

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CLEAN.

— MARK 1:41 —

— SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 —

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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.

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

From Our Pastor



Question: What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?



Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

Peace and good things,

Father Dindo

February 17 - February 18: First Sunday of Lent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Sue Mahns	Joan Aust Midge Saunders	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	Roberta Dreifke	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Sue Murphy Karen Sayon	Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Dave Skrzypiec Leslie Skrzypiec	Frank Grobmeier Joe Hartl Chris McGeever James Naumczik	Michael Crowley Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Kathleen Rowe
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Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Rich Gavillet Tom Magdziasz Roy Mueller	John Delladio Joanne Eaton Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia	William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 1 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 2 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 3 NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Joan Aust	NOT FILLED	Carolyn Farhat	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Frank Grobmeier		

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.

6th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 12

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 p.m. Rosary
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Event (Guadalupe)

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
2:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting (Lourdes)
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr K-6 (Classrooms)
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. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)
7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
6:30 a.m. Ash Service
7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. Pro Life Committee Meeting (Lourdes)
12:00p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)
1:15 p.m. Valentine Party 5th Gr. Bingo(Guadalupe)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)

Thursday, February 15

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Elements of the Mass (Guadalupe)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

Friday, February 16

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 17

Ultrasound Appointment Scheduling (Narthex)

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, February 18

Ultrasound Appointment Scheduling (Narthex)

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
2:00 p.m. Private Baptism (Church)
3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace(Fatima)
5:00 p.m. The Search for Teens (Church Hall)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)



Ministers of Care may stop by the church and pick up ashes to take to the Homebound person you visit on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Contact Donna Hungerford with any questions.

dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

PICKUP YOUR LITTLE BLACK BOOK!

Little black books to be used during Lent are available in the Narthex. These helpful books offer simple, insightful daily 6 minute reflections that will strengthen your faith during Lent.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12

8:00am: Sarah Wolf

Tuesday, February 13

8:00am: Michael Ernst, Ercole and Innocenza Sturino, Baby Judah Winkler, Michael Jedloe, Leona Rose Bruozas, Rich Bieniek

Wednesday, February 14

7:30am: Bill Delladio

8:30am: Stefania Barlog

12:00pm: Henry and Valerie Szopinski

7:00pm: Jane Narcissi

Thursday, February 15

8:00am: Barbara Sansone

Friday, February 16

8:00am: Simone Ramanos

Saturday, February 17

8:00am: The Thomas Family

5:00pm: Harriet, John and Jennifer Narel, Eric Rowland and Kathy Boucher, Elizabeth Pretkelis Heaton, Richard Feltz

Sunday, February 18

8:00am: Virginia Jecha

9:30am: Barbara Morrall

11:00am: Anothony Tonra

6:00pm: Dr. Theresa Finn

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, 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!

**Please Pray for the
Newly Baptized**



Declan Joseph Aust

May God Bless the Little Ones

**Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and
Sisters**



**Leona Bruozas,
Eugene Wydajewski,
Eugene Sankowski**



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

**Fridays during Lent
7pm**



Stations of the Cross



St. Mary Mokena

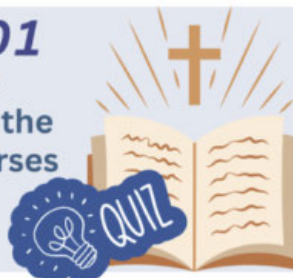
Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom!



*All men are invited to join
us for our next meeting*
FEBRUARY 17, 2024

SCRIPTURE 101

This fully interactive
session will run through the
most important Bible verses
followed by a fun,
competitive quiz!



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

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



Ash Wednesday

February 14

6:30 am prayer service,
distribution of ashes

Mass Schedule

7:30 am

8:30 am (school)

12:00 pm

7:00 pm



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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.

