



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MAY 24, 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

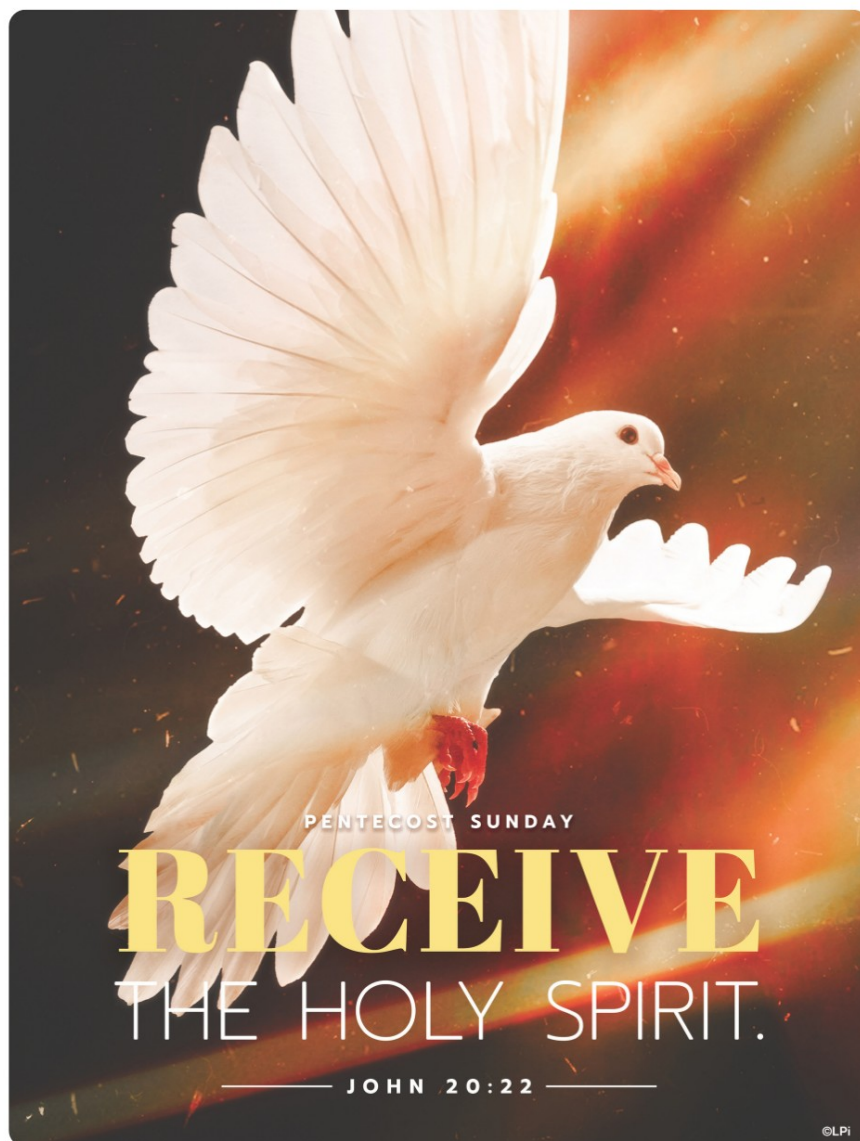
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 8:00am
 Wednesday | 8:00am

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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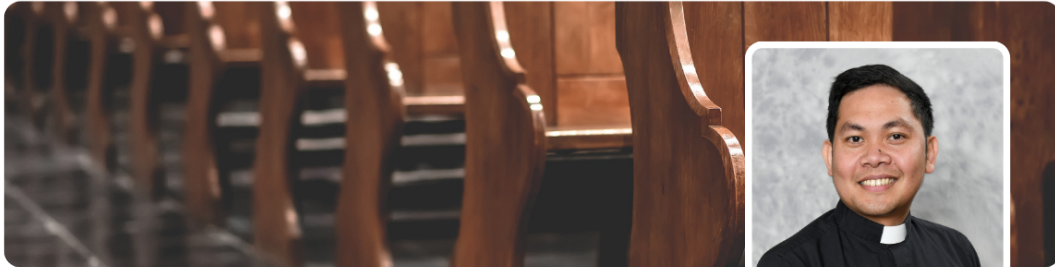
Baptisms - Baptisms are usually scheduled the first and third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptismal preparation class.

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!

