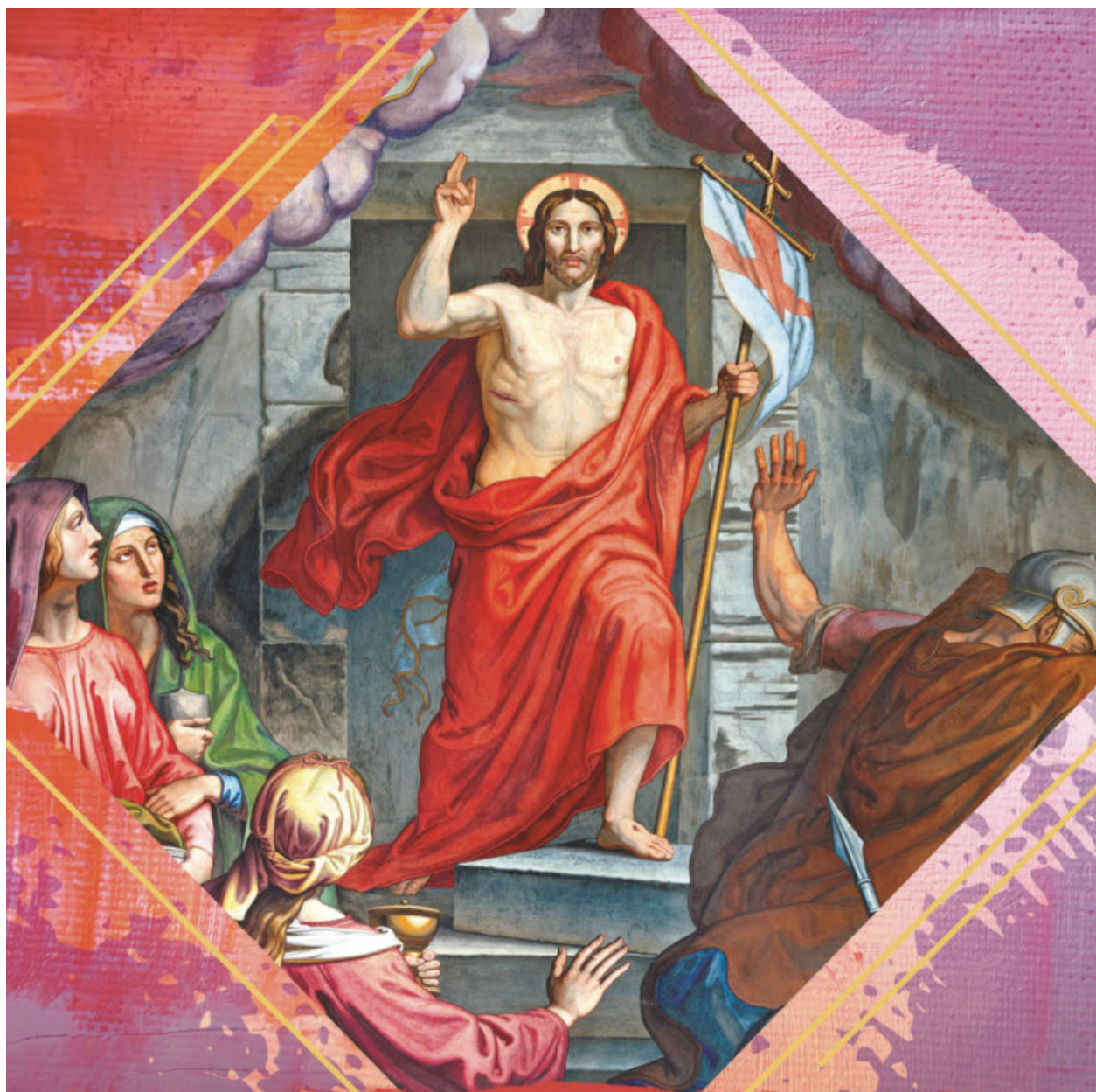


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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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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Deacon John Rex
Deacon Kevin Plankinton
Deacon Dave Stanton

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School Assistant Principal, Michelle Huizinga

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.

ANointing OF THE SICK - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

WITH GENEROSITY & JOY

Question: Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?



