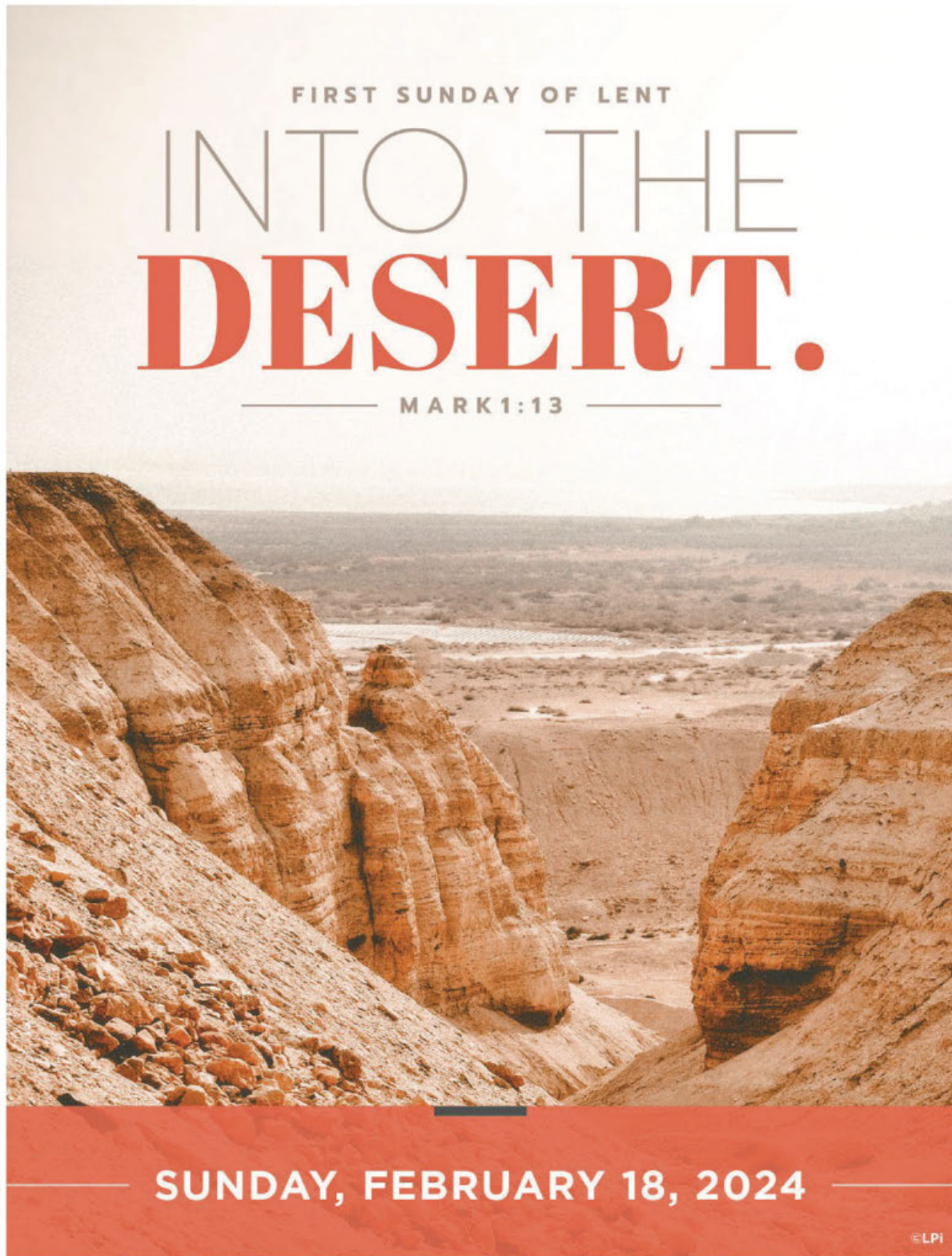


# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS OFFERED:****DAILY MASS**

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, June - August  
7:30 a.m. Wednesday from start of school year until May\*

**SCHOOL MASS**

8:30 a.m. from start of school year until May\*

*\*In the event of our school closing for inclement weather, on a Wednesday, Daily Mass will remain at 7:30 a.m. and the School Mass at 8:30 a.m. will be cancelled.*

**\*SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

5:00 p.m.

