



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

AUGUST 23, 2026

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:00am
 Tuesday | 8:00am
 Wednesday | 7:30am
 Thursday | 8:00am
 Friday | 8:00am
 Saturday | 8:00am

Confession

Monday through Friday
 7:00am-7:45am
 Saturday | 3:30pm-4:30pm
 First Saturdays | 8:30am-9:30am

Devotions

Daily Rosary

Monday through Friday
 7:30am

Monday evenings | 6:30pm

Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet

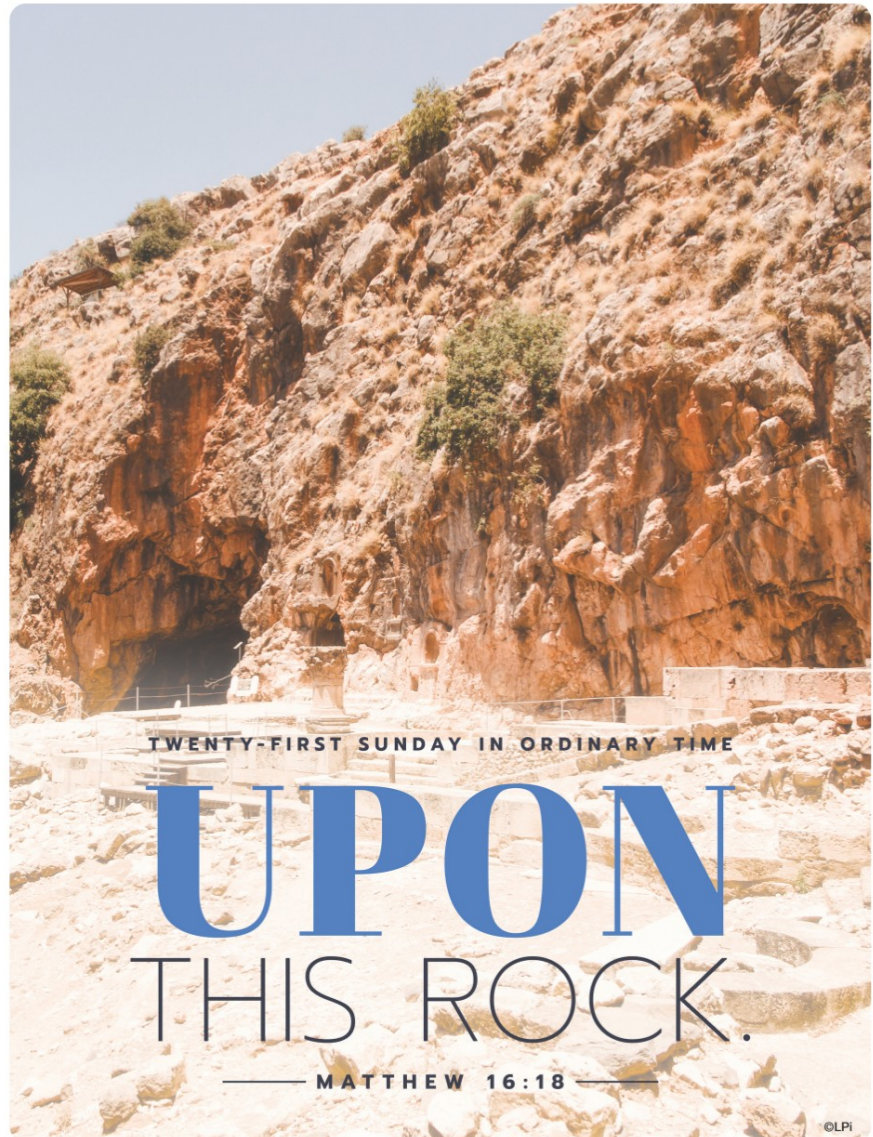
Monday through Friday
 8:30am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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



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!

