



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

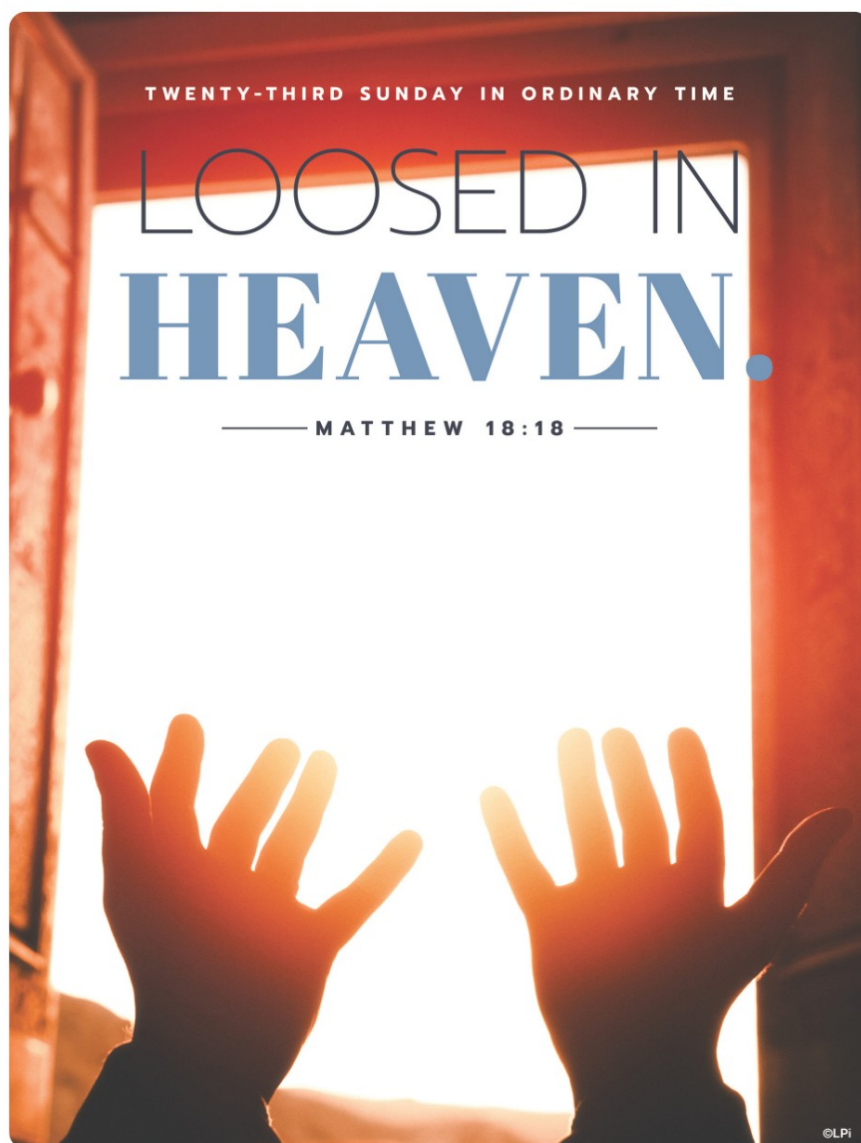
Monday through Friday
 8:30am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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www.stmarymokena.org



OUR VISION

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

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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!

Last week, the priests and deacons of our parish spent an overnight retreat at the Carmelite Retreat House in Darien. It was a beautiful opportunity for us to rest, pray, share about life and ministry, and simply be together away from our usual busy schedule. I felt it was important for us to have this retreat, because as priests and deacons, we spend so much of our time giving to the parish and to the many needs that come to us each day. We try our best to be available and to serve. But if we want to continue serving God's people well, we also need time to rest, to breathe, and to renew ourselves in the Lord. Rest is not stepping away from our mission. Sometimes rest is what allows us to return to our mission with a renewed heart.

During our retreat, we had the chance to slow down. We prayed together, talked, laughed, shared our experiences, and simply enjoyed being with one another. These things may seem simple, but they are important. We need moments when we can step away from the noise and demands of everyday life, recollect ourselves, and return to what is most important. Most of all, we need time to listen again to God, to look honestly at our lives, and to remember why we are doing what we are doing. **Sometimes we can become so busy working for God that we forget to simply be with God.** Even Jesus made time to withdraw from the crowds and pray. The Gospels often show us Jesus going to a quiet place or up the mountain to spend time with the Father. He knew when it was time to serve the people and when it was time to withdraw and pray. If Jesus Himself made time for prayer and solitude, how much more should we?

