



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

AUGUST 2, 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

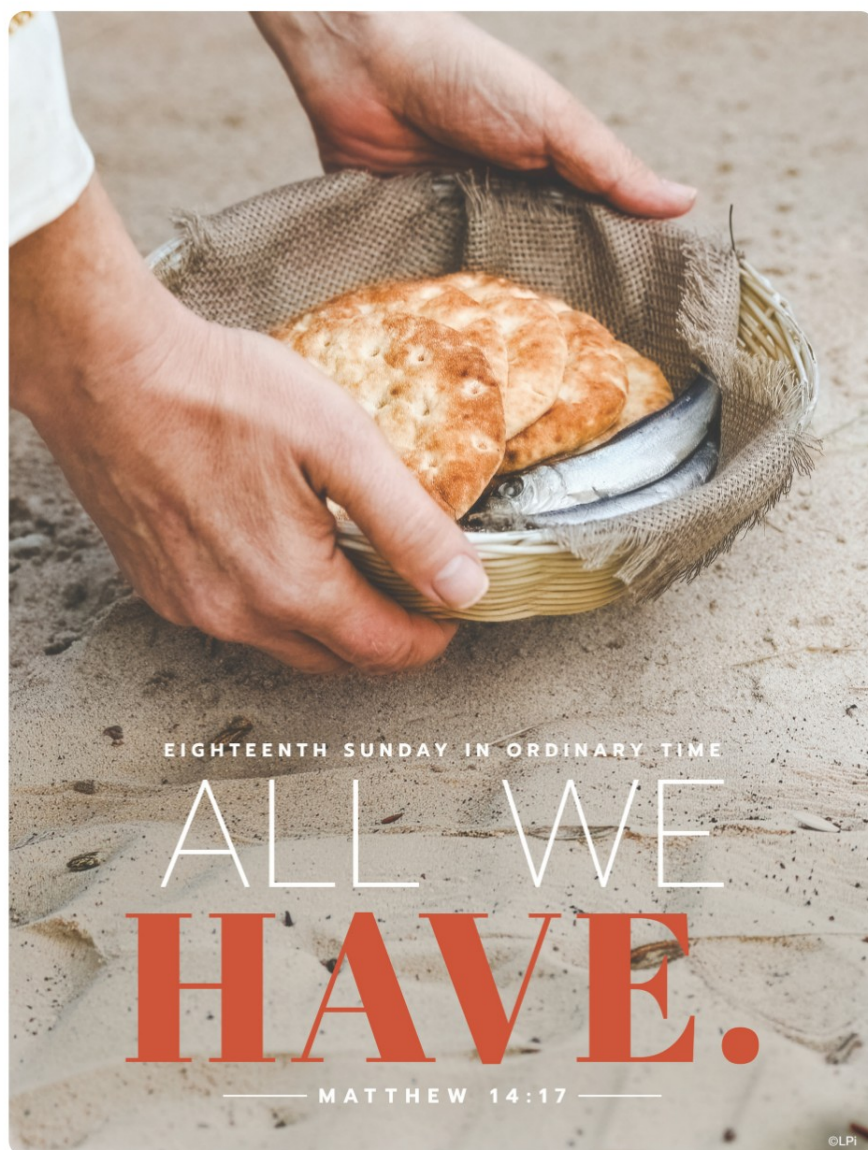
Monday through Friday
 8:30am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

19515 S. 115th Avenue
 Mokena, IL 60448
 708-326-9300
www.stmarymokena.org



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL WE
 HAVE.

MATTHEW 14:17

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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!

Last week, I shared a few thoughts about how we prepare ourselves outwardly for the Holy Mass. I spoke about arriving on time, dressing with reverence when we are able, keeping silence before Mass, and showing respect for this sacred celebration. I hope it reminded all of us, including myself, that every Mass is a personal encounter with our loving Lord. This week, I would like to continue that reflection by speaking about something even deeper: *the preparation of our hearts*. Even when we arrive early and do our best to prepare ourselves outwardly, we all know how easy it is for our minds to become occupied with the worries, distractions, and busyness of everyday life. I know this is true for me as well. More than anything else, God looks into our hearts. He knows our joys, our struggles, our fears, and even the prayers we cannot find the words to say. He simply asks us to come to Him with open hearts.

A good preparation for Mass begins even before we leave home. We can spend a few quiet moments asking the Lord to help us listen to His voice. We can place our family, our work, our worries, and all those who have asked for our prayers into His loving hands. If possible, reading the Sunday Gospel before coming to church can also help us receive God's Word more deeply. During Mass, let us try to be fully present. The Lord has something to say to each one of us. Sometimes His Word brings comfort. Sometimes it gently challenges us. Sometimes it simply reminds us that He is always with us. Every Mass is a gift, and when we open our hearts to the Lord, we become more receptive to the grace He so generously offers us.

