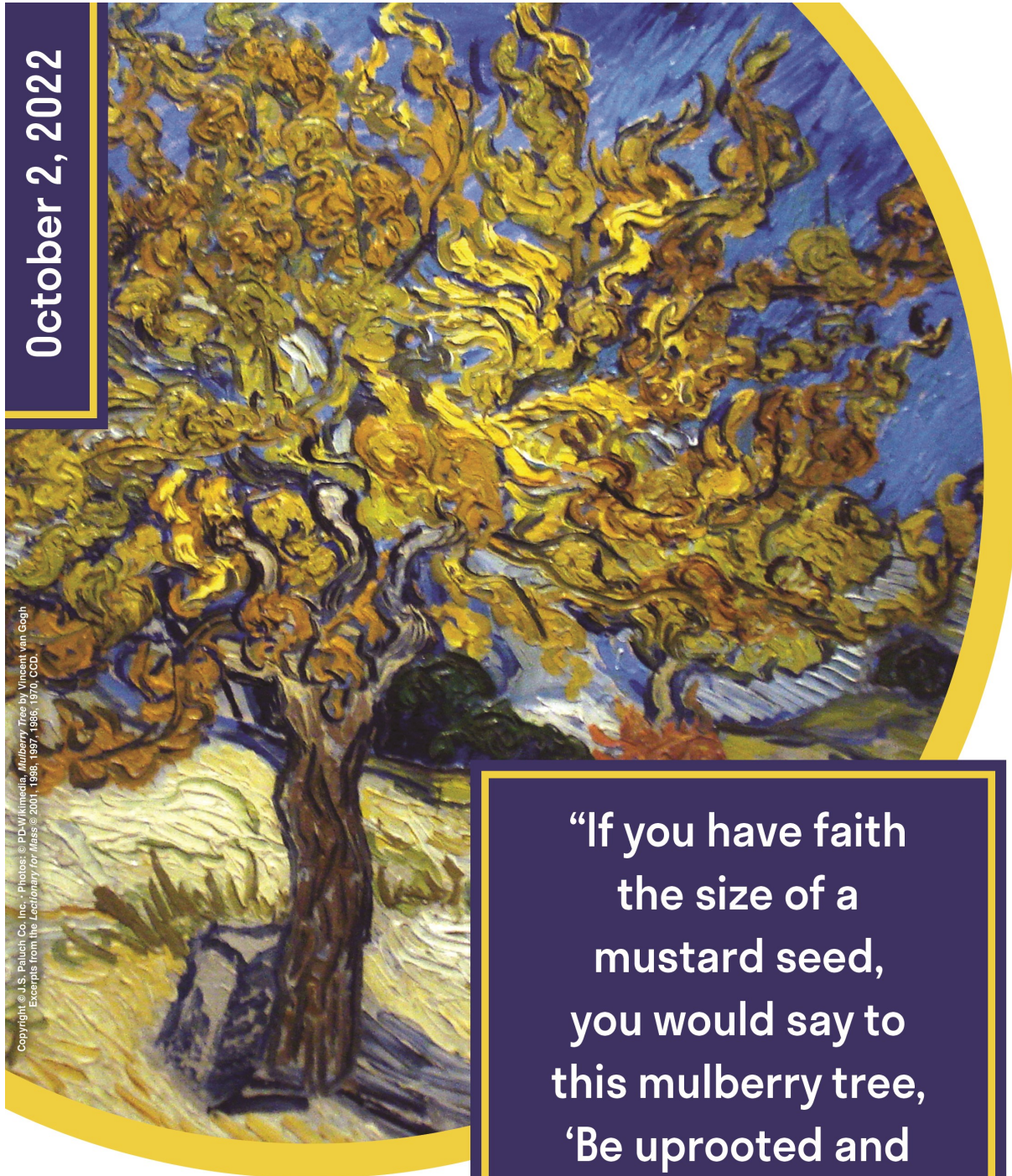


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 2, 2022



TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“If you have faith
the size of a
mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
‘Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,’
and it would obey you.”

Luke 17:6

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: 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.****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.

ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION—

4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

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



THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

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*Peace and all good things,
Father Dindo*

Liturgical Ministers for October 8th and 9th, 2022

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Sue Mahns	Alice Wierzbinski	Susan Rizzo	Roberta Dreifke	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Mary Ann Braasch Bob Gombas Sue Murphy	Joseph Budzyn Pat Budzyn Bob Cornejo Christine Weeks	Roger Brown James Naumczik Susan Rizzo Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Patti Pertchi	Karen Haugh Robert Koch
Altar Server	Robby Dauphinais Delaney Stanek Liam Stanek McKenna Stanek	Alexis Ferin Nicholas Linhart Ivy Mroz (NOT FILLED)	Annie Kibbon David LaMonte Jr. Tyler Masloroff Jack McCarthy	Stefanie Banner Hayden Griebel Annabelle Makiejus Emmy Skotnicki	Ellie Hartwell (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 Diane Mucia Joe Sokachitch	William Farhat David Larson Colin Noone Gladys Weber	Linda Drake Melissa Rolinitis Mike Rolinitis (NOT FILLED)
Greeter	(NOT FILLED)	Roy Mueller	(NOT FILLED)	(NOT FILLED)	(NOT FILLED)

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.

Twenty Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 3

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Offsite)
4:30 p.m. Teen Sacramental Prep (Lourdes)
6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, October 4

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:00 a.m. Deo Gratias Set up (Church Hall)
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)
6:00 p.m. Deo Gratias Mass (Church)
6:30 p.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (Classrooms)
7:00 p.m. Endow Ministry (JP II Room)
7:00 p.m. Deo Gratias Reception (Church Hall)

Wednesday, October 5

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
1:00 p.m. Young at Heart (Guadalupe)
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-6th (Classrooms)
6:30 a.m. RE Classes 7th-8th (Classrooms)
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)
6:30 p.m. Benediction (Old St. Mary's)
6:30 p.m. RCIA (Guadalupe)
6:30 p.m. The Search (Guadalupe)

Thursday, October 6

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Pro Life Meeting (Fatima)
12:00p.m. Fire Prevention for school (Church Hall)
4:30 p.m. RE Classes 1st-8th (Classrooms)

Friday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 8

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
10:00 a.m. Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting (Guadalupe)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, October 9

Donut Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy during Mass (Church Hall)
9:30 a.m. RE Classes K-6th (Classrooms)
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
7:00p.m. Marian Procession (Church and Church Hall)

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

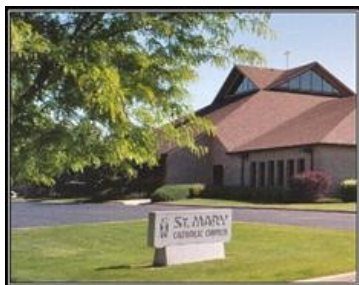
Bring your pets for our annual Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 2 (today)

12:30 p.m. Church lawn.

The feast day of St. Francis is
October 4.





Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to worship, to learn, to pray, to join in social activity, and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith.

To register in our parish family, you may come to the parish office or call the parish office at 708-326-9305 and forms will be sent by mail, or go to our website, click welcome and select new parishioner registration.

GOD BLESS OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

THE CARTER FAMILY,

THE CASLER FAMILY,

THE CARPENTER FAMILY,

THE JACOBI FAMILY,

THE KOWALSKI FAMILY

BRENDA MATULIS



ST. MARY MASSES LIVE-STREAM

Our Faith teaches us that at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Saints, Angels, all of Heaven are mystically present. We too can share in being spiritually present at the Mass and are able to receive graces. Thanks to modern technology, the faithful will be able to join spiritually and visually with the sacred liturgies offered at St. Mary as these will be live-streamed via the Internet. We invite our Faithful to join us in prayer for the health of the sick, and for the protection of every individual from this disease. We will implore God's mercy that we are delivered.

