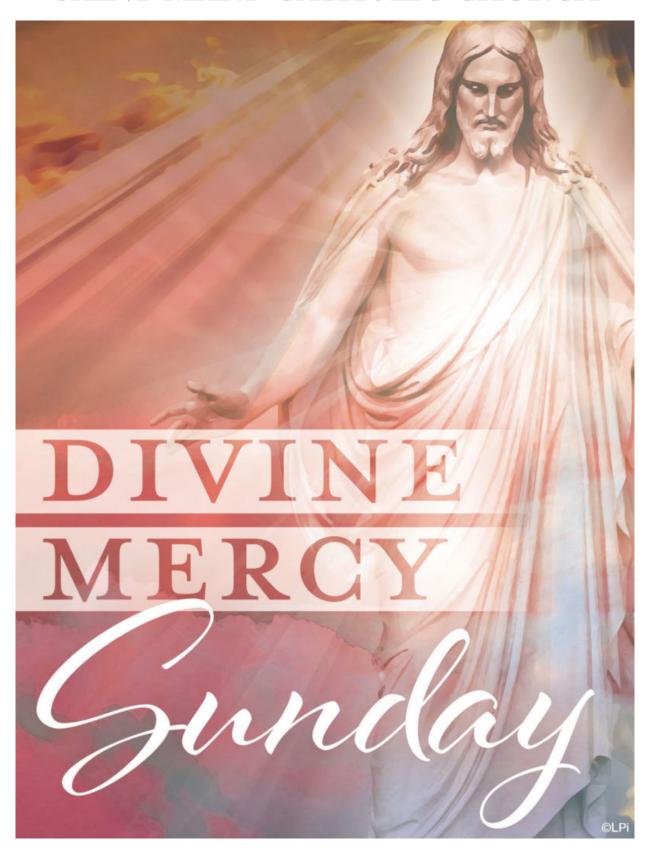
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS OFFERED:

DAILY MASS

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

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*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.

DAILY ROSARY

7:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS:

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.

REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE WITH GENEROSITY & JOY

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?



Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914). While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

April 22 - April 23: Third Sunday of Easter

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Bridget Barron	Joan Aust Mary Fran Consola	Joe Hartl Gretchen Nenn	Jim Contorno	James Nowak
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Altar Server	Charlotte Barron Cailyn Carlson Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski	Kaitlyn Diemer Olivia Diemer Caitlin Eiden David Heitman	Aiden Raimondi Andrew Pilon Noah Pilon Katelyn Walker	Stefanie Banner Josh Barger Annabelle Makiejus Emmy Skotnicki	Finn McInerney CJ Strzelczyk Emma Strzelczyk
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Greeter	NOT FILLED	Roy Mueller	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Frank Grobmeier		

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday, April 17

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)

6:00 p.m. The Search Ministry Meeting (Fatima)

6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, April 18

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) Classrooms 6:30 p.m. RE Classes (7th-8th) Classrooms 6:30 p.m. Venite Adoremus (Church)

7:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study (Fatima and Lourdes)

Wednesday, April 19

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-6th) Classrooms 6:00 p.m. Brownie Meeting (Fatima) 6:30 p.m. RE Classes (7th-8th) Classrooms 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)

6:30 p.m. RCIA (Lourdes) 6:30 p.m. Symbolon (Guadalupe)

Thursday, April 20 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) Classroom 6:30 p.m. Lay Prayer Minister Training (Fatima) 6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

Friday, April 21

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

9:00 a.m. Father Sam Jr. High Meeting (Guadalupe)

Saturday, April 22

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. First Communion Retreat and Rehearsal (Church) 12:30a.m. First Communion Retreat and Rehearsal (Church)

3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church) 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:30 a.m. RE Classes (K-6th) Classrooms

11:00a.m. Mass (Church)

12:30p.m. Baptism Prep (Virtual)

3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)

6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

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.



