

# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023**

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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.**

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

Pastor: Fr. Dindo Billote

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Deacon Dave Stanton

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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](http://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 priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer: The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.



The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear “suitable ecclesiastical garb” according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a “black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric.” Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

### July 29 - July 30: Seventeenth 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	Bridget Barron	Joan Aust Bill Trudeau	Joe Hartl David LaMonte Sr.	Art Wilson	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas Ted Kopczynski Andrea Taylor	Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo Dave Skrzypiec Leslie Skrzypiec	Roger Brown Michael Dilger James Naumczik Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Bob Meyers Louise Szura	Karen Haugh James Nowak Kathleen Rowe
Altar Server	Charlotte Barron Andrew Jansky Graeme Lopez NOT FILLED	Kaitlyn Diemer Olivia Diemer Caitlin Eiden David Heitman	Henry Valente Lucas Valente Katelyn Walker Penelope Witkowski	Stefanie Banner Josh Barger NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED 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	Sandy Halper	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Cyndi Grobmeier		

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.

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Monday, July 24

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

### Tuesday, July 25

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

### Wednesday, July 26

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)  
6:30 p.m. Knights of Altar Meeting (Fatima)

### Thursday, July 27

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

### Friday, July 28

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

### Saturday, July 29

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 30

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



# Mass Intentions

## **Monday, July 24**

8:00am: Christie Zdzinicki

## **Tuesday, July 25**

8:00am: Rita Sullivan, Joseph Rubino, Barbara Morrall, Scott Reiter, Bert Danley, The Parishioners of St. Mary

## **Wednesday, July 26**

8:00am: Barlog Stefania

## **Thursday, July 27**

8:00am: The Jellish Family

## **Friday, July 28**

8:00am: Len and Helen Wolniak

## **Saturday, July 29**

8:00am: The Pichetti Family

5:00pm: Deacon Bob Kaminski, Gerald White, Peter Prancus, The Sinal, Ksiazek and Butkus Families, The Zordan Family, Robert Fogarty

## **Sunday, July 30**

8:00am: Frankie Izzo

9:30am: Robert Scott

11:00am: Anna Liesen

6:00pm: Tomas Garcia

### **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, Bonnie Caper, James Caper, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Janet Dobrick, Joanne Eaton, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, Bradley 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, 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, Matthew Orr, Bob, Podlasek, Janelle Portman, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Michael Rinke, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, DianeSchoneich, 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!**

## **Please Pray for the Newly Baptized**



Theodore James Napoli,  
Elliott Elaine Crotty,  
Audrey Rose McMullin,  
John William Bicek

*May God Bless the Little Ones*

## **KINGDOM**

"The righteous will shine  
like the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father."

MATTHEW 13:43A

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## **God Bless Our New Parishioners**

Mrs. Brenda Matulis



**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 11:00 am only



**Let's Join In!**

For the qualification and other information, please contact  
Leticia at [Leticia@stmarymokena.org](mailto:Leticia@stmarymokena.org) or  
Zina at [zhabib@stmarymokena.org](mailto:zhabib@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](mailto: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 16th was

Online Giving	\$12,582.00
Envelopes	\$16,215.30
	<b>\$28,797.30</b>

Budget \$32,500

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## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

#### 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

#### Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

#### Tuesday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

#### Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

#### Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

#### Friday:

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

#### Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

#### Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— Father John Muir

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds,  
that those who are just must be kind;  
and you gave your children good ground for hope  
that you would permit repentance for their sins.  
(Wis 12:19)

### Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

### Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible  
groanings. (Rom 8:26)

### Gospel:

"Let them grow together until harvest;  
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,  
'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for  
burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt 13:30)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When the disciples cannot understand something, they approach Jesus, and beseech him to explain. Let us be this forthcoming when we are discerning the will of God or struggling with a decision. Let us ask him to explain in words we can understand.

## Observances for the week of July 23, 2023

**Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
**Tuesday:** St. James, Apostle  
**Wednesday:** Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Saturday:** Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
**Next Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Blessed Stanley Francis Rother spent most of his priestly life serving the Tz'utujil people of Southwest Guatemala, whom he loved. He was shot and killed by non-native guerilla forces in their attempt to terrorize the community. He is the first U.S.-born beatified martyr.

## Prayer

O God, fount of all holiness, make us each walk worthily in our vocation, through the intercession of Your Saints, on whom You bestowed a great variety of graces on earth.

Having graced Your Church with the life of Your priest and martyr, Blessed Stanley Rother, grant that by his intercession this humble flock may reach where the brave shepherd has gone. Grant that Your Church may proclaim him a saint living in Your presence and interceding for us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

(Prayer Source: <https://archokc.org/prayers-for-blessed-stanley-rother>)

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 + coolers, water and pop will be available.

Please bring cash for the food trucks.

MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • FACE PAINTING • BALLOONS



Questions? Contact [dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org)

# Natural Family Planning *Awareness Week*

July 23-29, 2023

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a term that includes many methods of finding the fertile time of a woman's menstrual cycle and using that information to avoid or achieve a pregnancy. Over the nearly 100 years that NFP has been practiced, scientists, healthcare professionals, and practitioners have learned more about the female cycle and hormonal changes. Consequently methods have had a major face-lift: increasing effectiveness and overall satisfaction with the outcomes. Each year, the USCCB promotes NFP awareness week, and this year it is observed from July 23–29th. The goal of this awareness week is simple: it is a national education campaign that encourages dioceses throughout the country to promote and support married couples in their NFP journey, providing materials and resources.

## What is NFP?

NFP uses a woman's biological markers, research, and technology to determine the fertile window (this is not your Grandma's rhythm method!) NFP can be used to avoid pregnancy by avoiding intercourse in the fertile window, or to achieve pregnancy. NFP provides insight into your overall health as a woman, not just fertility!

