



# SAINT MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

MAY 31, 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

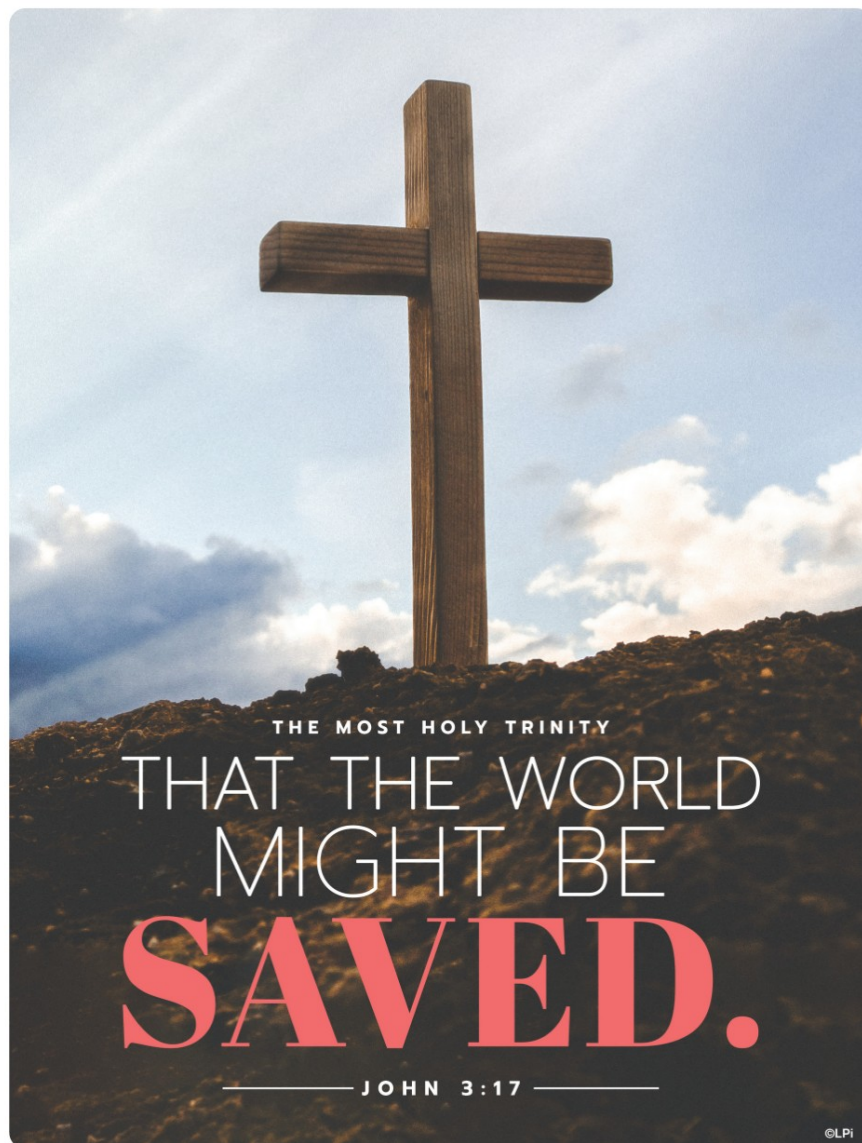
Wednesday | 8:00am

##### Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

### GET IN TOUCH

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[www.stmarymokena.org](http://www.stmarymokena.org)



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### OUR VISION

The beauty and sacredness of the liturgy, sacramental life and parish experience at St. Mary Parish leads our parishioners and community to a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

## THE PARISH DIRECTORY

**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**  
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**OCIA** - Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 708-326-9313.