And this is not only true for priests and deacons. I believe it is true for all of us. Many of us carry so much: *work, family responsibilities, worries about our children, financial concerns, sickness, relationships, and the many challenges that life brings.* We can easily become so busy that we forget to stop. Perhaps we need to ask ourselves: *When was the last time I simply rested? When was the last time I put everything aside and spent quiet time with God? When was the last time I allowed my heart to be still in His presence?* We need these moments not so that we can run away from our responsibilities, but so that we can return to them with a renewed heart. Our little retreat reminded me of something simple: *we need rest, we need prayer, we need one another, and above all, we need God.* May the Lord continue to renew all of us, so that we may return to our families, our work, our parish, and our daily lives with greater peace, joy, and strength to serve.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

Thank you for joining us for our first-ever

Parish Feast Day Celebration!



**JOIN US FOR A MEMORIAL MASS
IN HONOR OF THE**

25th Anniversary of 9/11



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





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



(Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped)

**Assistant Catechist
Needed**

on Sunday mornings

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.



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
August 30th**

Online Giving	\$11,680.25
Envelopes	\$17,290.85

\$28,971.10

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

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.

Scan the QR
Code





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

Questions?

Contact Sue Rizzo

815-953-7228

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



**Cross Catholic
 OUTREACH**

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 November 1st.
- A child opens a Box of Joy and is filled with joy, love and hope!



	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, September 7

8:00am: Juan Maldonado

Tuesday, September 8

8:00am: Carolyn Balich, Gino Bondi, Dolores Schury

Wednesday, September 9

7:30am: Blake Winkler

8:30am: Vincenta Rojas Maldonado

Thursday, September 10

8:00am: Bernadine Kelso

Friday, September 11

8:00am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 12

8:00am: Nancy and Curt Hennecke

5:00pm: Bob and Babe Podlasek, The Bohrer family, Jim McGill, Scott Furlane, Dolores Schury

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am: Frank Galateo, Anthony Norkus Jr.

9:30 am: Bill Dorans

11:00 am: Barbara Becker

6:00 p.m. Daniel Salgado

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Tammy Balamut, Lisa Barber, Lisa Bernhard, Bonny Bond, 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, 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, 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, Gladys Weber Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Yvonne White, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger, Daniel Zich



*Wedding
Banns*

September 11th
Vincent Myslinski
& Gabriella
Alessandrini



*Wedding
Banns*

September 12th
Frank Pconka
&
Bridgette Burdi

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Garrigan family,
Mr. Trevor Vandenberg,
The Garstka family




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

EMMETT JOSEPH LEVERT,
CARMELLA MAIE COCHRANE

MAY GOD BLESS THE LITTLE ONES

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 7

Parish Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Rosary (Cancelled)

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Pro Life Meeting (Fatima)

6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, September 9

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)

7:00 a.m. Confessions

7:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Adoration Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, September 10

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Monica's Mission Mass (Church)

6:00 p.m. Monica's Mission (Church Hall)

Friday, September 11

7:00 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass

3:30 p.m. Wedding Mass (Adoration Chapel)

6:00 p.m. 9/11 25th Anniversary Mass (Church)

Saturday, September 12

Altar Call Music Ministry

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive (Narthex)

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. Funeral (Church)

1:00 p.m. CCW Welcome Back Tea Set Up (Guadalupe)

2:00 p.m. Wedding Mass (Church)

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, September 13

Altar Call Music Ministry

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive (Narthex)

7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. OCIA (Fatima)

9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

11:00a.m. Mass (Church)

12:00p.m. CCW Welcome Back Tea (Guadalupe)

12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)

6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)

SPRED 2026

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 FALL EVENTS

SPRED Mass September 26th
5:00 pm
Special Blessing for those
with Disabilities and
Fellowship/Food to follow

Want to Join?

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



She wasn't alone when she became principal

When Colleen Carroll stepped into her second year as principal of St. Jude Catholic School in New Lenox, she wasn't walking the path alone.

Through the Emmaus Mentor Program, supported by your gifts to the CMAA, Colleen was paired with veteran principal Carol Albreski, giving Colleen support and a person to reach out to with the everyday challenges in the principal's office.



