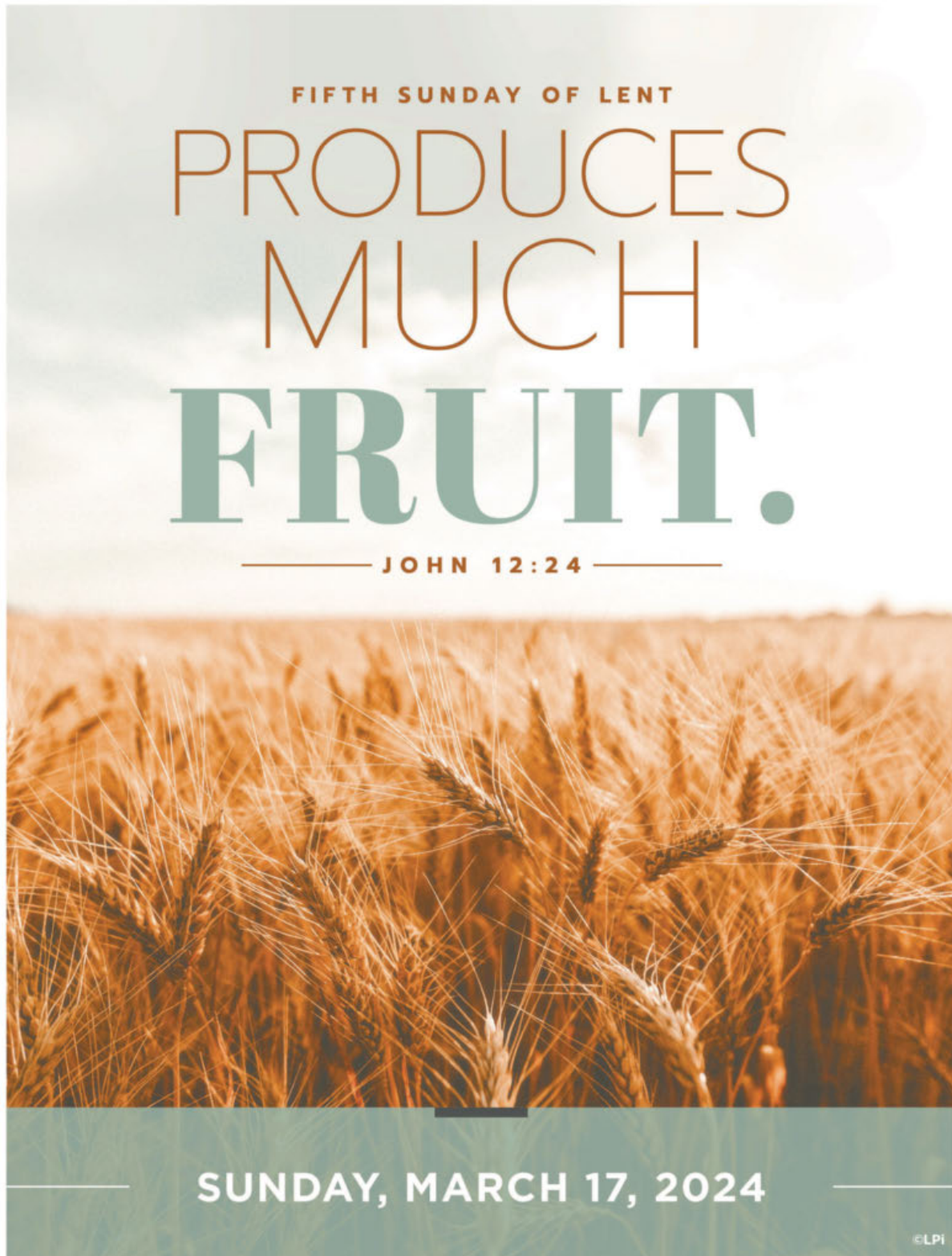


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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

SCHOOL MASS

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

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

***SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

5:00 p.m.

***SUNDAY MASSES**

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

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN - DOOR #3

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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

DEVOTIONS:**DAILY ROSARY**

7:30 a.m.

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

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

DAILY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET; INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

8:30 a.m.

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

ADORATION

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

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the chapel

First Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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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 parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?



