

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
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
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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 do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.



The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

July 22 - July 23: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski	Antoinette Bria Alice Wierzbinski	Bob Cornejo Richard Hamilton	Roberta Dreifke	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Mary Ann Braasch Karen Gordon Sue Murphy	Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Frank Grobmeier Joanette Kulesa	Mike Crowley Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Remo Lucci	Robert Koch Kathleen Rowe Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Molly Cotton Andrew Jansky Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski	Danielle Cullen Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin NOT FILLED	Jack McCarthy Aiden Raimondi Logan Raimondi Erin Ventura	Nicholas Perkins Emmy Skotnicki NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Finn McInerney NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Rich Gavillet Tom Magdziasz Roy Mueller	John Delladio Joanne Eaton Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia	William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Linda Drake Melissa Rolinitis Mike Rolinitis NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Joan Aust	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Eugene Satrun		

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. At St. Mary, we are blessed with an amazing team of Altar Servers. We thank you for giving up your time to serve the Lord and St. Mary. We also thank our wonderful team of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Greeters for their dedication and outstanding service.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 17

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Summer Camp
10:30a.m. Summer Camp Mass (Church)
6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, July 18

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Summer Camp
10:30a.m. Summer Camp Mass (Church)

Wednesday, July 19

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. Summer Camp
10:30a.m. Summer Camp Mass (Church)

Thursday, July 20

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Summer Camp
10:30a.m. Summer Camp Mass (Church)

Friday, July 21

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Summer Camp
4:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, July 22

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
11:30a.m. Wedding (Church)
2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
5:00 p.m. K of C Turtle Raffle Drawing (Narthex)

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
12:30p.m. Baptismal Prep (Virtual)
3:30p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. 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



Venite Adoremus

has been cancelled for the months of July and August. This healing prayer service will resume on September 19 at 6:30 pm.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 17

8:00am: Ray O'Gorman

Tuesday, July 18

8:00am: Stephen Sr., Allen and Donald Unton, Stella Kubaszewski, Eileen Pepper, Mary Fillipi, Christie Drozd-Zdzinicki, The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, July 19

8:00am: Stephen Sestak

Thursday, July 20

8:00am: Matthew Laz Lulinski

Friday, July 21

8:00am: Mary Jo Buehler

Saturday, July 22

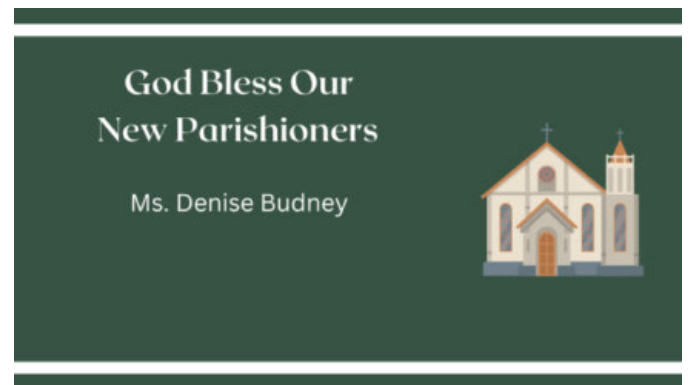
8:00am: The Dodaro Family
5:00pm: Rosina Petrassi, Martin and Agnes Plecki, John and Harriet Narel, Jennifer Narel, Jack Grier, Pat Budzyn, Scott Reiter, Scott Dite

Sunday, July 23

8:00am: John and Lorraine Creedon
9:30am: Shirley Lyons
11:00am: Francis Doyle
6:00pm: Charles Lobue Sr.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, 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, Diane Klootwyk, 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, Michael Rinke, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbara 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 Yaeger
May God grant them healing!



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt
10:34—11:1

Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt
11:20-24

Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt
11:25-27

Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-
27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
(5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or
13:24-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— *Father John Muir*

ST. MARY PARISH

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Eligibility

- Incoming 4th Graders and up
- Complete registration paperwork (see Zina at any Mass)
- Desire to serve

Altar servers are needed for Masses at St. Mary Parish. Be one of Jesus' special helpers! No experience necessary; training will be provided. All are welcome!

Please speak with our Sacristan Zina Habib before Mass

Servers needed at Saturday 5pm mass and Sunday 8:00am and 10:00 am only

Let's Join In!