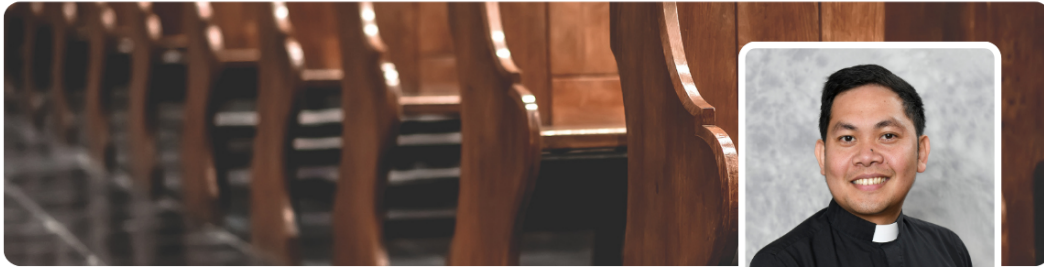
**Baptisms** - Baptisms are usually scheduled the first and third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptismal preparation class.

**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](http://www.stmarymokena.org).

**Anointing of the Sick** - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### MY DEAREST PARISHIONERS,

I greet you with love and peace in the name of Jesus!

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Joel Ricafranca who is visiting our parish for his mission appeal in support of seminary formation and operations. This special appeal invites us to reflect on the importance of generosity and how a simple act of giving can make a powerful difference in the life of the Church. For this reason, I encourage you to listen with open hearts as he shares about this important ministry and the needs of those preparing to serve the Church. Sometimes we may think that small acts of generosity do not make much difference, but the Gospel reminds us that God can do great things even through simple offerings given with love. Whether it is through prayer, encouragement, or a financial gift, every act of kindness becomes a blessing for others.

The proceeds from this mission appeal will help support seminarians and those currently under formation as they prepare for priesthood and future ministry. Many of these young men come from poor communities in the Philippines, where families often live with very limited financial resources. Some come from rural villages where parents work as farmers, fishermen, or laborers and struggle to provide even the basic necessities of daily life. Despite these hardships, these young men have generously responded to God's call to serve His people. Your kindness helps them continue their studies and prepare them to bring the Gospel and the sacraments to parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities in need in the future. In supporting them today, you become part of their future ministry. One day, the lives they touch through their priestly service will also be connected to your generosity and prayers.

Please know that this appeal is simply an invitation to participate in the mission of the Church according to your ability. No one should feel pressured in any way. What matters most is the spirit of love and generosity with which we respond. Thank you for your continued kindness, prayers, and support of Fr. Joel's mission appeal. May the Lord bless you and your families always.

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

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will be consecrating the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11th, leading up to the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

In preparation for this, we will have

*Adoration for the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus*

in the main church on Thursday, June 11th  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please contact the Parish Office to sign up  
for an hour of Adoration for our Lord!



**Giving**

**GENEROSITY**

**Love, serve and  
give generously.**

The Offertory for  
May 24<sup>th</sup> will be  
shared in the  
next bulletin.

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

**Online Giving**

Give your  
gift today.  
Scan the QR  
Code



Join us in praying

*Novena to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus.*



The novena starts on **Wednesday, June 3rd**. It will end on **Thursday, June 11th**, the day of the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

<https://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus>

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 will be at St. Mary Parish THIS WEEKEND 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!**

THE FEAST DAY OF

*St. Hannibal*

IS JUNE 1ST.

St. Hannibal Mary di Francia was the **founder of the Rogationist Order**. This order is dedicated to **praying for vocations to the priesthood**.

St. Hannibal was inspired by Christ's words: **"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest"** (Mt 9:37-38).

This refers to the **need for prayer more priests**, so that the souls of the abundant faithful may be brought to our Lord.

**Prayerfully consider supporting the Rogationist Seminary this weekend, to help form more laborers for the harvest!**

# 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**

*Congratulations to  
Sydney and Zachary  
Ogalla!*



*Congratulations to  
Brittany and Brett Thomaston  
on their Marriage Convalidation!*



*Join us for a:*  
**Consecration to the  
 Immaculate Heart  
 of Mary**

*Saturday, June 13th*

**After 8 AM Morning Mass**

There will be a simple Consecration Prayer to Our Lady, giving ourselves and our lives to Her, celebrating Her Feast Day of the Immaculate Heart

**Lite Reception to follow in the Church Hall**

**Why Consecration?**

To Consecrate yourself means to “set apart”.