Last week, we celebrated our very first Parish Feast Day, and I would like to take this opportunity to simply say **thank you** to everyone who made it such a beautiful and memorable celebration. I have to admit, I was not sure what to expect when we began our Novena Masses. But to my great joy, we had wonderful turnouts each evening. Despite the unforgiving weather, you came and made it happen. Seeing so many of you come together, even in the middle of busy schedules, was something that truly touched me. It reminded me that our parish is not just the place where we come for Mass. We are a community of people who have faith, who care about our parish, and who are willing to come together to celebrate and give thanks.

Thank you to everyone who contributed financially to make our celebration possible. Thank you to the families who sponsored the Novena Masses and gave generously of their time and resources. Thank you also to all those who helped in ways that may not have been seen but were very much appreciated. Every contribution, big or small, helped make this celebration possible. And to everyone who joined us for our Feast Day, whether you came for the Mass, or stayed with us for the celebration afterwards, **thank you**. Your presence made the day truly special. Seeing our parish family together, praying together, eating together, and simply enjoying each other's company was a beautiful picture of a lively community.

I can honestly say that our first Parish Feast Day was a success, and I am very grateful to all of you. This is only the beginning. This was our first one, and I am sure there are many things we can still improve and make even better in the years to come. We already have some beautiful plans and ideas for next year's celebration. But please know that our parish is always open to your suggestions. If you have any ideas that can make our Feast Day better, more meaningful, or more enjoyable for everyone, please don't hesitate to share them with us. Once again, from the bottom of my heart, **my gratitude to all of you!** May God continue to bless our parish, our families, and this beautiful community that we are building together.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

PARISH VISION AND VALUES



Collaborative Parish Culture where teamwork drives our effort to support one another in fulfilling our mission.

Reverent in our approach to the Eucharist, the liturgy, holy sacraments and prayer.

Generous Sacrifice of time, talent and treasure for the good of Our Lord's mission.

Our Vision

Encourage Fellowship, welcome newcomers and support one another on our faith journeys.

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

Embrace the Beauty of our Catholic faith in our worship and church setting.

& Values

Passionately catechize and evangelize people, bringing them into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Love of Neighbor drives our spirit to serve others in need and protect life from conception to natural death.

Dynamic and Innovative in how we connect, teach, pray and worship.

St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council

Our St. Mary Vision and Core Values serve as the guiding light for our Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council meets monthly with our pastor to help identify areas of need, establish pastoral goals, and articulate a vision for future growth in faith and discipleship.

Pastoral Council FAQs

Q1: What is the St. Mary's Pastoral Council (PPC)?

Answer: The PPC is made up of parishioners who collaborate with the pastor to support the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish. The PPC is supported by Church Law (Canon 536 §2). The pastor, as the proper shepherd of the parish under the authority of the local bishop, retains responsibility for governing the parish and making final decisions regarding parish life.

Q2: What are the core responsibilities of the PPC?

Answer: The core purpose and function of the PPC is to represent the community to the pastor and the pastor to the community.

- **Advisory Role:** Serves as the consultative body to the pastor without governing authority
- **Mission Focus:** Promote unity, foster faith formation and assist in the church's evangelical mission
- **Prioritizes long-term pastoral planning and visioning** rather than day-to-day administration

Q3: How do I communicate my questions about the parish to the PPC?

Answer: In the spirit of shared responsibility, a parishioner can speak to one of the PPC members pictured on the next page or send an email to: ppc@stmarymokena.org. Include a brief summary your question, concern or suggestion.

Introducing the members of the Parish Pastoral Council!



Bob Cornejo
Chairman



Tom Blue
Vice Chairman



Ted Kopczynski
Secretary



Peter Baker



Anthony Bara



Mary Frances Consola



Kyle Dodge



Annmarie Mastro



Adam Miklaszewski



Marcy Pluchar



Bob Prskalo



Mary Beth Reiter



Saint Mary Parish
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to join us for our next meeting

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26**

**OUR PARISH
VISION + VALUES:**
*What are they and how do they
apply to each parishioner?*

Join us for an interactive
morning doing a deep dive on
St. Mary's Vision and Values.



