



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 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

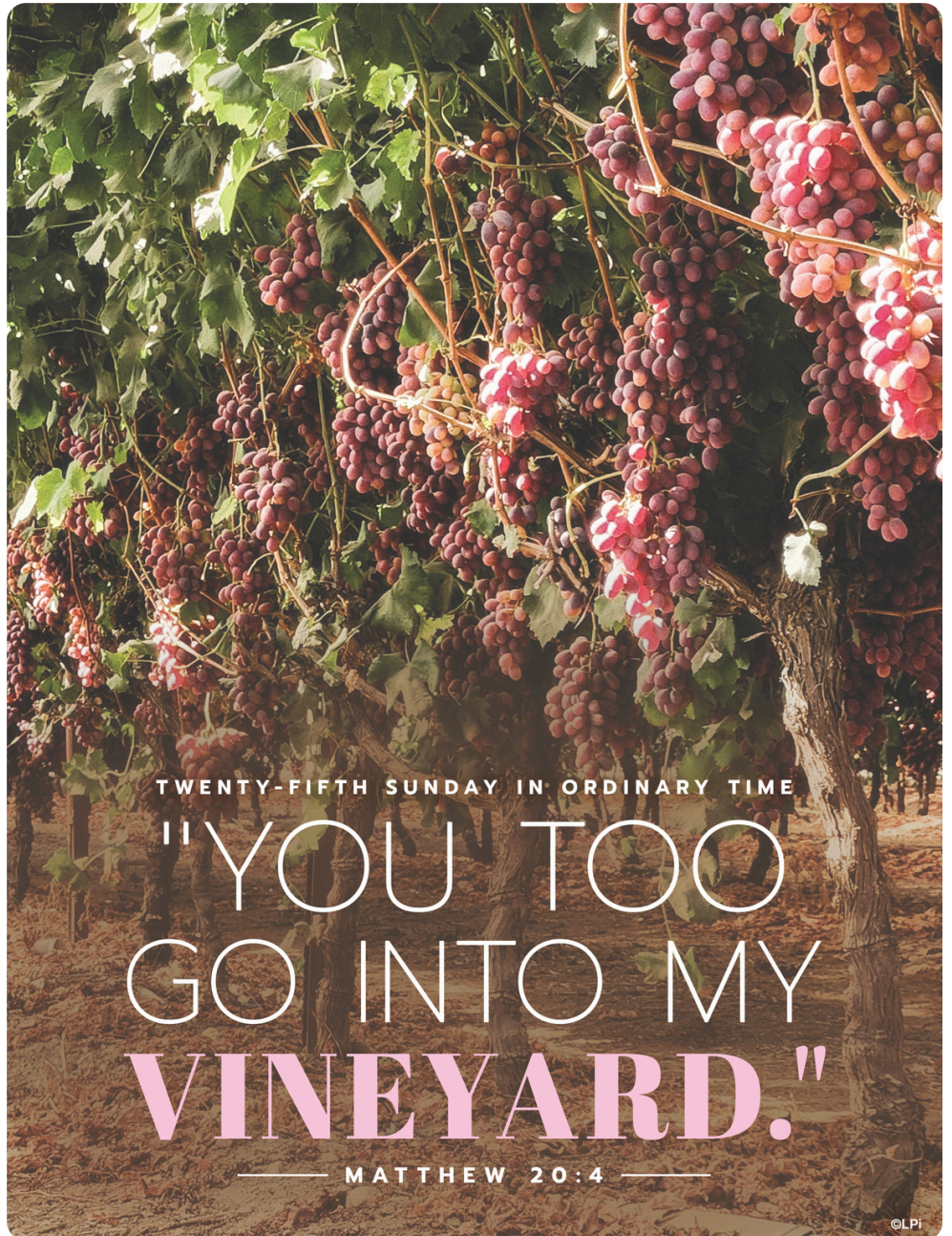
Monday through Friday
8:30am

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.

Parish Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
–Door # 3–

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Welbert Suarez

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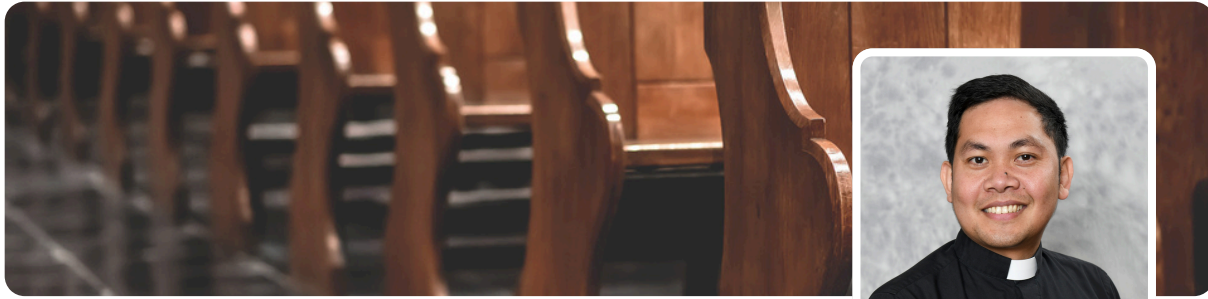
OCIA - Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 708-326-9313.