## Why is it good for me?

According to the Catholic Church, NFP is part of God's design for marriage and family. Instead of treating your fertility like a disease, NFP gives you the tools to know your fertility, and make decisions accordingly, while keeping God in charge. NFP doesn't have nasty side effects like hormonal birth control, or IUDs. A woman's body is a powerful thing, and God made it perfectly. Women who practice NFP feel empowered living in harmony with their bodies' natural cycles!



## How do I get more info?

### Marquette Method:

simplynfp.com    annie@simplynfp.com, (815) 953-9067  
megmkay@yahoo.com, (708) 465-3718

### Creighton Model:

fertilitycarecenterofgreaterchicago.com

Michelle Sullivan,pgsully@att.net, (815) 995-0480

*Join us to learn more...*

# Cycle Health & Awareness

*Thursday, August 31 at 7pm*

*St. Mary, Mokena Church Hall*

All cycling women, including teen girls, are invited to learn more about how knowing your cycle can unlock other aspects of your overall health. Get insight on the beautiful way women's bodies are designed and learn what the Catholic Church teaches about our bodies.

*Presented by Annie Norton & Meg Murray,  
St. Mary Parishioners and Marquette Method Instructors  
of  Simply NFP*

## 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](mailto:jcompton@stmarymokena.org)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# Park meetups

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

Wednesday, July 26th  
@ Grasmere Park, Frankfort

Tuesday, August 1st  
@ Coneflower Park, Mokena

Thursday, August 10th  
@ Taylor Glen Park, New Lenox

All are welcome!  
Invite friends to join us!

Questions? Email  
[dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org)

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 27: Dr. Mark Nimo**  
*"Encountering the Mercy of God"*



Contact [dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org](mailto:dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org) with any questions.

Thursdays in July

**Gatto's Restaurant**  
1938 East Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox

7pm



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST?**

Nine Open classes for Catechists  
Green checkmarks = filled classes

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday
Kindergarten 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	✗	✗	Kindergarten 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
1st Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	1st Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	1st Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	1st Grade 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
2nd Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	2nd Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	2nd Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	2nd Grade 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
3rd Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	3rd Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	3rd Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	3rd Grade 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
4th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	4th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	4th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	4th Grade 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
5th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	5th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	5th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	5th Grade 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
6th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	6th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	6th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	6th Grade 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
7th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	7th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	7th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	✗
8th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	8th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	8th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	✗

**CONTACT RE@STMARYMOKENA.ORG**



**All volunteer sheets should be returned to Donna Hungerford by the end of this month, July 31<sup>st</sup>.** Our new schedule begins in September. Thank you for volunteering at Daybreak!



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## The Pro-Life Committee

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month  
in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m.

*Visit the St. Mary website for more  
information.*



Pray the Holy Rosary  
in church on Monday  
evenings at 6:30 p.m.

The first Monday of  
the month our rosary  
is dedicated to the life  
of the unborn.

**PRAY TO  
END  
ABORTION!**



## Would you care to spiritually adopt me?

Please join the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee in the Spiritual  
Adoption Prayer Event beginning this August.

This is a great way for individuals and/or families to name  
an unborn child and pray for them from conception until  
birth. Bishop Fulton Sheen's Spiritual Adoption prayer will  
be available for use during the nine months.

The baby's progress will be featured monthly in our  
bulletins and during the birth month, we will have a baby  
shower celebration in the church hall.

***Start thinking of your baby's  
name now.***

***Sign up coming in August!***





### The Council of Catholic Women

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fatima Room, Church Hall.



### 2nd Annual CCW Wine and Song Event!

All adult men and women are invited.

Bring your dancing shoes!  
August 24th 6:00 pm.  
in the church hall.

### All Women are invited to the Welcome Back Tea!

after the 11:00 a.m. Mass  
Sunday,  
September 10th in the  
church hall.



*Wear a fun hat to  
this event if you like!*



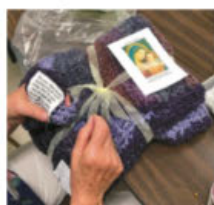
### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing? 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,  
August 7th in the Church Hall  
Fatima Room 9:00 a.m. –10:00 a.m.**

Our monthly meetings are a time for work and prayer. We pray the Fatima rosary while creating shawls. These shawls are a reminder of God's love and a visible sign of a "hug from God".

Visit the St. Mary website for more information.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### Council Family

**Picnic** at the home of  
Joe & Helen Sluis 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 29th.



The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room, Church Hall.

The next Officer Meeting will be Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fatima Room, Church Hall.



**The Turtle Raffle drawing will  
be held after the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
on July 22nd.**

Thank you for your generosity  
and God bless you!

**Winner need not be present  
to win.**

### St. Mary-Mokena Knights of Columbus #6993 are proud to announce the 23rd Annual Anne G. Sitzberger Memorial Scholarship

The Knights will present two \$500.00 scholarships, one to an eighth-grade student entering high school and to a high school senior entering college. The scholarship is judged on an essay that each participant must write about the "Community Service" they performed in the past 12 months. There is no length requirement for the essay. **Essays are due August 15, 2023.**

#### Eligibility requirements:

- Each participant must be a graduate of the Class of 2023.
- Your family **must** be a registered parishioner of St. Mary Mokena Catholic Church.
- The money is to be used for tuition or school/book fees.

**Mail or Email essay to:** Knights of Columbus c/o Tim Cosgrove 1026 Stonegate Road, New Lenox, IL. 60451 or e-mail [sox1985@att.net](mailto:sox1985@att.net)

## Kids Corner

### Prayer

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

### Mission for the Week

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.

### Sharing the Gospel

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.

**Now color the picture!**



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