St. Peregrine Devotion and Behold have combined and become:

ENITE ADOREMUS

Tuesday April 18th 6:30-8:00PM in the church

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

Contact Claire in the RE office with questions

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Larry Bahnaman Jr., Margaret Jager, Dolores and Walter Rapata

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

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Spencer-Baluk Family, The Gregg Family, The Christie Family, The Stafford Family





Monday, April 17 8:00am: Joanna Novorita

Tuesday, April 18

8:00am: Fred O'Reilly, Pat Budzyn, Bill Delladio, Robert Knoerzer,

Marilyn Moehn, The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, April 19

7:30am: Pat Budzyn 8:00am: Barlog Stefania

Thursday, April 20

8:00am: Al Knox

Friday, April 21

8:00am: Shirley Delladio

Saturday, April 22

8:00am:Jack Payton

5:00pm: Larry Bahnaman Jr., Marianne Pertchi, Brian Filippi, Peter Pranckus, Rosina Petrassi, Gus Lattyak, Deacon Bob Kaminski, John and

Harriet Narel, Jennifer Narel, Grace Chesla, Pat Budzyn

Sunday, April 23

8:00am: Elizabeth Prindle Conover

9:30am: Anne Grabowski 11:00am: Michele DelCotto 12:30pm: Penelope Gomez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

(1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-

20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-

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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, Janet Dobrick, Joanne Eaton, 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 Harran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Mary Ingala, Daniel Izzo, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Richard Kolovitz, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Carlotta Lawton, Liz Leech, 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 Omastiak, Lorraine Peppmuller, Thomas O'Rourke, Matthew Orr, Bob, Podlasek, Janelle Portman, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Katherine Shanahan, 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!





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, April 2nd will be recorded In the next bulletin.

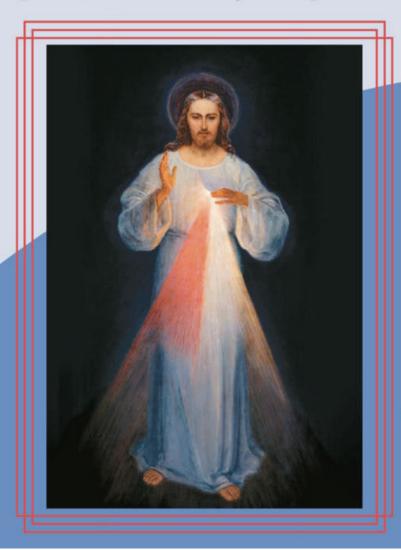
Budget \$32,500

Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 16 1:45 PM - 3:30 PM in the Church

1:45pm Presentation/Testimony on Divine Mercy 2pm Confessions, Adoration, and Sacred Music 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany, and Benediction



"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy."

(Diary of Saint Faustina, 300)

BELONGE A Retreat for Catholic Young Adults

Everyone ages 18-40 is invited to a day of reflection on living your Catholic faith in a secular world. Enjoy talks on this topic, the chance to make connections with other young Catholics, time in Adoration, and more! Hosted by L'Alto Young Adult Network and Notre Dame Young Adults

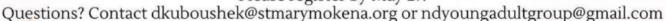
SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2023 Mt. Assisi Retreat Center,

13820 Main St., Lemont

\$30/PERSON

9:30am Mass (optional) Retreat begins with light breakfast at 10am Lunch Included, Ends at 3pm

Limited Capacity! Register today at www.stmarymokena.org/belong Please register by May 27.





SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

OUR LORD'S PROMISES ATTACHED TO THE PRAYING OF THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AS REVEALED TO ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA.



- 1. "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death."
 (Diary, 754)
- 2. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (Diary, 1541)
- 3. "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, 1541)
- 4. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (Diary, 687)
- 5. "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy....I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary, 687)
- 6. "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (Diary, 1521)
- 7. "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary, 1397)
- 8. "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony....I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary, 1320; also, cf. Diary, 1572)
- 9. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (Diary,1075)
- 10. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of the Divine Mercy) will not perish." (Diary, 48).... "The two rays denote Blood and Water.... These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father." (Diary, 299)
- 11. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 699)
- 12. "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731)

Excerpts taken from the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, titled Divine Mercy in My Soul, ©1987, Congregation of ians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MMA 01263.

A Special Promise of Mercy

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy is recorded three times in the Diary of Saint Faustina, each time in a slightly different way:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy" (1109).



"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (300).

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699

Extraordinary Graces

Our Lord is emphasizing, through this promise, the infinite value of Confession and Communion as miracles of mercy. He wants us to realize that since the Eucharist is His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, it is the "Fountain of Life" (300). The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts. Why would Our Lord feel the need to emphasize this? Because so many people do not really understand it. They either see no need to receive Holy Communion, or they receive it simply out of habit. As St. Paul explains in his letter to the Corinthians, they eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, "without recognizing the body of the Lord" (I Cor 11:27 29).

