

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY****9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.****WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M.- 3:30 P.M.****PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Dindo Billote

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sam Conforti

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Deacon Peter Manning

Deacon John Rex

Deacon Kevin Plankinton

Deacon Dave Stanton

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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.

ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION—

4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

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.

REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

WITH GENEROSITY & JOY



Question: Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer: On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team--successful or not--will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Cizek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers for March 4-5, 2023 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	Bridget Barron	Alice Wierzbinski	Joe Hartl Chris McGeever	Art Wilson	Barb Cianchetti
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas Sue Murphy Karen Sayon	Bob Cornejo Robert Rafferty Nancy Santry Stefanie Walthier	Michael Dilger Frank Dundek Joe Hartl James Naumczik	Nancy Blake Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi Louise Szura	Karen Haugh Robert Koch
Altar Server	Charlotte Barron Cailyn Carlson Kate Coyle Robby Dauphinais	Danielle Cullen Alexis Ferin David Heitman Ivy Mroz	June Fulton Lucas Valente Erin Ventura Katelyn Walker	Stefanie Banner Josh Barger Hayden Griebel (NOT FILLED)	Ellie Hartwell Ryleigh Hartwell McQuillan (NOT FILLED)
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Rich Gavillet Tom Magdziasz Roy Mueller	John Delladio Joanne Eaton Joanette Kulesa Diane Mucia Joe Sokachitch	William Farhat David Larson Colin Noone Gladys Weber	Melissa Rolinitis Mike Rolinitis Linda Drake (NOT FILLED)
Greeter	(NOT FILLED)	Roy Mueller	(NOT FILLED)	Carolyn Farhat	(NOT FILLED)

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.

First Sunday of Lent

Monday, February 27

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 2:30 p.m. Brownie Meeting (Lourdes)
 4:00 p.m. Children RCIA (Fatima)
 4:30 p.m. Teen Sacrament Prep (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
 6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)

Tuesday, February 28

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Adult Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes K-6th (School Classrooms)
 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, March 1

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 6:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Prayer Service (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart (Guadalupe)
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-6th (School Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)
 6:30 p.m. RCIA (JP II Room)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)
 6:30 p.m. The Chosen Viewing (Guadalupe)

Thursday, March 2

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 1st-8th (School Classrooms)

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Men's Retreat (Church Hall All)
 8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. RE Classes K-6th (School Classrooms)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
 3:00 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (Church Hall)

Divine Mercy In-Home Prayer 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.



Join our Lenten Challenge on

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 PROGRAM FOR A CHANCE TO
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STMARYMOKENA.ORG/FORMED



Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to worship, to learn, to pray, to join in social activity, and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith.

To register in our parish family, you may come to the parish office or call the parish office at 708-326-9305 and forms will be sent by mail, or go to our website, click welcome and select new parishioner registration.

GOD BLESS OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!



ST. MARY MASSES LIVE-STREAM

Our Faith teaches us that at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Saints, Angels, all of Heaven are mystically present. We too can share in being spiritually present at the Mass and are able to receive graces. Thanks to modern technology, the faithful will be able to join spiritually and visually with the sacred liturgies offered at St. Mary as these will be live-streamed via the Internet. We invite our Faithful to join us in prayer for the health of the sick, and for the protection of every individual from this disease. We will implore God's mercy that we are delivered.

St. Mary priests will offer Mass via internet live-stream. The following Masses celebrated by Fr. Dindo and Fr. Sam will be broadcast from St. Mary Catholic Church in Mokena:

SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Mass

You can attend from home at: <https://cutt.ly/stmarychurchmokena>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/

Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

**Gerald Baumgartner, Sandra Brown,
Carol K. Meade**

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

THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION



Only those practicing Catholics who are in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion.

Upon approaching the minister of the Host, extend the hands in the middle of the chest. The left hand is extended, with the right hand under the left in support (left handed persons may wish to place the left hand under the right). In essence, a throne is formed in the sign of an X-cross to receive the Sacred Host.

The solemnity and beauty of our Catholic Mass pervades our reverent liturgies here at St. Mary. We should be in attendance from the ringing of the start bell until after the Mass is ended and the priest leaves the altar. Please do not make a habit of leaving after Communion. It is permissible to leave early if there is an urgent need or if an emergency arises.

SERVE ST. MARY PARISH IN 2023

MINISTRY OPENINGS AVAILABLE

We are looking for people to serve in the roles of
ALTAR SERVERS
LECTORS
and
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

No prior experience needed.
Please contact the Parish Office at
(708) 326-9300 or talk to Zina Habib,
the sacristan, after Mass.



