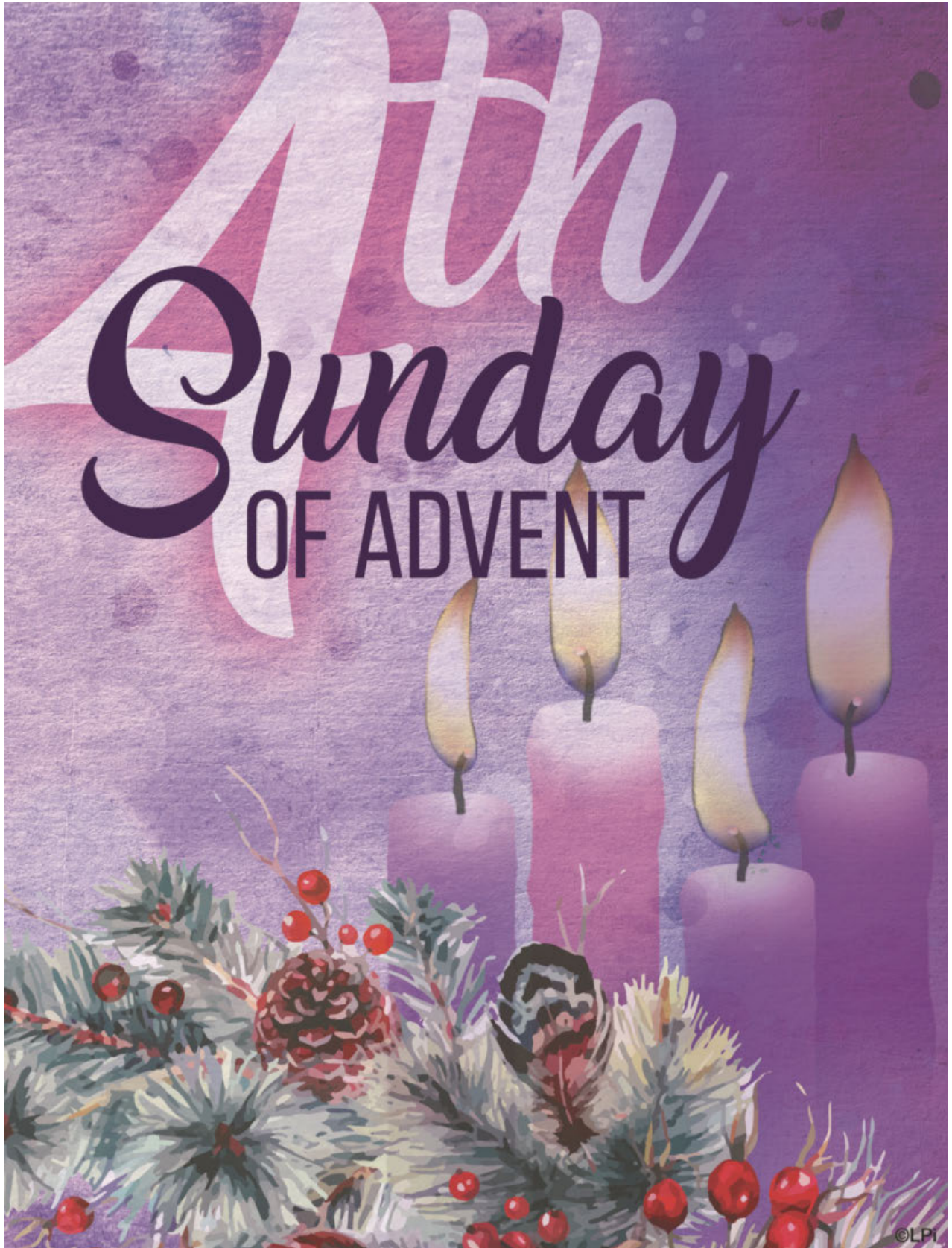


# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.**

**WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.**

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Dindo Billote

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sam Conforti

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez Salas

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School Secretary, Charlotte Catchings

School Principal, Michele Alday-Engelman

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

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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.

# A Note From Our Pastor



Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?



Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death. The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

## December 30 - December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	Saturday, 5:00 PM)	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Mahns	Antoinette Bria Kathy Mihalek	Karen Dilger Stan Nowak	Jim Contorno	James Nowak
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Bob Gombas Karen Gordon Lora Oldham Andrea Taylor	Joan Aust Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Stefanie Walthier	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Joanette Kulesa Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Remo Lucci Bob Meyers <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Robert Koch James Nowak Kathleen Rowe
<b>Altar Server</b>	Andrew Jansky Graeme Lopez Ava Zahara Grace Zahara	Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin David Heitman Daniela Lacny	Henry Valente Lucas Valente Erin Ventura Katelyn Walker	Josh Barger Emmy Skotnicki Nathan Skotnicki <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Finn McInerney <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Usher</b>	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 Melissa Rolinitis Mike Rolinitis <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Roy Mueller	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>Live Stream</b>			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.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Monday, December 25

12:00a.m. Mass (Church)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)  
12:30p.m. Mass (Church)

### Tuesday, December 26

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

### Wednesday, December 27

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

### Thursday, December 28

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

### Friday, December 29

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

### Saturday, December 30

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)  
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

### Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)  
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)  
12:00p.m. Regina Caeli Choir Practice  
3:30p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Church)

## 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

## Christmas Miracle

LEGNICA, POLAND, 2013



In St. Hyacinth's Church, during Christmas Mass on December 25, 2013, a Sacred Host accidentally fell on the ground during the distribution of Holy Communion. It was immediately placed in a container with water and closed in the tabernacle. A few days later, a red spot appeared on its surface. The Bishop of Legnica decided to establish a commission for the scientific analysis. The results confirmed that it had similarities to "human heart muscle with alterations that often appear during agony."



When we receive Holy Communion, we receive the Body of Jesus Incarnate, the same Jesus Who was born as a little baby, died on the cross and rose from the dead for our sake. This Christmas, let us ask for the grace to love Him and treasure Him more in the Eucharist.

"Come, Let us Adore Him"

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 25**

8:00am: No Intentions

### **Tuesday, December 26**

8:00am: Bill Delladio, Charles Keenan,  
Baby Judah Winkler

### **Wednesday, December 27**

8:00: James and Lila White

### **Thursday, December 28**

8:00am: Scott Reiter

### **Friday, December 29**

8:00am: Kevin Mitros

### **Saturday, December 30**

8:00am: Anthony Bria

5:00pm: Peter Prancus, George Rohrer,  
Bob and Dolores Klimkowski, Nader  
Judeh

### **Sunday, December 31**

8:00am: Bernice and Frank Gorz

9:30am: Gus Lattyak

11:00am: Jane Narcissi

6:00pm: Rita DiFiore



#### **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 Drobnick, 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, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Diane Klootwyk, Richard Kolovitz, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Carlotta Lawton, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Walter Lumpkin Jr., Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, John McGeehan, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Ginny Meyer, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastak, Matthew Orr, Bob Podlasek, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Norbert Przybylski, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Al Sparks, John Stupinski, 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!**



# Join us for CHRISTMAS MASS

at St. Mary Mokena



**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 24**

**4:00 p.m. (Church)**

**4:15 p.m. (Hall)**

**6:00 p.m. (Church)**



**MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 25**

*(all in Church)*

**12:00 a.m. (Midnight)**

**8:00 a.m.**

**9:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

*"Let the children come to me,  
and do not prevent them;  
for the kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these." -Jesus*

## **To St. Mary Parishioners:**

We are so grateful for how welcoming you are to our families with young children.

Please don't underestimate the power of a simple affirmation, smile, or word of encouragement to those around you after mass.

## **To the Parents of our Young Parishioners:**

Thank you for bringing your growing family to celebrate with us! Know that you are welcome to sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear and we encourage you to quietly explain the parts of the Holy Mass to your child. If you feel you must go to the narthex with your child, *please come back!*



**CHRISTMAS  
MUSIC**

*CHRISTMAS CAROLS WILL BE  
SUNG BY OUR CHOIR BEFORE  
ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES*

**DECEMBER 24TH, 4:00PM MASS,  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT 3:30PM.**

**DECEMBER 24TH, 6:00PM MASS,  
MUSICAL PRELUDES AT 5:45PM.**

**DECEMBER 25TH, MIDNIGHT MASS,  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH THE CHOIR  
AT 11:30PM.**

**DECEMBER 25TH, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM,  
12:30PM, MUSICAL PRELUDE 15  
MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS.**



*All men are invited to join  
us for our next meeting*  
**JANUARY 27, 2023**

**THE BEAUTY &  
HISTORY OF OUR  
CATHOLIC MASS**

Discussion led by  
Bob Cornejo and Nick DiGiovanni



**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)



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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, December 10th was**

