



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JULY 12, 2026

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday | 8:00am, 9:30am,
 11:00am, 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:00am
 Tuesday | 8:00am
 Wednesday | 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

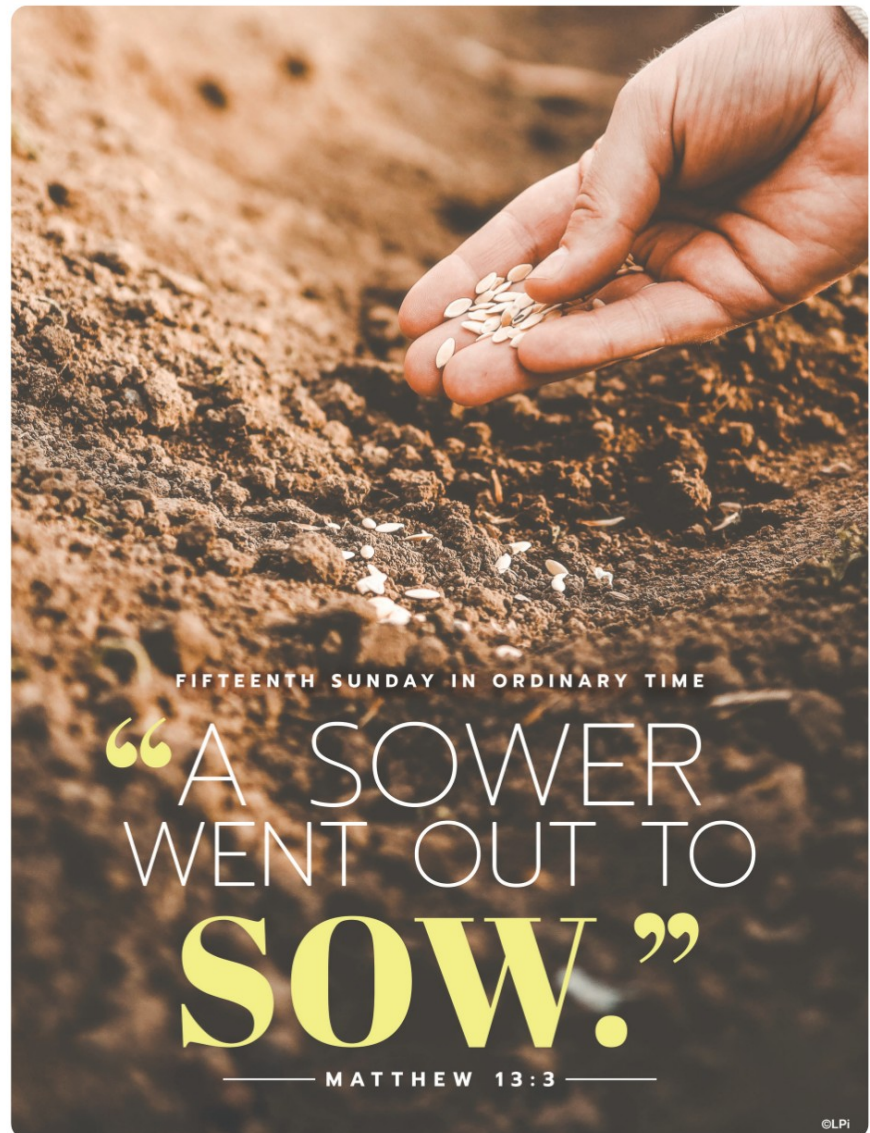
Monday through Friday
 8:30am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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 Mokena, IL 60448
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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–

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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!

As summer continues, I know many of you and your families are getting ready for travel. I've already heard some of you talking about your plans after Mass in recent weeks, especially after our weekend Masses here. It's always good to see families looking forward to spending time together. These are good and needed times of rest. Jesus Himself reminds us of this when He says: Come away by yourselves and rest a while (Mark 6:31). The Lord knows we need rest. At the same time, even when we are away from home or out of our normal routine, we are never away from God.