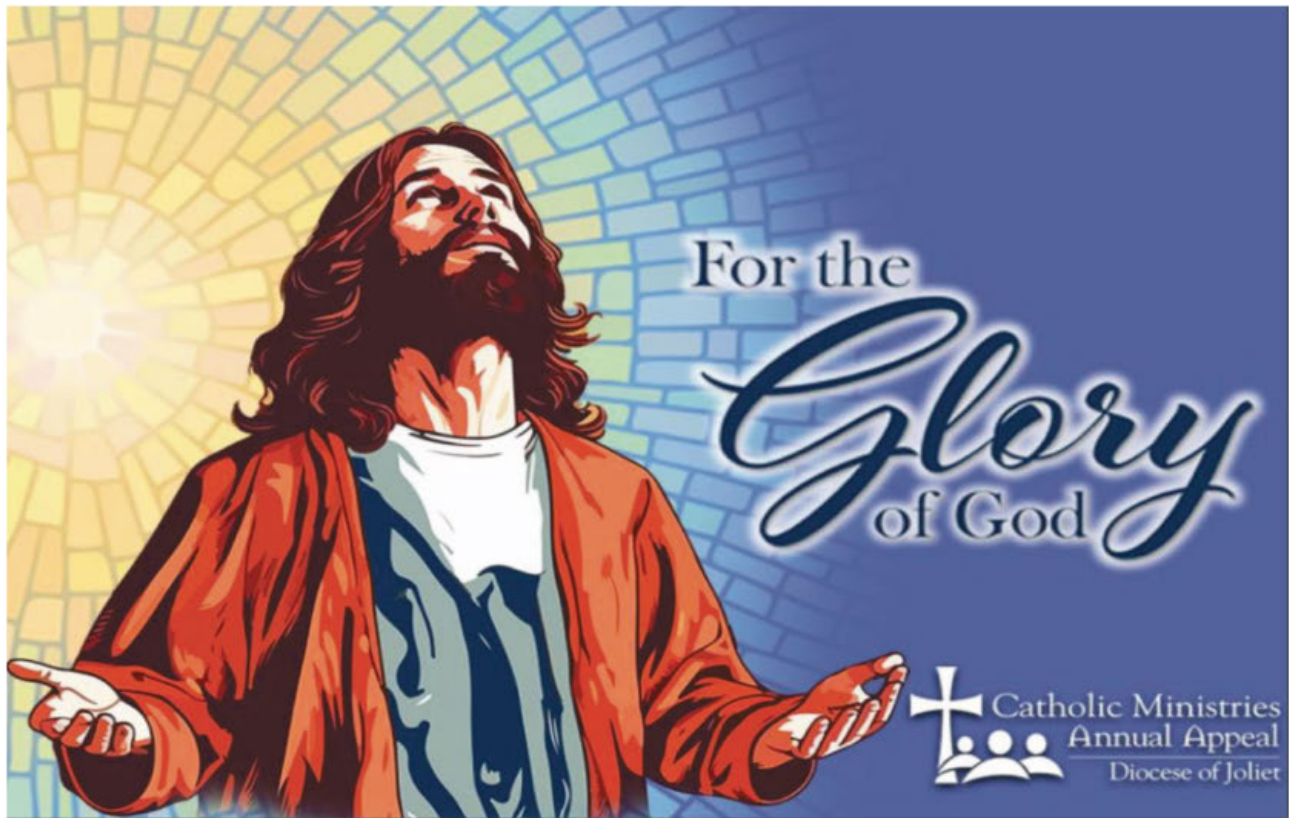
For those of us that do not want to give online,
you can still contribute by mailing your donations
to:

19515 S. 115th Avenue
Mokena, IL 60448

The Offertory for
Sunday, February 4th was
Online Giving \$19,551.00
Envelopes \$22,623.41
\$42,174.41

Budget \$32,500.00

Thank you so much for your
generosity!



Pledge your gift to the CMAA!

This is commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, St. Mary joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help St. Mary reach **\$159,700**. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today or stop by our Parish office. Thank you in advance for your support!

Join us for our Parish Mission and Healing Service:

Why Be Catholic?

with Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM

Monday, March 4-Thursday, 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!