St. Mary priests will offer Mass via internet live-stream. The following Masses celebrated by Fr. Dindo and Fr. Sam will be broadcast from St. Mary Catholic Church in Mokena:

**SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Mass**

You can attend from home at: <https://cutt.ly/stmarychurchmokena>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

GERALD CONLEY, STEVE KRACIK

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

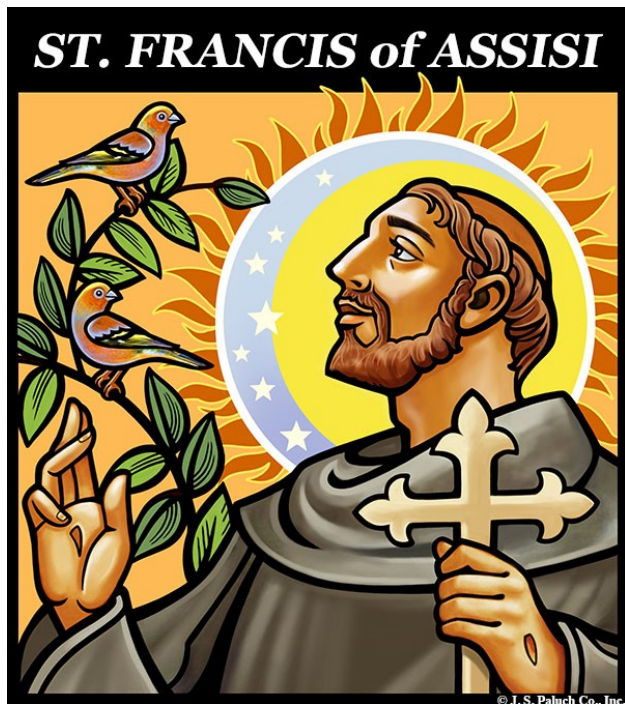
THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION



Only those practicing Catholics who are in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion.

Upon approaching the minister of the Host, extend the hands in the middle of the chest. The left hand is extended, with the right hand under the left in support (left handed persons may wish to place the left hand under the right). In essence, a throne is formed in the sign of an X-cross to receive the Sacred Host.

The solemnity and beauty of our Catholic Mass pervades our reverent liturgies here at St. Mary. We should be in attendance from the ringing of the start bell until after the Mass is ended and the priest leaves the altar. Please do not make a habit of leaving after Communion. It is permissible to leave early if there is an urgent need or if an emergency arises.



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

-Jesus

To all 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!* If the Church isn't crying, it's dying.



Monday, October 3

8:00am: Dennis Borkowski

Tuesday, October 4

8:00am: Judah Winkler, Bernice Gantz, Luis A. Pignotti, Peter Prancus, Conrad Jordan, Christine Zdzinicki, The Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, October 5

7:30 am: Conrad Jordan

8:30 am: Baby Judah Winkler

Thursday, October 6

8:00am: Leroy Lerchen

Friday, October 7

8:00 am: Joe Rubino

Saturday, October 8

8:00am: Cynthia Gebhardt

5:00pm: Grace Chesla, Rosemary Hamus, Thomas Mahoney, Estelle Graham, Madison Johnson, Edward Dunatov, Tom Mountford Family

Sunday, October 9

8:00am: Peter and Laverne Bria

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: Ann and Ken Sibbet

6:00pm: Wanda and George Bayer

Please Pray for the Newly Baptized



Remi Kerrigan Brogan, Adrian James Dineen,
Logan Michael McEnery

May God Bless the Little Ones



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Brett Anderson, Ann Beranek, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Dawn Broadhurst, Jerry Broadhurst, Donald Bullington, Francis Bulow, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Joanne Eaton, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, Bradley Frank, Mary Ann Franson, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Rose Grunhard, Kelly Hampton, Natalie Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Lenice Howie, Mary Ingala, Michaeline Johnson, Richard Junge, Deacon Bob Kaminski, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Richard Kolovitz, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Carlotta Lawton, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Walter Lumpkin, Shirley Lyons, Kevin Malone, Robert Margalus, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Natalie Mooi, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Kate Nix, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastak, Lorraine Peppmuller, Matthew Orr, Bob Podlasek, Janelle Portman, Dee Radgowski, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Judy Roque, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Katherine Shanahan, Rhys Shaw, Dave Skrzypiec, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Jan Smith, Edward Soldan, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshau Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, Dave Thompson, John Turas, Judy Turas, Anne Wadsworth, Tim Weber, Dan Wolf, Sarah Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

May God grant them healing!




**Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY**




OPEN TO ALL MEN!
 PARISH, FRIENDS, SCHOOL & RE DADS

FOOTBALL NIGHT
 OCTOBER 13 | ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL
BEARS VS COMMANDERS,
7:15 KICKOFF
NANCY'S PIZZA
BEER
GOOD TIMES FOR ALL!







**Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY**

5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
8am Mass - 10:30am
St. Mary, Mokena



Father Dindo and Father Sam will lead us
 in reflecting on our time together and recognize the importance
 for men to bond in our Catholic faith in today's society.

**All men are invited to our monthly
 Saturday morning gathering!**

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
 SMPmensministry@gmail.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,
September 18th was

Online Giving \$12,023.40
 Envelopes \$16,890.46
 \$28,913.86

Budget \$32,500.00
 Thank you for your generosity.

ALL WOMEN 18 & OLDER
ARE INVITED TO

Advent

BY CANDLELIGHT

Join us for an elegant evening filled with
fellowship, reflection, and food
as we prepare our hearts
to embrace the season of Advent
and greet Christmas with true readiness.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

6 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
St. Mary's Church Hall



Doors open at 6pm. The evening includes live instrumental music, a special Advent reflection, and time for enjoying the company of friends, new and old.

Included are hors d'oeuvres, wine, and a dessert buffet.

Tickets are \$25, available at www.stmarymokena.org/advent and in the parish office. Space is limited and no tickets will be sold at the door. General questions may be directed to Danielle, dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org.

Hostesses and bakers will be needed to make this evening a success! Please contact Michelle Sullivan (815) 995-0480 to decorate a table or Maria Kavanaugh (815) 280-3909 to bring dessert.



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

**Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30pm
or Wednesday, October 26
at 9:00am**

**in the Church Hall
Mother Part 2:**

***The Wounds of Motherhood*
Season 11, Episode 04**

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! Children are welcome at the morning
session and snacks and toys are provided.

Questions?

Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org



formerly Christ Renews His Parish

NOVEMBER 12/13

"Come, Be Sheltered."

*This incredible one and a half day renewal weekend
will help restore balance, rediscover the peace of
Christ, connect you with other women,
and renew your relationship with God.*

This is for women of all ages!

**All meals on Saturday, breakfast and
lunch on Sunday are included.**

Participants will sleep at their own homes
Saturday night, this is not an overnight.

Registration is now open!

Free registration at www.stmarymokena.org/Welcome
or call the parish office.



Email Danielle with any questions,
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



LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

THROUGH THE LITTLE WAY

WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**ALL PARISHIONERS
ARE INVITED!**

Sunday Evening

OCTOBER 2 7:00 PM



*Rosary by the Fire
for Life*

**Come join us by the Marian
Garden and the fire to pray the
rosary as we celebrate the beauty
of life in the womb.**

**Bring your family and camp chairs.
Stay and enjoy chili dogs, s'mores &
refreshments.**

**OCT. 9 IS DONUT
SUNDAY!**



**We will have
PUMPKIN DONUTS!**



**UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS**

October 9 - Donut Sunday

**October 16 - 6pm Mass &
Open Gym**

October 23 - Donut Sunday

**October 23 - Mass & Heart of
a Child Ministry & Speaker**



Holy Hill Road Trip



Make a Difference



OCTOBER 9TH

Candlelight Procession

in Honor of Our Lady after the 6pm Mass

Please, join us for an evening of beautiful music, the Rosary, and faith and fellowship to honor our Lady.



Be a part of God's Great Commission!