Online Giving	\$23,202.75
Envelopes	\$22,769.30
	<b>\$45,972.05</b>

**Budget \$32,500**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**



*Courage to Trust  
Strength to Love*

*Wishing you a Blessed  
& Merry Christmas*

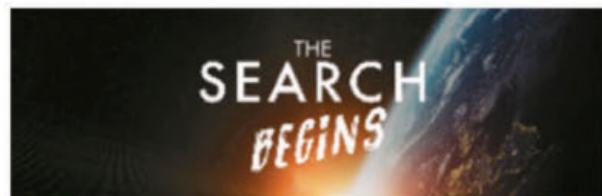
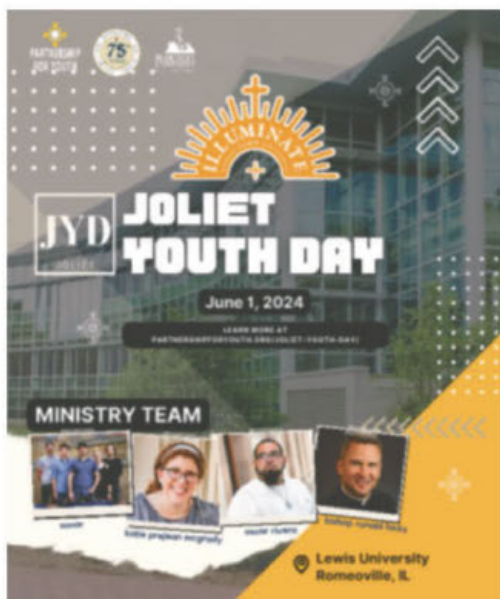


## **CHRISTMAS BREAK OPEN GYM**

Wednesday, 12/27  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
Thursday, 12/28  
10:30am - 12:30pm



**COMING SOON!**



**SEEK, AND YOU WILL FIND.**

[MATTHEW 7:7]

For information contact Tom Blue [tblue@stmarymokena.org](mailto:tblue@stmarymokena.org)

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

St. Mary's Adult Faith Formation wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

May the New Born King fill you with His Peace and Joy this Holiday Season!

To learn more about Adult Faith Formation at the Parish, please contact Megan:  
MMurray@stmarymokena.org



Friday, January 5

7:00 PM

ST. MARY, MOKENA

Everyone ages 18-40 is invited to celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas with us!  
Pizza and drinks provided.

WHITE ELEPHANT: Bring any wrapped gift to play! Feel free to bring something you received you'd like to pass on.

Hosted by L'Alto Young Adult Network

*This Christmas season we invite you to make plans for prayer.*



*Eucharistic Adoration*  
at Old St. Mary Church

All parishioners are invited to spend time in adoration, any hour of the day!

Regular adorers who have the same holy hour each week are still needed:

Visit [www.stmarymokena.org/adore](http://www.stmarymokena.org/adore) to sign up!

To receive the code to enter the Church, please visit or call the parish office: (708) 326-9300



**January 20th, 2024 | 6:30PM**

**JAMO'S LIVE**

10160 191st St, Mokena

CRAPS ♠ BLACKJACK ♥ ROULETTE

♣ POKER TOURNAMENT ♦

**\$85/person General Admission includes:**

Hor d'oeuvres, open bar, \$200 in casino chips  
with the option to buy more throughout the evening

**\$300/person Poker Tournament includes:**

*(limited number available)*

Reserved seat, bar service at table, hor d'oeuvres,  
open bar, and buy-in to poker tournament

Winner splits the pot (only cash prize of the evening)

**Purchase tickets at [www.stmarymokena.org/casino](http://www.stmarymokena.org/casino)**

Game play is for 3 hours, 7:30-10:30pm.

When games have ended all casino chips will cash out for raffle tickets which will then be used to enter for prize of your choice. The Poker Tournament is a cash prize and the winner will split the pot with St. Mary School.

*General Admission tickets purchased prior to December 23rd  
will receive an extra \$50 in casino chips at the event.*



### **ALL IN (\$2,500+):**

- Promotion at event as Drinks Sponsor
- Business Logo/Family Name at Bar
- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- 6 Complimentary General Admission Tickets to Event
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

### **HIGH ROLLER (\$1,000+):**

- Promotion at event
- Business Logo/Family Name at Roulette Table
- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- 4 Complimentary General Admission Tickets to Event
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

### **DOUBLE DOWN (\$500+):**

- Promotion at event
- Business Logo/Family Name at Craps Table
- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- 2 Complimentary General Admission Tickets to Event
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

### **ANTE UP (\$250+):**

- Featured in Social Media Marketing
- Acknowledgement in Church Bulletin

### **In-Kind Donations:**

We gratefully welcome in-kind donations which will be acknowledged at the level of sponsorship equivalent to the value of the items donated, with the exception of event tickets.

**Proceeds to benefit children's playground and academic enhancements at SMS!**

**Donate at [www.stmarymokena.org/sponsor](http://www.stmarymokena.org/sponsor)**

St. Mary School is a 501C3 Organization and Donations will be Tax Deductible

***Deadline to donate is January 10, 2024***

Please contact Erica with any questions,  
[aemiklaszewski@gmail.com](mailto:aemiklaszewski@gmail.com) or (708) 491-6734.





# ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## *Open House Dates*

**January 18, 2024 from 5:30 - 8:00**  
**Exclusive Private Evening Tours**

This will be an exclusive opportunity for prospective families to go on private tours led by SMS teachers, administration, and staff, providing an inside look at the vibrant academic and community life at St. Mary. After exploring our campus, take the opportunity to enjoy refreshments, relax, and connect with other SMS parents. Pre-registration is required.



SCAN   
ME

**January 28, 2024 from 10:30 - 2:30**  
**Open House & Tours**

This will be an exceptional opportunity for prospective families to immerse themselves in our vibrant St. Mary community. You'll have the chance to meet our administration, take tours guided by SMS teachers, staff, students, and even meet some of our accomplished alumni. This is your chance to experience why SMS is the place to be for the 2024-25 school year. Pre-registration is not required, just join us!



From St. Mary's Religious Ed Office  
to our wonderful Parish families

# JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME

We pray that God blesses  
your domestic church with  
a home full of love and laughter,  
and hearts full of joy and peace!

Christmas Break  
December 24 - Jan. 5  
Classes resume Sun, Jan. 7

Dec. 24 - Jan. 2 RE Office Closed  
Jan. 3-5 RE Office will have limited hours



"FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN  
BORN FOR YOU WHO IS CHRIST AND LORD." — LK 2:11

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Religious Education

Thank You!



## Pjs & A book Drive



- RE families donated bins full of new PJs and books to "My Joyful Heart" in Mokena for local kids to snuggle up with a book this winter

QUESTIONS?:

708-326-9352

re@stmarymokena.org

There is just one day left until the celebration of Christmas begins.

Let's live this last day of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

**This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything.**

**He will give us all the help and strength we need.**

***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

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### Did you know?

St. Mary has a Poor Box located in the narthex on the East wall near the prayer book?

The money collected goes into a fund we use to help families in our parish who are in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### Are you interested in cooking for Daybreak?

St. Mary's is looking for an additional Head Cook. We gather in the Church Hall Kitchen the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (except December) at 2:00 p.m. and prepare a meal for the homeless. The Head Cook does the shopping in advance. Food is stored in our kitchen and prepared with the help of a few other volunteers. The meal is delivered to Daybreak by 6:00 p.m. and set up by the Head Cook. Additional St. Mary volunteers will be on site to handle the serving.

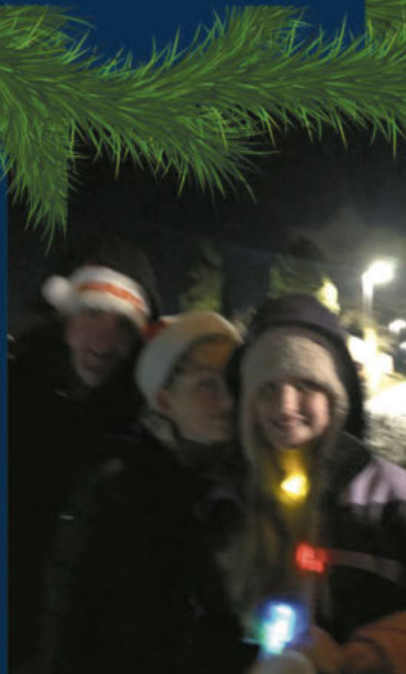
Daybreak is located at 611 E. Cass St., Joliet.

If you are interested in this role, contact Donna Hungerford for information, (708) 326-9312 or [dhungerford@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dhungerford@stmarymokena.org)



## Christmas Carols & The Holy Rosary

The St. Mary Pro Life Committee along with Men's Rosary Group attended this event in front of Flossmoor Planned Parenthood on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! What a powerful evening.





ST. MARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY  
2023



CONTACT SUE RIZZO FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

815-953-7228



## The Council of Catholic Women

**Merry Christmas from the  
ladies of the  
St. Mary CCW!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



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

There will be a General Meeting Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Join us for our next  
**Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, January 21  
after all morning Masses in the  
Church Hall.



The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lourdes Room, Church Hall.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing?
- Would you like to learn how?
- Would you like to be a part of a Ministry helping those stricken with cancer, chronic conditions, or other situations by providing them with a prayer shawl?

**We invite you to join our group!**  
Our next meeting will be Monday,  
February 4 in the Church Hall  
Fatima Room 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.  
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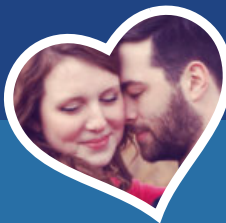


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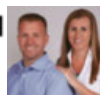
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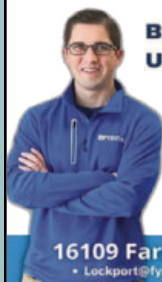
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