Watch the video and see
the good your donation to the CMAA
brings to our community

Youth Ministry Events

Upcoming Meetings:
High School
September 6th
September 13th
Junior High
September 10th

Donut Sunday Returns
September 6th

UPDATED DATE

**Due to rising costs, prices
 have been raised to**
One for \$2
Six for \$10
A Dozen for \$20

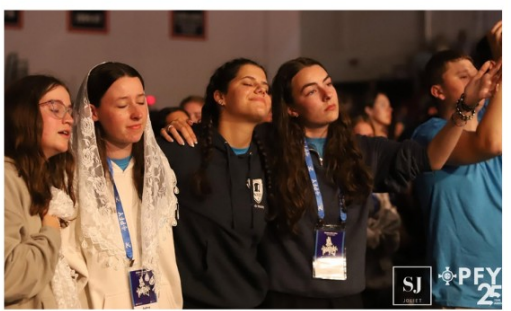
Steubenville 2027 Spot Reservation

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

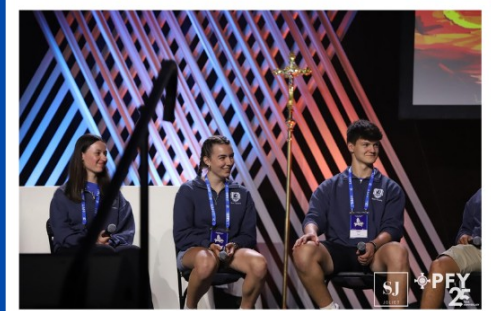
**Rising Freshmen through Class of 2027 Graduating
 Seniors are sign up. (Must be 14 by June 25th)**

**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: StMaryVMMokena

Sisters In Christ Breakfast

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

8:30AM - Church Hall



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • FAMILY

DWELL IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*Finding deep spiritual connection in ordinary
moments of your everyday life*



St. Mary Sisters In Christ invite all women to join us for bimonthly Saturday breakfast meetings throughout the school year. We will start by discussing the book, *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence. It is a book that Pope Leo says significantly shaped his spiritual life. No need to read the book ahead - we will highlight passages together and learn to converse with God during everyday tasks. There is no cost; free will donations accepted.

The mission of Sisters In Christ Women's Ministry is to nurture women in the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and build lasting relationships rooted in Him.

RSVP:  SistersInChrist@stmarymokena.org

 708-326-9313

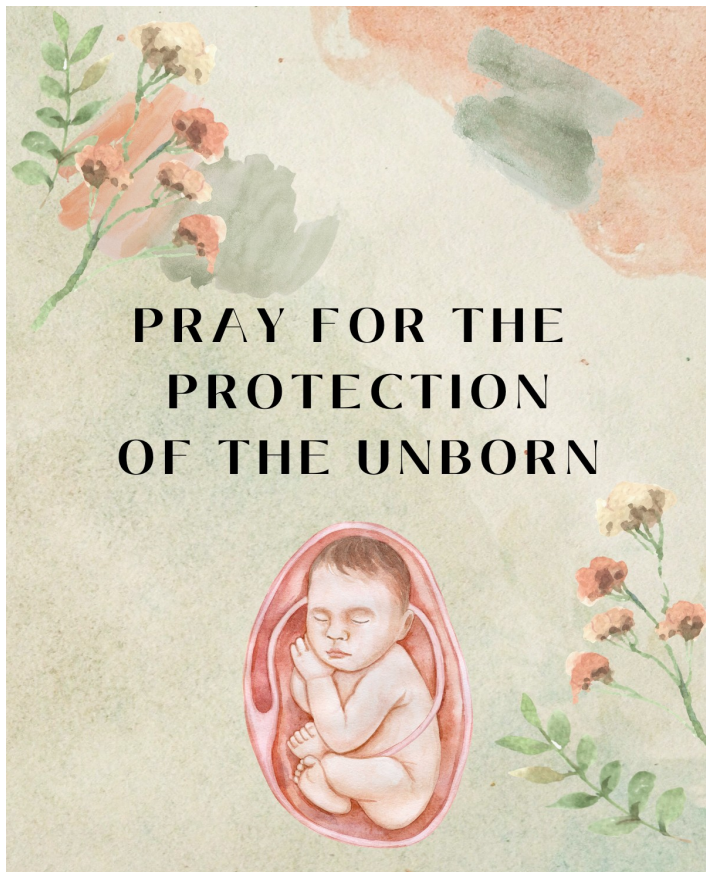
Children's Liturgy

Begins September 13



All children from Kindergarten through grade 3 are invited to attend during the 9:30 am Mass

PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF
Our Blessed Mother
 IS CELEBRATED ON SEPTEMBER 8TH.