**\*SUNDAY MASSES**

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN - DOOR #3**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

**8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.**

**DEVOTIONS:****DAILY ROSARY**

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

**DAILY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET; INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE**

8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

**ADORATION**

Perpetual Adoration available at Old St. Mary.  
Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the chapel  
First Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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**RCIA** - 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 stop in the parish office to begin this process.

**REGISTRATION** - New to St. Mary? Please stop in the parish office to complete our registration form or visit our website at [www.stmarymokena.org](http://www.stmarymokena.org).

**ANointing OF THE SICK** - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

# From Our Pastor



Question: What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?



Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.
- Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green. ©LPi

Peace and good things, Father Dindo

## **February 24 - February 25: Second Sunday of Lent**

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pamela DeGregorio	Mary Frances Consola Bill Trudeau	Richard Hamilton Joe Hartl	Art Wilson	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Mary Ann Braasch Bob Gombas Lora Oldham	Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli Christine Weeks	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Kathleen Melei Joshua Sifuentes	Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Louise Szura NOT FILLED	James Nowak Judy Siegmund Patrick Wajda
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Rosie Cotton Charlotte Widelski Scarlett Widelski	Danielle Cullen David Heitman Daniela Lacny NOT FILLED	Kate Coyle Annie Kibbon Megan Wajda NOT FILLED	Natalie Galka Emmy Skotnicki Nathan Skotnicki NOT FILLED	Caitlin Eiden Finn McInerney NOT FILLED
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Greeter	NOT FILLED	Roy Mueller	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Eugene Satrun		

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. At St. Mary, we are blessed with an amazing team of Altar Servers. We thank you for giving up your time to serve the Lord and St. Mary. We also thank our wonderful team of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Greeters for their dedication and outstanding service.

*If you are assigned and are unable to serve, please request a substitute via the Scheduler.*



## First Sunday of Lent

**Monday, February 19**

**Parish Office Closed**

7:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
2:45 p.m. Brownie Meeting 3rd Grade (Guadalupe)  
6:30 p.m. Rosary  
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Event (Guadalupe)

**Tuesday, February 20**

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)  
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr K-6 (Classrooms)  
5:00 p.m. RE Stations of the Cross Gr. 1-6 (Church)  
5:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)  
6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)  
7:00 p.m. Regina Caeli Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)  
7:30 p.m. Roses of Mary Meeting (Fatima)

**Wednesday, February 21**

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)  
9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)  
11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)  
1:00 p.m. Young at Heart Meeting (Guadalupe)  
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
5:00 p.m. RE Stations of the Cross (Church)  
5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Fatima)  
6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting (Lourdes)  
6:00p.m. The Search Leadership Meeting(Guadalupe)  
6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)

**Thursday, February 22**

**St. Mary Ultrasound Screenings - Church Hall - Lourdes Room**

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)  
5:00 p.m. RE Stations of the Cross Gr. 1-6 (Church)

**Friday, February 23**

**St. Mary Ultrasound Screenings - Church Hall - Lourdes Room**

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Coffeehouse (Fatima)  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

**Saturday, February 24**

**St. Mary Ultrasound Screenings - Church Hall - Lourdes Room**

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
11:00a.m. Private Baptism (Church)  
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

**Sunday, February 25**

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)  
12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)  
12:30p.m. Baptismal Prep (Virtual)  
3:00 p.m. St. Mother Teresa Talk (Church Hall)  
3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace(Fatima)  
5:00 p.m. The Search for Teens Set Up(Church Hall)  
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)  
7:00 p.m. The Search for Teens (Church Hall)

## Divine Mercy In-Home Ministry

This Apostolate is one of compassion, mercy, and prayer. We are available to be with families and their loved ones, who are sick and dying, to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet with them.