By setting oneself apart for Mary, she gives us entirely to Jesus, through Her Immaculate Heart,

**The Most Pure Human Heart.**

Anyone can consecrate themselves to Mary, who is wishing to give themselves in a deeper and fuller way to Jesus and Mary.



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, June 1

8:00am: Olivia Porter

### Tuesday, June 2

8:00am: Robert Kobel

### Wednesday, June 3

7:30am: Louis Chesla

8:30am: William Briscoe

### Thursday, June 4

8:00am: Frank Witkowski

### Friday, June 5

8:00am: Richard Guzior

### Saturday, June 6

8:00am: Henry Dilger

5:00pm: John Toppa, Paul Bulow, Michael Gleason,  
John Valente

### Sunday, June 7

8:00 am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30:am: Mary Colette

11:00 am: Therese O'Connor

6:00 pm: Robert Kaliski

### 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

## God Bless Our New Parishioners



The Gaura family,  
The Pecho family,  
The O'Donnell family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

DAISY FAYE FERRO,  
RUBY ROSE FERRO,  
PORTER VINCENT FERRO,  
DANIELLA MARIE BIGOS

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES



*Wedding  
Banns*

June 6th

Bryan Vanderlee &  
Carly Halper

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL  
BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS  
DURING THE SUMMER  
JUNE 5TH-AUGUST 14TH**

The 24 hour call center service  
will still be available  
for any emergencies  
708-326-9300



## The Most Holy Trinity

### Monday, June 1

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

### Tuesday, June 2

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Cursillo Meeting (Fatima)

### Wednesday, June 3

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)  
 11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)  
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart (Guadalupe)  
 6:30 p.m. The Rosary Men (Guadalupe)

### Thursday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

### Friday, June 5

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)

### Saturday, June 6

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)  
 1:30 p.m. Wedding (Church)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### Sunday, June 7

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)

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.

First Friday Noon Mass will be

# CANCELLED

on Friday, June 5th.

**If you plan to continue the devotion, Mass will still be offered at 8:00 AM on Friday, June 5th. Only the noon Mass is cancelled.**

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

## 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 Champion*

“Our Lady of Champion” is the apparition of Blessed Mother to **Adele Brice** in **Champion, Wisconsin**. It is the **only approved Marian apparition in America**. In **October 1859**, Adele saw a woman in white who called herself the **Queen of Heaven**.



Our Lady of Champion asked Adele **to teach the local children what was needed for their salvation: prayers, their Catechism** (the teachings of the Church), and **how to approach the sacraments**. Adele did this, and eventually a chapel was built.

The land was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On October 8, 1871, **the Peshtigo Fire broke out**. People came to the chapel and **prayed for Blessed Mother's protection**. Rain came the next morning. The surrounding area was destroyed for miles around, but **the chapel and grounds consecrated to Blessed Mother were preserved**.

### OUR LADY OF CHAMPION, PRAY FOR US!

Check out **St. Mary's YouTube video on Our Lady of Champion, which premiered this past Friday!**

#### June 6 - June 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

	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	Denise L Bartolotta Guy Cesario	Karen Dilger Richard Hamilton	John Brett Sean Gleason	Ed Pluchar
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Sue Murphy Karen Sayon	Bob Cornejo Cris Pirelli Nancy Santry Christine Weeks	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Frank Grobmeier Joanette Kulesa	Remo Lucci Bob Meyers Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund NOT FILLED
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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	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.*

# REVELATION BY THE FIRE

**JOIN US FOR OUR  
SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL  
BIBLE STUDY WORKING  
THE BOOK OF  
REVELATION.**

**MEETING EVERY FRIDAY 7-9PM IN  
THE MARIAN GARDEN AS  
WEATHER ALLOWS.**



Youth Ministry

# 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!



**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 MONICA'S MISSION PETITION BOOK

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH**  
**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.

