, IL 60448

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Appointments appreciated. Walk-ins welcomed! To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL,
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THE ST. MARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Family Prayer Night

Monday, May 4
6:30 p.m. in Church

Join us in the Church Hall
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THIS NIGHT WILL
INCLUDE PRAYERS FOR
PARENTS FOCUSING ON
SUPPORTING THEIR
CHILDREN'S
SPIRITUAL LIVES.



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
APRIL 26, 2026
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as our shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

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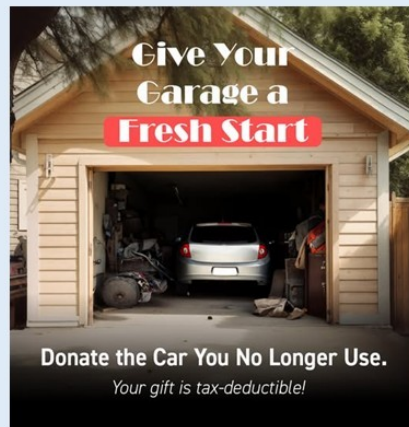
Volunteers bring Holy Communion to our Homebound Parishioners who are elderly, ill, can no longer drive or are recovering from surgery.

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



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Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee
Our next meeting will be in the evening!

Join us Tuesday, May 5th
 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall,
 Fatima Room.

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

Joliet Diocese
CCW Woman of the Year Mass
Cathedral of St. Raymond
 Saturday, April 25 1:00 p.m.

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

South Will Grundy Spring Institute
 St. Mary, Minooka Thursday, April 30
 Registration and Voting 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m.
 Dinner to follow \$15.00

Mother's Day Carnation Weekend

May 9 & 10
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The Young at Heart Club

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, May 6
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 in the Church Hall

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo
with us!

Contact Marla Garbarczyk
for information or if you need a ride
708-308-2505 or trampool@aol.com



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, May 4th

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

K of C Blood Drive Tuesday, April 28
8:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
Church Hall

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus would like to give parishioners an opportunity to have this statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their homes. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your devotion to Mary, whose main goal is to lead us to her Son, Jesus.

The tradition of the traveling statue is to remind us of the 1917 apparition of Mary to three peasant children in the city of Fatima, Portugal. The apparition told them to pray for world peace. While the statue is in your home, you are encouraged to pray the rosary or other Marian prayers for peace. If you would like to have her in your home for a week or two at a time, please email Donna Hungerford Dhungerford@stmarymokena.org or Bob Rafferty, Bob.rafo@yahoo.com. Delivery and pick up will be arranged and prayers will be provided for you. (The statue is approximately 19" in height).



The St. Mary
Widow & Widower's Club

This group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month
at a designated restaurant or other location.

Contact Marcia Frank for details
708-227-8290.



*“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!*



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!



Thomas L. Murphy, P.C.

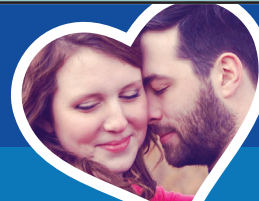
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