For information or if you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact

**Michelle and Paul Sullivan  
at 815-995-0480.**

"When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior."

*(Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)*



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## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, February 19**

8:00am: Elizabeth Curtner

### **Tuesday, February 20**

8:00am: Rita Patterson, Richard and Mary Reyling, Joseph Dowling, Dolores Danforth, Special Intention for a St. Mary Family, The Leonard Family

### **Wednesday, February 21**

7:30am: Baby Judah Winkler

8:30am: Dave McCutcheon

### **Thursday, February 22**

8:00am: Elizabeth Plaza

### **Friday, February 23**

8:00am: Therese Margaret Matz

### **Saturday, February 24**

8:00am: George Griffiths

5:00pm: Jerome Litrenta, Rosina Petrassi, Ercole and Innocenza Sturino, Donald Cranfill Sr., Stephen Neubauer, Joseph Rubino, The Leonard Family, Leona Bruozas

### **Sunday, February 25**

8:00am: Robert Janicki

9:30am: Marguerite Legault

11:00am: John Damiani

6:00pm: David and Maria Trainor

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Bonnie Caper, James Caper, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Janet Drobnick, Joanne Eaton, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, Bradley Frank, Marcia Frank, Mary Ann Franson, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Rose Grunhard, Kelly Hampton, Natalie Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Mary Ingala, Daniel Izzo, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Bernadine Kelso, Diane Klootwyk, Richard Kolovitz, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Carlotta Lawton, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Walter Lumpkin Jr., Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, John McGeehan, Joelee McMaster, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Ginny Meyer, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastiak, Matthew Orr, Babe Podlasek, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Rosemary Purcell, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Sean Rio, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Karen Singer, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, John Turas, Judy Turas, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

**May God grant them healing!**

## **God Bless Our New Parishioners**

The McGhee Family,  
The DeCocker Family,  
The Sunderhaus Family

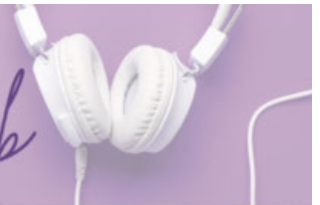


Please Pray for our Faithfully  
Departed Brothers and  
Sisters

Bernadine Kelso,  
Robert Podlasek

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

MOMS  
*Podcast Club*



Join other Catholic moms of school-age children  
and younger this Lent for conversation on the  
podcast "**Mamas in Spirit**"

