

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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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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: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer: The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):



The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, no. 7). ©LPI

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

May 13 - May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pam DeGregorio	Mary Fran Consola Alice Wierzbinski	Richard Hamilton Chris McGeever	Jim Contorno	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas John Mitoraj Lora Oldham	Joan Aust Joseph Budzyn Kathleen Orr Marivn Orr	Joe Hartl Kathleen Melei James Naumczik Joshua Sifuentes	Mike Crowley Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Patti Pertchi	Robert Koch Kathleen Rowe Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Charlotte Barron Cailyn Carlson Molly Cotton NOT FILLED	Danielle Cullen Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin NOT FILLED	McKenna Mason Andrew Pilon Noah Pilon Megan Wajda	Stefanie Banner Josh Barger Hayden Griebel Annabelle Makiejus	Ellie Hartwell Ryleigh Hartwell McQuillan 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	Linda Drake Mike Rolinitis Melissa Rolinitis NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Denise Mueller	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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 8

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)
 6:00 p.m. The Search Ministry Meeting (Fatima)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, May 9

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)
 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Support (Bishop Room)
 7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, May 10

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. School Mass-My Crowning (Church)
 9:00 a.m. CCW Meeting (Fatima)
 9:00 a.m. Pro Life Committee Meeting (Lourdes)
 2:00 p.m. Widow and Widowers Club (Fatima)
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, May 11

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

Friday, May 12

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 8:30 a.m. 7th Grade Etiquette Training (Guadalupe)

Saturday, May 13

(CCW Mother's Day Carnations)

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Canceled Confessions)
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Ultimate Night

Sunday, May 14

(CCW Mother's Day Carnations)

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

Join our Easter Challenge on **FORMED®**

Watch an Easter season program
for a chance to win a \$25 gift card!



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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 8

8:00am: Anna Mae O'Rourke

Tuesday, May 9

8:00am: Charlie Keenan, Helen and Walter Mehoczky, Shirley Delladio, Gene Bondi, The Ernest Family, Larry Bahnman Jr., The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, May 10

7:30am: Marianne Pertchi

8:30am: Lana Sutton

Thursday, May 11

8:00am: Ethan Knox

Friday, May 12

8:00am: Eric, Kathy and Rowland Boucher

Saturday, May 13

8:00am: The Spinelli Family

5:00pm: Ann Beranek, Peter Prankus, Mary McGrath, Phyllis Kazmierczak, Sharon DiGiovanni, Donna and Edward Gutraj, Pat Budzyn, Marcia Webber

Sunday, May 14

8:00am: For All Mothers

9:30am: For All Mothers

11:00am: For All Mothers

6:00pm: For All Mothers



Saint of the Week

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Pinto Family,
The Sabatino Family,
The Lendi Family



PRAY FOR THE SICK

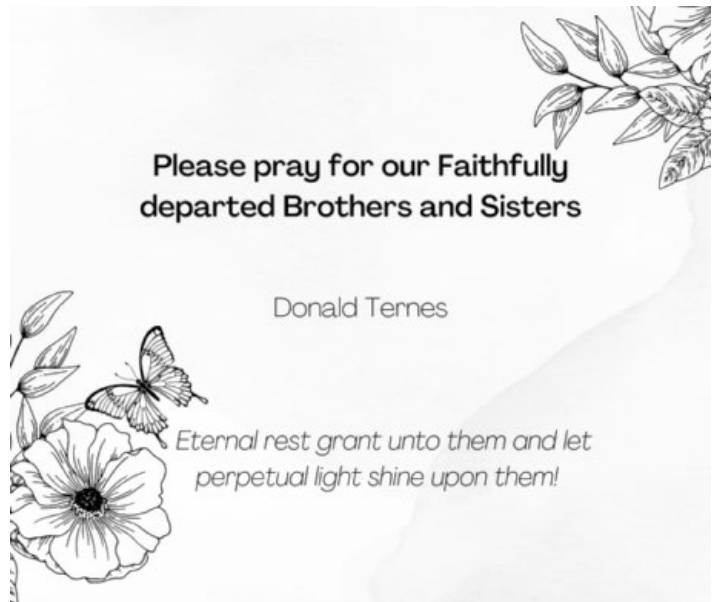
Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Ann Beranek, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Jerry Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Janet Dobrick, Joanne Eaton, Susan Ewert, Vincent 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 Nariel, 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 Yeager

May God grant them healing!