For the qualification and other information, please contact
Leticia at leticia@stmarymokena.org or
Zina at zhahib@stmarymokena.org



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, July 2nd was

Online Giving \$17,260.00
Envelopes \$22,849.64
\$40,109.64

The Offertory for
Sunday, July 9th was

Online Giving \$19,545.50
Envelopes \$21,099.12
\$40,553.62

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

Bishop Hicks' Column

July 2023

A month to refresh and recharge



RECENTLY, I VISITED A PARISH IN OUR DIOCESE. Immediately after the Mass, I was delighted to begin the “meet and greet” in the narthex. Per usual, the topics of conversation were widely varied. I was struck, however, by a comment made by one of the

parishioners. Seemingly out of nowhere, she exhorted me: “Bishop, we are all in need of the month of July!” I think she read the polite—yet confused—look on my face, as she explained, “Life gets so busy and crazy. It seems that July is the only month to slow down, enjoy the warm weather and just chill out!” Nodding with affirmation, I smiled and chuckled as I replied to her, “I think you are right. We all need a little summer in our lives.” With that, a huge smile appeared on her face as she raised her hand to give me an enthusiastic high five.

Truth be told, I love the month of July. I have great childhood memories of mid-summer, specifically about Independence Day. Each year on the Fourth of July, my grandma would host an all-day family gathering at her house in Blue Island, Illinois. My uncles would fire up the large, charcoal grills around 7 a.m. After cooking many pounds of bacon, the eggs then were fried in the drippings. But this annual ritual divided the family down the middle—there were about half of us (including me) who viewed this breakfast as one of the greatest culinary delights of the year. The other half would not permit the grill masters to touch their plates, opting instead for kitchen-made eggs and pancakes with some coffee cake and fruit.

After this grand breakfast, the day would be filled with music, conversation, volleyball, croquet, a beanbag toss, and—for some—a walk to Western Avenue to watch the Fourth of July parade. The day concluded by sitting on lawn chairs and blankets as we watched the fireworks from the local high school as we passed around bug repellent to keep the mosquitoes away.

To this day, I still cherish those family memories of the Fourth of July at my grandma’s. Instead of work, study, or chores, it was a day to truly disconnect from the obligations of life and simply enjoy a full day of food, fun, family, and friends. And like most of us, I relished a break from work and school.

As we enter fully into this month of July, maybe it is not only time to refresh and recharge our lives with some good food, fun, family and friends. Perhaps summertime also is our opportunity to refresh and recharge our *spiritual* lives.

One way to revive ourselves is to immerse ourselves in God’s creation. In contrast to those gray periods of winter, the sun now shines brightly as our days are longer between sunrise and sunset. The flowers are blooming with vivid colors and the canopy of full trees offer coolness and shade. We can open our windows and listen to birds chirp as we bite into garden-fresh tomatoes, peppers, cherries, and watermelon. It is also a time to notice our neighbors, as many people enjoy a morning or evening walk and children ride bikes around the neighborhood.

How will you refresh and recharge this summer? Perhaps it is the promise of a long-awaited family vacation to a nearby campsite, lake, or amusement park. Or maybe you’ll take a trip to sightsee or visit family and friends afar. During your travels, consider stopping at a shrine or spirituality center along the way.

For others, a “staycation” sounds heavenly. Maybe July will provide you the time to leisurely read a recommended book, clean out the garage, play a board or card game, walk the dog a little longer, or leisurely lay in a hammock or favorite lawn chair and just stare up at the trees or the stars.

On the spiritual level, if you find yourself traveling away from home this summer, please do not take a vacation from attending Mass. Instead of looking at it as a way to merely fulfill an obligation, remember that you’re participating in and receiving the greatest gift that God has given to us—Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Attending a different Catholic church also can invigorate us while we experience new congregations, listen to different homilists, and worship with other choirs and musicians.

As Catholics, we are reminded that while we embrace the downtime of summer, there is no need to take a break from God! In fact, it’s a wonderful time to invite Jesus Christ into your summer experience. For like I was told in the narthex after Mass, we need the month of July! This is the perfect month to refresh and recharge our spiritual lives.