So I want to gently remind you this summer: please keep Sunday Mass as part of your week even when you are traveling. Wherever you go, try to find a local Catholic parish and join in the Mass. Many of you already do this, and I am grateful for that. Sunday Mass is never something we take a break from, because it is what keeps us going, especially when life feels different or busy. Whether you are in a small town, on a road trip or in a big city far from home, it is the same Lord, and we are still one Church family. I also encourage you to keep your daily prayer steady during your travels. It does not need to be anything big. A short morning prayer before the day starts, a blessing before meals when everyone is finally sitting together, or a simple thank you, Lord at night. Even small prayers like this help keep us close to God.

Travel also gives us many unexpected opportunities to live our faith. Traffic, delays, crowded places, and exhaustion are things that test our patience. But they are also moments where we can choose kindness. I remember a family telling me about a long airport delay they had last summer. Instead of getting upset, they prayed together and ended up talking kindly with another family who was also waiting. What could have been a stressful moment became something peaceful and a positive way to pass the time. As you travel this summer, I pray that it truly becomes a time of rest and joy for you and your families. Let us stay united in prayer wherever we are. And may God watch over your travels, keep your families safe, and bring you home refreshed in body and spirit.

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 18 - July 19: Sixteenth 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	Andy Lihosit Andrea Taylor	Antoinette Bria Susan Rizzo	Richard Hamilton Stan Nowak	John Brett Sean Gleason	Daniel Goelz
Eucharistic Minister	Ted .Kopczynski Bob Gombas John Mitoraj Sue Murphy	Cris Pirelli Susan Rizzo Nancy Santry Midge Saunders	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Joanette Kulesa Pam Sanders	Michael Crowley Remo Lucci Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch NOT FILLED
Altar Server	Johnny Cotton Molly Cotton Rosamund Cotton NOT FILLED	Gerard Sima Liam Sullivan Lorenzo Zambrano NOT FILLED	Hazel Dilger Logan Raimondi Megan Wajda NOT FILLED	Caleb Marietta Cody Pienkos Christopher Pienkos Zachary Tyrka	Kate Coyle Elin Rose Coyle McKenna Griffin 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	NOT FILLED	Denise Mueller	Ed Dorey	Carolyn Farhat	Ed Dorey
Live Stream			Matt Hacker		

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.

THE FEAST DAY OF

St. Louis and Zélie Martin

IS CELEBRATED ON JULY 12TH.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin are most well-known for being **the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux**, but, as with any other saint, **it is their own holiness which led to their canonization.**

Before their courtship, both **St. Louis and St. Zélie attempted to enter into religious life.** They both felt called to serve our Lord, and initially believed that entering religious life was the best way to do so. Neither of them were successful in this attempt, and they eventually met and married.



While still in the mindset that religious life was the best way to please God, their lives reflected those of consecrated individuals for about a year. They were later informed by their confessors that **bringing children into the world would bring glory to our Lord.** They thus began to raise a family.

Throughout their marriage, **they suffered many hardships.** Four of their nine children died in childhood. they struggled with their finances, and St. Zélie was diagnosed with cancer. She died at the age of 45, leaving St. Louis to raise their children (including St. Thérèse) alone.

Yet, throughout all of this, both **St. Louis and St. Zélie remained devoted to the Lord and continued to raise their children in the faith.** This love for the Lord led to all of their living children to enter religious life themselves.

**This faith and love for God is further shown through St. Louis' remark:
IT IS A GREAT, GREAT HONOR FOR ME THAT THE GOOD LORD DESIRES TO TAKE ALL OF MY CHILDREN. IF I HAD ANYTHING BETTER, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO OFFER IT TO HIM.**

This remark reflects that all St. Louis did was for the glory of God, and for love for Him.
(We know that St. Zélie was of the same mind during her life.)

Let us seek to follow Ss. Louis and Zélie's example by doing God's will, and by leading our family in the faith. SS. LOUIS AND ZÉLIE, PRAY FOR US!



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

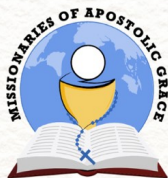


Come find out more about
Cursillo! This weekend helps
develop a deeper, more
personal relationship with
Jesus Christ and experience a
loving and caring community.

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

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

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



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**



Support our ministries
through faithful generosity.

**The Offertory for
July 5th**

Online Giving	\$22,975.00
Envelopes	\$22,681.70
	\$45,656.70

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

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.