Answer: Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

April 15 - April 16: Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pamela DeGregorio	Kathy Mihalek Alice Wierzbinski	Richard Hamilton Chris McGeever	Roberta Dreifke	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Karen Gordon Ted Kopczynski Lora Oldham Karen Sayon	Susan Rizzo Nancy Santry Stefanie Walthier Christine Weeks	Joe Austin Frank Grobmeier Joe Hartl Pamela Sanders	Mike Crowley Joanne Eckel Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Patti Pertchi	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Kathleen Rowe
Altar Server	Delaney Stanek Liam Stanek McKenna Stanek NOT FILLED	Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin Emma Gerhardstein Reilly Gerhardstein	McKenna Mason Aiden Raimondi Lucas Valente Erin Ventura	Stefanie Banner Josh Barger Hayden Griebel Emmy Skotnicki	Amelia Pluchar Charlie Pluchar Ruth Pluchar Therese Pluchar
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	Linda Drake Mike Rolinitis Melissa Rolinitis NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Denise Mueller	NOT FILLED	Carolyn Farhat	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.

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 10

Parish Office Closed

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
- 4:30 p.m. Teen Sacrament Prep (Lourdes)
- 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, April 11

- 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 (K-6th) Classrooms
- 6:30 p.m. RE Classes (7th-8th) Classrooms
- 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Support (Bishop Room)
- 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, April 12

- 5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)
- 2:00 p.m. Widow and Widowers Club (Fatima)
- 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)
- 4:30 p.m. RE Classes (1st-6th) 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. Women's Book Club (Lourdes)

Thursday, April 13

- 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) Classrooms
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

Friday, April 14

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Meeting/Onesie Project Day (Guadalupe)

Saturday, April 15

K of C Divine Mercy Sign Sale

- 7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry
- 8:30 a.m. RE First Communion Pictures (Lourdes)
- 11:30a.m. Private Baptism (Church)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 16

Divine Mercy Sunday

K of C Divine Mercy Sign Sale

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Leadership Event (School Gym/Hall)
- 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. Baptisms (Church)
- 1:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service (Church)
- 2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Confessions and Adoration
- 3:00 p.m. Chaplet, Litany and Divine Mercy Stations
- 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.



Jesus I Trust In You

Fr. Dindo Billote and Fr. Mario Quejadas

invite you to join them on a 5-day
pilgrimage to Mexico City and the Shrine
of Our Lady of Guadalupe
— May 8-12, 2023 —

Early registration price: \$1,979 + \$1899 per person if paid
by 1/28/23

Brochure with details can be found in the parish office or the narthex
of the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Stella Polcyn, Marietta O'Heir

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

Please Pray for the Newly Baptized



**Tess Elizabeth McGraw, Leelah Jane Judd,
John Patrick James Kimball**

May God Bless the Little Ones



Monday, April 10

8:00am: Jay Bekker

Tuesday, April 11

8:00am: Gene Bondi, Peter Prancus, Dolores Harzich, Eric, Kathy and Rowland Boucher, Kenny Sterling

Wednesday, April 12

8:00am: Mike and Karen Dilger

Thursday, April 13

8:00am: Vincenzo and Maria Fuscalo

Friday, April 14

8:00am: Dorothy Hart

Saturday, April 15

8:00am: Cody Leonhardt

5:00pm: Helene Lattyak, Anthony and Margaret Panella, Aleta Nawret, Gerald White, Jane Narcissi, The Parishioners at St. Mary

Sunday, April 16

8:00am: Anthony Norkus Jr.

