

# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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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.**

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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  
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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

Question: What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer: Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).



In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

### April 29 - April 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Andrea Taylor	Antoinette Bria Guy Cesario	SMS Student1 SMS Student2	Art Wilson	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon John Mitoraj Sue Murphy	Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli Robert Rafferty	Roger Brown Joanette Kulesa Chris McGeever James Naumczik	Mike Crowley Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi	Karen Haugh Kathleen Rowe Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Lilly Butler Molly Cotton Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski	Danielle Cullen Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin David Heitman	Hazel Dilger June Fulton Andrew Jansky Annie Kibbon	Josh Barger Hayden Griebel Emmy Skotnicki Penelope Witkowski	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED 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 Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia	William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 1 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 2 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 3 NOT FILLED
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 and Greeters for their dedication and outstanding service.



## Third Sunday of Easter

### Monday, April 24

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)

### Tuesday, April 25

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  
 7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Fatima)  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study (Fatima and Lourdes)  
 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Support (Bishop Room)

### Wednesday, April 26

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 7:30 a.m. Preschool 4 Tea (Guadalupe)  
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)  
 2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)  
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)  
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes (1st-8th) Classrooms  
 6:30 p.m. RE Classes (7th-8th) Classrooms  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)  
 6:30 p.m. RCIA (Fatima)  
 7:00 p.m. Pre-Cana Meeting (Lourdes)

### Thursday, April 27

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
 8:45 a.m. Preschool Event  
 4:30 p.m. RE Classes (1st-8th) Classroom  
 6:30 p.m. Lay Prayer Minister Training (Lourdes)  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

### Friday, April 28

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)  
 9:00 a.m. Luis Ron Reception Set-Up

### Saturday, April 29

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry (Guadalupe)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, April 30

#### **Styrofoam Sunday in the Parking Lot**

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
 9:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)  
 9:30 a.m. RE Classes (K-6th) Classrooms  
 11:00a.m. Mass Luis Ron (Church)  
 12:00p.m. Luis Ron— Transitional Deacon Reception (Church Hall)  
 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.



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**WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US  
FOR OUR EASTER CHALLENGE!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

**Charles H. Keenan**

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

## God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Williamson Family,  
The Jeffrey Thompson Family,  
Ms. Ashley Cook



### Monday, April 24

8:00am: Pat Budzyn

### Tuesday, April 25

8:00am: Deacon Bob Kaminski, The Bohrer Family, The Parishioners of St. Mary.

### Wednesday, April 26

7:30am: Betty Hartl

8:30am: Lana Sutton

### Thursday, April 27

8:00am: Rafaela Flores

### Friday, April 28

8:00am: Pat Budzyn

### Saturday, April 29

8:00am: Debra Dennison

5:00pm: Martin Plecki Sr., Jane Narcissi, Peter Prancus, Michele Lockwood, Barbara Francis, Larry Bahnman Jr., Philip Mackey

### Sunday, April 30

8:00am: Genevieve Invergo

9:30am: Ken Ruminski

11:00am: Wallace Granzow

6:00pm: Tony Passerelli

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-1

## Please Pray for the Newly Baptized



Lauryn Kelli Helmin,  
Austin Daniel Foglton,  
Nathan Anthony LaRocco,  
Isla James Dolph,  
Payton Christine Busch

*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, 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 Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Mary Ingala, Daniel Izzo, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Robert Klimkowski, 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 Omastak, 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, DianeSchoneich, 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!**

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## ALL ARE INVITED



SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

11:00 A.M.