### **Thursday, February 29:**

9:30am in the Church Hall

**S5 E1: Struggling with Your Reality?**  
with Fr. Jon Meyer

### **Thursday, March 14:**

9:30am in the Church Hall

**S5 E4: The Miracle of Going Home**  
with Elaine Drabik

### **Thursday, March 28:**

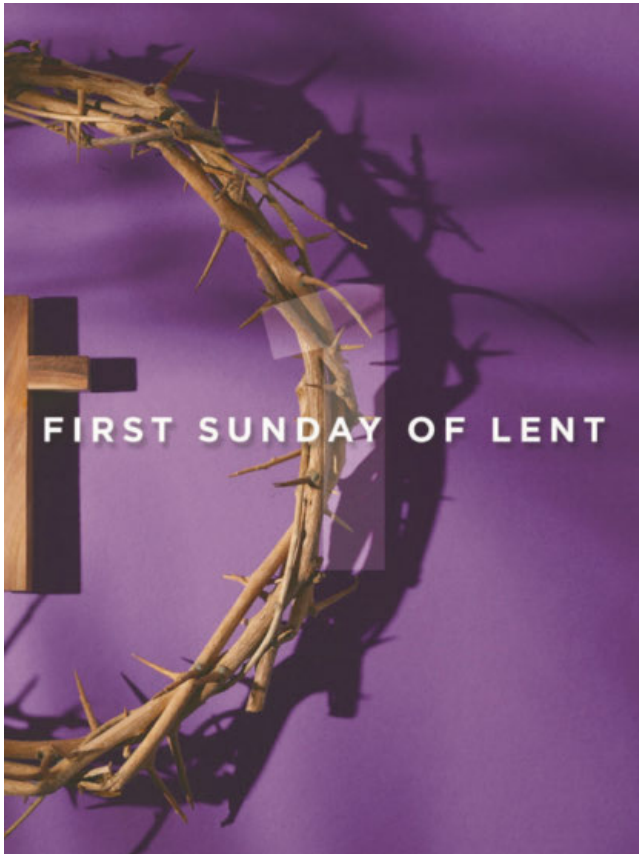
9:30am in the Church Hall

**S5 E5: Feeling Disconnected in Your Marriage?**  
with Mike and Alicia Hernon

Listen to podcast prior to gathering 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](mailto:DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org)



## **FIT SHEPHERDS**

### ***CALLING ALL MEN!!!!***

Get stronger, grow in holiness, become a Fit Shepherd.

Join your fellow brothers Wednesdays at 5:00 AM and Saturdays at 7:00 AM in the St. Mary parking lot for an outdoor workout and brief reflection. All fitness levels are welcome; modifications are provided.

Any questions, please contact Patrick Fulton  
(pmfulton@hotmail.com)



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Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our parish.

We depend on your support to continue the operations of St. Mary as well as those of its many ministries. We ask that you consider supporting the parish through Online Giving.

For those not currently contributing online and would like to learn how to, please consider signing up at

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarymokena/funds> .

By doing this, you are saving and supporting the great work we have done and will continue to do in our future.

For those of us that do not want to give online, you can still contribute by mailing your donations to:

19515 S. 115th Avenue  
Mokena, IL 60448

The Offertory for  
Sunday, February 11th was  
Online Giving \$11,683.00  
Envelopes \$16,452.47  
\$28,135.47

Budget \$32,500.00

Thank you so much for your  
generosity!



Join us for our Parish Mission and Healing Service:

# Why Be Catholic?

*with Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM*

**Monday, March 4-Thursdays, March 7**

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

St. Mary, Mokena

Fr. Ken joined the Fathers of Mercy in 2006 and was ordained in 2012. Having lived a secular existence, Fr. Ken has a great understanding of the personal and societal pressures that individuals face and knows what it is like to "hate coming to church." This mission is for people of *all ages and levels of faith*, from those who are madly in love with Jesus, to those who pretty much cannot stand church or religion. **Regardless of your level of faith, come and experience God's Divine Mercy!**

Monday, March 4:

"What did Jesus Do -  
Church or Spirituality?"

Tuesday, March 5:

"Why do we do that as Catholics?"

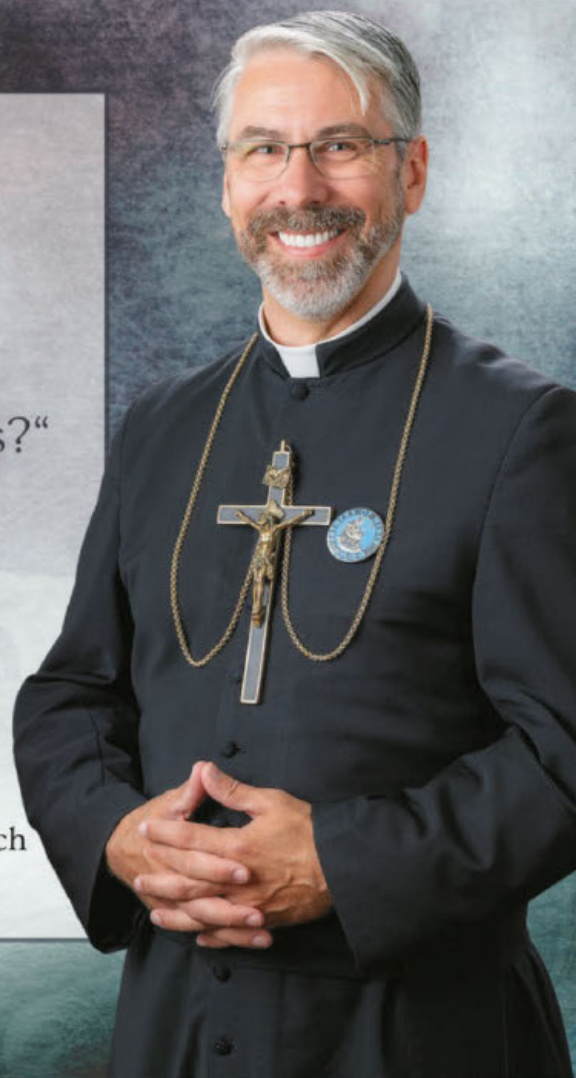
Wednesday, March 6:

"Two Obstacles to Healing"

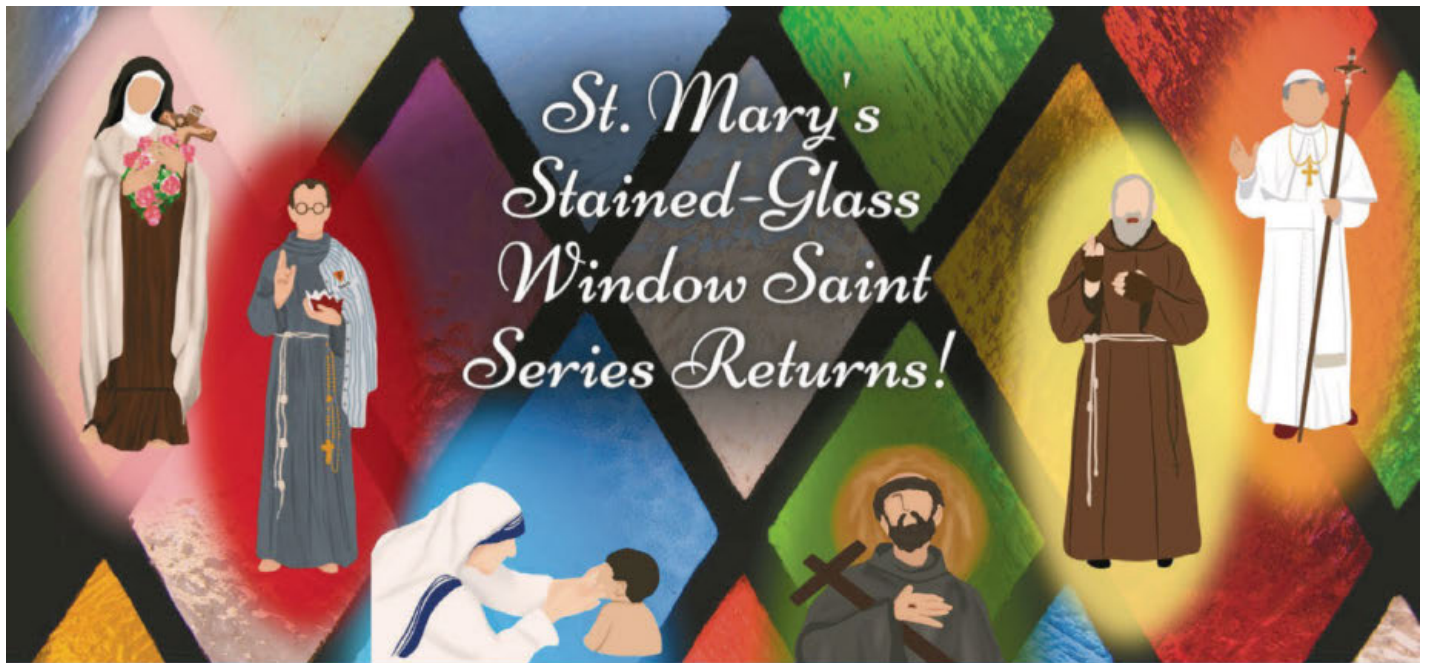
Thursday, March 7:

"How to Pray the Mass"

Confessions will be offered one-hour prior to each night of the mission and after the talks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.