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

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) THE PARISH OFFICE HAS ENDED OUR SUMMER
OFFICE HOURS. OUR CURRENT HOURS ARE
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

2) EFFECTIVE THIS WEEK, OUR MORNING MASS
SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI: 8:00 AM
WED: 7:30 AM

3) EFFECTIVE THIS WEEK, OUR MORNING
CONFESSION SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI: 7:00 - 7:45 AM
WED: 7:00 - 7:30 AM

4) WE HAVE RESUMED OUR FRIDAY ADORATION
FOR VOCATIONS FOLLOWING 8:00 AM MASS.



Support our ministries
through faithful generosity.

**The Offertory for
August 16th**

Online Giving	\$13,609.25
Envelopes	\$13,351.22

\$28,960.47

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

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.

Scan the QR
Code



**THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL NOW BE OPEN
ON FRIDAYS DURING
THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Regular working hours are
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm.



**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.**

	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 24

8:00am: Stephen Sestak

Tuesday, August 25

8:00am: Poor souls in purgatory, Linda Sluis, Dolores Schury, Barbara Rusin, John Micheletto, Elaine Micheletto, Bill Trunk

Wednesday, August 26

7:30am: Terry, Don, Julie and Kim Kubalanza

8:30am: Carol Turner

Thursday, August 27

8:00am: Dennis Benson

Friday, August 28

8:00am: Christopher Martz, Courtney Oroni

Saturday, August 29

8:00am: Roberto Garcia

5:00pm: Bill Dorans, Jennifer Strezo, Louise Jefferson, Dolores Schury

Sunday, August 30

8:00 am: Bill Delladio

9:30 am: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lattyak, Scott Reiter

11:00 am: Enrico Russo, Lorraine Peppmuller, Thomas McInerney

6:00 p.m. Len Wolniak

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 Klotwyk, Beverly Klosowski, Richard Kolovitz, Jan Kosmatine, Betty Krizewicz, John Kurator, Joseph Kurczewski, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Jennifer Nariel, 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, 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 Walles, Kathy Wereldsma, Leo Wilczek, Gladys Weber Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Yvonne White, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger, Daniel Zich

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Cochrane family,
The Ziarko family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

CLAIRE MARIE WOJCIK,
CHARLOTTE FRANCIS SCHEIPER,
EVA RUTH PARLI,
NATHAN GREGORY KRUPA,
LIAM MICHAEL PIENKOS

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES



**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.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Healing the Whole Person
(Church Hall)
7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Lourdes)

Wednesday, August 26

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:00 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Mass
2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)
6:30 p.m. Men's Retreat (Fatima)

Thursday, August 27

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Cursillo Mass (Church)
6:30 p.m. St. Peregrine Devotion (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Behold (Church)
7:00 p.m. Ultreya Meeting (Lourdes)

Friday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)

Saturday, August 29

Altar Call-Box of Joy

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

Sunday, August 30

Altar Call-Box of Joy

7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
12:00 p.m. OCIA Orientation Meet & Greet
(Fatima)
12:30 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)





St. Mary Cursillo Ultreya

Thursday, August 27th

6:30 Mass- Church
7pm Ultreya- Church Hall

* PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, ENCOURAGEMENT IN
CHRISTIAN LIVING, ROOTED IN THE
CURSILLO MOVEMENT.

Everyone who has attended
Cursillo is welcome for our
Ultreya Group this month.