Scan the QR
Code



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13

8:00am: Moses Zepeda, Joanne and Michael Duffy, Erlinda Cruz

Tuesday, July 14

8:00am: Bill Dorans, Tony Russo, Flora Bondi, Butkus, Sinal and Ksiazek families, Laverne Narcissi

Wednesday, July 15

8:00am: Stella Piwowar, Kevin Patras

Thursday, July 16

8:00am: Patrick Flaherty, Lauren Ledvina

Friday, July 17

8:00am: Eileen Pepper

Saturday, July 18

8:00am: Edmund Sajewski
5:00pm: Joseph Rubino, Edward Bean, Elizabeth Plaza, Stefania Barlog, Ship of fools men's club, Lauren DeRose, Brian Gambino, Ann Margalas, Mary Kay Walsh

Sunday, July 19

8:00 am: Diana Nash, Stephen Sestak
9:30:am: Thomas Prieboy
11:00 am: William Briscoe
6:00 pm: Alexis Rose Mendez

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, 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, Catherine O'Donnell, 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 Wallis, 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 Ferguson family,
The Kneeland family,
The Ward family



Please Pray for our Faithfully Departed Brothers and Sisters

**Susan Lyons,
Norene Tesmond**

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



Retraction

In the June 28th edition of the St. Mary bulletin, it was mistakenly reported that James Palermo had passed away. We regret and apologize for the error.

PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 13

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (JP II Room)

Tuesday, July 14

5:00 a.m. YM Summer Sunrise (Marian Garden)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. Healing the Whole Person (Church & Church Hall)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, July 15

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)
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Festa Italiana Meeting (Fatima)

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Revelation by the Fire (Marian Garden)

Saturday, July 18

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
 11:00a.m. Baptism (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, July 19

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)



*Wedding
Banns*

July 15th

George Lullo and
Samantha Howard



God can't be outdone

Years ago, Chris and Nena Lavoie began welcoming seminarians into their home for a meal and a blessing. Over time, 10 or 12 young men gathered around their table. They couldn't have known that this simple hospitality was planting a seed in their own son, Joshua, now a priest for the Diocese of Joliet, ordained just a few weeks ago. The diocese walked with Fr. Josh through eight years of formation. For the Lavoies, giving to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is one way to walk with the next young man, and the next.



*Wedding
Banns*

July 18th

Robbie Watson &
Alyssa Clark

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


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.

Learn today's job search reality

- applications are online and are reviewed by tracking systems
- 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



*Many blessings to the
Martin family
on the baptism of their
daughter
Addison Rose*



*Congratulations to the
Brennan family
on the baptism of
Benjamin John*



Steubenville 2026 Recap



What a blessing this weekend was. 30 participants from St. Mary attended the 2026 Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference. From the amazing speakers, singing with the Missionaries of Charity, to the powerful experience of Adoration. God truly was working into our students.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our program. Lives will forever be changed when God is on the move through our Youth.



Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

WOMEN'S *Welcome* WEEKEND



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

PAUSE *take time for yourself*
CONNECT *with other women*
REFRESH *your soul*
REFLECT *on God's deep love for you*
REDISCOVER *joy, peace, and Jesus!*



Save the Date!

November 07/08

at St. Mary, Mokena.
Registration coming soon

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

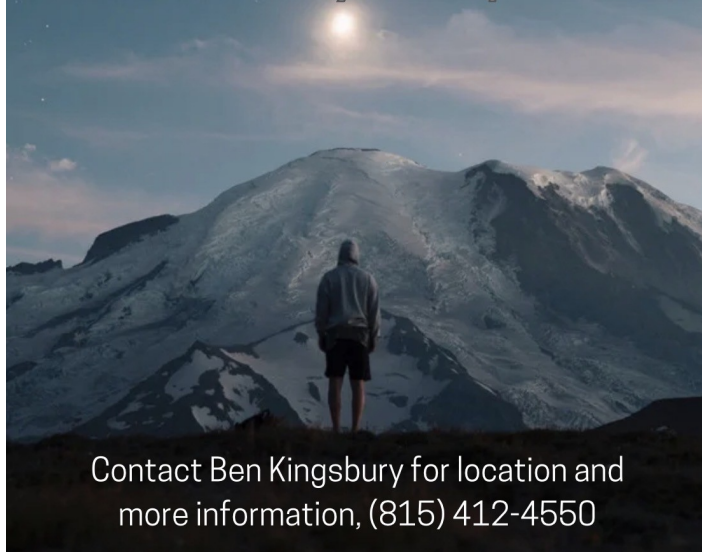
Want to Join?