## **St. Mary Parish will be hosting a talk about St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta!**

**Sunday, February 25th | 3:00 p.m. | Church Hall**

Presented by Edlira Zhiti, St. Teresa expert.

Registration is not required.

Following the talk will be prayers for our homebound parishioners and those in Senior Living Communities.



Edlira Zhiti is the author of the anthology "The Day of Saint Mother Teresa / Il giorno di Santa Madre Teresa" published in Italian, from Libreria Editrice Vaticana, LEV. Rome, 2018.

Edlira received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Albanian Language and Literature from the University of Tirana, Albania. She also has a Master's Degree in Peace Building Management from the Pontifical Theological Faculty San Bonaventura, Rome.

She worked for several years in the Ministry of Culture of Albania, and she is the co-founder of the Albanian Catholic Community at the Arlington Diocese in Washington D.C. Edlira currently serves as a Volunteer Assistant Catechist at Saint Walter School in Roselle, Illinois. She is the loving wife of Visar Zhiti of 29 years, with whom she shares a son Atjon.





**FEBRUARY 18,  
5PM  
CHURCH HALL  
DINNER INCLUDED**

**THIS SUNDAY!**



**HS & 8TH GRADE TEENS -  
JOIN THE JOURNEY!**

**SESSION 2 IS SUNDAY, 2/25 7PM**

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**REGISTER NOW FOR  
SUMMER YOUTH  
CONFERENCES**

**Diocese of Joliet Youth Day @ Lewis University June 1**  
Current school year 7th graders through HS Seniors

**Steubenville Conference @ Franciscan University June 28-30**  
Current school year 8th graders through HS Seniors

**Contact Tom Blue @  
[tblue@stmarymokena.org](mailto:tblue@stmarymokena.org)**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF "FAT SUNDAY"!**

## DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS



ETERNAL FATHER, LOOK WITH MERCY ON THE HOLY FACE OF YOUR BELOVED SON JESUS, IN WHOM YOU ARE WELL PLEASED. WE OFFER YOU HIS HOLY FACE DISGUISED, DISFIGURED AND GRIEF STRICKEN, IN REPARATION FOR OUR SINS. BECAUSE YOUR DIVINE SON, OUR REDEEMER HAS TAKEN UPON HIMSELF ALL OF OUR SINS THAT WE MIGHT BE SPARED, WE BEG OF YOU DEAREST FATHER TO GRANT US MERCY.  
AMEN

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE THIS LENT HERE:  
[WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/LENT](http://WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/LENT)

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YOU SPEAK, LORD."

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CONTACT [MMURRAY@STMARYMOKENA.ORG](mailto:MMURRAY@STMARYMOKENA.ORG)



Young women ages 18 to 39 are invited to join  
the Lenten video series from Paradisus Dei:

*Mysteries of the Rosary:  
The Sorrowful Mysteries.*

Tuesdays starting Feb. 20th at 7:30PM  
CHURCH HALL | ST. MARY, MOKENA

WATCH THE INTRODUCTORY EPISODE  
"REDISCOVER THE POWER" AHEAD OF 2/20.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/yv6hxxwv>  
to access the series on FORMED!

To create an account for free, register at  
[signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and enter "St. Mary Mokena".

Registration is not required. To be added to the email  
notification list, contact Erica at [esestak@stmarymokena.org](mailto:esestak@stmarymokena.org).



## St. Mary Parish Choirs

**Children's Choir-** This choir consists of children in grades second through eighth. The Children's Choir sings every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am Mass (the members who attend St. Mary's school will also sing at the school mass on Wednesday mornings). Rehearsals are on Tuesday at 3:30 pm every week.