As I began writing this week's parish bulletin, I found myself struggling more than usual. The words were not coming easily, and I could hardly finish what I started. So I decided to take a short break and go over to the Church. When I was on my way, I noticed that the parish hall was filled with people. It was our Young at Heart Group gathered together. They kindly invited me to stop by, and I gladly accepted the invitation. I greeted everyone, and before I knew it, I found myself sitting down with them. What I thought would be a quick visit turned into something very special. I ate lunch with them, talked with them, listened to their stories, and even played BINGO. There was a lot of laughter and joy. I was enjoying myself so much that I lost track of time.

That simple and unexpected moment reminded me that we do not need to plan every part of our day. Sometimes the best moments come when we least expect them. In our busy lives, we can become so focused on completing tasks and following schedules that we overlook the importance of rest and human connection. That afternoon, I felt relaxed and renewed, not because I accomplished something on my to-do list, but because I allowed myself to laugh, be present, and share in the happiness of others.

We all need these kinds of moments that restore not just our bodies, but also our hearts and spirits. When we allow ourselves to pause and embrace these moments, we often discover a deeper sense of peace and joy. In the end, I came to realize that it was not really about winning the BINGO game. It was about the companionship, the laughter, and the shared experience. It was about being together. May we all remember to take time to rest, to welcome the unexpected, and to cherish the people around us. Sometimes, those are the moments that matter most.

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, JUNE 20
CATHOLIC QUEST:

*See What You Know
and Dive Deeper!*



Join us for a fun morning participating in a quiz on all sorts of Catholic topics. Friendly competition while having fun and learning more about our faith.

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



Online Giving

Rooted in *Gratitude*
Giving with *Grace.*

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

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.



Support our ministries through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for
May 17th

Online Giving	\$13,878.50
Envelopes	\$24,175.50
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	\$38,054.00

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

Online Giving
Give your gift today.
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ROGATE ERGO DOMINVM MESSIS

**FATHER HANNIBAL
FORMATION CENTER**
ROGATIONIST SEMINARY - MANILA

The Rogationist Seminary in the Philippines is committed to praying for vocations, forming future priests, and serving children and the poor. We invite you to walk with us. Your support and prayers can make this mission flourish. Beyond our spiritual mission, we also seek support for the maintenance and upkeep of our building, providing a safe and conducive environment for our seminarians.

Thank you and
God bless!

We ask you prayerfully consider supporting the Rogationist Seminary, which formed St. Mary's very own priests!

Father Joel Ricafranca, who assisted here last summer, will be at St. Mary Parish the weekend of May 30th and 31st to continue this appeal.

We thank you for your support and prayers, so that the Rogationist Seminary might continue its operations, while forming the next generation of priests and helping the community!

Join **the Rosary Men**



Wednesday, June 3rd, 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**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 25TH IN
OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.**

JOIN ST. MARY PARISH FOR OUR ANNUAL **MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH.



**MONDAY, MAY 25TH
9:00 A.M.**

Old St. Mary Church / Adoration Chapel

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will be consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12th, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

In preparation for this, St. Mary Parish will have

Adoration for the Sacred Heart of Jesus

all day on **Thursday, June 11th** in the side chapel of the main church.

Adoration will begin after morning Mass.

It will end with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to sign up for one hour of Adoration!

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN UP.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ST. MARY'S ANNUAL

Corpus Christi Procession



SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS
ON ST. MARY'S GROUNDS

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
THE PROCESSION WILL BE HELD INDOORS.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
NEWLY BAPTIZED

PARKER MARIE MISHECK,
CAMILA MENDEZ,
MATEO EDWARD RAMIREZ,
ALEKSANDER BOKUN

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

Tuesday, May 26

8:00am: Alfred Paul Brassea, Nick Stiso, Sandy Tome

Wednesday, May 27

7:30am: Kenneth Mark
8:30am: John Valente

Thursday, May 28

8:00am: Diana Nash

Friday, May 29

8:00am: Paul Wolf

Saturday, May 30

8:00am: John and Irene Cronin
5:00pm: Kevin Bushnell, Edward Bean, Stefania Barlog, Elizabeth Plaza, Barb Bekker, Bert Schiller, Michael Gleason, Shirley Delaberto

Sunday, May 31

8:00 am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino
9:30:am: Jane Narcissi
11:00 am: Bob and Babe Podlasek
6:00 pm: Maria Leonar Salgado