9:30am: Timothy O'Connell

11:00am: Paul Bonomo

12:30pm: Jane Narcissi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

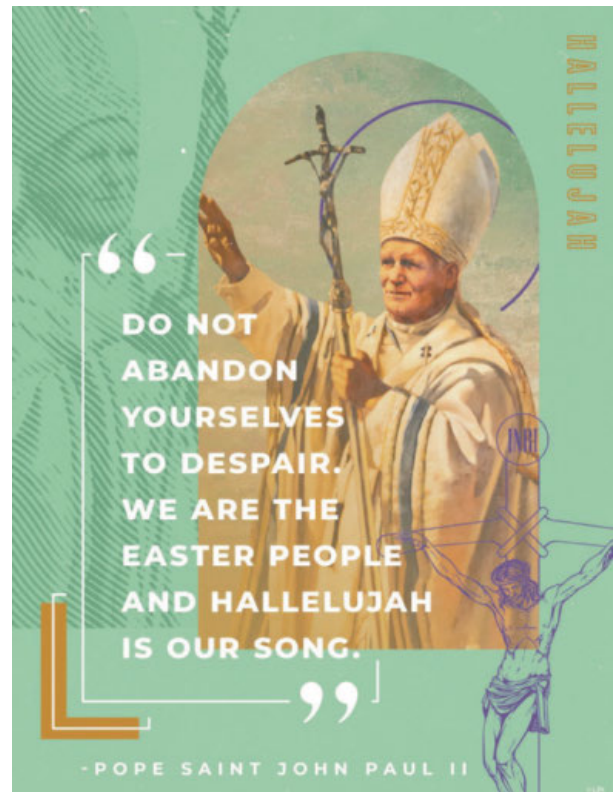
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-1



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, 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, 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 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, 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 April meeting



**The
Resurrection**

"Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not
all fall asleep, but we will all be changed."
1 Corinthians 15:51

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
8am Mass - 10:30am
St. Mary, Mokena
Church Hall
Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
SMPmensministry@gmail.com



**FIT
SHEPHERDS**

CALLING ALL MEN!!!!

Get stronger, grow in holiness, become a Fit Shepherd.

Join your fellow brothers Wednesdays at 5:00 AM and
Saturdays at 7:00 AM in the St. Mary parking lot for an
outdoor workout and brief reflection. All fitness levels
are welcome; modifications are provided.

Any questions, please contact Patrick Fulton
(pmfulton@hotmail.com)



During these times we have to stay strong and continue to support each other as much as possible. Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our parish.

We depend on your support to continue the operations of St. Mary as well as those of its many ministries. We ask that you consider supporting the parish through Online Giving.

For those not currently contributing online and would like to learn how to, please consider signing up at

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarymokena/funds>.

By doing this, you are saving and supporting the great work we have done and will continue to do in our future.

For those of us that do not want to give online, you can still contribute by mailing your donations to:

19515 S. 115th Avenue
Mokena, IL 60448

The Offertory for Sunday,
March 26th was

Online Giving	\$12,359.90
Envelopes	<u>\$17,916.26</u>
	\$30,276.16

Budget \$32,500

Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 16

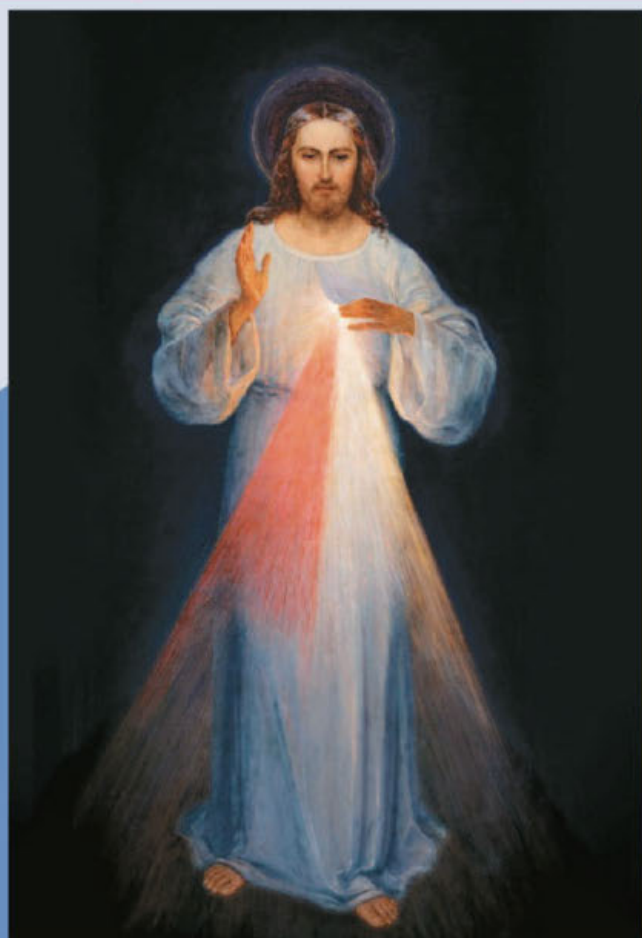
1:45 PM - 3:30 PM

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)

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 Marianists 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" (1 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.