When we are able, let us spend a few quiet moments after receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Those moments of thanksgiving are a precious gift. They give us the chance to thank Jesus for coming into our hearts and to speak with Him who loves us more than anyone else ever could. Last week, we reflected on how our outward actions can express our love and reverence for the Lord. This week, we are reminded that the greatest preparation we can make for Holy Mass is the preparation of our hearts. When our hearts are turned toward the Lord, *our words, our actions, and even our outward reverence become a natural expression of our love for Him*.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor



The Parish Feast Day *Novena Masses* **begin this week!**

**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

Former St. Mary Associate Pastor

Friday, August 7th

Fr. Dindo Billote

Former St. Mary Pastor

Saturday, August 8th

Fr. Peter Infanger

Former St. Mary Seminarian

Sunday, August 9th

Fr. Steven Borello

Leader of St. Mary's 2026 Parish Mission

Monday, August 10th

Fr. Alex Lorang

Former St. Mary Seminarian

Tuesday, August 11th

Fr. Greg Alberts

Home Parish is St. Mary.

Wednesday, August 12th

Fr. Brian Geary

Home Parish is St. Mary.

Thursday, August 13th

Fr. Matt Nemchausky

Pastor of St. Stephen Parish, Tinley Park

Friday, August 14th

Fr. John Abulag

Former St. Mary Seminarian

We are still in need of a few sponsors for our priests! If you would like to contribute to these priests, or to the Parish Feast Day Celebration, please call the Parish Office at 708-326-9305.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Mary Parish's First
Feast Day Celebration

honoring St. Mary, our patron saint

IS NEXT WEEKEND!

Saturday, August 15th

Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Celebration to follow at 5:00 PM

in St. Mary's lower level parking lot

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Food Trucks*

Music

Face Painting

Balloon Animals

and More!

**The food trucks will be serving pizza, hot dogs,
tacos, Italian Ice, and sweets!*

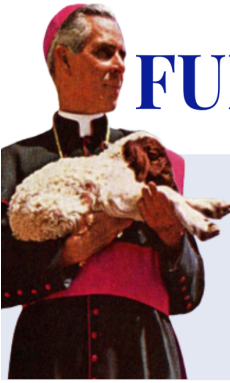


All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

(soon to be)

BLESSED FULTON SHEEN



As we look towards his beatification in September, come learn about this modern day saint's life, impact, quotes, and legacy.

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

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



FIT SHEPHERDS

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



	Sat., 5:00 PM	Sun., 8:00 AM	Sun., 9:30 AM	Sun., 11:00 AM	Sun., 6:00 PM
Lector					
Eucharistic Minister					
Altar Server					
Usher					
Greeter					
Live Stream					

NOTICE SOMETHING MISSING? THE ANSWER IS YOU!

Imagine walking into a church early on a Sunday morning. The pews are still empty, the candles are unlit, and the altar is bare. Slowly, familiar faces begin to arrive — and nothing is prepared.

Are you being called to proclaim the Word, distribute the Eucharist, guide the faithful to their seats?

- **You can be hands of welcome** for the weary soul who steps into church seeking peace.
- **You can be the voice of Scripture** that may speak directly to someone's heart.
- **You can be the reverent presence** that helps others see the holiness of the Mass.

Every gesture, every smile, every moment of preparation is a quiet act of evangelization.

The Eternal Impact of Your Service: You may never know the full impact of your ministry. The person you greet may be returning to church after years away. The reading you proclaim may be the exact word someone needed to hear. The Eucharist you offer may be the strength that carries someone through a difficult week.

Call to Continue with Joy: We encourage you to Step up and join one of more of these ministries. Please pray about it — you will be fully trained for the ministries you choose. If you feel unsure of your worthiness, remember that Christ Himself is your strength.

If interested in any of these ministries, please email Deacon Pete Manning at deaconpete@aol.com & John Brett at jbrett@stmarymokena.org, our Directors of Liturgy. Call us, because God is calling you. Will you answer His call?