In His revelations to Saint Faustina, Our Lord makes it very clear what He is offering us in Holy Communion and how much it hurts Him when we treat His presence with indifference:

"My great delight is to unite Myself with souls ... When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object" (1385) ...

"It pains Me very much when religious souls receive the Sacrament of Love merely out of habit, as if they did not distinguish this food. I find neither faith nor love in their hearts. I go to such souls with great reluctance. It would be better if they did not receive Me"(1288) ...

"How painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls, and they are indifferent toward Me. I want to lavish My graces on them, and they do not want to accept them. They treat me as a dead object, whereas My Heart is full of love and mercy. In order that you may know at least some of My pain imagine the most tender of mothers who has great love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a feeble image and likeness of My love" (1447).

So, Our Lord's promise of complete forgiveness is both a reminder and a call. It is a reminder that He is truly present and truly alive in the Eucharist, filled with love for us and waiting for us to turn to Him with trust. And it is a call for us all to be washed clean in His Love through Confession and Holy Communion no matter how terrible our sins and begin our lives again. He is offering us a new start.

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.

MAY 17 AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH HALL



Please read Chapter 5 through end of the book.

Contact Marcy with any questions, marcymarie24@gmail.com



We invite all women to join us on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00am

in the Church Hall

for our next Women's Ministry Meeting.

We will discuss

The Heart of Teens & What They Need from Us.

Together with our Youth Minister, Tom Blue, we will look at the Five Needs of Teens and how we can help them navigate through this developmental stage.



Please plan to join us, we'd love to have you at Women's Ministry. RSVP and questions to sistersinchrist@stmarymokena.org.

Moms Podcast Club

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

Tuesday, May 16
at 9:00am
in the Church Hall
Bride Part 4:
Fruitful Love
Season 11, Episode 16

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



Join other young adults for the ultimate prayer followed by ultimate frisbee.

SATURDAY, MAY 13 6:30PM ROSARY 7:00PM FRISBEE

We'll meet at 6:30pm for the rosary in the chapel off the main church at St. Marys. Then we'll head to Willowview Park for ultimate frisbee.

Please RSVP to hanfnk19@gmail.com to ensure we have enough for a game!





LAST CALL!

Experience a St. Mary Tradition:
"Steubenville"

2023 Steubenville Youth Conference



June 23-25
Registration
Deadline is
Extended to 4/19!

To register contact Tom Blue at tblue@stmarymokena.org

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

Diaper Bag Drive

Join us for the finale!

Fill the Bags!

Sunday, April 30 School Gym - 7pm





Novena for First Communion



Begins April 27, 2023 register at the RE webpage

Thanks for praying with us through Pray More Novenas.com as our children anticipate receiving their First Holy Communion on May 6th!



OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH WAS AMELIA PLUCHAR

AMELIA IS A CONSCIENTIOUS AND HARDWORKING STUDENT WHO CAN ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON TO LEND A HAND TO HER CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS. THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, SHE HAS EXEMPLIFIED THE MONTHLY SCHOOL VIRTUES OF KINDNESS, RESPECT, THANKFULNESS, PRAYERFULNESS, PERSEVERANCE, HONESTY, AND HUMILITY.



April 16, 2023 — The Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and reminds us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

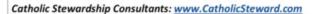
Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus' first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed "seen the Lord" as they claimed.

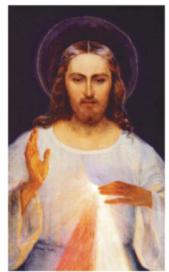
Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into

the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas' statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.





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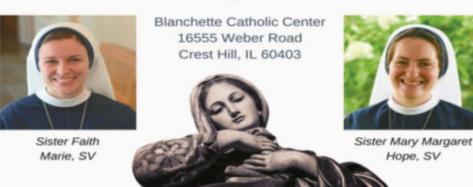


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Sunday, **April 26th** 9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass

Sunday, **May 7**Woman of the Year
9:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception in the church hall.



There will be a Board Meeting on Wednesday, **May 10h** at 9:00 a.m.in the Church Hall Fatima Room.



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