**Adult Choir-** The Adult Choir is open to adults of all ages. This choir sings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. The choir rehearses every Tuesday at 5:30 pm. This choir consists of volunteers and is open to anyone to join, no experience required.

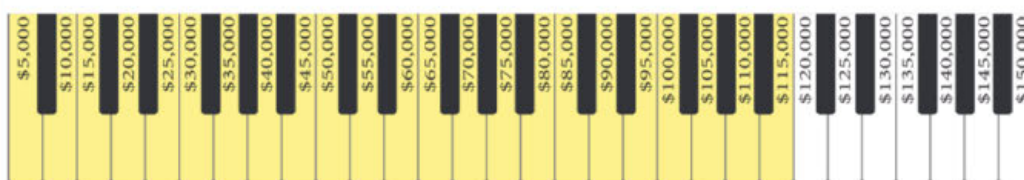
**Regina Caeli Choir-** The Regina Caeli Choir sings at the 11:00 am Mass weekly. The choir rehearses every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. The Regina Caeli Choir sings choral music with four-part harmony, as well as Latin Motets.

For more information please contact  
**Joseph Berardi:** [jberardi@stmarymokena.org](mailto:jberardi@stmarymokena.org)

## A Symphony of Giving Fundraising Update

Last updated on January 29, 2024

### Fundraising Goal - \$150,000





# Catholic *Schools* **WEEK**

**Catholic Schools week at SMS was jam packed with fun activities.**



Student Council collected 350 cereal boxes for Catholic Charities



Drama Club had their performance of "The Enchanted Bookshop"



Titans wore their favorite sports teams jerseys



We welcomed future Titans to SMS on Open House day







Religious Education

# LENTEN PROJECT

Supporting four new babies:

Hanna

Enoch

Elisha

Asher

and three babies on their way!

## Supplies needed:

wipes  
onesies  
socks  
bottles  
clothes (0-10 mo.)  
bath wash  
wash cloths  
diapers (size 3-5)



## Also accepting:

any new  
items  
and  
slightly  
used items  
and  
gift cards

**Please bring your unwrapped items to  
the Religious Ed Office by March 22nd**

*supporting the Purple Dress Project*

# Bereavement Support

COMING THIS SPRING

## Seasons of Hope

This Christ centered support group offers comfort, support and understanding based on scripture and experience.

Sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month beginning March 12th from  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
for six weeks.

Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312  
Registration required and space is limited.



## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY *February 2024*

- 2-2: KUZMA CARE COTTAGE**  
635 S. MAIN ST., WILMINGTON, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
- 2-9: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**  
205 E. JACKSON ST., JOLIET, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
- 2-16: ST. JOSEPH**  
211 N. CENTER AVE., BRADLEY, 10:00AM - 11:30AM
- 2-19: ST. MARY IMMACULATE**  
15629 RT. 59, PLAINFIELD, 4:30PM - 6:00PM
- 2-20: ST. JOAN OF ARC**  
820 DIVISION ST., LISLE, 5:00PM - 6:30PM
- 2-21: OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
701 S. EOLA RD, AURORA, 4:30PM - 6:00PM
- 2-26: ST. LAWRENCE**  
165 RICE RD, SOUTH WILMINGTON, 4:00PM - 5:30PM

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DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK [FACEBOOK.COM/CCJOLIET](https://www.facebook.com/ccjoli) FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND CALLING OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.



## HELP RESTOCK OUR KITCHEN!

### Most Needed Items:

- Pancake Mix
- BBQ Sauce
- Salad Dressing
- Lunch Snacks
- Fresh Produce
- Saltine Crackers
- Coffee and Creamer
- Sugar

Deliver to Daybreak Center (611 E. Cass Street, Joliet) anytime!





## *Spiritual Adoption Update*

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. His/her weight is approaching 2 pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed.



