



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

AUGUST 9, 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

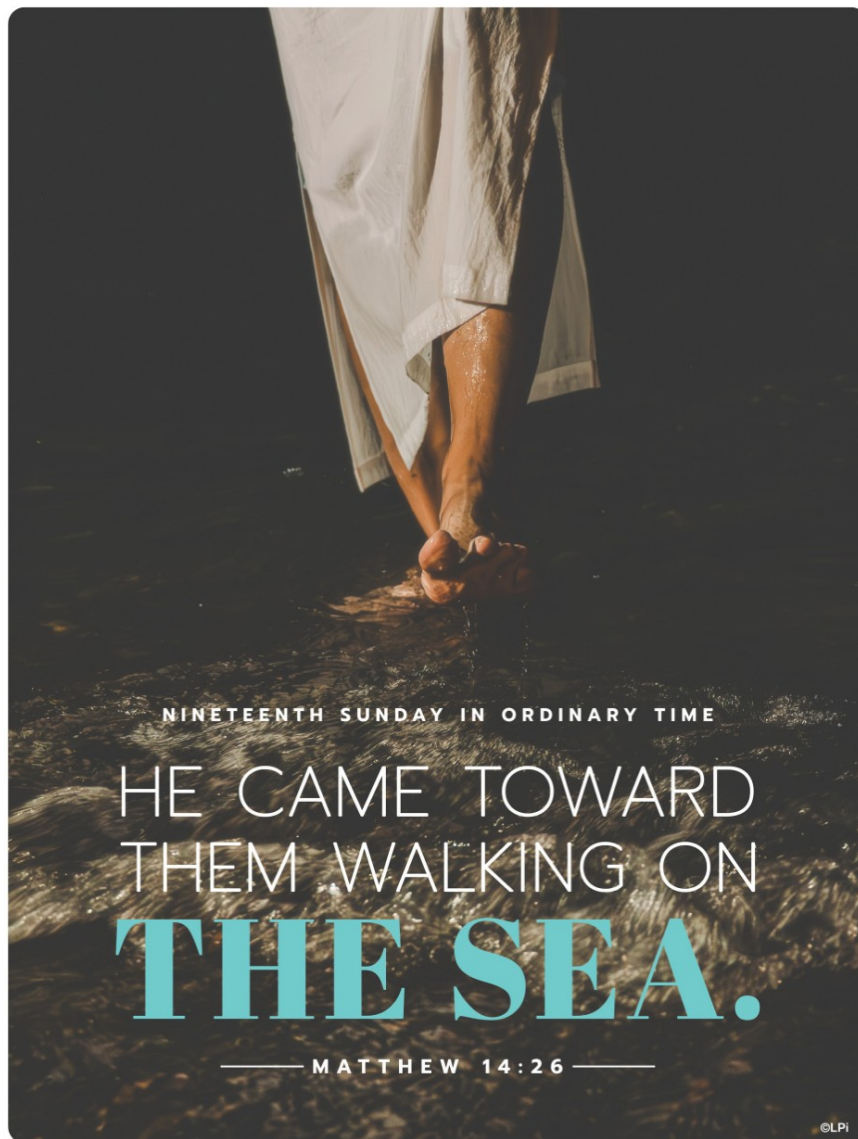
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OUR VISION

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.

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!

About a month ago, I wrote about our upcoming parish feast day and invited everyone to begin looking forward to this special celebration. Now that it is almost here, I would like to remind you once again and personally invite you to celebrate with your parish family. We have already started our Novena Masses in honor of Our Lady of the Assumption. The Novena continues through August 14th, and I encourage you to come if you are able. Even if you have not been able to attend the first few days, it is never too late to join us. These days of prayer help us prepare our hearts to celebrate the great gift of Mary who was assumed body and soul into heaven. They also remind us of the hope that God has prepared for all who remain faithful to Him.