Please pray for our Faithfully departed Brothers and Sisters

Donald Ternes

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





Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to our May meeting
to discuss the following scenes from

The CHOSEN

*Samaritan Woman
Wedding Cana
Nicodemus
Walking on Water*



SATURDAY, MAY 20

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, April 30th was

Online Giving	\$15,002.90
Envelopes	<u>\$18,049.51</u>
	\$33,052.41

Budget \$32,500

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

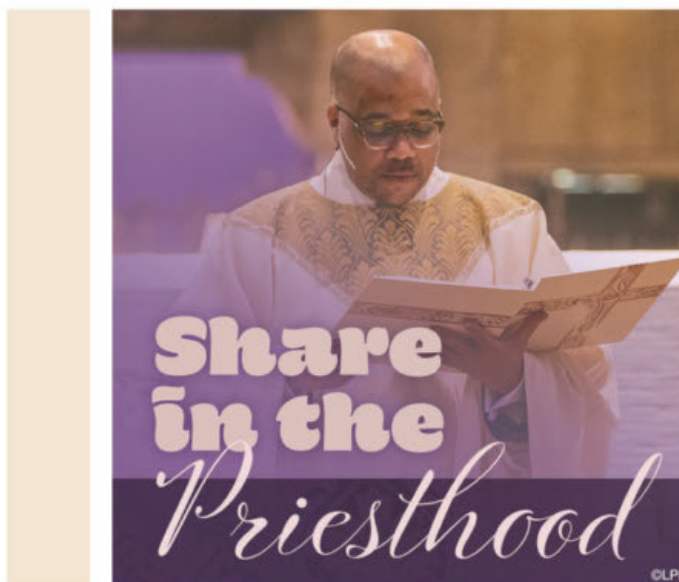
Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, “**You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...**” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir

All are welcome!

**Ordination of Alex Lorang
Saturday May 20, 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet**

**St. Mary's is honored to have
Alex Lorang here to celebrate his
first Mass on May 21 at 11:00 am.**

Please join us!

**A celebration reception will be
held in the church hall
immediately following the Mass.**



Saint Mary Parish Mokena

Presents

Blessing of the Bikes

Saturday May 20, 2023 12:30 p.m.

In the parking lot across from the school





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 to ensure we have enough for a game!



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

Women's Book Club

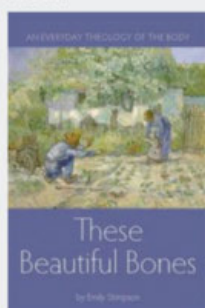
These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body

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

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





"For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy." St. Therese of Lisieux

Next Meeting Sunday, May 7 7:00pm Church Hall

*"Honor
Your
Mother"*

Preparing for Mother's Day

**Followed by game night &
pizza. Join us for fun,
fellowship & food**

MAY 21 IS DONUT SUNDAY!

**Join us in the church hall for
donuts, coffee & fellowship...or
grab some "to go"!**



FAMILY NIGHT

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR
GRADUATING SENIORS**



**SUNDAY, MAY 21
6PM MASS FOLLOWED
BY OUTDOOR PARTY**



Religious
Education

MOUNT CARMEL SUMMER CAMP!