ST. MARY CHURCH

DEACON LUIS RON'S MASS FOLLOWED  
BY A RECEPTION IN THE CHURCH HALL



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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 was

Online Giving	\$10,641.65
Envelopes	<u>\$27,230.72</u>
	\$37,872.37

The Offertory for Sunday, April 9th was

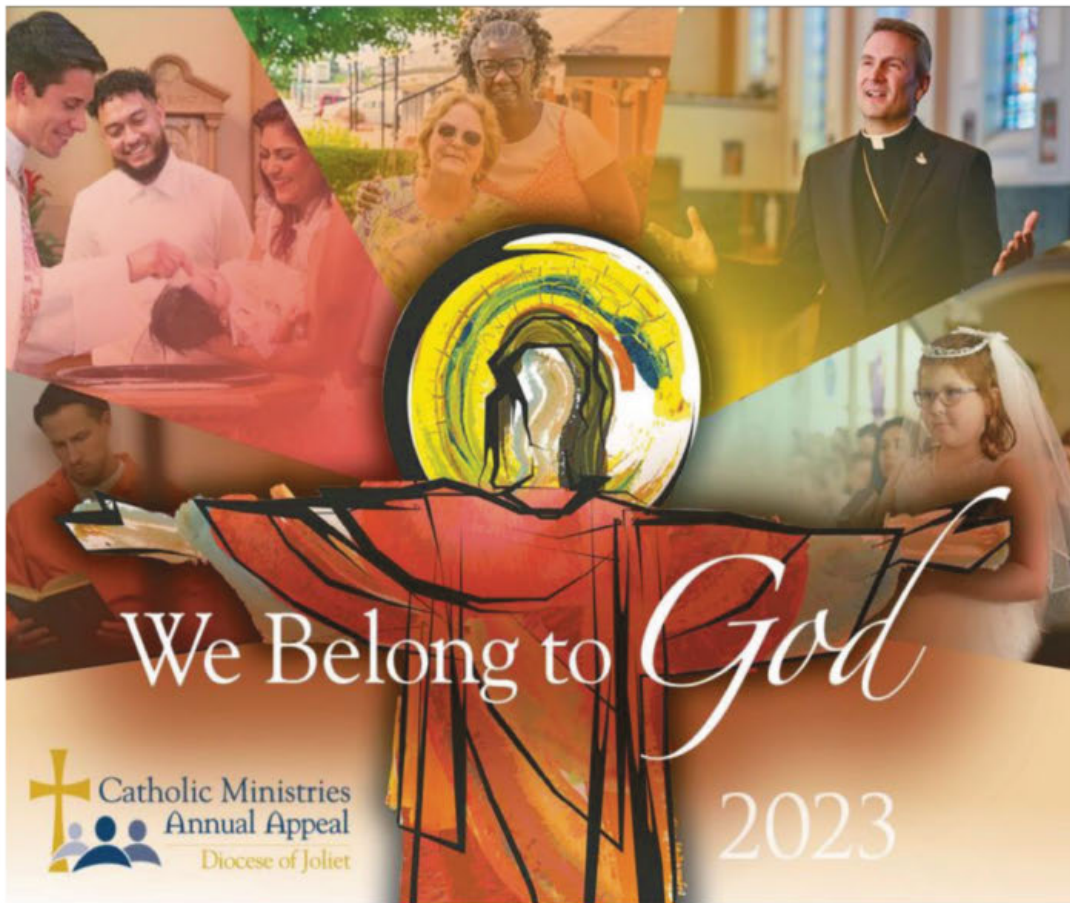
Online Giving	\$26,094.65
Envelopes	<u>\$25,511.25</u>
	\$51,605.90

Budget \$32,500

Easter Collection not included. This collection will be published next week.

Thank you for your generosity.





## CMAA Pledge Report

Thank you to all who have given to the appeal over the last 2 months. Many of you responded to the Bishop's mailing or to the in-pew process. We can assure you that the funds you gave are deeply appreciated by the people served by the diocesan ministries.

We are continuing to receive donations intermittently for the CMAA. If you have made a pledge, we strongly encourage you to make your monthly payments. It is very important these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal.

PARISH GOAL:	\$160,700.00	AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$169,062.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$118,771.00	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$50,292.00



## Luis Fregoso Ron

### Diaconal Ordination

Please join me. All are invited!  
Acompáñame en la ordenación,  
todos están invitados!