Answer: While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

March 23 - March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Anne Trovato	Joan Aust Midge Saunders	Greg Harper Kathy Harper	Jim Contorno	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Karen Sayon	Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Cris Pirelli Susan Rizzo	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Chris McGeever Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh James Nowak Kathleen Rowe
Altar Server	Clara LaMonte Dennis LaMonte III David LaMonte Jr. NOT FILLED	Danielle Cullen David Heitman Daniela Lacny NOT FILLED	Henry Valente Lucas Valente Katelyn Walker Penelope Witkowski	Josh Barger Natalie Galka Max Giannakas NOT FILLED	Caitlin Eiden Finn McInerney NOT FILLED
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Greeter	NOT FILLED	Joan Aust	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Eugene Satrun		

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

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 18

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:30 a.m. School Confessions Gr. 6-8 (Church)
 2:45 p.m. Brownie Meeting 3rd Grade (Guadalupe)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, March 19

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:30 a.m. School Confessions Grades 4-5 (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 (Church)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. Roses of Mary Meeting (Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, March 20

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:00 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
 9:15 a.m. School Confessions Grades 2-3 (Church)
 11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart Meeting (Guadalupe)
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 1-6 (Classrooms)
 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting (Lourdes)
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Confessions (Church)
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Degree Ceremony (Guadalupe)

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

7:00 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Mass Church)
 8:15 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
 9:00 a.m. School Stations of the Cross (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Coffee/Fellowship (Fatima)
 10:30a.m. Widow and Widowers Club (Fatima)
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 23

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
 9:00 a.m. Pre-Cana (Fatima)
 11:30a.m. Pre-Cana Lunch (Lourdes)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Baptismal Prep (Fatima)
 3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
 5:30 p.m. The Search for Teens Set Up
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 7:00 p.m. The Search for Teens (Church Hall)

Divine Mercy In-Home Ministry

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

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

Michelle and Paul Sullivan
at 815-995-0480.

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

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)



Jesus I Trust in You

Fridays during Lent
 7pm



Stations of the Cross



St. Mary Mokena

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18

8:00am: Bill Delladio

Tuesday, March 19

8:00am: Joseph Dowling, George Griffiths,
Diana Nash, Mary Heisey, Stella Kulach

Wednesday, March 20

7:30am: Dan Murray

8:30am: Baby Judah Winkler

Thursday, March 21

8:00am: Miguel Castro

Friday, March 22

8:00am: Barbara Klichowski

Saturday, March 23

8:00am: Barbara Sansone

5:00pm: Peter Pranckus, Sarah Wolf,
Elizabeth Plaza, Rosina Petrassi, Stan and
Ken Ruminski, William Barryman, Patricia
Pagoria, Joseph Rubino, Florence Koehler,
Robert Podlasek

Sunday, March 24

8:00am: Beverly Fowler

9:30am: Sr. Mary Lajera

11:00am: Benedetta Medica

6:00pm: Bob and Carrey Bunda

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 Drobick, 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, Ashley Karr, 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., Jay Lutzky, Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, John McGeehan, Joelee McMaster, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Ginny Meyer, Marge Migler, Rich Milkris, Angel Munoz, Pat Murphy, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastak, Matthew Orr, Babe Podlasek, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Rosemary Purcell, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Sean Rio, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Karen Singer, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, John Turas, Judy Turas, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

May God grant them healing!

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Stepanovic Family,
The Navarro Family,
The Hebding Family



Please Pray for the
Newly Baptized



Keeley Bridget Darby

May God Bless the Little Ones

Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters



Florence Koehler



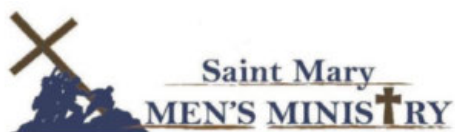
*Eternal rest grant unto them and let
perpetual light shine upon them!*

“
I FEAR
NOTHING,
BECAUSE
OF THE
PROMISES
OF HEAVEN.”