JULY 17-21

Join us for faith-filled fun, activities, and
games

Grades 1-6: 9am- 2pm

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

St. Mary's Parish
Mokena, IL

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
PLEASE REGISTER ON THE PARISH
WEBSITE:

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Open to the
whole Parish
community

This camp replaces Totus Tuus

*Congratulations to the following girls and boys who celebrated their First Communion at St.
Mary Parish on May 6, 2023*

**Cole Accettura
Wyatt Accettura
Brady Allen
Mark Anderson
Daniel Badrov
Zachary Bal-Denton
Sofia Battain
Sophie Bellettiere
Lyla Blaze
Giuliana Briden
Morgan Brooks
Kaylee Bruni
Joshua Butcher
Eoin Byrne
Emma Carter
Audriana Chomiak
Charles Clegg
Adelynn Cook
Brynn Cook
Gianna Cortese
William Cortese
Jack Cozzi
Dominic Cullen
Maggie Curtin
Michael Czyz
Scarlett Dalzell
Ella Dempsey
Ella Dizon
Amelia Dodge
Luke Doss
Jacob Dunn
Allison Eiden
Gretchen Eiden
Luke Esparza
Natalie Esquivel
Samuel Faddah
Sydney Fencil
Adelyn Filippo
Sophia Fiore
Joseph Fitzgibbons
Ronan Flanagan
Reid Flowers
Andrew Fraszczak**

**Olivia Frausto Marshall
Allen Fritz
Francis Fulton
Kirra Ganz
Brayden Gilbert
Brayden Glonek
Liliana Gotkowski
Juliet Gregory
Kennedy Gross
William Guild
Delaney Guzzino
Anastasia Haim
Connor Haim
Michael Heinen
Oswaldo Heinen
Kaylee Hickey
Patrick Higgins
Mila Hinton
Tessa Hodkowski
Jacob Holstein
Gabriella Hoogakker
Eliana Jones
Luke Kenney
Michael Kibbon
Lyla Kimsey
Shea Kimsey
Nolan King
Juniper King
Cole Kirkman
Joseph Klepczarek
Declan Klinger
Brady Kmak
Lucas Knott
Kylie Koszulinski
Gweneviere Kreuger
Theodore Kuboushek
Brooklyn Kudla
Mira Labosh
Laura Lamas
Dennis LaMonte
Evelyn Lapperre
Neveah Lendi
Audrey Levine**

**Claire Levine
Conor Libby
Mikayla Lobo
Bryson Losso
Henry Love
Neve Lubovich
Vaughn Lubovich
Adrianna Magana
Lucas Makowski
Anahi Alessandra Martinez
Gracie Mason
Declan Mason
Addison Mateyack
Claire McCarthy
Blair McCleish
Connor McGuan
Dominic Mezydlo
Leah Mikuta
Cruz Muczynski
Daniel Murray
Claudia Navarro
Kyle Neylon
Logan Nickel
Derry O'Brien
Kaylah Ocon
Natalie Ocon
Nora Pammer
Isabella Payne
Leah Pignotti
Estelle Pluchar
Jackson Powell
Gavin Raimondi
Tyler Ramos
Iris Randall
Finley Raught
Jonathan Rettberg
Cash Rimkus
Gavin Robinson
Monserrat Rodriguez
Michael Rogde
Jack Rogers
Jacqueline Royal**

Congratulations to the following girls and boys who celebrated their First Communion at St. Mary Parish on May 6, 2023

**Olivia Ruiz
Daniel Salazar
Payton Santry
Ryan Schreiber
Liliana Scripnic
Carter Seps
Harper Shanklin
Jacoby Sigg
Kai Sink
Josselyn Smith
Leonard Smith
Tyler Smith
Caleb Stanish
Jacob Stecko
Eden Tansey
Christian Taylor
Lucas Tesar**

**Matthew Tesar
Jordan Thompson
Luke Tronnes
Maya Varnado
Charles Wade
Gavin Walker
Hudson Wapiennik
Mason Wassong
Owen Wheeler
Mackenzie Williams
Leon Witkowski
Mya Wolf
Madison Young
Lorenzo Zambrano
Rachel Zmuda
Ryan Zupancich
Kinsley Zur**



Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Separated from you, let me never be.

From the evil one, protect me.