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**Please continue to  
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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### *Spring Campaign* February 14 - March 24

Pray for an end to abortion. Help save lives with peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion clinics with the aim of changing people's hearts on this issue.

**St. Mary will be praying two full days of the campaign:**  
**Saturday, March 2nd at Access Abortuary in Downers Grove**  
**Thursday, March 1st at Planned Parenthood in Flossmoor**

Sign up in the church narthex the weekend of

February 24 & 25

[www.40Daysforlife.com](http://www.40Daysforlife.com)

## St. Mary will be offering private ultrasound screenings in the Church Hall.

Details will be provided from their representative after all Masses the weekend of February 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> and appointments will be scheduled in the narthex.



### Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings St. Mary Catholic Church on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, February 22, 23 & 24

#### Do You Have Any of These Risk Factors?

High Blood Pressure ♦ High Cholesterol ♦ Family History of Stroke, Heart Attack, Aortic Aneurysms or Cancer  
Diabetes ♦ Atrial Fibrillation ♦ Obesity

The first symptom of a stroke IS a stroke! Early detection helps to save lives. Manage these controllable risk factors: smoking, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, excessive weight, and alcohol consumption.



**Stroke Risk Screening**  
Ultrasound of the carotid artery looking for plaque or blocked arteries.



**Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening**  
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**Thyroid Screening †**  
Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as nodules or cysts.



**Liver Screening**  
Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as masses or tumors.



**Kidneys (2) Screening †**  
Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses, and stones.



**Gallbladder Screening †**  
Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as polyps, stones, and sludge.

### Total Discounted Package: All 7 Ultrasounds for \$169

#### Additional Testing Available\* (not included in package cost)

- A1c (Diabetes) \$25
- Lipids/Cholesterol \$25
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- TTE (Testosterone) \$45
- Bone Density (T-Score) \$25

\*Bloodwork may not be available in all regions.



For blood package pricing, open phone camera, hover over QR code and tap the link.

#### Screening Preparations

- Wear a two-piece comfortable outfit, no dresses.
- No food or caffeine 4 hours prior to screening.
- If you are diabetic, make sure to eat a light snack.
- No chewing gum before the exams.
- 8 hours fast if having the cholesterol test.
- If you are taking medication, continue to take it.

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### The Council of Catholic Women

There will be a Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the  
Fatima Room, Church Hall.

There will be a General Meeting  
Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe  
Room, Church Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**St. Patrick/St. Joseph Day  
Family Celebration**



**Sunday, March 10th**  
**Following 11:00 a.m. Mass**  
**12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m. Church Hall**  
**\$20.00 per person**  
**\$60.00 per family (4 or more)**

Contact Sue Rizzo for more information  
815-953-7228



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Officer Meeting will be  
Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Lourdes Room, Church Hall.

The next **Council Meeting** will be  
Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

Wednesday, February 28th  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in the  
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get enough iron in you diet several weeks before  
donating.



### The Young at Heart Senior Club



Join us for our next meeting:  
Wednesday, February 21  
1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

### The Widow & Widowers Club

Contact Marcia Frank for information about  
joining this group (708) 227-8290.



### Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
6:00 p.m. Church Hall



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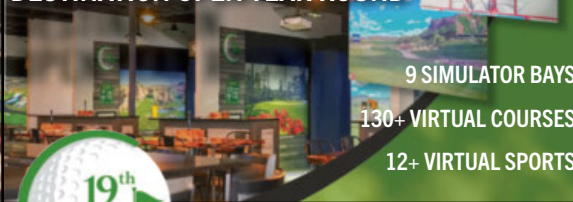
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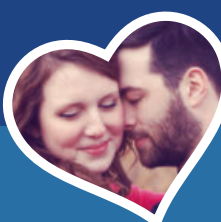


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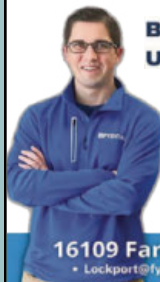
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