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

Questions? Contact Mike Dilger:
708-653-6595



De Colores

Youth Ministry Events

Upcoming Meetings:
High School
August 23rd
August 30th
September 6th
September 13th

Donut Sunday Returns
September 20th
 Due to rising costs, prices have
 been raised to
 One for \$2
 Six for \$10
 A Dozen for \$20

Junior High Ministry will return in September.
 Email mjung@stmarymokena.org to join the
 email list

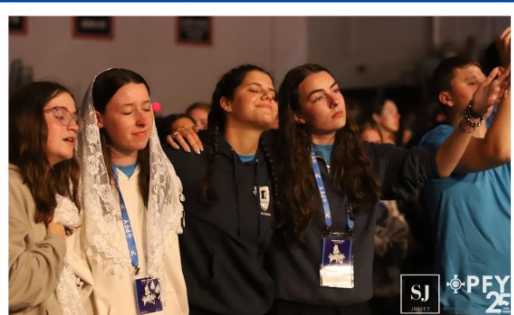
Steubenville 2027 Spot Reservation

June 25-27th, 2027 Benedictine University, Lisle, IL

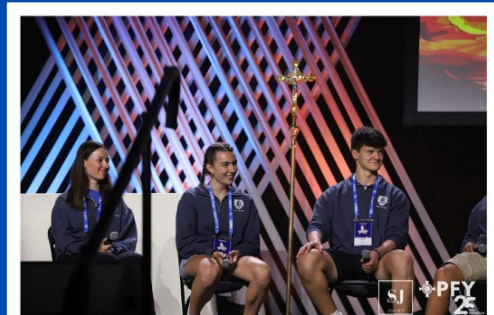
**Rising Freshmen through Class of 2027 Graduating
 Seniors are sign up. (Must be 14 by June 25th)**

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

Fill out the interest
 form here:



Youth Ministry



Follow us on Instagram: [StMaryYMMokena](https://www.instagram.com/StMaryYMMokena)

JOIN US FOR A MEMORIAL MASS
IN HONOR OF THE

25th Anniversary of 9/11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
6:00 P.M. | MAIN CHURCH

Join **the Rosary Men**



Back to School Rosary

Join us in prayer for all students, educators
& families as a new school year kicks off.
Inspire them and keep them safe!



**Wednesday,
Sept 2nd
6:30pm
Church Hall**

**Fathers
Husbands
Grandfathers
Godfathers
Mentors
All Men**

**Dads, bring your
sons!
Food & Refreshments**

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!

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

Healing the Whole Person

THE EIGHT- PART VIDEO SERIES
with Dr. Bob Schuchts &
Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Starting
Wednesday, September 23
8 Weekly Sessions, 6:30-8:00 pm
in the Church Hall

Each session includes a thought-provoking video followed by personal journal time in the guided workbook.

Discover Jesus' presence even in fear, doubt, or pain, accept His invitation to make you whole and live in His freedom.

REGISTER TODAY!



stmarymokena.org/htwp

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

ST. MARY'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Looking to grow your faith and deepen
your understanding of God's Word?

**JOIN US FOR SCRIPTURE STUDY COURSE ON
THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE**

by Ascension Press

**SEPTEMBER
22ND/23RD**

TUESDAY
EVENINGS
7PM-8:30PM



WEDNESDAY
MORNINGS
9AM-10:30AM

CHURCH HALL

**PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**

WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/SCRIPTURE
708-326-9313

THE SEARCH

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

JOIN US TO WATCH THE SERIES TOGETHER!

Sundays 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Starting September 20
Church Hall

This highly acclaimed 8-session series tackles the key questions of every human heart.

In the beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Join us for a delicious meal and conversation about this series!

**Register today at
www.stmarymokena.org/search
or using the QR code.**





RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

SEEKING CATECHISTS:
TUESDAYS 5TH GRADE
WEDNESDAYS 1ST GRADE
ASSISTANT CATECHISTS:
WEDNESDAYS GRADES 1, 4 & 6



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





CELEBRATING



Box of Joy provides schools, parishes, organizations and families with an inspiring opportunity to send gifts to poor and underprivileged children living in the hot climate of South American countries.

How to participate:

- Fill a box for a boy or a girl and indicate age
- Bring your filled box back with shipping donation (instruction and gift ideas inside box) to the CCW General Meeting, Thursday October 15th or bring to Parish Office OR Church Narthex by October 31st.
- A child opens a Box of Joy and is filled with joy, love and hope!



