



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JULY 5, 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 | 8:00am
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 through Friday
7:30am

Monday evenings | 6:30pm

Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet

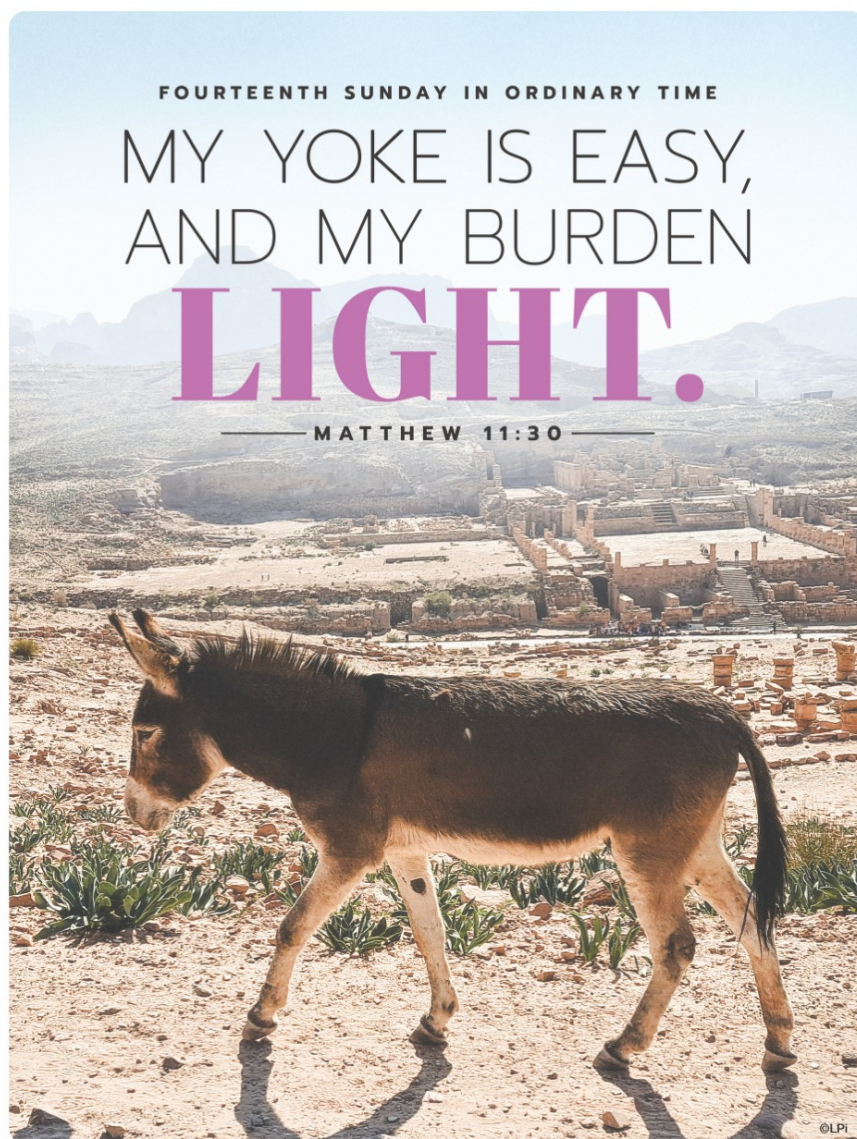
Monday through Friday
8:30am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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Mokena, IL 60448
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www.stmarymokena.org



OUR VISION

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

THE PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
–Door # 3–

Pastor: Fr. Joe Gasta
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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!

On July 1, I marked my first anniversary as your pastor. Thank God I survived! It is hard to believe how quickly time has passed. It feels like only yesterday that I began my ministry here, unsure of what the future would hold. Now, one year later, I look back with a grateful heart. So much has happened over the past year. There have been blessings, challenges and disappointments. Through it all, God has remained faithful.