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Tammy Balamut, Lisa Barber, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Greg Brazinsky, 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 Naryl, 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 Omastiak, 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, Kathy Vrablic, Marion Walles, Kathy Wereldsma Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Yvonne White, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger



Wedding Banns

May 30th
Bart Zamora and
Anna Rybak

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Katherine Vrablic

*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 Krizewicz, 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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Pentecost

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day-Parish Office Closed

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 p.m. Memorial Mass (Adoration Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (JP II Room)

Tuesday, May 26

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Lourdes)

Wednesday, May 27

- 5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. Mass in a Month Podcast Meeting (Fatima)
- 2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)

Thursday, May 28

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. St. Peregrine Devotion (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Behold (Church)

Friday, May 29

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Acolyte Meeting (Fatima)

Saturday, May 30

Altar Call for Rogationist Seminarian Fundraiser

- 7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. OCIA Gathering (Guadalupe)
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, May 31

Altar Call for Rogationist Seminarian Fundraiser

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

St. Peregrine DEVOTION AND HEALING SERVICE

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

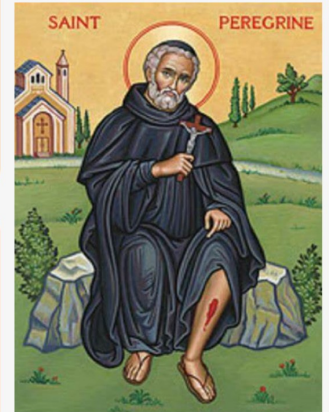
MAY
28

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



Spend time in Jesus' presence at

Behold

Thursday, May 28th
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."

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH!

We will be featuring a different title of Our Blessed Mother each week in May to honor her.

Our Lady of Lourdes

“Our Lady of Lourdes” refers to several apparitions which took place in **Lourdes, France in February 1858**. The **Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes is February 11th**, the anniversary of the first apparition. These apparitions were revealed to **Bernadette Soubirous**.



During the apparitions, **Our Lady of Lourdes called herself “The Immaculate Conception”**, verifying the (then) newly-issued Church teaching from 1854 that **Blessed Mother was never tainted by original sin**.

Our Lady of Lourdes asked Bernadette to dig at the site of the apparitions. The water that rose there became the site of the **Grotto at Lourdes**. Today, pilgrims travel there **seeking healing from illnesses through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes**.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PRAY FOR US!

Check out [St. Mary's YouTube video on Our Lady of Lourdes](#), which premiered this past Friday!

May 30 - May 31: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski Anne Trovato	Joan Aust Denise L Bartolotta	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	Roberta Dreifke Art Wilson	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Andy Lihosit Lora Oldham Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Stefanie Walthier	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Kathy Judge Gretchen Nenn	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch James Nowak NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Johnny Cotton Rosamund Cotton Molly Cotton NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin Gerard Sima (sub req.) Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED	Kate Coyle Elin Rose Coyle Logan Raimondi Erin Ventura	Natalie Galka Ryan Gross Christian Taylor NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden (sub req.) Caitlin Eiden (sub req.) Gretchen Eiden (sub req.) 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	NOT FILLED	Denise Mueller	Ed Dorey	Ed Dorey	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.

Summer Sunrise Series

Join us for an early morning of prayer, fellowship, and observing the wonder of God's creation. Fresh-made breakfast will be provided.

Friday June 5th at 5:00am (5:18 Sunrise)
Tuesday June 23rd at 5:00am (5:18 Sunrise)
Friday July 17th at 5:00am (5:30 Sunrise)



Youth Ministry

OCIA REUNION

ALL PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE OCIA CANDIDATES ARE INVITED!

If you have converted to the Catholic faith, you are warmly welcome to this reunion that celebrates faith and shared experiences

FOOD
FELLOWSHIP
SHARED FAITH
EXPERIENCES

**SATURDAY, JULY 11TH
6PM**



PLEASE RSVP TO MEGAN MURRAY & FOR DETAILS:
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708-326-9313

ULTREYA



St. Mary Cursillo Ultreya

Thursday, June 18th

6:30 Mass- Church
7pm Ultreya- Church Hall



PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, ENCOURAGEMENT IN
CHRISTIAN LIVING, ROOTED IN THE
CURSILLO MOVEMENT.