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 3

8:00am: Nadine Russo

Tuesday, August 4

8:00am: Charlotte Amers, Ann Doorhy

Wednesday, August 5

8:00am: Donna Kenny

Thursday, August 6

8:00am: Michael Melody, Victoria Toppa

Friday, August 7

12:00pm: Ann Doorhy

6:00pm: Penny Salgado

Saturday, August 8

5:00pm: Alfred Dreifke, Dolores Danforth, Ann Doorhy, David Henehan

Sunday, August 9

8:00 am: Diana Nash

9:30:am: Jane Narcissi

11:00 am: Jennifer Buhs

6:00 pm: Barbara Bekker

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-Figliuolo, 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, 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 Mathius family,
The Esparza family,
The Bohne family



Please Pray for our Faithfully Departed Brothers and Sisters

Mary Kelliher,
Ana Meyer,
JoAnn Tratnik



*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	MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC	SSG August Pintarro, USA
SP4 Arhan Atreya, USA	PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
Capt Lukasz Bokun, ARNG	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	MAJ Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA	A1C Benjamin Underwood, USAF
PFC Tyler Kilmartin-Radtke, USA	PE2 Joshua James Underwood, USA
SP4 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
PFC 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

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
 10:00 a.m. Healing the Whole Person (Church)
 6:30 p.m. The Rosary Men (Guadalupe)

Thursday, August 6

7:00 a.m. Confessions **Cancelled**
 8:00 a.m. Mass **Cancelled**
 8:30 a.m. Summer Camp (Church Hall All)
 6:00 p.m. Novena Mass (Church)

Friday, August 7

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Confessions **Cancelled**
 8:00 a.m. Mass **Cancelled**
 8:30 a.m. Adoration **Cancelled**
 8:45 a.m. First Friday Devotion (Chapel)
 12:00p.m. First Friday Mass (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)
 6:00 p.m. Novena Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Revelation by the Fire
 (Marian Garden)

Saturday, August 8

CCW Wine and Song Ticket Sales (Narthex)

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

Sunday, August 9

CCW Wine and Song Ticket Sales (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)

JOIN US FOR A

Marian Procession

IN HONOR OF THE SOLEMNITY
 OF THE ASSUMPTION.

**SATURDAY,
 AUGUST 15TH**

8:00 A.M. MASS

PROCESSION TO
 FOLLOW MASS ON
 ST. MARY'S GROUNDS

*Our Lady of the
 Assumption,
 PRAY FOR US!*



St. Mary Parish is celebrating

First Friday Masses

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

Next Mass: Friday, August 7th
12:00 PM

The First Friday Devotion consists of:

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

Steubenville 2027 Spot Reservation

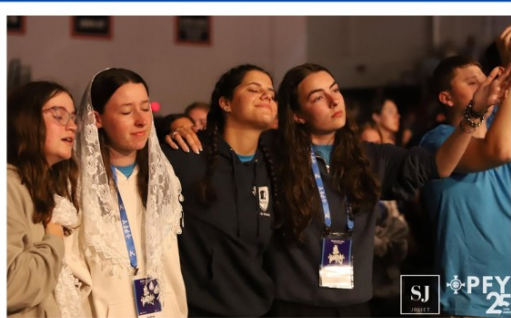
June 25-27th, 2027

Benedictine University, Lisle, IL

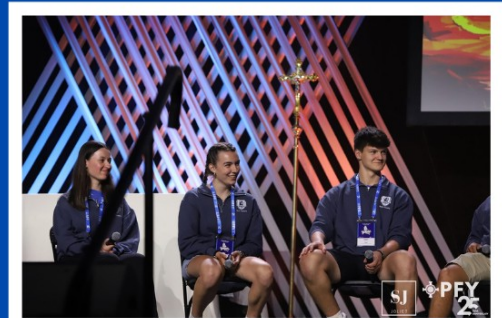
**Rising Freshmen through Class of
2027 Graduating Seniors are sign
up. (Must be 14 by June 25th)**

**Join us for a weekend full of incredible speakers,
vendors, prayer, and Catholic Community.**

**Fill out the interest
form here:**



Youth Ministry



Catholic = Universal

Be part of something great

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
OCIA CLASSES are starting soon!

Sundays,
September-May
9:00am-10:45am

A faith
journey that
will equip you
and prepare
you to have a
full life with
God in the
Catholic
Church

Weekly sessions start
Sunday,
September 13th

Come as you are!

Contact Megan Murray,
Director of
Adult Faith Formation
mmurray@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9313



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

**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

*It's been such a fun summer, be on the
lookout for more times to gather at
Mom's Podcast Club!*

Questions? Email
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

A Space for Spiritual Growth

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, CONSULTATION, AND SUPPORT
FOR ALL YOUNG ADULT & ADULT WOMEN

Megan Murray is St. Mary's Director of Adult Faith Formation and walks with young women as a spiritual director and mentor with a background in Carmelite Spirituality and Ignatian Prayer & Discernment. If you are desiring and searching for ways to deepen your relationship with God, reach out to Megan and find a space for spiritual growth.