Our parish feast day is on Saturday, August 15th, and I especially hope you will join us for the 8:00 am Mass as we honor our patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption. After Mass, we will have a procession around the church grounds. During the procession, we will pray the Holy Rosary together, asking for Our Lady's intercession for our parish, our families, and all those who are in need. It is a simple but beautiful way to express our love for Our Lady and to walk together as a community of faith. When the procession is over, please come to the parish hall for coffee and donuts. It will be a nice opportunity to spend a little time together before heading home.

I also want to invite you back for our 4:00 pm Vigil Mass. Remember that this Vigil Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation, so if you attend at 4:00 pm, you do not need to come again on Sunday. During this Mass, I will also introduce the members of our Parish Pastoral Council. These parishioners have generously said YES to serving our parish, and I hope you will join me in welcoming them and keeping them in your prayers as they begin this important ministry. After the Vigil Mass, the celebration continues with our Parish Feast Day Party. There will be plenty of food, music, games, and fun for everyone. Best of all, it will be a chance to enjoy each other's company and celebrate what makes our parish such a wonderful community. The food is provided, so just bring yourself, your family, and your appetite.

Our parish is more than the building where we come to worship each week. It is a family of faith, and families should celebrate together. I truly hope you can be with us for all or at least part of the day. Your presence matters, and I know our celebration will be even more joyful because of it. May Our Lady of the Assumption continue to watch over our parish, pray for us, and always lead us closer to her Son Jesus Christ. I look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor



The Parish Feast Day *Novena Masses* **continue 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.**

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

**If you would like to contribute 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 THIS SATURDAY: AUGUST 15TH !

MORNING CELEBRATION:

Mass for the Assumption at 8:00 a.m.

Marian Procession to follow at 8:45 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts served in the church hall afterwards.

EVENING CELEBRATION:

Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Celebration to follow at 5:00 PM

in St. Mary's lower level parking lot

EVENING FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Food Trucks*

Fellowship

Music

Face Painting

Balloon Animals

and More!

**The food trucks will be serving pizza, hot dogs, tacos, Italian Ice, and sweets!
Soda and water will be served. Families are welcome to bring other drinks.*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) DUE TO THE NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE, DAILY MASS (8 AM) WILL BE CANCELLED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH - FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH.

2) MORNING CONFESSIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON:

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH - FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH.

3) ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON FRIDAY 8/14.

4) SATURDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON SATURDAY 8/15.

5) THE VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH IS MOVED TO 4:00 PM.

THERE WILL NOT BE A 5:00 PM MASS

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH.



Support our ministries
through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for
August 2nd

Online Giving	\$19,213.50
Envelopes	\$23,851.50
	\$43,065.00

Budget \$34,000
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for your generosity!

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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?

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CATECHIST ASSISTANT ✓

SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST ✓

OFFICE ASSISTANT/ HALL
MONITOR/TRAFFIC HELPER ✓



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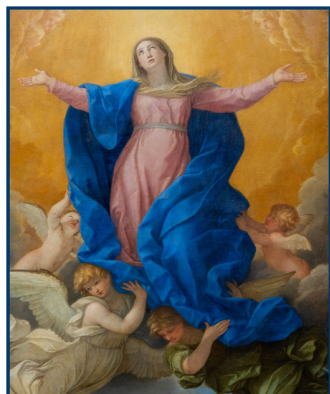
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THE SOLEMNITY OF

The Assumption

IS CELEBRATED ON AUGUST 15TH.

The **Assumption** is the **celebration of the end of the Blessed Virgin Mary's life**. "Assumption" comes from a Latin word meaning "to take up" or "receive". Christ **"took up" and "received" His Blessed Mother into heaven, body and soul.**



Usually, the Assumption is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. However, since it falls on a Saturday in 2026, **the obligation is lifted this year.**

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ARE DAYS ON WHICH WE ARE OBLIGATED (OR REQUIRED) TO ATTEND MASS. SUNDAYS ARE CONSIDERED HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION, ALONG WITH SOME SOLEMNITIES. THESE SOLEMNITIES CENTER AROUND THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN OUR FAITH.