Returning lapsed Catholics to the Church is best achieved through a combination of prayer, witness, empathetic dialogue, sacramental guidance, and personal and parish support. The focus should always be on mercy, understanding, and nurturing a desire for spiritual reconnection.

*\*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.\**

# OCIA REUNION

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 11TH**

**6PM**

**CHURCH HALL**

If you have converted to the Catholic faith or hope to in the future, you are warmly welcome to this reunion that celebrates faith & shared experiences

FOOD,  
FELLOWSHIP,  
SHARED FAITH  
EXPERIENCES



Use the QR code above or visit [www.stmarymokena.org/OCIA](http://www.stmarymokena.org/OCIA) to RSVP.

Contact Megan Murray for details or questions:

[mmurray@stmarymokena.org](mailto:mmurray@stmarymokena.org)

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.



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



**St. Mary Parish invites all families to join us at the park this summer!  
Casual meetups begin at 10:00 am, but come when you can and leave when you  
must. All are welcome, invite friends and neighbors to join in the fun!**

**Wednesday, June 3rd 11:20 am (St. Mary School Half Day)  
Willowview Park, Mokena across from St. Mary's**

**Friday, June 5th at Lion's Den Park, New Lenox  
520 S Cedar Rd, New Lenox, IL 60451**

**Monday, June 8th at Jackson Creek Park, Frankfort  
22901 Wolf Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423**

**Tuesday, June 16th at Whisper Creek Park, Mokena  
12464 W. Regan Road, Mokena, IL 60448**

**Thursday, June 25th at Buske Park, Mokena  
11500 Hillside Ln, Mokena, IL 60448**

**Tuesday, June 30 at Lincolnway Special Rec Park, New Lenox  
1900 Heatherglen Dr, New Lenox, IL 60451**

**Friday, July 10th at Heritage Park, Mokena  
11945 197th St, Mokena, IL 60448**

**Tuesday, July 14th at Lighthouse Point Park, Frankfort  
20620 Holland Harbor Dr, Frankfort, IL 60423**

**Thursday, July 23rd at Main Park, Mokena  
10925 W La Porte Rd, Mokena, IL 60448**

**Tuesday, July 28 at Grasmere Park, Mokena  
10135 Lindsay Ln, Mokena, IL 60448**

**Friday, August 7th at Hanover Estates Park, Manhattan  
24107 S William Dr, Manhattan, IL 60442**

**Thursday, August 13th at Prairie Ridge Park, Mokena  
21431 Coneflower Dr, Mokena, IL 60448**

Questions? Email [dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org)



RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

# CALLING FORTH

All Families and  
Volunteers



**2026-2027**  
**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN ON THE SMP WEBSITE**

CLASSES BEGIN:  
September 15th

## JOIN US

### CALLED TO SERVE?

FAITH-FILLED CATECHIST



CATECHIST ASSISTANT



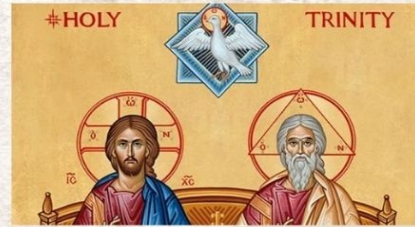
SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST



OFFICE ASSISTANT/ HALL  
MONITOR/TRAFFIC HELPER



**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**  
**MAY 31, 2026**  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY — THE CENTRAL MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH.**

**THOUGH THE TRINITY IS A PROFOUND MYSTERY, IT ALSO REVEALS SOMETHING VERY PRACTICAL FOR US AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS. THE TRINITY IS A COMMUNION OF PERSONS WHO GIVE THEMSELVES COMPLETELY TO ONE ANOTHER. THIS SELF-GIVING LOVE IS AT THE HEART OF THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE.**