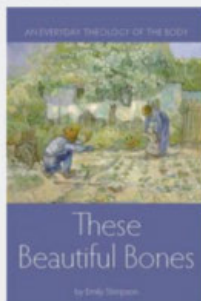
Women's Book Club

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.

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



Please read Chapter 4 through Chapter 6 for April 12 gathering.

Contact Marcy with any questions,
marcymarie24@gmail.com

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

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

Limited Capacity! Register today at
www.stmarymokena.org/belong

Please register by May 27.

Questions? Contact dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Have you been baptized, but
haven't received your
First Holy Communion
or Confirmation?

Do you want to learn more about
what Catholics believe and
grow in your prayer life?

People of all ages are invited to
learn more about becoming
Catholic or receiving the rest of
your sacraments!

Contact John to learn more!

jcompton@stmarymokena.org





Happy and Blessed Easter to All!

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." ~ St. Pope John Paul II



**2023 Steubenville Youth Conference
June 23-25**

**Registration
Deadline is
April 15!**

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

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MT 11:28

**To register contact Tom Blue at
tblue@stmarymokena.org**

Leadership Event

St. Mary Youth Ministry



Joshua

True Servant Leader

Sunday, April 16

8 am-12 pm

- **Mass**
- **Breakfast**
- **Leadership**
- **Team Building**

"The true price of leadership is the willingness to place the needs of others above your own."

To RSVP email Tom Blue
tblue@stmarymokena.org



Religious
Education

**MOUNT CARMEL
SUMMER CAMP!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Save the date for some faith-filled fun!

July 17-21

Grades 1-6: 9am- 2pm

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

St. Mary's Parish

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1ST

AT THE PARISH WEBSITE

RE@stmarymokena.org

This camp replaces Totus Tuus

**Open to the
whole Parish
community**

St. Mary School Gala 2023

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21
7 PM AT CD&ME**

The Gala is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together to raise money for St. Mary School! This year we are focusing on improving areas that directly impact the safety within the walls of St. Mary's. We hope you will help us reach our goal so we can install a new PA system for mass communication throughout the school building, invest in proximity readers for all doors, and provide security and training updates for active threats to our students and faculty members. See below or visit our website for opportunities to help fund this important need!

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS

This is your chance to win \$1,000 while supporting SMS! Grand Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased on the Gala website. Winner will be announced at the Gala but need not be present to win. Invite family and friends to support our students through purchasing a raffle ticket!

Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets!

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April 9, 2023 — The Resurrection of the Lord

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

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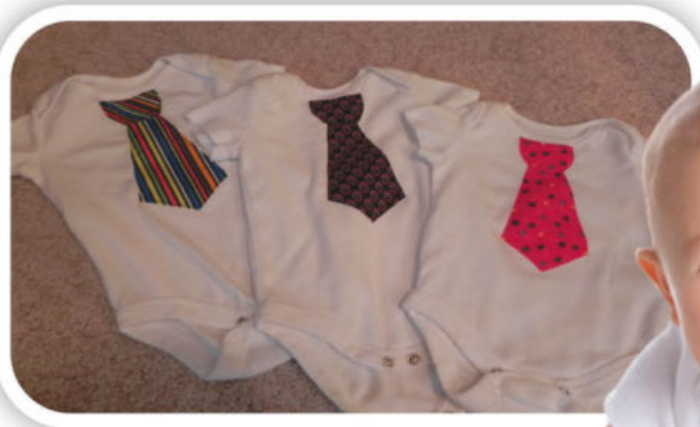
Do you have time to visit someone who is isolated?

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



**Join the Prolife Group on Friday, April 14
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The Council of Catholic Women

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

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

The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Council Meeting will be **Tuesday, April 11th** 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, April 25th** Fatima Room 7:00 p.m.

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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



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