- Spiritual guidance
- Tools to help you grow in your faith
- Deepen your prayer life/ teach you ways to pray

FIND A SPACE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH



mmurray@stmarymokena.org

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!*

This weekend is for women of all ages!

No cost to participate.

Get ready for a weekend of good food: we provide Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner
and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Sleep at your own house!

Free registration at www.stmarymokena.org/welcome

36 spots available, early registration recommended.



Join us!
Saturday and Sunday,
November 7-8
at St. Mary, Mokena

Email Danielle with any questions, dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org,
or call the parish office, (708) 326-9300.

R.E.A.C.H

(Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped)

Assistant Catechist Needed

**Come be a part of this special
group!**

We are looking for a someone to be part of this adaptive RE program. Call the RE office for more information (708) 326-9350.



DIocese of JOLIET
disABILITY Ministry



Novenas are a powerful form of prayer!

A Novena is a series of prayers – a devotion – typically said over the course of nine consecutive days. Novenas are often prayed for a particular intention, or in thanksgiving for a blessing. The term originates from the Latin word for nine: “novem”.

By consistently praying for the intention over the course of nine days, a person shows dedication to their intent – whether it be to ask for something, or to thank God for something.



It is a great way to be consistent about prayer! By praying a Novena, we are reminded to pray every day, and to continually bring our intentions & gratitude before God.

Novenas can be said to God Himself, Blessed Mother, or to any other saint in heaven. Typically, a person will pray a novena to the patron saint of their intent, to ask for that saint's intercession in heaven.

We will be celebrating Novena Masses starting this Thursday (August 6th) leading up to the Solemnity of the Assumption! Join us for these Masses to ask for Our Lady's intercession!



Giving

GENEROSITY

Love, serve and give generously.

Support our ministries through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for July 26th

Online Giving	\$13,196.75
Envelopes	\$15,508.40
	\$28,705.15

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

Online Giving
Give your gift today.
Scan the QR Code




CALLING FORTH

All Families and Volunteers

2026-2027
ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON THE SMP WEBSITE
Tier 2 pricing ends August 30th
CLASSES BEGIN: September 15th

JOIN US

CALLED TO SERVE?

- FAITH-FILLED CATECHIST ✓
- CATECHIST ASSISTANT ✓
- SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST ✓
- OFFICE ASSISTANT/ HALL MONITOR/TRAFFIC HELPER ✓




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COOKING FOR DAYBREAK



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP COOK OR SERVE A MEAL AT DAYBREAK!

PLEASE RETURN VOLUNTEER SHEETS TO DONNA HUNGERFORD BY AUGUST 1ST.

THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE MAILED IN AUGUST AND WE WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT
DONNA HUNGERFORD
(708) 326-9312 OR
DHUNGERFORD@STMARYMOKENA.ORG



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!

August 7: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 205 E. Jackson St, Joliet,
10:00am – 11:30am

August 21: St. Joseph, 211 N. Center Ave, Bradley,
10:00am – 11:30am

August 24: St. Lawrence, 165 Rice Rd, South Wilmington,
4:00pm – 5:30pm

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.

Support the victims of the Venezuela earthquake!



If you wish to donate directly, visit
Catholic Relief Services website
crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake
Help families today!

**BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT
FALL SESSION**

SEASONS OF HOPE

Beginning September 8th from
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the
month
for six weeks in the St. Mary Chapel.

This Christ centered support group offers comfort,
support and understanding based on scripture,
prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing.

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

**SIGN UP IS NECESSARY AND
SPACE IS LIMITED.**



**Entertainment
by Ray Loffredi**

**Bring your
dancing shoes!**

For more information contact
Charmaine Willand 708-307-3196 or
charm.willand@gmail.com

Tickets available after weekend Masses
beginning August 1st and 2nd in the
narthex and in the church office.

(This is an over 21 event.)

CCW 5th Annual Wine & Song Fundraiser Event!

All adult men & women welcome!

Thursday, August 20th 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
in the Church Hall



Bring a friend or two!

**\$20 Per Person
(in advance)
\$25 Per Person
(at the door)**



Includes wine (non-alcoholic
sparkling wine available)
appetizers, raffle baskets and
door prize drawing.

Split the Pot!



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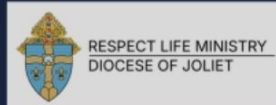


Our Next meeting is
Tuesday, August 11th at
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The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room

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If you would like to give a shawl to someone, you are welcome to choose from a wide variety of colors and styles at the Parish Office front desk.

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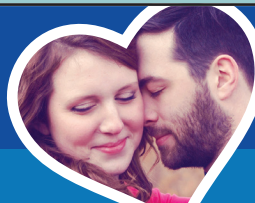
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