

# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023**

## **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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.**

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Dindo Billote

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sam Conforti

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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.

**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.

# REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

## WITH GENEROSITY & JOY



Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer: Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

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Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

### **Schedule of Liturgical Ministers for March 11-12, 2023** **Third Sunday of Lent**

|                      | <b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>  | <b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b>   | <b>Sunday, 9:30 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday, 11:00 AM</b>  | <b>Sunday, 6:00 PM</b>   |
|----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Lector               | Andrea Taylor   | Midge Saunders   | Karen Dilger<br>Susan Rizzo   | Jim Contorno   | James Nowak  |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mary Ann Braasch<br>Karen Gordon<br>Ted Kopczynski<br>Andrea Taylor | Joseph Budzyn<br>Pat Budzyn<br>Sandy Halper<br>Christine Weeks   | Roger Brown<br>Joanette Kulesa<br>Susan Rizzo<br>Pamela Sanders                   | Joanne Eckel<br>Kathy Judge<br>Remo Lucci<br>Bob Meyers                | Karen Haugh<br>James Nowak   |
| Altar Server         | Lilly Butler<br>Delaney Stanek<br>Liam Stanek<br>McKenna Stanek     | Kaitlyn Diemer<br>Olivia Diemer<br>David Heitman<br>Ivy Mroz     | Max Giannakas<br>Andrew Jansky<br>Annie Kibbon<br>Nicholas Linhart                | Annabelle Makiejus<br>Aiden Raimondi<br>Emmy Skotnicki<br>(NOT FILLED) | Amelia Pluchar<br>Ruth Pluchar<br>(NOT FILLED)                     |
| Usher                | Mary Ann Braasch<br>Jim Grady<br>Mark Miron<br>James Palermo        | Chris Cichowicz<br>Rich Gavillet<br>Tom Magdziasz<br>Roy Mueller | John Delladio<br>Joanne Eaton<br>Joanette Kulesa<br>Diane Mucia<br>Joe Sokachitch | William Farhat<br>David Larson<br>Colin Noone<br>Gladys Weber          | Melissa Rolinitis<br>Mike Rolinitis<br>Linda Drake<br>(NOT FILLED) |
| Greeter              | (NOT FILLED)  | Sandy Halper   | (NOT FILLED)  | (NOT FILLED)   | (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.



## Third Sunday of Lent

### Monday, March 13

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
 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, March 14

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)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study (Fatima and Lourdes)  
 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Support (School-Bishop Room)  
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

### Wednesday, March 15

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)  
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart Meeting (Guadalupe)  
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-8th (School Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (School Classrooms)  
 6:30 p.m. RCIA (Fatima)  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. The Chosen Viewing (Guadalupe)  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club (Lourdes)

### Thursday, March 16

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)  
 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

### Friday, March 17

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)  
 9:00 a.m. Father Sam Jr. High Meeting (Guadalupe)  
 3:30 p.m. Wedding (Church)  
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

### Saturday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 10:00a.m. Confirmation Session 1 (Church)  
 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Session 2 (Church)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### Sunday, March 19

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)  
 11:00 a.m. Set Up for St. Joseph/St. Patrick Dinner (Church Hall)  
 12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)  
 1:00 p.m. CCW St. Joseph/St. Patrick Day Dinner (Church Hall)  
 3:30 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.



Jesus I Trust In You

St. Peregrine Devotion and Behold have combined and become:

## VENITE ADOREMUS

Tuesday March 21st  
 6:30-8:00PM in the church

The evening will include  
 adoration, healing prayer, sacred  
 music, Peregrine Devotional,  
 intercessory prayer and silent  
 prayer

Contact Claire in the RE office with questions



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!**

**THE STALTERI FAMILY,  
THE BORSHEIM FAMILY,  
THE QUINLAN FAMILY**

#### 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: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

**Janet Langlois**

*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, March 13

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

### Tuesday, March 14

8:00am: Alex and Ann Schneider, Dennis Kosloskus

### Wednesday, March 15

7:30am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30am: Robert Knoerzer

### Thursday, March 16

8:00am: Conrad Jordan

### Friday, March 17

8:00am: The Parishioners of St. Mary

### Saturday, March 18

8:00am: Baby Judah Winkler

5:00pm: Peter Prancus, Rosina Petrassi, Eric, Kathy and  
Rowland Boucher, Jack Payton, Michael Phelan, Barbara Rolla,  
Pat Budzyn

### Sunday, March 19

8:00am: Elizabeth Prindle Conover

9:30am: Mary Sokachitch

11:00am: Donald Hempen

6:00pm: The Parishioners of St. Mary

# 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

Conner David Kosicek, Macklin Michael Mahalik  
Eloise Lahey

*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, Thomas O'Rourke, 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 25**  
*Please note the date change.*  
**8am Mass - 10:30am**  
**St. Mary, Mokena**  
**Church Hall**  
Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!  
[SMPmensministry@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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,  
March 5th was

Online Giving \$17,995.90  
Envelopes \$27,399.89  
\$45,395.79

Budget \$32,500

Thank you for your generosity.

# MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, April 1  
St. Mary, Mokena

**NEW DATE!**

## 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](http://www.stmarymokena.org/mensretreat)**  
or call the Parish Office, (708) 326-9300.