De Colores

Everyone who has attended
Cursillo is welcome for our
Ultreya Group this month.

“Be a friend.
Make a friend.
Bring a friend to Christ.”

Questions? Contact Mike Dilger:
815-653-6595

Healing the Whole Person

THE EIGHT-PART VIDEO SERIES



With Dr. Bob Schuchts, PHD &
Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Starting
Tuesday, June 30/ Wednesday, July 1

Tuesday sessions: 6:30pm
Wednesday sessions: 9am

DISCOVER TRANSFORMATIONAL HEALING IN CHRIST

Registration coming soon!



**ST. MARY'S
SUMMER
CAMP
FOR
GRADES
1-6**



JULY 27 - JULY 30

9:00AM-12:00 PM

Registration



**SIGN UP
TODAY!
SPOTS ARE
LIMITED!**



Volunteers needed



**ST. MARY'S PARISH SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!**

MAY CROWNING



The 2nd graders joyfully honored Mary during the May Crowning ceremony. The students placed a crown of flowers on Mary's head to celebrate her as the Blessed Mother. It was a beautiful reminder of Mary's love, kindness, and the importance of faith during the month of May.



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY



THROUGHOUT OUR READINGS TODAY FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, WE SEE THE POWERFUL TRUTH THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US GIFTS AND GUIDANCE IN A DEEPLY PERSONAL WAY. WE ARE MEANT TO USE THESE GIFTS TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST – EACH IN OUR OWN UNIQUE WAY.

IN OUR FIRST READING FROM ACTS, WE HEAR OF THE DRAMATIC OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE APOSTLES. A STRONG DRIVING WIND FILLED THE HOUSE, AND TONGUES OF FIRE CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM. THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN DIFFERENT TONGUES.

NOTICE HOW PERSONAL THIS MOMENT IS. THE SPIRIT CAME UPON EACH INDIVIDUAL, EQUIPPING THEM IN A UNIQUE WAY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR US TODAY. EMBRACING THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE MEANS ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE US IN USING THE UNIQUE GIFTS HE HAS GIVEN TO EACH OF US FOR THE MISSION ENTRUSTED TO US.

IN OUR GOSPEL, JESUS SENDS HIS DISCIPLES FORTH: "AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU." THIS IS OUR MISSION AS WELL. BUT WE ARE NOT SENT ALONE. JESUS GIVES US HIS PEACE – "PEACE BE WITH YOU."

AS THIS EASTER SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, LET US BE AT PEACE AND RESOLVE TO RELY MORE FULLY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT AS OUR GUIDE THROUGH THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE.

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Mobile

FOOD PANTRY



The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food to people in need. All Mobile Food Pantries distribute food through a drive-thru. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle—rain, snow, or shine!

May 18: St. Lawrence, 165 Rice Rd, South Wilmington, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

June 1: St. Lawrence, 165 Rice Rd, South Wilmington, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

June 5: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 205 E. Jackson St, Joliet, 10:00am – 11:30am

June 12: St. Joseph, 211 N. Center Ave, Bradley, 10:00am – 11:30am

June 22: St. Lawrence, 165 Rice Rd, South Wilmington, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

June 25: Prayer Tower Ministries COGIC, 500 Stryker Ave, Joliet, 10:00am – 11:30am

Questions? Contact Derek Schultz at 815-724-1160 or dschultz@cc-doj.org
Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our Facebook page for the latest information and schedules.

37th Annual KENNEDY GOLF OUTING



August 17, 2026

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The next **Board Meeting** will be
 Wednesday,
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 Church Hall, Fatima Room

There is no General Meetings in July
 Save the Date for Festa Italiana
 Saturday, July 25th at Yunker Park, Mokena
 More details to come!

The Young at Heart Club

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

Join us for our a potluck lunch!

Contact **Marla Garbarczyk** for membership
 information or if you need a ride **708-308-2505** or
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Officer Meeting** will be Tues-
 day, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
 Hall, Lourdes Room

The next **Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, June 9 at
 7:00 pm. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus would like to give pa-
 rishioners 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
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 1917 apparition of Mary to three peasant children in the
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If you would like to have her in your home for a week or
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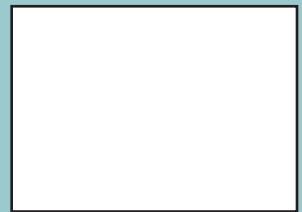
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