The Assumption is considered a Holy Day of Obligation because **it honors the life of the Mother of God**. Without her, Christ would not have been made man, and thus, He would not have been able to save us.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is St. Mary Parish's patron saint! Join us for our First Parish Feast Day Celebration in honor of Our Lady's Assumption this Saturday, August 15th! We will have a morning and evening celebration to recognize Our Blessed Mother.

	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 10

6:00pm: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

Tuesday, August 11

6:00pm: Dennis Panozzo, Sara Whalton, Flora Bondi, Ann Doorhy

Wednesday, August 12

6:00pm: John Valente

Thursday, August 13

6:00pm: David Behncke, Thomas McInerney

Friday, August 14

6:00pm: Curt and Nancy Hennecke

Saturday, August 15

5:00pm: Joseph Rubino, Ray Stair, Peter Prankus, Nadine Russo, Edward Bean, Stefania Barlog, Elizabeth Plaza, Virginia Cubalchini, Lauren DeRose

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am: Loretta Flynn

9:30 am: Richard Dudek

11:00 am: Tony Tonra, Brian Masterson, Frank Grobmeier

6:00 p.m. William Briscoe

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 Omastiak, 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, Barbara 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 Waller, Kathy Wereldsma, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Yvonne White, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Dolores Schury



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

God Bless Our
New Parishioners

Ms. Marissa Valencia,
Ms. Lauren Bartolini



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
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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

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IN THE MILITARY PUBLISHED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL THEIR
NAME, RANK, AND BRANCH OF SERVICE TO BOB CORNEJO,
BCORNEJO@STMARYMOKENA.ORG.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

7:00 a.m. Confessions **Cancelled**
 8:00 a.m. Mass **Cancelled**
 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Meeting (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Novena Mass (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Healing the Whole Person
 (Church Hall)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, August 12

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions **Cancelled**
 8:00 a.m. Mass **Cancelled**
 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
 10:00 a.m. Healing the Whole Person (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Novena Mass

Thursday, August 13

7:00 a.m. Confessions **Cancelled**
 8:00 a.m. Mass **Cancelled**
 6:00 p.m. Novena Mass (Church)

Friday, August 14

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Confessions **Cancelled**
 8:00 a.m. Mass **Cancelled**
 8:30 a.m. Adoration **Cancelled**
 6:00 p.m. Novena Mass (Church)

Saturday, August 15

CCW Wine and Song Ticket Sales (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 a.m. Marian Procession (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions Cancelled
 4:00 p.m. Novena Mass (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Parish Feast Day Celebration (Church Grounds)

Sunday, August 16

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)




Saint Mary's
MEN'S MINISTRY

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

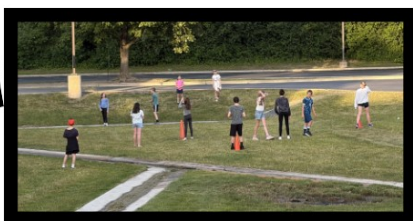
Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
 SMPmensministry@gmail.com

High School Ministry Semester Kick-Off

**Sunday, August 23rd
7pm Church Hall**

Join us as we start off the new school year.

SMP Youth Ministry is focused around community and presence. Join us and see why 200+ teens are involved with our program.



**Join our Flocknote Messaging
Here:**



**Contact Matt Jung for more information.
mjung@stmarymokena.org**

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



Park meetups

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

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

*It's been such a fun summer!!
Plan to join us for Mom's Podcast
Club on Thursday, September 24
at 9:30am in the Church Hall.*

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





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!



My Joyful Heart

Sharing the love of Christ with
Chicagoland's children in need

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES
FOR CHILDREN IN NEED**

My Joyful Heart, a local children's
charity, is in need of school supplies!



CAN YOU HELP?

- 2-pocket Folders
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Highlighters
- Spiral Notebooks
Wide or College ruled



Manuscript Pads (Gr K-2)



Pencil Boxes



Backpacks (for grades 6+)



Pens, Pencils and Erasers



Index Cards, Scissors, Rulers



Over the ear headphones



Lunchboxes



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Caring for children. Encouraging families. Sharing hope.