The tradition of celebrating our Blessed Mother's birth dates back to **the sixth century**.

We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary for the role she played in salvation history. Because of this, certain moments of her life are recognized in the Catholic Church's calendar.

Aside from her birth, we also recognize her Immaculate Conception. In fact, the **date of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother is derived from this Feast Day of her birth!** Unlike the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, **our Blessed Mother's birth is only a Feast Day.**

A SOLEMNITY IS A CELEBRATION THAT USUALLY COMMEMORATES THE MOST IMPORTANT MYSTERIES OF OUR FAITH. IT IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF COMMEMORATION POSSIBLE.

A FEAST IS THE SECOND-HIGHEST FORM OF CELEBRATION. FEASTS HELP US TO REMEMBER OTHER PARTS OF FAITH, SUCH AS SAINTS' LIVES OR TITLES OF OUR LORD OR BLESSED MOTHER.

Blessed Mother, pray for us on the celebration of your birth!



*Congratulations to the
 Arreaga family
 on the baptism of their son
 Elias Martin*



*Congratulations to the
 Weeks family on the
 baptism of their son
 Sonny Virgil*

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

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.



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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE!!
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

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

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.

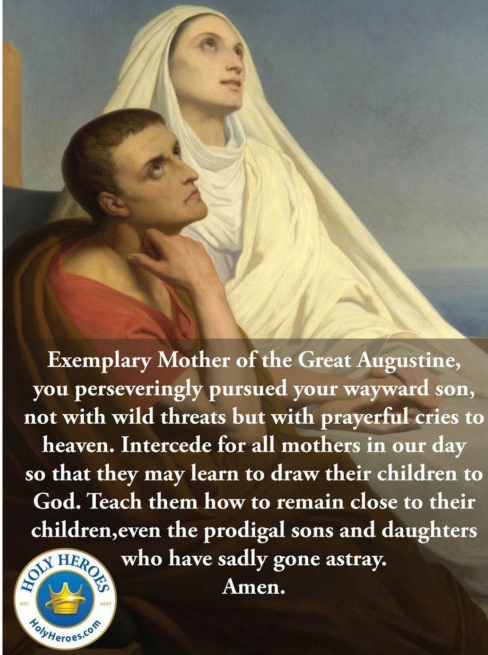
REGISTER TODAY!



stmarymokena.org/htwp

St. Monica

Pray for us



Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son, not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen.



St. Mary Parish Mokena, St. Monica's Mission, Bringing Loved Ones Back to the Church

Please join us at our next Monica's Mission group. Please know that the priests and deacons hear your prayer requests for family members and friends who have fallen away from the Holy Roman Catholic Church. It was for this reason that Monica's Mission came about.

If you have a loved one who has left the Catholic Church, please add their name in the petition book located in the narthex, we pray for the names in that book at special masses and Adoration Holy Hours. Join us at our next gathering...

The next Monica's Mission meeting will be held on Thursday September 10th in the church for Mass at 6:00 p.m. and after mass in the hall in the Guadalupe room. We have a presentation entitled Mega Churches are Disgrace. Should Catholics be worried?

For those attending on September 10th we have a special gift for you.

Bring a friend or someone who is going through the same challenges with a loved one no longer practicing the faith or who has someone who left the church.

Remember also, if you know of someone who has returned to the church and is willing to tell their story please let Deacon Pete or Deacon John know. See you on the 10th.



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.

**THE
PARISH
OFFICE IS
CLOSED**

for Labor Day



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

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**We meet the second
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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
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Join us for the National Day
of Remembrance for Aborted
Children and ensure that our
unborn brothers and sisters
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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

Local Contact
Don Hrdlicka 630-415-6603
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Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and the Pro-Life Action League.

For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

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DATE/TIME

Monday
Sept. 21
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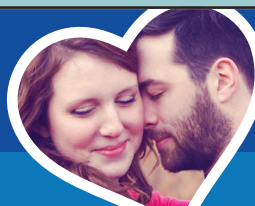


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