At the hour of my death, call me;

and close to you bid me.

That with your saints and angels,

I may be praising you

forever and ever. Amen.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola





ST. MARY SCHOOL GALA
2023

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**OUR VISION**

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OUR MISSION

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Spring Mission Appeal May 6 & 7



A note from Sr. Lumen L. Gudes, BVMC

We are a diocesan congregation in the diocese of Bacolod Negros Occidental Philippines and I am a Sister of the Blessed Virgin Missionaries of Carmel (BVMC) founded 1971. Our Mission is to take care of the souls of those who are in the home for the aged including retired priests and the very tough mission taking care of the homeless, orphaned, abandoned, neglected and those in extreme poverty.

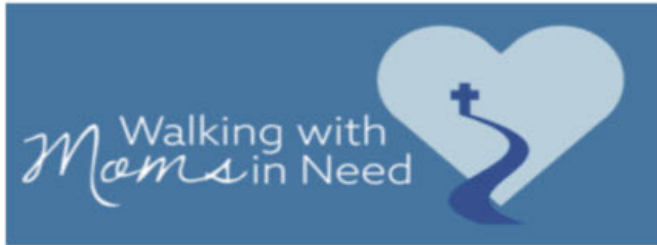
We have two orphanages in the Philippines one in Bacolod and other one in Dipolog city Zamboanga del norte. My cause now is for our orphanage including the food, education and for health fund. After the pandemic, operations were badly affected financially, but God is good all the time so no room to be afraid and operations go smoothly with unquestionable faith. As of this time we have 27 kids in our center in the Bacolod city and 20 in Mindanao Area. The youngest that we have now is two months old and the eldest is already in her 2nd year in college and took up an IT degree in a university.

I am appealing from your parish for the needs of our kids in the Philippines. Thank you for allowing me to give you some information about the orphanage. I am humbled to be invited to your parish and hoping a hundred percent granted for the love of Jesus.

In the service of our Lord,

Sister Lumen L. Gudes, BVMC
The newly elected Superior General of the BVMC Congregation





Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Our parish has joined the nationwide effort entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need."

We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this journey together.

For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Donna Shehane, St. Mary Pro Life Committee Chair sleddotrail@sbcglobal.net or Donna Hungerford, Christian Service Director (708) 326-9312, dhungerford@stmarymokena.org To learn more about the nationwide initiative, visit walking-withmoms.com.

May we understand more deeply the difficulties of mothers in need and respond with increased care and support.



Join the Pro-Life Committee

We peacefully pray for an end to abortion!

Contact Donna Shehane
sleddogtrail@sbcglobal.net or
Donna Hungerford (708)326-9312
for information.

Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the church hall from 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.



Pray the Holy Rosary

Join us at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening in church. The first Wednesday of the month, our Rosary will be dedicated to protect the life of the unborn!

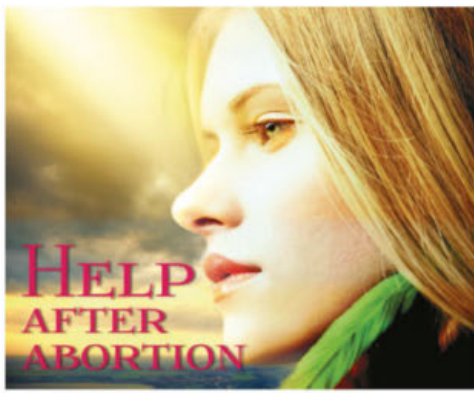
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The Council of Catholic Women

Sunday, May 7
Woman of the Year
Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass
honoring Judy Poces!



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



May 13 & 14
MOTHER'S DAY
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will be distributed.
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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.



The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday,
May 17th 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,**
May 9th in the Church Hall, Guadalupe
Room at 7:00 p.m. Food and social hour
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The next Officer Meeting will be
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our members can handle and the work qualifies. Anyone
wishing to apply should contact Donna Hungerford, Chris-
tian 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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Where: St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois
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