PROVERBS 31:8-9



My Joyful Heart

Sharing the love of Christ with
Chicagoland's children in need

Through November 2026, we are
collecting as many tiny yarn hearts
as possible to share with the
children we serve. Any color is welcome. Each heart will
be a special reminder of God's love and protection.



Tutorial

*Above all else, guard your heart, for
everything you do flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23*

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



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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

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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
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(This is an over 21 event.)



Bring a friend or two!

\$20 Per Person
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Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee

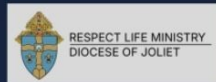


Our Next meeting is
Tuesday, August 11th at
9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall,
Fatima Room
Help us raise awareness about
the sanctity of life from the
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FEATURING DR. JOE ZALOT

All interested or involved in Respect Life Ministry are invited to a seminar by Dr. Joe Zalot. Dr. Zalot is the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center. In addition to overseeing the NCBC Certification Program, Chaplain Program, and "Introduction to Catholic Health Care Ethics" course for Catholic high schools and homeschooling networks, he produces and hosts the NCBC's Bioethics on Air podcast and has authored multiple statements, guides, and book chapters for NCBC publications. He also lectures for the NCBC, is interviewed by local and national media on health care issues, and has responded to more than 2400 ethics consultations.



NOON – 1PM: LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP
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National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn

September 12, 2026

President: Most Rev. Dennis Spies
Speaker: Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller, Ph.D.
Founder, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society

Join the Diocese of Joliet for the National Day of
Remembrance for the Unborn at 1 pm on September 12, 2026
at Resurrection Cemetery, 200 W. Romeo Road Romeoville, IL.

If you have questions about the local event, please contact
Don Hrdlicka at pharmdon@hotmail.com or 630-415-6603.
The first National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
was held in September, 2013 on the 25th anniversary of the
solemn burial of the earthly remains of some 1,500 abortion
victims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More than 100 memorial
services were held across the United States, and it was clear
this should become an annual event.

The Day of Remembrance is normally held on the
second Saturday in September.



The Council of Catholic Women

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 12 in the Church Hall, Fatima Room



The Knights of Columbus

The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room.

The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room

The WIDOW & WIDOWER'S CLUB



WE MEET THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT A DESIGNATED RESTAURANT OR OTHER LOCATION.

CONTACT MARCIA FRANK FOR INFORMATION 708-227-8290.

Thanks to All Who Participated in our Annual Turtle Raffle

Our 2026 Knights of Columbus Turtle Raffle was once again a huge success thanks to our many parishioners who purchased raffle tickets. Due to your generosity, we were able to add over \$7,000 to our funds that go to the many charities we support.

Congratulations to Donna M. Etheridge, our first place \$1,000 winner, and a big thanks to Father Joe for helping us pull the winning tickets.

The St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet?
Come to one of our meetings.

We meet the first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room (unless it is a holiday). Prayer Shawls for the ill, homebound and grieving are like receiving a "Hug from God".

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.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14



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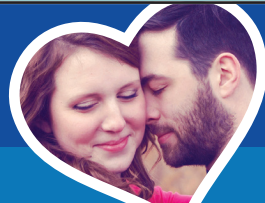
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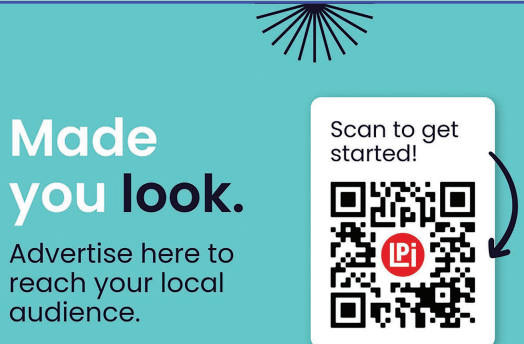
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