APOSTLE OF IRELAND

- ST. PATRICK



*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

Behold



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
ADORATION AND MUSIC ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
ST. MARY CHURCH | MOKENA



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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, March 10th was

Online Giving \$12,061.25
Envelopes \$34,550.63
\$46,611.88

Budget \$32,500.00

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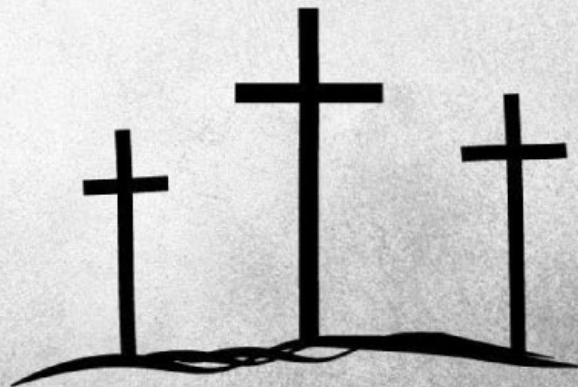
LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 20th

6:00 - 8:00 PM | St. Mary, Mokena

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

**Confessions will be heard by both
St. Mary's and visiting priests.**



Easter is Sunday, March 31st.



Triduum and Easter Mass Schedule



Holy Thursday

-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Good Friday

-Veneration of the Cross 3:00 pm

-High Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday

-Easter Basket Blessing 12:00 pm

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm

-Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00 am Church

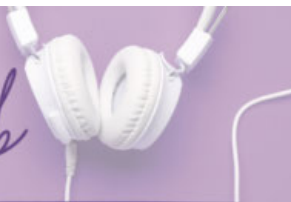
9:30 am Church

11:00 am Church

12:30 pm Church

(The overflow of the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses will be livestreamed in the Church Hall)

MOMS Podcast Club



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

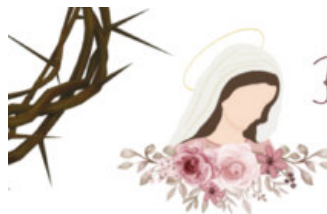
Thursday, March 28:

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



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, March 19th
7:00 PM | Church Hall

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/yv6hxxwv> to access the series on FORMED! Watch the episode "The Carrying of the Cross" ahead of 3/19.

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.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS



ETERNAL FATHER,
WE OFFER YOU THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS,
COVERED WITH BLOOD, SWEAT, DUST, AND
SPITTLE, IN REPARATION FOR THE CRIMES OF
COMMUNISTS, BLASPHEMERS AND
PROFANERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
AND OF SUNDAYS.
AMEN.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE THIS LENT HERE:
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THIS LENT BE NOURISHED WITH

Weekly

Lenten Reflections
using the Gospel readings &
reflections, sacred art images,
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TO HELP YOU GO DEEPER IN THE
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SESSIONS 5 & 6

"WHO IS JESUS?" "AM I SAVED?"

SUNDAY, 3/17 5 - 8 PM DINNER WILL BE SERVED

SESSION 7 - "WHY A CHURCH"

SUNDAY, 3/24 6PM MASS FOLLOWED BY THE FINALE IN THE HALL

5:15 ADORATION IN THE CEMETERY CHAPEL

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

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Register Here



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 @
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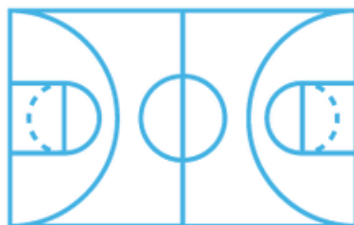
March 29th, at 7:00 pm Choral Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm as usual. Throughout the stations, the schola will sing a variety of sacred music so that we can better reflect on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



SMS MEN'S CLUB
MARCH
MADNESS

Where: 19th Hole - Mokena



<https://birdease.com/26838>

ST. MARY SCHOOL MEN'S CLUB IS HOSTING OUR ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS EVENT. WE WILL STILL BE OFFERING THE SAME GAMING OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE IN THE PAST, BUT NOW WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ADD THE ELEMENT OF GOLF. PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF BASKETBALL, GOLF, FOOD, FUNDRAISING & FELLOWSHIP TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR ST. MARY SCHOOL.

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For more information: Please contact Chris Barron
(crogb@hotmail.com / 708-408-6166)



Religious
Education

Hosted by the RE Board

St. Mary Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30

11:00 a.m.

Willowview Park Pavillion

(next to St. Mary, Mokena Church)

**EASTER CANDY
AND PLASTIC
EGGS NEEDED**

TO MAKE OUR EGG HUNT
PERFECT, WE COULD USE
YOUR HELP!