**IN OUR GOSPEL, WE HEAR, “GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.” GOD GIVES HIMSELF TO US OUT OF LOVE. WE ARE CALLED TO RESPOND IN THE SAME WAY — BY GIVING OURSELVES BACK TO HIM AND TO OTHERS.**

**THE MORE WE GIVE OF OURSELVES IN LOVE, THE MORE WE EXPERIENCE “THE GRACE OF THE LORD, THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT” WITHIN US. THIS TRIUNE GOD INVITES US INTO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM — ONE THAT GROWS AS WE LIVE A LIFE OF GRATITUDE AND SELF-GIFT THROUGH THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE.**

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Tuesday, August 25, 2026  
 Shotgun Start: 9:00am

Cog Hill Golf and  
 Country Club  
 12294 Archer Ave  
 Lemont, IL 60439

**2026 GOLF & REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Registration:**

- Single Golfer: \$175
- Foursome: \$700
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The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room.

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 More details to come!



The Knights of Columbus  
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The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room.

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**Our next meeting will be**  
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Contact Marla Garbarczyk for membership information or if you need a ride 708-308-2505 or [trampooleaol.com](http://trampooleaol.com)

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Our next meeting will be Monday, June 1  
 Contact Jan Homolka if you are interested in joining this group  
[janhomolka@yahoo.com](mailto:janhomolka@yahoo.com)  
 There are no meetings in July and August.



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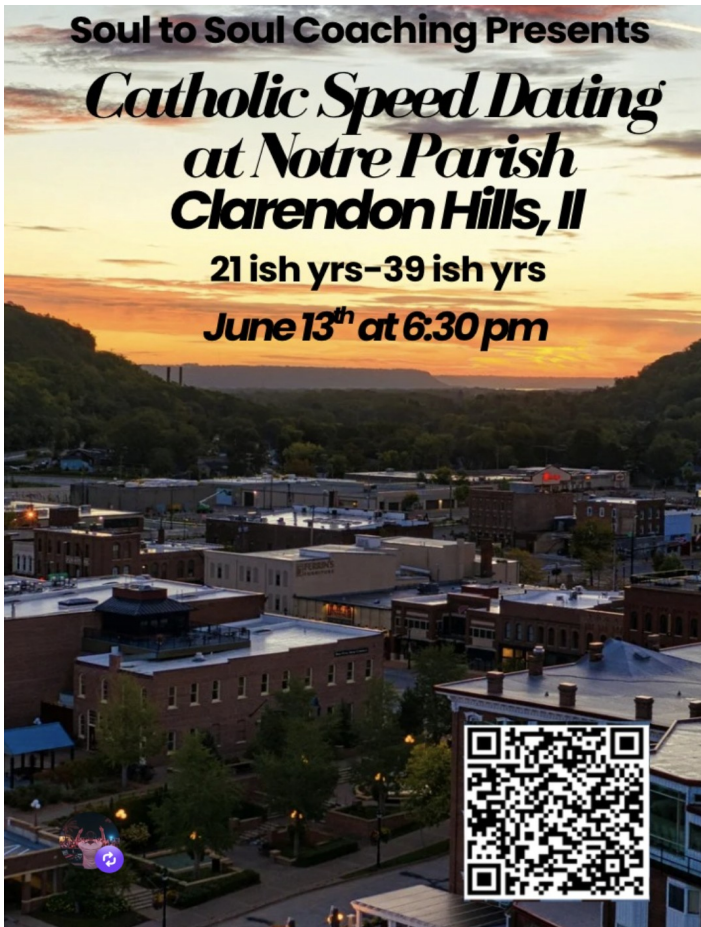

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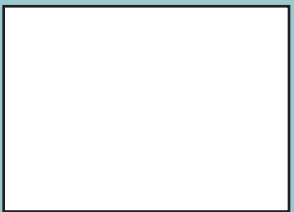
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