Monday, February 27

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

Tuesday, February 28

8:00am: Barbara Sansone, Don DiDomenic, Joan Clark,
The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, March 1

7:30am: Maria Abbeduto
8:30am: Lana Sutton

Thursday, March 2

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

Friday, March 3

8:00am: John Hartl

Saturday, March 4

8:00am: Judah Hartl
5:00pm: Dolores Harzich, Matthew Laz Lulinski, Bryan Jepsen,
John Hand, Joseph McNally, Kenneth Reilly

Sunday, March 5

8:00am: David Armada
9:30am: Donna Menard
11:00am: Ethna Farrelly
6:00pm: The Jachymiak Family

Lenten Confessions

Prepare your hearts for Easter
by receiving the Sacrament of
Reconciliation this Lent.

Wednesday, March 22nd
St. Mary, Mokena
6 - 8 PM

Our weekend Masses are in need of backup Ushers. Would you be willing to help out?

Backup Ushers are not included in the regular schedule. Instead, they are asked to help with collections and to direct Communion lines on an as-needed basis.

If interested, please inform one of our Ushers and they will keep you in mind whenever the need arises. Brief instruction will be provided so you can confidently help out at Mass.

Thank you!

Please Pray for the Newly Baptized

Marlene Evelyn Erhardt,
Amy Zmuda

May God Bless the Little Ones

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Ann Beranek, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Jerry Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Joanne Eaton, Greg Engleking, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, Bradley Frank, Mary Ann Franson, MaryAnne Flanagan, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Rose Grunhard, Kelly Hampton, Natalie Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Mary Ingala, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Richard Kolovitz, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Carlotta Lawton, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Alice Lesnik, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Walter Lumpkin, Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastak, Lorraine Peppmuller, Matthew Orr, Bob Podlasek, Janelle Portman, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbara Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Katherine Shanahan, Rhys Shaw, Dave Skrzypiec, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Jan Smith, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, Dave Thompson, John Turas, Judy Turas, Anne Wadsworth, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Sarah Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

May God grant them healing!



Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to our March meeting where we will discuss

The **PASSION**
of **CHRIST**



We will discuss recognizing and understanding His sacrifice and Mission of Love.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
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)



During these times we have to stay strong and continue to support each other as much as possible. 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 19th
will be shared in the
next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Mary

Valentine's Dance

Were you there?



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS:

THE VIGIL PROJECT

TRUE PRESENCE NIGHT

LENT 2023

TUESDAY MARCH 7, 2023 // 7 PM

LIVE MUSIC. DYNAMIC SPEAKING. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, FREE WILL OFFERING.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DANIELLE KUBOUSHEK
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MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 4

St. Mary, Mokena

B E A M A N

Who Repents

Who Lives in the Holy Spirit

Who Lives as a Beloved Son



GO DEEPER THIS LENT WITH A ONE-DAY RETREAT
EXPLORING WHAT TRUE MANHOOD IS ACCORDING TO
SCRIPTURE AND CHURCH TEACHING.
BECOME THE MAN GOD CREATED YOU TO BE.

We will gather at 7:30am in the Church Hall before
attending Mass at 8am.

The day will include video sessions, interactive discussion,
Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

REGISTER TODAY AT
www.stmarymokena.org/mensretreat
or call the Parish Office, (708) 326-9300.

Email Bob with questions: bcornejo@stmarymokena.org



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

**Thursday, March 2
at 9:00am
in the Church Hall
Bride Part 1:
Full & Total Love
Season 11, Episode 14**

Listen to podcast prior to gathering
(search "Abiding Together" wherever you listen to podcasts)
but even if you don't get to it, we'd love to have you
join the conversation with us!

Children are welcome and snacks and toys are provided.

Questions?

Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org

Lenten Silent Retreat

**THE MERCIFUL HEART
OF THE FATHER**



Saturday, March 25

led by Fr. Andrew Kolenda, LC

9:00am - 3:00pm

Adoration, Mass,
and Inspiring Meditations

\$20, lunch included

The Portiuncula | 9263 St. Francis Rd.

Register today, space is limited!

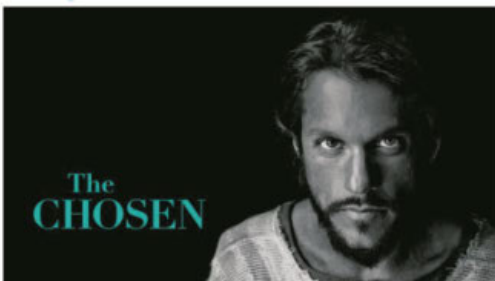
Call the parish office or visit:

www.stmarymokena.org/silentretreat

Contact John Compton with any questions:
jcompton@stmarymokena.org.

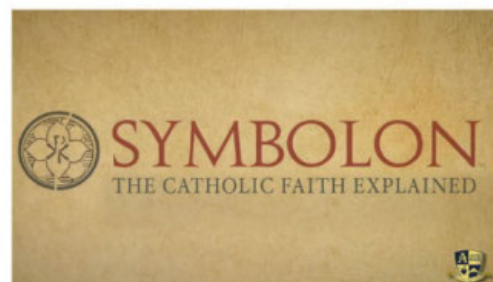
JOIN US THIS WINTER FOR Wednesday Faith Nights 6:30 P.M. - CHURCH HALL

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE:



March 1st
EPISODES FROM SEASON 2

NEXT WEEK'S FEATURE:



March 8th
**PENANCE AND ANOINTING OF
THE SICK**

Email jcompton@stmarymokena.org with questions or for information.