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.



MY DEAREST PARISHIONERS,

I greet you with love and peace in the name of Jesus!

One of the things I hope for our parish community is that we never lose sight of the importance, beauty, and sacredness of what we celebrate together at Mass. Each Sunday, we gather as a community of faith. We pray, we listen to God's Word, we offer ourselves to Him, and we receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Because the Mass is so familiar to us, it can sometimes be easy to move through the prayers and gestures without stopping to think about the deeper meaning behind them. That is why I would like to begin a short series in our parish bulletin exploring the different parts of the Mass. My hope is that by understanding more deeply what we are doing and why we are doing it, we will be able to participate more fully in this beautiful celebration.

The Mass is not simply something we **go to** each Sunday. It is an encounter with Christ and a participation in the prayer and worship of the Church. Every gesture, prayer, Scripture reading, and moment of silence has meaning. When we understand these things more deeply, we can begin to see the Mass with fresh eyes and appreciate the gift God gives us each time we gather. Beginning this week, we will take a closer look at the different parts of the Mass and the meaning behind our prayers, gestures, and traditions. Over the next several weeks, we will explore:

1. **The Introductory Rites:** *How we gather as one and prepare our hearts to celebrate the sacred mysteries.*
2. **The Liturgy of the Word:** *How God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture.*
3. **The Liturgy of the Eucharist:** *How Christ's sacrifice is made sacramentally present and how we unite ourselves and our lives to His offering.*
4. **The Eucharistic Prayer:** *The heart and high point of the entire celebration.*
5. **Holy Communion:** *Receiving Christ Himself and being united more deeply with Him and with His Church.*
6. **The Concluding Rites:** *Being sent forth to live the Gospel and proclaim Christ by our lives.*

My hope is that this series will help each of us experience Sunday Mass with a greater understanding and a renewed love for the Eucharist. May it help us to slow down, notice the beauty of what we celebrate, and recognize the presence of Christ among us.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 21

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 1:00 p.m. K of C Blood Drive (Guadalupe)
 6:00 p.m. SPRED (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (JP II Room)

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 a.m. Confessions (Cancelled)
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Support (Chapel)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Lourdes)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, September 23

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Confessions
 7:30 a.m. Mass
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Church Hall All)
 2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)
 4:30 p.m. REACH Class (SMS)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-7 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. Healing of the Whole Person (Guadalupe)
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Side Chapel)

Thursday, September 24

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 9:00 a.m. Mom's Podcast Club (Guadalupe & Lourdes)
 4:15 p.m. ISP RE Class (JP II Room)
 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. St. Peregrine Devotion (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Monthly Holy Hour & Confessions (Church)

Friday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Old St. Mary)

Saturday, September 26

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
 8:30 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
 12:00 p.m. Wedding (Old St. Mary)
 2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 5:30 p.m. SMS Mom's Night Out (Church Hall All)

Sunday, September 27

7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. OCIA (Fatima)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
 10:30 a.m. SPRED Reception (Guadalupe)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:30 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Baptism Prep (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Guadalupe)



Calling all homeschooling families!

Join us for monthly
Homeschool Meetups

Homeschooling families are invited the first Friday of each month for Mass at 12:00pm followed by a casual meetup in the Church Hall.

Snacks and coloring pages provided, feel free to bring lunch for your family.

Our next meeting is
October 2, 2026

Contact Danielle with questions:
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org



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JOIN OUR
PARISH

Looking for a church
 to call home?

Whether you're new to the Catholic faith, returning after time away, or looking for a parish to call home, we would love to welcome you.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Scan the QR code to get started.