This first year has been a journey filled with lessons, realizations, and opportunities for growth. Being your pastor has taught me so much not only about parish life but also about myself. I have learned the importance of patience, listening, understanding, and trusting God even when the path ahead is not always clear. There were times when the challenges before us seemed overwhelming, and I too wrestled with uncertainty. There were moments when I wondered whether I was doing enough or leading well. Yet by God's grace, we made it through together. Looking back, I can clearly see God's hand guiding our parish every step of the way. Whatever good has been accomplished is because of His grace. I also want to thank all of you for your love, support, patience, and prayers. Thank you for welcoming Fr. Welbert and me, and for walking with us throughout this first year. Your kindness, encouragement, and faith have helped us more than you know.

As I reflect on this past year, I also recognize that I still have so much to learn. I am far from perfect, and I know there are many areas where I can improve. I have taken note of the ways in which we can continue to grow and become a better parish community. Together, I hope we can keep building a parish that is welcoming, faithful, united, and centered on Christ. As we begin another year together, I ask for your continued prayers. May we continue to support one another, grow in faith, and serve God with generous hearts. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. It has been both a blessing and a privilege to serve you, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

St. Mary Parish will be celebrating
Novena Masses
as part of our Feast Day Celebration.

**All Masses are at 6:00 PM, except for Saturday, August 8th.
Mass on Saturday, August 8th will remain at 5:00 PM.**

Thursday, August 6th

Fr. Sam Conforti

Friday, August 7th

Fr. Dindo Billote

Saturday, August 8th

Fr. Peter Infanger

Sunday, August 9th

Fr. Steven Borello

Monday, August 10th

Fr. Alex Lorang

Tuesday, August 11th

Fr. Greg Alberts

Wednesday, August 12th

Fr. Brian Geary

Thursday, August 13th

Fr. Matt Nemchausky

Friday, August 14th

Fr. John Abulag

Would you like to support these priests, and to have your special intentions listed at these Masses? We are in need of sponsors!

Call the Parish Office for more information.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Mary Parish's First *Feast Day Celebration*

honoring St. Mary, our patron saint.

Saturday, August 15th

Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Celebration to follow at 5:00 PM

**JOIN US FOR FUN
AND FELLOWSHIP!**



July 11 - July 12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	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	Denise L Bartolotta Kathy Mihalek	Guy Cesario Karen Dilger	Roberta Dreifke Art Wilson	Bob Jostes
Eucharistic Minister	Karen Gordon Andy Lihosit Lora Oldham Karen Sayon	Bob Cornejo Joseph Budzyn Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Sally Harper Kathy Judge	Michael Crowley Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Heidi Adducci Siena Adducci NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Anthony Athappilly Michael Athappilly Harrison Guldán NOT FILLED	Jillian Ferin Haven Hasan Gerard Sima Lorenzo Zambrano	Leah Miklaszewski CJ Strzelczyk Emma Strzelczyk Michael Valente	Natalie Galka Christian Taylor Zachary Tyrka NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden Caitlin Eiden Gretchen Eiden NOT FILLED
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Maurice Helm Mark Miron James Palermo Tom Siemienieć 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	Ed Dorey	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.

POPE LEO XIV RELEASED HIS FIRST ENCYCLICAL!

In the Catholic Church, an **encyclical is a letter written by the Pope to guide the Bishops or the general public in an important matter**. Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical is titled "Magnifica Humanitas" ("Magnificent Humanity").



Ascension Press describes the heart of the encyclical as the **exploration of "how to safeguard human dignity in the era of artificial intelligence" (AI).** *

Pope Leo says that **AI should not be rejected entirely**.
However, there are **potential dangers**.

For example, he warns that AI **"must remain ordered to human dignity** rather than becoming the ultimate measures of value." * **AI can also lead individuals "to see themselves as a project to be optimized rather than persons called to relationship and communion"** (MH 112).† This inherently detracts from human dignity, and therefore **must be guarded against**.

He provides **two Biblical images** to demonstrate the difference between the dangers of AI and the beauty of human dignity: The Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9) and Nehemiah (Neh 2-6).

Babel "sacrificed human dignity for efficiency and tried to reach heaven without God's blessing." * **Nehemiah was "prayerful, communal, responsible,"** and "helped the people rebuild [the walls of Jerusalem] together". *



We see how Pope Leo warns against the "Babel syndrome", which is prevalent with AI. **When there is a "risk of dehumanization", humanity must "rediscover its solid foundations", namely God and His plan for humankind** (MH 10).†

* Taken from Ascension Press. "A Complete Guide to Pope Leo's First Encyclical: Magnifica Humanitas", published on May 25, 2026. Visit <https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/a-complete-guide-to-pope-leo-s-encyclical-magnificent-humanitas> to read the entire article!