Still in need of:

- ✓ **1st Grade Tues Catechist**
- ✓ **5th Grade Tues & Sun Catechist**
- ✓ **Various Catechist Assistants**



Go Therefore
and make
Disciples

Pass on the faith



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Celebrate the Beauty



FEATURING:
HEART OF A CHILD MINISTRY
FAMILY APPROPRIATE EDUCATION SESSION
WITH LIVE ULTRASOUND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES
PARISH HALL

Life Is Precious



St. Mary Parish Celebrates the Beauty of Life in the Womb



Heart of a Child Ministries is coming
to St. Mary's on October 23rd!

Heart of a Child Ministries is a nationally recognized pro-life, ministry that provides **live ultrasound presentations** for students, grade school to high school.

All are welcome to come down to the church hall after all morning Masses for this **family friendly** educational presentation about the gift of precious life from God. Bring the children!

Presentations involve a professional sonographer who will administer an ultrasound on expecting Moms. **If you are interested in sharing the gift of life and your baby in an ultrasound for our students and parish families during this event, we are in need of expecting Moms who are between 20-35 weeks gestation on the following presentation dates:**

- ♦ **Sunday, October 23rd: 8:30am-12:30pm (after all Sunday Masses) and 7:30-8:30pm (for youth group)**
- ♦ **Monday, October 24th: 8am-11:30am for school presentations**

MOMS OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER!

Kids delight in seeing the baby on the big screen and hearing fun fetal facts and Scripture about who we are as children of God.

Volunteers can take one shift or several shifts or the shifts can be split between two volunteers.

If you are interested or need additional information contact:

Donna Hungerford, dhungeford@stmarymokena.org
708-326-9312 or

Tom Blue, Tblue@stmarymokena.org
708-821-0343

Please visit heartofachildministries.org
for more information.



STEWARDSHIP

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). **We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.**

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

— *Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)*



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia, Illinois.

The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

What: **Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women**

When: **November 5 & 6**

(2-day program – overnight only)

Where: **NAZARETH Retreat House, Batavia, Illinois**

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

Pray the Holy Rosary



NEW PRAYER DAY & TIME

The Joyful Mysteries will be prayed

Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in church.

The first Monday of each month, our Rosary will be dedicated to protect the life of the unborn!



The Council of Catholic Women

The **September Board Meeting** will be **Wednesday, October 12th** 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room.

The next **General Meeting** will be **Thursday, October 20th** 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room and this is

Chili Cookoff Night!



- **Father Sam will be our guest speaker.**
- **CCW Members enter your favorite chili dish.**
- **Prize awarded for best chili!**



Contact Sue Rizzo for Information((815) 953-7228.

October 2nd is Respect Life Sunday.

The CCW will be distributing Label Roses for Life after all the Masses October 1 & 2 and accepting donations to benefit Rachel's Vineyard Retreat which is a post abortion ministry.



Thank you for your support!

The Young at Heart Senior Club

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 5th**

1:00 pm– 3:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Contact Emily if you need information about joining, or if you need a ride (708) 479-2093. Please leave a message.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next **Council Meeting** will be **Tuesday, October 11th** 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room.

Food and social hour begin at 6:00 p.m.

The next **Officer Meeting** will be **Tuesday, October 25th** in the Church Hall, Fatima Room.

St. Mary Knights support Franciscan Sisters at their Annual Golf Fundraiser



Knights of Columbus

There were 7 Knights donating to play golf at the recent Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Golf Outing at the Odyssey gold course. In addition, the Knights of Columbus Council 6993 contributed as a hole sponsor. It was a great day even though we did not win any of the golfing awards.

Golf participants were Grand Knight Eugene Satrun, Past Grand Knight Dan Alberts, Financial Secretary Dan Michalak, Past District Deputy Pete Baker, Advocate Bill Blayney, Past Treasurer Tim Cosgrove, and Program Director Stan Novak.



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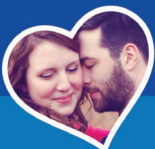
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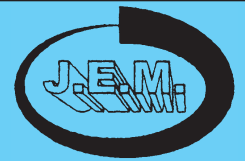
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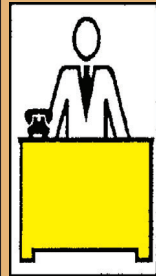
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