Sábado/Saturday, Abril/April 29, 2023

**11:00 am**

Cathedral of St Raymond Nonnatus  
Joliet



"I have given you a model to follow, so that  
as I have done for you, you should also do"

John 13:15

"Yo les he dado ejemplo, y ustedes deben  
hacer como he hecho yo"

Juan 13:15

With thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese  
of Joliet joyfully invites you to the Diaconal  
Ordination of

**Luis Alberto Fregoso Ron**

through the imposition of hands and the  
invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of  
Joliet-in-Illinois

Saturday, April 29, 2023

11:00 a.m

At the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

604 N. Raynor Avenue  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Con Acción de Gracias a Dios Todopoderoso, la  
Diócesis de Joliet los invita con alegría a la  
Ordenación Diaconal de

**Luis Alberto Fregoso Ron**

a través de la imposición de manos y la  
invocación del Espíritu Santo por Su Excelencia,  
el Reverendísimo Ronald A. Hicks, Obispo de  
Joliet-in-Illinois

Sábado, 29 de abril del 2023

11 a.m

En la Catedral de St. Raymond Nonnatus

604 N. Raynor Avenue  
Joliet, Illinois 60435



# BELONG:

## *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](http://www.stmarymokena.org/belong)**

Please register by May 27.

Questions? Contact [dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org) or [ndyoungadultgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ndyoungadultgroup@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](mailto:sistersinchrist@stmarymokena.org).



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](mailto:DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org)

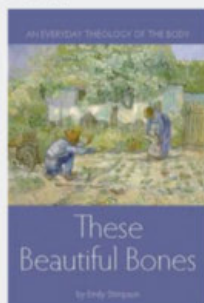
## Women's Book Club

### 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.

**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](mailto:marcymarie24@gmail.com)



## ULTIMATE NIGHT

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](mailto: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 4/24!**

To register contact Tom Blue at  
[tblue@stmarymokena.org](mailto: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**







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Grades 7-8: 6:30pm-9:00pm

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Mokena, IL

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**April 23, 2023**

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey towards heaven.



Catholic Stewardship Consultants: [www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A HOMEBOUND HELPER?

**Are you available to pick up groceries or prescriptions?**

**Are you available to give rides to the doctor (mostly to local offices) or to church?**

**Do you have time to visit someone who is isolated?**

**Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312 if you would like to volunteer.**







Join us for to pray the Holy Rosary in church Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The first Monday of each month is dedicated to the protection of the unborn.



## *Into Life with Our Blessed Mother*

UNDERSTANDING THE FEARS AND HEART OF A PREGNANT MOTHER

*A special event with the Sisters of Life*

**Wednesday, May 10**

**5:30-8:30pm**

**Dinner and presentations**



Sister Faith  
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## The Council of Catholic Women

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There will be a General Meeting on Thursday, **April 20th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room.

Wednesday, **April 26th** 7:30 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.

**MEMBERS ONLY EVENT!**



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

## STYROFOAM SUNDAY

**April 30th**

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The next Officer Meeting will be in the Church Hall **Tuesday, April 25th** Fatima Room 7:00 p.m.

The next Council Meeting will be **Tuesday, May 9th** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room at 7:00 p.m. Food and social hour will precede at 6:00 p.m. if you want to come early.

## The Young at Heart Senior Club



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

Contact Emily (708) 479-2093 or Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018 for information.

## The Widow and Widowers Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Contact Marcia Frank for information about joining this group (708) 227-8290.



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**Our next meeting will be Monday, May 1st in the Church Hall**

**Fatima Room 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.**

Visit the St. Mary website for more information.



## Kids Corner

### Prayer

Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

### Mission for the Week

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

### Sharing the Gospel

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus' friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

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Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus  
talking  
Cleopas

Christ  
Moses  
Prophets

village  
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Simon

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