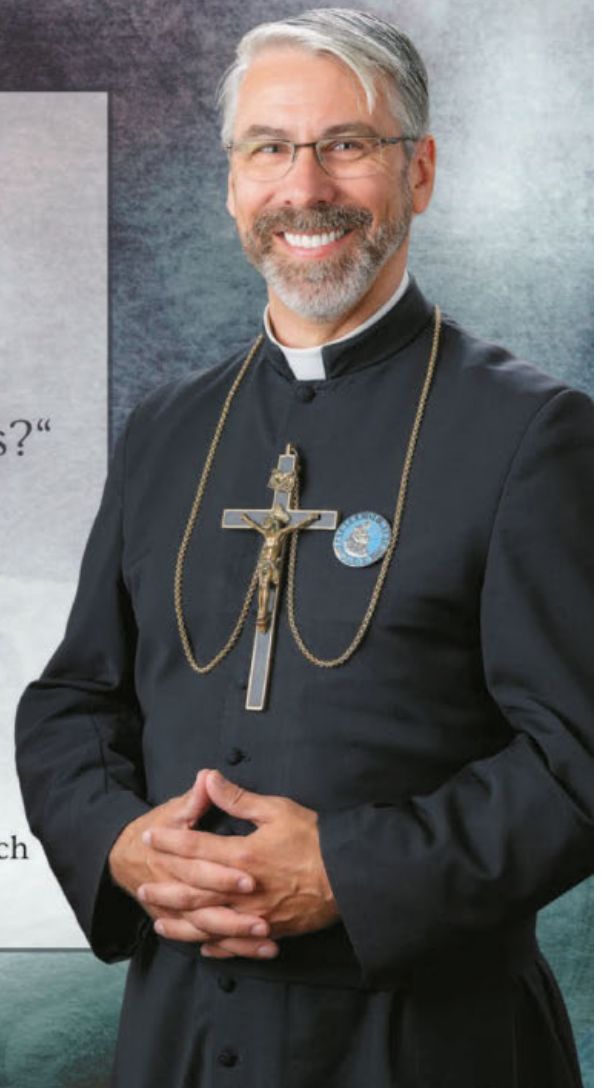
Monday, March 4:
"What did Jesus Do -
Church or Spirituality?"

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.





**FEBRUARY 18,
5PM**

**CHURCH HALL
DINNER INCLUDED**

**REGISTER FOR
KICK-OFF EVENT
HERE:**



**HIGH SCHOOL & 8TH GRADE TEENS -
JOIN THE JOURNEY!**



**LENTEN CHALLENGE:
INVEST 1% OF YOUR TIME
DURING LENT TO DISCOVER THE
POWER OF GOD'S LOVE!**

THIS WEEKEND IS FAT SUNDAY!

- Angel Creme
- Apple
- Apricot
- Bavarian Creme
- Black Raspberry
- Chocolate Angel Creme
- Lemon
- Strawberry

**Pick up pre-orders
in the church hall
after all morning
Masses**

**JOIN US IN THE
CHURCH HALL
AFTER ALL
MORNING
MASSES**



**All proceeds will support our YM Diaper Bag Drive
for moms and newborns in need!**

St. Mary's Stained-Glass Window Saint Series Returns!

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.

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.

SILENT RETREAT **MARCH 2, 2024**
10AM-4PM

CARMELITE MONASTERY & RETREAT CENTER
MUNSTER, IN



**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
SILENCE AND REFLECTION**

**MEDITATIONS, TALKS, TIME FOR
CONFESSIONS, STATIONS OF THE
CROSS, MASS**
"LUNCH PROVIDED"

**"IN THE SILENCE OF THE HEART,
YOU SPEAK, LORD."**

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WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/SILENTRETREAT
CONTACT 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

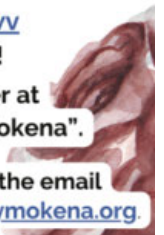
ST. MARY, MOKENA

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 and enter "St. Mary Mokena".

Registration is not required. To be added to the email notification list, contact Erica at 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.

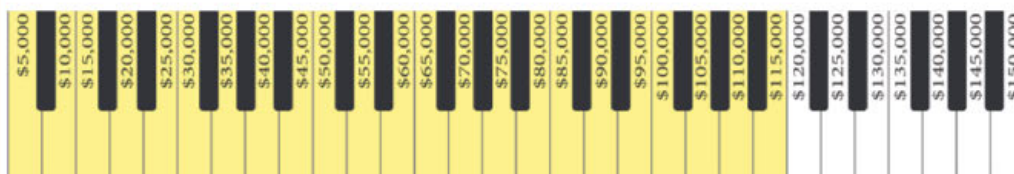
Regina Caeli Choir- The Regina Caeli Choir sings at the 11:00 am Mass weekly. The choir rehearses every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. The Regina Caeli Choir sings choral music with four-part harmony, as well as Latin Motets.