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

Park meetups

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

**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

Questions? Email
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

St. Mary's Religious Education Registration

Register
NOW



*BLACKOUT DATES
BEGIN AUG. 30TH*

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**

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

Register Today



Spots still available!

**SCAN QR CODE FOR ONLINE
REGISTRATION.**

For more information contact the RE Office
re@stmarymokena.org or 708-326-9352

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.



Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Shotgun Start: 9:00am
Cog Hill Golf and
Country Club
12294 Archer Ave
Lemont, IL 60439

2026 GOLF & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Guest Speaker:
Patrick McCaskey
Vice President
Chicago Bears Football Club

Registration:

Single Golfer: \$175
Foursome: \$700
Corporate Foursome: \$1,000

Golf Registration Includes:

- 18 holes of golf with cart at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
- Lunch at the Turn
- Drinks on the course
- Cocktail hour and buffet dinner
- On-course contests with prizes

Cocktail Hour and Dinner Only: \$75

Schedule:

7:30 am: Registration, Driving Range
9:00am: Shotgun Start
2:00 pm: Cocktails, Dinner, Program

To Register:

To purchase tickets, visit
<https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/swing/>
or call 815-724-1140.

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To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Phil Buta at 815-724-1102 or pbuta@cc-doj.org.

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Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee



Our Next meeting is Tuesday,
July 14th
9:00 a.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. Questions? Contact Donna Hungerford 708-326-9312 or dhungeford@stmarymokena.org

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP JULY 12, 2026

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL FROM MATTHEW, JESUS SHARES THE FAMILIAR PARABLE OF THE SOWER. IT IS A POWERFUL IMAGE FOR THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE, DEMONSTRATING THE GRADUAL BUT TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT THAT A LIFE CENTERED ON GOD CAN HAVE ON US OVER TIME. IN THE PARABLE, SOME SEED FALLS ON A PATH WHERE BIRDS QUICKLY CARRY IT AWAY. OTHER SEED FALLS ON ROCKY GROUND, WHERE IT BEGINS TO GROW BUT CANNOT DEVELOP DEEP ROOTS. STILL MORE SEED FALLS AMONG THORNS THAT EVENTUALLY CHOKE THE YOUNG PLANTS.



FINALLY, SOME SEED FALLS ON RICH, FERTILE SOIL AND PRODUCES AN ABUNDANT HARVEST. JESUS EXPLAINS THAT THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD, GENEROUSLY SCATTERED FOR ALL TO RECEIVE. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OUR HEARTS ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE IT AND ALLOW IT TO TAKE ROOT. THIS IS WHERE THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE COMES IN. WHEN WE OFFER OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO GOD AND PLACE HIM FIRST IN OUR LIVES, WE HELP CREATE THE "GOOD SOIL" NEEDED FOR THE KINGDOM TO FLOURISH WITHIN US.

STEWARDSHIP REMOVES THE "ROCKS" OF MISTRUST AS WE GROW IN CONFIDENCE THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR OUR NEEDS. IT CLEARS AWAY THE "THORNS" OF WORLDLY CONCERNS THAT CAN DISTRACT US FROM WHAT MATTERS MOST. THROUGH PRAYER, THE SACRAMENTS, AND GENEROUS SERVICE, THE SOIL OF OUR LIVES IS CONTINUALLY NOURISHED AND RENEWED.

LET US DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO THIS WAY OF LIFE, ALLOWING THE DIVINE SOWER TO DO HIS WORK WITHIN US. IN TIME, HE WILL PRODUCE AN ABUNDANT HARVEST THROUGH OUR LIVES.



The Council of Catholic Women
Festa Italiana
Saturday, July 25th at
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Save the Date!
CCW Wine and Song Event
Thursday, August 20th in the
Church Hall



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
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The Annual K of C Turtle Raffle

The Turtle Raffle is Coming!!!

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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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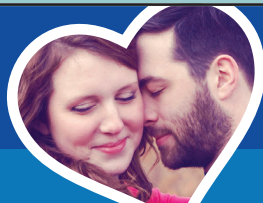
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