May you have a happy summer and may God bless and protect you always.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



A large stained glass window featuring a central figure of a pope, likely St. John Paul II, wearing a yellow and white cassock and a mitre. He is holding a crozier in his left hand and has his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. The background of the window is light blue with white clouds. The window is set within a dark wooden frame.

COMING SOON

*to Old St. Mary's
Adoration Chapel*

New Window Frames and Stained Glass

Thank you for your patience as we welcome
St. John Paul II, St. Padre Pio,
St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Therese of Lisieux,
St. Maximilian Kolbe & St. Francis of Assisi.

ST. MARY, MOKENA

Block PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023
5:00PM - 8:00PM
 ST. MARY LOWER LEVEL PARKING LOT

Join our Parish Family for a
 Laid-Back Summer Celebration

(It's also Fr. Dindo's & Fr. Sam's Birthday!)

**Bring your own lawn chairs and coolers,
 and cash for the food trucks.**
Water and pop will be available.

MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • FACE PAINTING • BALLOONS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Park meetups

Beginning at 10:00 am
 Come when you can, leave when you must!

Thursday, July 20th
 @ Main Park, Frankfort

Wednesday, July 26th
 @ Grasmere Park, Frankfort

Tuesday, August 1st
 @ Coneflower Park, Mokena

All are welcome!
 Invite friends to join us!

Questions? Email
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

Save the Date

Come. Follow. Me.

*Women's Welcome
Weekend 2023*

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2023
 REGISTRATION WILL OPEN
 IN AUGUST.

Email Danielle with any questions,
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org or call the parish office.

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L'Alto Young Adult Network
and St. Jude Augustinian Young Adult Ministry
invites everyone in their 20s and 30s to

Theology on Tap 2023

Summer Speaker Series



July 20: Kiah Enriquez

*"Caring for the Temple
of the Holy Spirit: A Faith-Based
Approach to Mental Health"*

July 27: Dr. Mark Nimo

"Encountering the Mercy of God"



Contact dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org with any questions.

**Thursdays
in July**

Gatto's Restaurant
1938 East Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox

7pm



Truth in Scripture

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity."

Timothy 4:12

Saintly Thoughts

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa showed the world what charity should be like. She never hesitated to help the poorest of the poor. She put up care homes for people dying of AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis. Her work inspired thousands of others to join her cause. Mother Teresa lived her life in service to others, even until her last breath.

**"Spread love everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come to you
without leaving happier."**

All Teens are Welcome!

SUMMER COOKOUT

**Wednesday, July 19
6:30pm**



**Lower Parking
Lot Outside
Church Hall**



**Food, Games,
Music &
Fellowship**

Bring a friend or two!



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

CALLING FORTH

All Families and
Volunteers

2023-2024

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

<https://www.stmarymokena.org/>

Payment plans available until
Aug. 15

CLASSES BEGIN: September 12th

JOIN US

CALLED TO SERVE?

FAITH-FILLED CATECHIST 

CATECHIST ASSISTANT 

SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST 

OFFICE ASSISTANT 



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Bereavement Support

COMING THIS FALL

Seasons of Hope

This Christ centered support group offers comfort, support and understanding based on scripture and experience.

Sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month beginning September 12th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for six weeks.

Contact Donna Hungerford (708) 326-9312.

Registration required and space is limited.






THE FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP
IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING
SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- CRAYON BOXES
- MARKERS (WASHABLE)
- PENS (RED, BLUE AND BLACK)
- COLORED PENCILS
- POCKET FOLERS
- STICKY NOTES & PADS

CHECK OUT OUR AMAZON WISHLIST!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE
DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS AT THE
FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP
11000 W. LINCOLN HWY.
FRANKFORT, IL





Walking with Mom's in need!

This year's Diaper Drive was amazing!

Aid for Women Flossmoor was extremely overjoyed to receive the diapers from SMP!!

Connie at Aid For Women shared this photo of these beautiful smiling moms at their support group with their SMPYM diaper bags!

Other diapers were delivered to Journey in Mokena, Pregnancy Resource Center of Joliet as well as Birthright of Joliet!

Thank you St. Mary!





The Council of Catholic Women

Join us for
Festa Italiana, Sunday, **July 16th**
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