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21

8:00am: Salvatore and Rosario Sturino

Tuesday, September 22

8:00am: Eddie Paszelton, Doriane Colwell, Edward Travis Jr., Susan Areizaga, Robert Horvath, Grace Kotowicz

Wednesday, September 23

7:30am: Diana Nash

8:30am: Barbara Kurczewski

Thursday, September 24

8:00am: Luz Sanchez, David Heniff

Friday, September 25

8:00am: Patrick Flaherty, Paul and Sarah Wolf

Saturday, September 26

8:00am: Joe and Rosemary Semanic

5:00pm: John Sauerbier, Ed Dorans, Edward Bean, Stefania Barlog, Elizabeth Plaza, poor souls in purgatory, Richard and Peggy Hills, Edward Travis Jr.

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30 am: Jennie Buhs

11:00 am: Mary Kennedy

6:00 p.m. Elias Aburto

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 Drobnick, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, John Finili, Bradley Frank, Marcia Frank, Mary Ann Franson, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Jerry Grabowski, 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, Ellie Mae Mueller, 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, Gladys Weber Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Yvonne White, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger, Donald Zich



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
PV1 Logan Grant, USA	MAJ Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA	MAJ Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
MIDN Isabella Judeh, USMMA	A1C Benjamin Underwood, USAF
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA	PV2 Joshua James Underwood, USA
PFC Tyler Kilmartin-Radtke, USA	2ndLt Blanton Vego, USMC
SP4 Devin Klinger, USA	PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
PFC Mary Rose Krizewicz, ARNG	MAJ Bryan Welch, USA
Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	CPT Christopher Zolner, USA
PFC Matthew Pakosz, USMC	

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.

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Epich family,
The Bergmann family



Please Pray for our Faithfully Departed Brothers and Sisters

Annette Morrison



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



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
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**MORNING CONFESSIONS
WILL BE CANCELLED ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND.
WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY
INCONVENIENCE.**

**AN EVENING OF PRAYER:
SEPTEMBER 24TH**

**6:30PM | ST. PEREGRINE
DEVOTION & HEALING
SERVICE**

**7:00PM
HOLY HOUR**

JOIN US FOR:
ADORATION
CONFESSION
SACRED MUSIC
SILENCE



THIS EVENT WILL BE REPLACING BEHOLD.



*Wedding
Banns*

September 26th

Marc Kirby
and
Shannon Crost



*Wedding
Banns*

September 26th

William Skedd
and
Emily Fisher

Giving

**Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace**

The Offertory for September 6th

Online Giving	\$21,135.00
Envelopes	\$25,266.25
	\$46,401.25

The Offertory for September 13th

Online Giving	\$12,482.25
Envelopes	\$19,882.90
	\$32,365.15

Budget \$34,000

**Thank you so much for your
generosity!**

Online Giving

Give your
gift today.

Scan the QR
Code



HARVEST JOY THROUGH GENEROSITY

Impact Fall ministries in this season of giving

As a new season arrives, we invite you to partner with our church to transform lives and impact our community. This is why our church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.



Our church is a spiritual home for all of us which relies on our time, talent, and treasure to fulfill that mission.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.

Visit our church website today to sign up and get started

	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?

Thank you for joining us for our first-ever set of *Novena Masses!*



**August 6th:
Fr. Sam Conforti**



**August 7th:
Fr. Dindo Billote**



**August 8th:
Fr. Peter Infanger**



**August 9th:
Fr. Steven Borello**



**August 10th:
Fr. Alex Lorang**



**August 12th:
Fr. Brian Geary**



**August 13th:
Fr. Matt Nemchausky**



August 14th: Fr. John Abulag

*Congratulations to the
Shea family
on the baptism of their son
Finley Patrick*



*Congratulations to the
Johnson family
on the baptism of their son
Luke Daniel*



*Congratulations to
Rebecca and Shawn
Ingalls!*



*Congratulations to the
Gallo family on the baptism
of their son
Mark John*





Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is looking for Volunteers

As a program that has grown to over 200 students in one year, we're looking to get more volunteers passionate about the faith to walk with our students on their journey. We're looking for people to commit to come weekly, biweekly, and monthly!

If you are interested in helping, or know someone that would be, please reach out to Matt, mjung@stmarymokena.org

All volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training and a background check.



Upcoming YM Events

High School

September 20th

September 27th

All 8th through 12th graders are welcome to our high school events regardless of parish or high school!

MOMS Podcast Club

Join other Catholic moms of school-age children and younger for conversation on the "Catholic Mom Calm" podcast.

Thursday, September 24
9:30 am
 in the Church Hall
"Transitioning from Summer to Fall"

Listen to podcast prior to gathering (search "Catholic Mom Calm" wherever you listen to podcasts) but even if you don't get to it, we'd love to have you join us!

Children are welcome and snacks and toys are provided.

Questions?

Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org

real life
CATHOLIC

REBOOT A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.

REGISTER NOW!