Email Bob with questions: [bcornejo@stmarymokena.org](mailto:bcornejo@stmarymokena.org)





St. Mary, Mokena Parish Presents our  
**Annual Parish Mission**

*That All May Be One--*  
**Living the Eucharist**  
*in the*  
**Heart of the Church**

*March 26-28*

7:00 pm each evening in the Church

*Sunday, March 26*

**Teach--**

*And This is Eternal Life:*  
Knowing Jesus in the Eucharist

*Monday, March 27*

**Govern--**

*They Have Kept Your Word:*  
The Eucharist and the Church

*Tuesday, March 28*

**Sanctify--**

*Sanctified in Truth:*  
Eucharistic Communion

**Our Parish Mission will be led by three  
Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia  
of Nashville, Tennessee:**

**Sister Teresa Joy, O.P.,  
Sister Rose Dominic, O.P.,  
and Sister Anne Elise, O.P.**



# Happy

## SAINT PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH DAY



### FAMILY CELEBRATION!



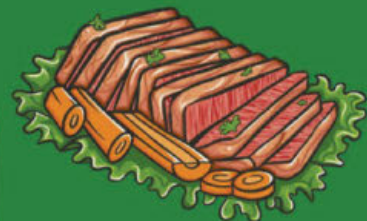
**SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH**  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM CHURCH HALL

**\$20.00 PER PERSON**  
**\$60.00 PER FAMILY**  
**CASH BAR**

- **BUFFET TABLE & DESSERT**
- **FAMILY FUN**  
FACE PAINTING, HULA HOOP CONTEST, BALLOONS
- **DJ MUSIC & DANCING**  
IRISH DANCERS AT 3:00 P.M.



Contact Sue Rizzo for more  
information  
rizzorx5@comcast.net or  
815-953-7228



Sponsored by the CCW and the St. Mary Knights of Columbus





## 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](http://www.stmarymokena.org/silentretreat)

Contact John Compton with any questions:

[jcompton@stmarymokena.org](mailto:jcompton@stmarymokena.org).

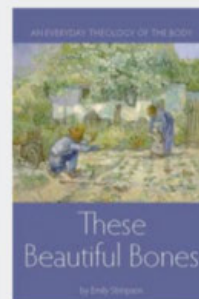
## Women's Book Club

### These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body

BY EMILY STIMPSON

Join women of all ages to  
discuss this insightful book  
which will guide us to learn  
together about the beauty of  
who God made us to be.

**MARCH 15, APRIL 12,  
& MAY 17 AT 7PM  
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

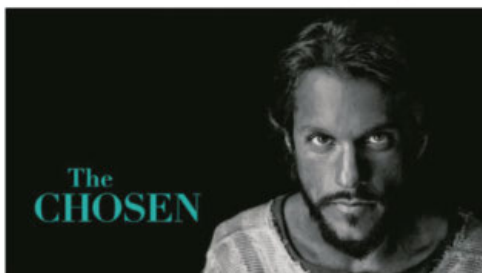


Please read Introduction through Chapter 3  
for March 15 gathering.

Contact Marcy with any questions,  
[marcymarie24@gmail.com](mailto:marcymarie24@gmail.com)

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

### THIS WEEK'S FEATURE:



March 15th  
**EPISODES FROM SEASON 2**

Email [jcompton@stmarymokena.org](mailto:jcompton@stmarymokena.org)  
with questions or for information.

## Join our Lenten Challenge on **FORMED**



VISIT [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) AND  
WATCH A LENTEN-THEMED  
PROGRAM FOR A CHANCE TO  
WIN A \$25 GIFT CARD!

[STMARYMOKENA.ORG/FORMED](http://STMARYMOKENA.ORG/FORMED)





# Today is Donut Sunday!

"For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy." St. Therese of Lisieux

## Register Now!

Deadline: April 15

**2023 Steubenville Youth Conference**



**June 23-25**

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

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## Saturday, March 18th

**10:00 a.m.**

(Group 1)

St. Mary School  
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**1:00 p.m.**

(Group 2)

Religious Education



Come,  
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### **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**

for Candidates and sponsors

**Thursday, March 16th**

Group 1 4:45 - 5:45pm then confession until 6:15pm

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



### **Remember to check on our senior friends and neighbors!**

Offer to pick up their mail or shovel their walk. Need more help? Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312 and the St. Mary Homebound Helpers will be contacted.



## MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### ST. MARY IS STARTING A FUNERAL PRAYER MINISTRY

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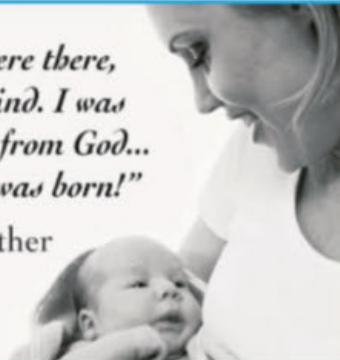


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**Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

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12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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# Come Join Us!



**Tuesday, March 21st**

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1pm - March Begins

6pm - Approx Return

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Contact the Parish Office for Tickets

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For more information: Donna Hungerford 708 326-9312 or [dhungerford@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dhungerford@stmarymokena.org)





### The Council of Catholic Women

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

There will be a Board Meeting on Wednesday, **April 12th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall Fatima Room.

### Save the Date St. Patrick/St. Joseph Family Celebration

Sunday, March 19th  
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There is a screening process to make sure it is something our members can handle and the work qualifies. Anyone wishing to apply should contact Donna Hungerford, Christian Service Director (708) 326-9312 to schedule a visit from one of our members.

If you are interested in joining this committee, email Rich Neubauer [neuric01@hotmail.com](mailto:neuric01@hotmail.com)



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

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

### The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

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Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018 for information.



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**

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