† Taken from Leo XVI's Encyclical Letter Magnifica Humanitas, signed on May 15, 2026, and released by the Holy See. Visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html> to read the entire encyclical!

Be sure to read Ascension Press's summary, or Magnifica Humanitas itself, to better understand Pope Leo's guidance.
Hard copies of Magnifica Humanitas will be available at church later this month!



Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 18

CURSILLO:

*"Be a friend, Make a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ."*

with Mike Dilger



Come find out more about
Cursillo! This weekend helps
develop a deeper, more
personal relationship with
Jesus Christ and experience a
loving and caring community.

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

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
SMPmensministry@gmail.com

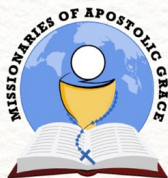


Congratulations to the Lozano family

on the baptism of their son

Gabriel

MISSIONARIES OF APOSTOLIC GRACE



BIBLE READINGS ON ZOOM
MON - SAT
6AM - 7AM

Meeting ID: 850 968 4686
Passcode: KZgGK4

Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (MOAG) is a
worldwide lay Catholic community united in
prayer and reading of Sacred Scripture. They
hold a morning Bible reading zoom call Monday
to Saturday and gather at St. Mary's every
Saturday after 8am Holy Mass to 10:30am

For more information,
please contact Leonor Ramirez at (708)860-2568
Website: moagcommunity.com / E-mail:
Missionaries2021@gmail.com



Support our ministries
through faithful generosity.

**The Offertory for
June 28th**

Online Giving	\$11,414.75
Envelopes	\$29,698.34
	\$41,113.09

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

Online Giving
Give your
gift today.
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Code



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6

8:00am: Herlinda Rojas

Tuesday, July 7

8:00am: Marie Genovese, Dennis Panozzo, Rose Canino, Dorothy Grzelak

Wednesday, July 8

8:00am: Andy and Diana Lihosit

Thursday, July 9

8:00am: Dennis Panozzo, Rachel DiNaso

Friday, July 10

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

Saturday, July 11

8:00am: Elizabeth Purcell

5:00pm: Michael Sluis, Peter Pranckus, Carolyn Michalak, Barb McGill, Michael Gleason, Ann Margulus, Gary Stamm

Sunday, July 12

8:00 am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30:am: Julia Jones, John Valente

11:00 am: Jennie Buhs

6:00 pm: Ronald Lynn

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-Figiulo, John Finili, Bradley Frank, Marcia Frank, Mary Ann Franson, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Jerry Grabowski, Sandy Halper, Kelly Hampton, Catherine Hansen, Natalie Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, 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, James Palermo, 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, 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 Loesch family,
Ms. Denise Edgeworth,
The LeVert family,
Ms. Josselyn Alvarado



Please Pray for our Faithfully Departed Brothers and Sisters

Laverne Narcissi



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



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
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC
SP4 Arhan Atreya, USA
Capt Lukasz Bokun, ARNG
Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF
AET2 Lauren Bulow, USCG
TSgt Loretta Caplinger, USAF
SSgt Colton DeLanoit, USAF
SrA Joshua Fishel, USAF
E3 Colette Gagen, USN
ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG
PFC Noah Genz, USA
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA
MIDN Isabella Judeh, USMMA
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA
PFC Tyler Kilmartin-Radtke, USA
SP4 Devin Klinger, USA
PFC Mary Rose Krizewicz, ARNG
Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN
PFC Matthew Pakosz, USMC

MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF
SSG August Pintarro, USA
PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF
Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC
2LT Brooke Scanlon, USA
MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN
CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR
LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN
ME2 Gage Stearns, USCG
Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC
LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
MAJ Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
MAJ Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
A1C Benjamin Underwood, USAF
PE2 Joshua James Underwood, USA
Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
MAJ Bryan Welch, USA
MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
CPT Christopher Zolner, USA

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE NAME OF SOMEONE CURRENTLY SERVING
IN THE MILITARY PUBLISHED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL THEIR
NAME, RANK, AND BRANCH OF SERVICE TO BOB CORNEJO,
BCORNEJO@STMARYMOKENA.ORG.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 6