For more information please contact
Joseph Berardi: jberardi@stmarymokena.org

A Symphony of Giving Fundraising Update

Last updated on January 29, 2024

Fundraising Goal - \$150,000



St. Mary School Casino Night

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

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Celebration of FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Children of St. Mary Parish received the
Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 10th.
Please keep them in your prayers!

Mrs. Martus' class

Mrs. Gargas' class

Mrs. McGinnis' class

Mrs. Wisniewski's class

Mrs. Sima's class

Mrs. McGarry's class

RCIC

Mrs. Siwinski's class

Noonan Academy

Mrs. Struther's class

Mrs. Baltuska's class



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.



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

“Am I not here who am your Mother?”

When Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego on the Hill of Tepeyac in Mexico City in 531, she spoke as his mother and as the mother of unborn baby Jesus. Her miraculous image, imprinted on the Saint's Tilma shows her wearing a black sash, an indication of pregnancy in the native culture. Today she is honored as the Patroness of Unborn Children.

The ProLife Committee will be selling

Our Lady of Guadalupe Tilmas in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of **March 2-3** to raise funds for educational purposes in 2024.

These beautiful Tilmas contain the ORIGINAL image in all of its glory.

Three sizes will be available:

Miniature (4 ½" x 9") for \$12

Family (30" x 20") for \$70 and

True-to-Life (68" x 40") for \$225.

In addition, purchase of a Miniature Tilma earns you 1 raffle ticket; purchase of a Family Tilma earns you 3 raffle tickets; and purchase of a True-to-Life Tilma earns you 10 raffle tickets to win a Father Dindo original painting!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Tilma of Juan Diego - Est. December 1531

EYES

Contain images of the scene with Juan Diego and the bishop that are visible only with modern technology.

RESILIENCE

The Tilma has survived a bomb attempt and also miraculously reconstituted itself after nitric acid solvent was spilled on it.

HANDS

United in prayer. The left is darker and the right is lighter, representing the two races.

STARS

Are accurate to the actual constellations that would have appeared in the Mexican sky on December 12, 1531.

RIBBON

A symbol of virginity. Its placement indicates she is with child.

HEARTBEAT

A stethoscope placed below the black band detected rhythmic beats of 115 per minute, the same as a baby's in the womb

FLOWER

patterns are glyphs of the native language, contain various intricate messages.

ORIGINS

No sign of paint, brush strokes, or underdrawing have been found; the image is irreproducible; and at 3-4 inches from the cloth, the image disappears

TEMPERATURE

of the Tilma is constant at 98.6 degrees, the same as that of a living body

MOON

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with feathered wings carries Mary to the people. The angel's red robe symbolizes the earth, while Mary's blue mantle symbolizes heaven.

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 & 18th and appointments will be scheduled in the narthex.



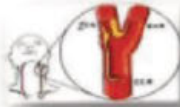
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Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings St. Mary Catholic Church on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, February 22, 23 & 24 Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment.

Do You Have Any of These Risk Factors?

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Kidneys (2) Screening †

Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses, and stones.



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Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as nodules or cysts.



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Total Discounted Package: All 7 Ultrasounds for \$169

Appointments: 832-437-7355; † No substitutions or discounts allowed

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*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.
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- No chewing gum before the exams.
- 8 hours fast if having the cholesterol test.
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The Council of Catholic Women

There will be a General Meeting Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

Women of the Year Nominations taken.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

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

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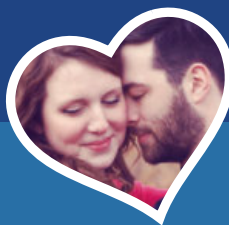
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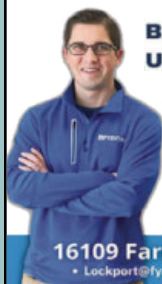
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