

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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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: Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?



Answer: The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

March 2 - March 3: Third Sunday of Lent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski	Guy Cesario Tom Magdziasz	SMS Student 1 SMS Student 2	Sean Gleason	Barb Cianchetti
Eucharistic Minister	Karen Gordon John Mitoraj Sue Murphy Andrea Taylor	Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Joanette Kulesa Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Remo Lucci 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	Linda Drake Mike Rolinitis NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Sandy Halper	NOT FILLED	Carolyn Farhat	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Cyndi 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.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, February 26

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 27

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)
5:30 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)
7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)
7:00 p.m. K of C Officer's Meeting (Lourdes)
7:30 p.m. Roses of Mary Meeting (Franciscan Room)

Wednesday, February 28

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)
2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)
2:00 p.m. K of C Blood Drive Set Up (Guadalupe)
3:00 p.m. K of C Blood Drive (Guadalupe)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Lourdes)
6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)

Thursday, February 29

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mom's Podcast Club (Fatima)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
7:00 p.m. Behold (Church)

Friday, March 1

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)
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Meetup (Guadalupe)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 2

2024 Silent Retreat Offsite

Pro Life Tilma Fundraiser Weekend (Narthex)

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Lourdes)
1:00 p.m. K of C Spaghetti Dinner Set Up (Church Hall)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mission Speaker at Mass
6:00 p.m. K of C Spaghetti Dinner (Church Hall)

Sunday, March 3

Pro Life Tilma Fundraiser Weekend (Narthex)

Donut Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass SMS Family Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. RE Classes Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

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)



Jesus I Trust in You



Roses of Mary

St. Mary Parish's
Young Women's Ministry

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

*Mysteries of the Rosary:
The Sorrowful Mysteries.*

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 27th
7:30 PM | School Cafeteria

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/yv6hxxwv> to access the series on FORMED! Watch the episode "The Agony in the Garden" ahead of 2/27.

Registration is not required. For information on how to create a free FORMED account, or to be added to the email notification list, contact Erica at esestak@stmarymokena.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26

8:00am: Urszula Witek-Spoo

Tuesday, February 27

8:00am: Peter Prancus, Bill Mark, The Leonard Family, Elizabeth Buttala

Wednesday, February 28

7:30am: Barbara Sansone

8:30am: Baby Judah Winkler

Thursday, February 29

8:00am: James Sansone

Friday, March 1

8:00am: Maria Abbeduto

Saturday, March 2

8:00am: Dan Murray

5:00pm: Baby M, Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

Sunday, March 3

8:00am: Virginia Jecha

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: John Hartl

6:00pm: Bernadine Zalumsky



Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age.

God Bless Our New Parishioners

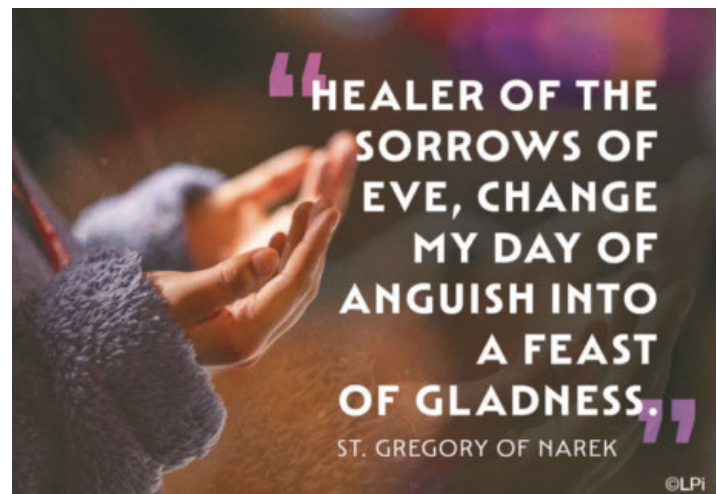
The Milewski Family,
The Sifuentes Family,
The William Gleason Family



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!





*All men are invited to join
us for our next meeting*
MARCH 23, 2024

**DEATH &
RESURRECTION
OF JESUS CHRIST**



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

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



**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 18th
Will be shared in
The next bulletin.

Budget \$32,500.00

Thank you so much for your
generosity!



Thank you!

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet St. Mary's goal of **\$159,700**. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our Diocese, ***For the Glory of God***. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, parish office, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the Diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the Diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest here at St. Mary. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Join us for our Parish Mission and Healing Service:

Why Be Catholic?

with Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM

Monday, March 4-Thurseday, 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?"