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

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Lourdes)
6:30 p.m. Healing the Whole Person (Church & Church Hall)

Wednesday, July 8

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. Healing the Whole Person (Church & Church Hall)

Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Revelation by the Fire (Marian Garden)

Saturday, July 11

K of C Turtle Raffle Sale (Narthex)

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
9:00 p.m. Pre-Cana (Lourdes)
11:30p.m. Lunch for Pre-Cana (Fatima)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
6:00 p.m. OCIA Reunion (Guadalupe)

Sunday, July 12

K of C Turtle Raffle Sale (Narthex)

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)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
NEWLY BAPTIZED

BODE EDMUND BRINER,
DANIEL JOSEPH SKARITKA,
MASON CHRISTOPHER ERNSTING,
CAMERON JAMES BROGAN

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

14th Annual **MOKENA** Festa Italiana

A 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Yunker Park • 10824 W. LaPorte Rd. • Mokena, IL 60448

Saturday, July 25, 2026 | 11 AM until 10 PM (Gates open at 10:30 AM)

Admission Price \$5.00 (12 and under FREE with a paid adult)

"Like us" on Facebook Festa Italiana in Mokena | www.MokenaFestaItaliana.org

**Procession and
Prayer Service for
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

**Fueled Petroleo
Italiano Car Show**
2:30 PM-5:00 PM



**Knights of Columbus
Raffle Drawing by
Father Joe Gasta**
6:45 PM

MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

Uncle Sam
10:45 AM to 11:00 AM
School of Rock
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
**Joliet Symphony
Orchestra Brass**
12:00 PM to 12:30 PM
Frank Rossi Trio
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Ray Loffredi
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
**Enrico's Spaghetti
Eating Contest**
5:00 PM to 5:45 PM
Bottomz Up Band
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

*Times subject to change

kids ENTERTAINMENT

Splash Pad - 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Free splash pad use for kids with a paid adult.

Face Painting and Balloon Twisting
B & C Ent.
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**Kids 12 and Under
Cannoli Stuffing Contest**
Children's Games

*Times subject to change



FOOD

Festa Italian Food Court

Italian Sausage, Meatballs, Caprese Salad, Italian Ice,
Perroni, Coors Light, Wine and Mixed Drinks

- **Enrico's Spaghetti**
- **Joey's Red Hots** Grilled Chicken, Tacos, Cheese Dog, Chilli Dog, French Fries, Chips, Nachos
- **Buona Italiano** Italian Beef, Muffuletta, Fried Ravioli, Tortellini Pasta Salad, Garlic Parmesan Tenders with Fries
- **Balagio** Eggplant Appetizer
- **Keke's** Mini Donuts
- **Villa Rosa** Pizza, Funnel Cakes, Lemon Shake Ups, Cannolis, Arancini
- **The Dock** on Front Street Margaritas

Vendors

- Dani Quinn Boutique • Adopt a Soldier • Will County Italian American Association • Sons of Italy

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

SMPYM Outdoor Movie Night

July 5th, 7pm

Marian Garden

**Incoming 9th through graduating 12th
Graders welcome!**



Support SMPYM

Our Youth Ministry program has grown fast this year. We're asking for extra support from the parish community as we continue to grow our program and minister to our youth.

Please consider donating the following:

Firewood for our bible studies and various youth ministry events.

Soda/Juices/Teen friendly drinks.

A Sunday Night meal for our meetings, we try to feed our students both spiritually and physically.

Financial Support: We try to keep everything as low in cost as we can, any extra money will go to improving our program.

Most importantly, please pray for our Students, Staff, Volunteers, and Teens that have not attended yet.

Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

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 to RSVP.

Contact Megan Murray
for details or questions:
mmurray@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9313



FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES



What is SPRED?



- Lifelong Faith Community rooted in work, prayer, and a sense of the sacred
- Intended for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 17-21+
- Every other Monday evening September through April
- Groups across Chicago Diocese available for various age groups



SPRED SUMMER EVENTS



Meet us at Festa Italiana!
Saturday, July 25th

Want to Join?