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

7:00 - 9:30PM

St. Mary Immaculate Parish
 15629 Illinois Rte 59, Plainfield, IL



SCAN QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/2049095](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/2049095)

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

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



We missed
your smiling faces
round here!

Classes begin Tuesday - Sunday Sept 15 - 20

It's almost time to start shopping for new
winter coats for the kids!

KIDS WINTER COAT DRIVE

NEW AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED COATS MAY BE
DROPPED OFF IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER
MASSES

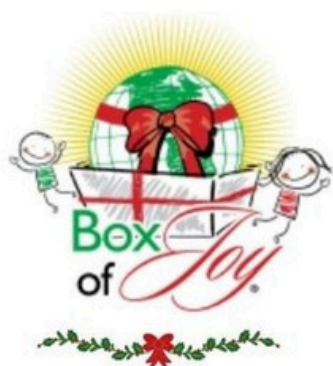
OCTOBER 2 & 3

STARTING AT SIZE 8 - 20(XXL)

PLEASE BE SURE ALL ZIPPERS AND BUTTONS ARE IN ORDER.

COATS WILL BE DELIVERED TO
MY JOYFUL HEART AND DISTRIBUTED TO
THOSE IN NEED.
HELP BRING WARMTH TO CHILDREN
THIS YEAR!

Contact Donna Hungerford
with any questions
(708) 326-9312



Visit our website
crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/
Questions?
Contact Sue Rizzo
815-953-7228

**Additional boxes
have been ordered
and will be in the
narthex soon!**

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!





IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ST. MARY ANNUAL PET BLESSING

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4
12:30 P.M.
CHURCH LAWN



All Pets Welcome!



MINISTERS OF CARE & HOMEBOUND HELPERS ARE INVITED TO A *Thank you Breakfast Meeting*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL
FOLLOWING THE 8:00 A.M. MASS

- WE WILL REVIEW PROCEDURES & ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
- SHARE OUR PERSONAL STORIES ABOUT THIS MINISTRY AND THE PEOPLE WE VISIT.

RSVP DONNA HUNGERFORD 708-326-9312 OR RESPOND TO MY EMAIL
DHUNGERFORD@STMARYMOKENA.ORG
BY OCTOBER 1ST

Thank you

Let us treat
you!





Consider joining the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee

Help us raise awareness about the sanctity of life from the moment of conception until natural death through prayer, education, fundraisers and events.



St. Mary Campaign

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

24 Hour Adoration 4Life



Kick-Off Wednesday Sept 23/24 6am - 6am

Sign up here:

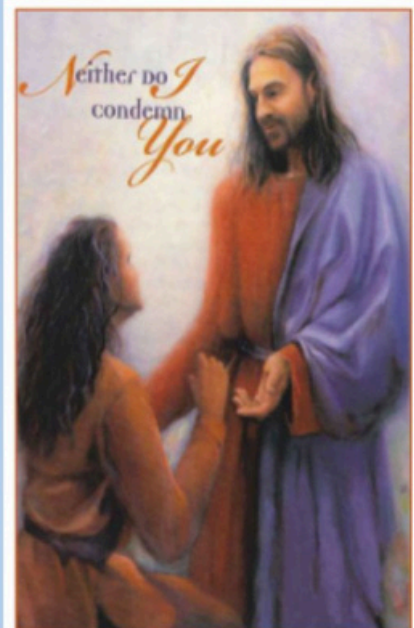


Join your fellow parishioners in prayer as we celebrate the beauty & sanctity of life in the womb.

Next Event: Rosary by the Fire 4Life
Sunday, Sept 27 - 7pm @ Marian Garden
Followed by Chili Dogs & Fellowship
All parishioners are invited!

Future Campaign Events

Thursday, 10/8 Morning of Prayer @Access Clinic 8am-Noon
Tuesday, 10/13 Morning of Prayer @Planned Parenthood 8am-Noon
New Date: Thursday, 10/22 Men 4Life Rosary @PP Flossmoor 6pm
Monday, 10/26 Speaker Event - Thomas More Society 7pm
Wednesday, 10/28 - 24 Hour Adoration 4Life 6am - 6am



MERCY, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS...

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Oct. 2 - 4

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Saturday, October 24
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Church Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27
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EVENT DATE

Saturday, October 3rd

TIME

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

LOCATION

St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish
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EVENT REGISTRATION

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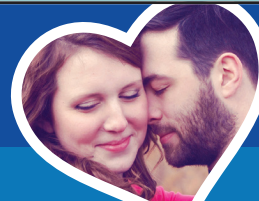
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