Questions? Contact Sue Rizzo 815-953-7228

Sponsored by St. Mary Counsel of Catholic Women (CCW)

visit our website
crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/



Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee

**We meet the second
Tuesday of each month.**

Our Next meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at
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.



To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday
Sept. 12
2026

On Saturday, September 12,
pro-life Americans will honor
the memory of the more than
66 million unborn victims of
abortion during the National
Day of Remembrance for
Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will
be held simultaneously at
gravesites around the country
where abortion victims have
been buried, as well as at
many other memorial sites
dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day
of Remembrance for Aborted
Children and ensure that our
unborn brothers and sisters
will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service *for Victims of Abortion*

Date & Time

Saturday, September 12, [1:00 pm]

Location

Resurrection Cemetery
200 W. Romeo Rd. (135th St.)
Romeoville, IL. 60446
Garden of the Angels Section

Details

Presider: Most Rev Dennis E Spies
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Joliet,
Speakers: Dr Monica Migliorino Miller
Ph.D Founder of Citizens for a Pro-Life
Society, Author and Speaker
Sharon Leavitt Letter-to My Unborn Son

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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org



The Council of Catholic Women

The next General Meeting will be Thursday, September 17 in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room at 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for the
CCW Welcome Back Tea!
Sunday, September 13th in the Church Hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Don't forget to wear your hat!



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The Knights of Columbus

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

The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe 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.
Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14



Contact Jan Homolka if you are interested in joining this group
janhomolka@yahoo.com



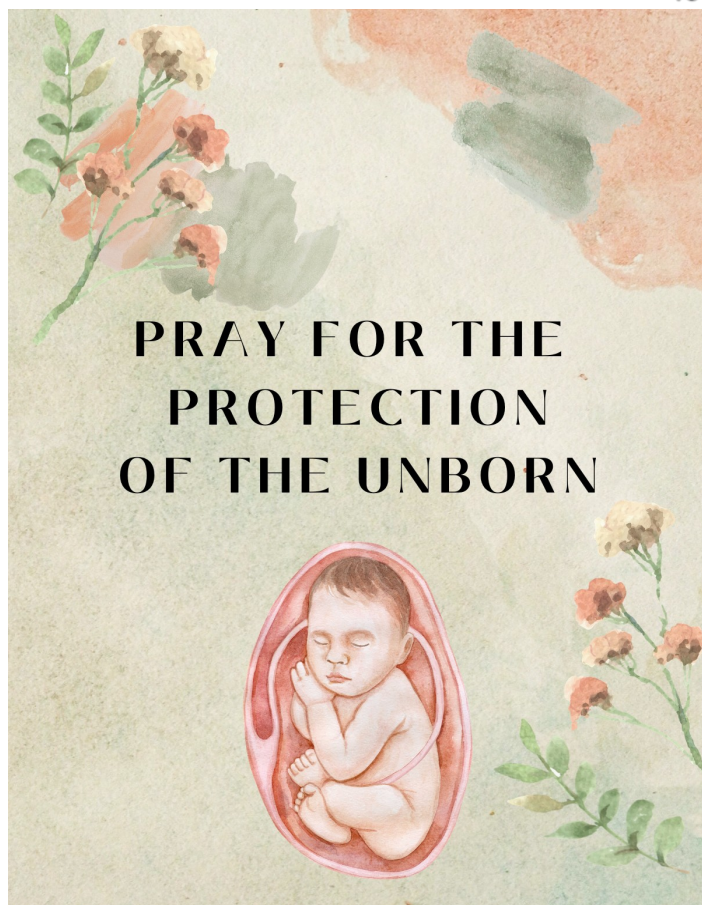
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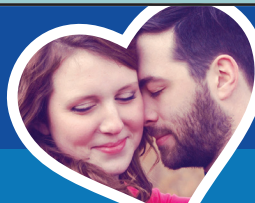
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