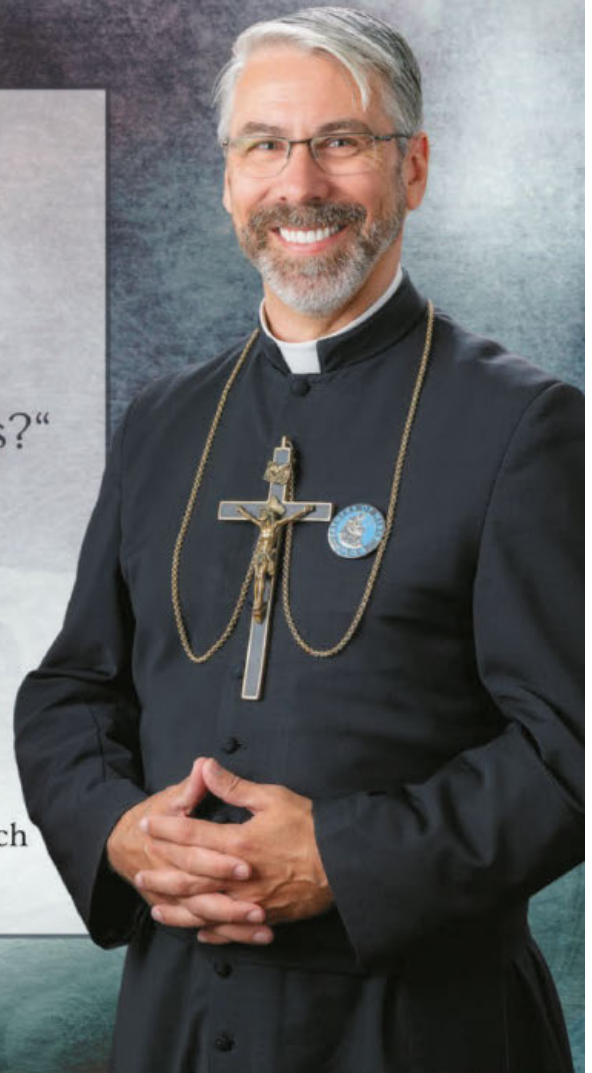
Wednesday, March 6:

"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'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.

Fridays during Lent
7pm



Stations of the Cross



St. Mary Mokena

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

Behold



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
ADORATION AND MUSIC ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
ST. MARY CHURCH | MOKENA

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS



I SALUTE YOU, I ADORE YOU AND I LOVE YOU,
ADORABLE FACE OF MY BELOVED JESUS.
WITH THE NOBLE STAMP OF YOUR DIVINITY, I
SURRENDER MY SOUL TO YOU. I HUMBLY BEG
YOU TO STAMP THIS SEAL UPON ME.
AMEN

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE THIS LENT HERE:
WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/LENT

SILENT MARCH 2, RETREAT 2024 10AM-4PM

CARMELITE MONASTERY &
RETREAT CENTER
MUNSTER, IN



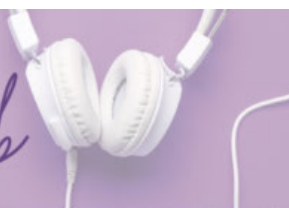
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
SILENCE AND REFLECTION

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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CONTACT MMURRAY@STMARYMOKENA.ORG

MOMS Podcast Club



Join other Catholic moms of school-age children
and younger this Lent for conversation on the
podcast "**Mama's 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

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using the Gospel readings &
reflections, sacred art images,
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THIS SUNDAY!

SESSION 3 - "WHY A GOD"



**FEBRUARY 25, 7PM
CHURCH HALL
FOLLOWED BY PIZZA
& FELLOWSHIP**

**HS & 8TH GRADE TEENS
ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
THE JOURNEY AT ANY
TIME!**

SESSION 4 IS SUNDAY, 3/10 7PM

**DIAPER BAG DRIVE
BE A SPONSOR!**



We delivered 43 diaper bags filled with newborn essentials in 2023. Our goal this year is 50! Be a diaper bag sponsor for \$50! Contact Tom Blue @ tblue@stmarymokena.org

**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



The SMS community filled the gym to celebrate 8th grade night. The night began with a game by the 6th grade girls and ended with games from the 8th graders.



**St. Mary Parish
CONFIRMATION
RETREAT
MARCH 9, 2024**

St. Mary's Church 11 am

*AND THEY WERE FILLED WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT*

Registration is Required



**Featuring International Catholic
speaker: Maggie Craig**

Bereavement Support

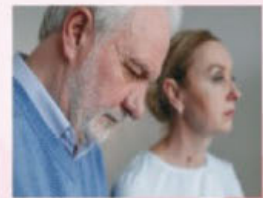
COMING THIS SPRING

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.



ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE

SPRINGFIELD, IL | APRIL 17, 2024

*Watch our bulletin for
more details about
attending the
March for Life!*



“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
NEXT WEEKEND 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

On a snake-skinned moon. A symbol of an Aztec serpent god of human sacrifices.

ENDURANCE

The colors of the image are miraculously fresh and bright for being more than 500 years old. The fabric the image is made on normally disintegrates in 15-30 years yet the Tilma shows no sign of fading or cracking.

ANGEL

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

SPAGHETTI DINNER!



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND IN THE
CHURCH HALL 6:00 P.M.**

**SPONSORED BY THE ST. MARY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Day Family Celebration



Sunday, March 10th
Following 11:00 a.m. Mass
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Contact Sue Rizzo for more information
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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 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the
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Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 2, 2024
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Wednesday, March 6
1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

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Wednesday, March 20th

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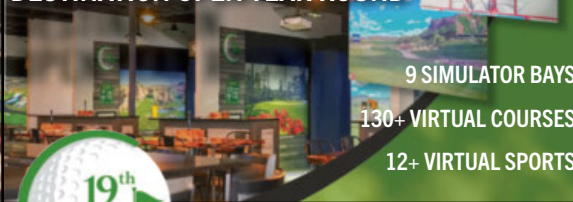


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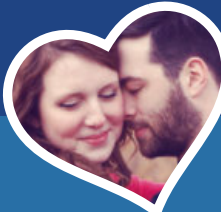


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