Megan Murray
mmurray@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9313

Join other men ages 18-30 this summer
for a Catholic Bible Study

THE CRUX

a series from FOCUS
Thursdays at 7pm



Contact Ben Kingsbury for location and
more information, (815) 412-4550



Casual meetups begin at 10:00 am.
All are welcome, invite friends!

**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

Questions? Email
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

St. Mary's Religious Education Registration

Register
NOW



**TIER 1 PRICING
ENDS JUNE 30**

See our website for information on our programs,
<https://www.stmarymokena.org/religious-education>
or contact the RE office at 708-326-9350
re@stmarymokena.org.



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

Registration Link



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

**Adult Volunteers
we need you!**



**VOLUNTEER
SIGN UP
HERE**



CALL THE RE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION
708-326-9350,

**JULY 27 - JULY 30
9:00AM-12:00 PM**

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

Cooking for Daybreak?

Volunteers are needed the forth Wednesday of each month (except December). The new schedule begins in September.

- All Cooking is done in the Parish Hall Kitchen at 2:00p.m
- Servers are needed at Daybreak Shepherd's Table in Joliet at 6:00 p.m.

**SERVERS
NEEDED**



**Head
Cooks needed
to shop for food,
plan the dinner
menu and lead the
servers!**



Head Cooks earn a food service certificate with a 2 hour online course.

Contact Donna Hungerford
708-326-9312 or
dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

Current volunteers will receive new sign up sheets in the mail.

NEW!

Job Seekers Workshop



Are you looking for guidance in finding employment?
Have you applied for jobs and never heard back?

The Hope and Action Workshop is designed to support individuals who are experiencing job loss, career transition, re-entry into the workforce, or uncertainty in today's job market.

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- AI in recruiting
- resume expectations
- interview practices and strategies
- gain a clear understanding of how the hiring process works

Contact Theresa Kelly if you are interested in attending this workshop here at St. Mary and for additional information takelly_99@yahoo.com or Donna Hungerford 708-326-9312





The Annual K of C Turtle Raffle

The Turtle Raffle is Coming!!!

Donate For a Chance to Win \$1,000!

That's right, we've increased our prize money this year for the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus annual raffle. For a \$5 donation, you have the chance to win our grand prize of \$1,000 or \$500 second place and \$250 third place prizes to help support the many projects the Knights are involved in.

The Knights will be selling tickets in the narthex the weekend of July 11th and 12th with the final drawing to be held at this year's Festa Italiana on July 25th.

This is a great opportunity to pick up some additional cash and at the same time support our local Knights of Columbus. A raffle box and tickets will also be available during the month of July on the counter in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!

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Contact Donna Hungerford 708-326-9312 or
dhungeford@stmarymokena.org

Our Next meeting is Tuesday, July 14th
9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room

Joseph M. Scheidler Memorial

Face the Truth Tour 2026



Join us at 3:00 p.m.

Witness in public about the truth

The "Face the Truth" Tour is a unique pro-life outreach where volunteers hold images showing the victims of abortion and the beauty of life in the womb along busy intersections across Illinois. This powerful display has saved babies from abortion when their parents saw what abortion does to these precious children. Join us to be a part of this life-saving work!

South Suburbs: Wednesday, July 8th

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Flossmoor Governors Hwy. and Vollmer Rd.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Orland Park 159th & LaGrange

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mokena 191st St. & LaGrange Rd.

ProLifeAction.org



The Council of Catholic Women
Save the Date for
Festa Italiana
 Saturday, July 25th at
 Yunker Park, Mokena
More details to come!



The Knights of Columbus
 The next Council Meeting will be
 Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm. in the
 Church Hall, Guadalupe Room.

Mark your calendar!
 The K of C Family Picnic
 Saturday, August 1st
 Detail to come!

HELPING HANDS



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

There is a screening process to make sure it is something our members can handle and the work qualifies.

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



THE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Our summer gatherings will be
 at a location to be
 determined.

**There are no meetings in the
 Church Hall in July & August**

Gatherings will be offsite.
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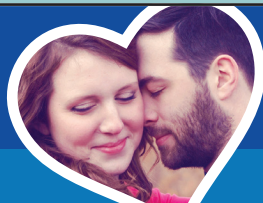
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