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS
TO THE ST. MARY
RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE BY
MARCH 21ST .

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.


In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."



We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

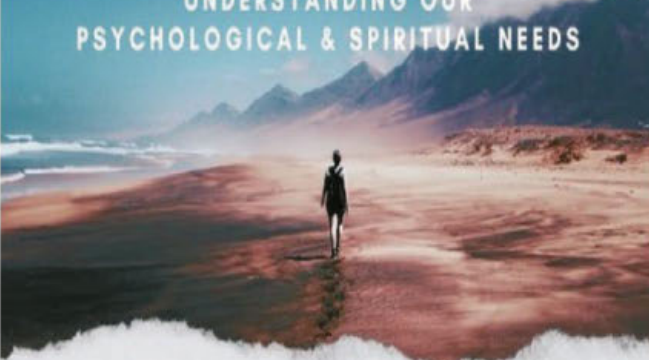
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Starting March 14th

Into the Desert

UNDERSTANDING OUR
PSYCHOLOGICAL & SPIRITUAL NEEDS



Thursdays at 6:00pm
3040 Finley Rd., Suite 200, Downers Grove

Join us for a new co-ed counseling group for young adults (ages 18-30).
Questions? Email counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org

Retreat Workshop for Widowed Women and Men

April 13 & 14
(2-day program-overnight encouraged)

St. Mary's Retreat House
Lemont, Illinois 60439

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

For further information:
708-354-7211

e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE

SPRINGFIELD, IL | APRIL 17, 2024



Save the Date and join us!

Wednesday, April 17

7:45 a.m. Bus Departs St. Mary Parking Lot

Noon Rally at the Capitol

1:00 p.m. March Begins

6:00 p.m. Approximate Return

Bus Fee - \$30 per person

Payment accepted in the parish office to reserve your seat.

(After March 24th other parishes will be invited.)

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



ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE!



Pictured with Deacon Dave Stanton from

left to right:

Zach Suenkens, Taylor Stephenson,

Audry Bryles (second place),

Will Simone (third place), Samantha Perkins,

Charleigh Widelski (first place)

Congratulations to these St. Mary students!



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**INVITES ALL PRACTICING
CATHOLIC MEN OF THE
PARISH TO THE NEXT
DEGREE CEREMONY**

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH HALL
- APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
KOFC.ORG OR SCAN THIS QR CODE

ENTER COUNCIL # 6993



APPLY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FELLOWSHIP



FAMILY

QUESTIONS: CONTACT

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There will be a General Meeting
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There will be a Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the
Fatima Room, Church Hall.

The Widow & Widowers Club

Join us for **GENTLE CHAIR FIT EXERCISE** and
fellowship the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month
in the Church Hall, Fatima Room at 10:30 a.m.

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



The Young at Heart Senior Club



**All parishioners and friends are welcome
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Wednesday, March 20th

**Meet in the church parking lot at 9:15am
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DEGREE CEREMONY
Wednesday, March 20

7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL

The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, March 26
at 7:00 p.m. in the Lourdes Room, Church Hall.

The next **Council Meeting** will be
Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

St. Mary Mokena K of C Council 6993 Invites You

All practicing Catholic men of the parish are invited to
apply to be a Knight – join the other Knights of the
Parish. All members of the parish and friends are invited
to observe. Light refreshments afterwards.

**Degree Ceremony Wednesday March 20
at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Hall.**

Sign-up and attend to formally become a Knight of Colum-
bus. The ceremony is about 25 minutes.

Plan to be there at 6:45 p.m. so we can start promptly at
7:00 p.m. Dress is business casual to suit and tie
whatever you are comfortable with.

Application for membership is at www.kofc.org click on



Join or scan the QR code. Information
on the Knights is also there. Be sure to
enter 6993 as council # so the applica-
tion is directed to our council. We will
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Any questions please contact the Grand Knight Eugene
Satrun at 773-891-7430 or email

Knight@MokenaKnights.org our Council website is at
www.MokenaKnights.org

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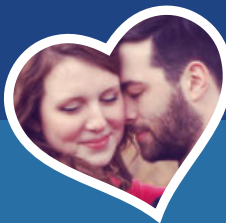
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