"Prayer gives us light by which to see and to judge from God's perspective and from eternity. That is why you must not give up on praying!" St. John Paul II

Join Us in Support of Newborns & Moms in Need!



Diaper Bag Drive

Diaper bag sponsors needed!

\$50

Contact Tom Blue at
tblue@stmarymokena.org
or 708 821-0343

Save the Date!
June 23-25

2023 Steubenville Youth Conference

2023 8th grade graduates through 2023 high school graduates are eligible to attend.

For more information contact Tom Blue at tblue@stmarymokena.org

Teen Behold: Adoration & Stations of the Cross



Sunday March 5
6PM
Adoration Chapel

Followed by dinner & fellowship in the church hall

March 12

Donut Sunday



Open Gym - 7pm





St. Mary, Mokena Religious Education

We are pleased to announce
our New Assistant Director of Religious Education!

starting Ash Wednesday,
February 22, 2023



Megan Murray

Megan has worked with the Church all of her career and especially in the education of children. She has spent the last eleven years consecrated to the Lord as a Religious Sister, eight of those years she was living abroad in Spain and in Ireland.

She then discerned a calling to spread the Catholic faith in a different capacity as a lay person. Megan says that she loves working with a team, communicating with others, and most of all, communicating our Catholic Faith in diverse ways to inflame hearts with the Love of Our Lord.

Get your tickets today!

**ST. MARY SCHOOL
GALA 2023**

Puttin' On The Ritz

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

CD&ME, FRANKFORT



Put on your cocktail or 1920s attire for this unforgettable fundraiser event with dinner, open bar, music, dancing, live and silent auctions, and a grand raffle with your chance to win \$1,000, all while supporting St. Mary Catholic School!

JOIN US AT THE GALA!

Tickets are available for \$125/person and are LIMITED!
Get your ticket today by visiting <https://smcs.cbo.io>.

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't miss out on your chance to win \$1,000!
Grand Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased on the Gala website. Winner will be announced at the Gala but need not be present to win.

HOW CAN I HELP?

The success of the Gala will depend on generous sponsors and donations! Visit our website to see the full sponsorship menu and make a donation!

<https://smcs.cbo.io>



QUESTIONS OR DONATIONS?

EMAIL SMS2023GALA@GMAIL.COM



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

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 14th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for six weeks.

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



Come Join Us!



Tuesday, March 21st

7:45am - Bus Departs
Noon - Rally Begins
1pm - March Begins
6pm - Approx Return

Bus Ticket \$30

Contact the Parish Office for Tickets
Limited seating...reserve your seat now!

For more information: Donna Hungerford 708 326-9312 or dhungerford@stmarymokena.org

February 22nd - April 2nd 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

*"Because you were there,
I changed my mind. I was
looking for a sign from God...
and Baby David was born!"*

— David's mother

YOU can be that sign from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies at this international 40 day prayer vigil in front of Access Health abortion clinic, 1700 W. 75th St. in Downers Grove. Select the same hour to pray each week or whenever you can. 7AM to 7PM daily. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

St. Mary Pro-Life Committee will lead
The Rachel Rosary prayers on the following
dates during the 40 Days for Life:

Tuesday, March 14th
Planned Parenthood
19831 Governors Hwy., Flossmoor, IL

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th
Access Health Abortion Clinic
1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove, IL

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please join us and bring a friend!

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, community-based prayer vigil that asks our loving God to help bring about an end to abortion through:

Prayer and Fasting
Constant Vigil
Community Outreach

Over 22,013 babies lives have been saved through the prayers of people praying at a 40 Days for Life vigil. Please consider joining us for an hour of prayer this year.

The vigil starts February 22. To learn more and to sign up for an hour, please visit:

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The Council of Catholic Women

There will be a Board Meeting on Wednesday, **March 8th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall Fatima Room.

There will be a General Meeting on Thursday, **March 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room.

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The next Officer Meeting will be in the Church Hall
Tuesday, February 28th
Fatima Room 7:00 p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 14th** in the Church Hall at 7:00 p.m.
Food and social hour will precede at 6:00 p.m. if you want to come early.

Join us Saturday, February 25th
for our
Spaghetti Dinner in the
Church Hall at 6:00 p.m.



The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday,
March 1st 1:00 pm– 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
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Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018 for information.
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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing? Would you like to be a part of a Ministry helping those stricken with cancer, chronic conditions, or other situations by providing them with a prayer shawl? We invite you to join our group.

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