

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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 John Rex
Deacon Kevin Plankinton
Deacon Dave Stanton

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School Assistant Principal, Michelle Huizinga

DEVOTIONS:**DAILY ROSARY**

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

DAILY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET; INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration available at Old St. Mary.
Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the chapel
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:

If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

Answer:

No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does *not* mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.



We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity, and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.

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Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

August 19 - August 20: Twentieth 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	Anne Trovato	Antoinette Bria Susan Rizzo	Bob Cornejo Joe Hartl	Roberta Dreifke	James Nowak
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas John Mitoraj Lora Oldham	Kathleen Orr Marvin Orr Dave Skrzypiec Leslie Skrzypiec	Roger Brown Michael Dilger Chris McGeever Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi Louise Szura	Karen Haugh James Nowak Kathleen Rowe
Altar Server	Andrew Jansky Ava Zahara Grace Zahara NOT FILLED	Danielle Cullen Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin NOT FILLED	Clara LaMonte David LaMonte Jr. Tyler Masloroff McKenna Mason	Josh Barger Max Giannakas 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	Carolyn Farhat	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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 14

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)
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Church)

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
12:00p.m. Mass (Church)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:00 a.m. CCW Board Meeting (Fatima)

Thursday, August 17

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)
7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome Meeting (Fatima)

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

Pro Life Spiritual Adoption Weekend (Narthex)

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
10:30a.m. Catechist Orientation Workshop (Hall)
11:00a.m. Private Baptism (Church)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, August 20

Pro Life Spiritual Adoption Weekend (Narthex)

K of C Pancake Breakfast (Church Hall)

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

The Feast of the Assumption



A Holy Day of Obligation
August 15, 2023

August 14th
Vigil Mass
7:00pm

August 15th Masses
7:00am
8:00am
12:00pm
7:00pm

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14

8:00am: Raymond Stair

7:00pm: James L. Drozd

Tuesday, August 15

7:00am: The Parishioners of St. Mary

8:00am: Sarah Wolf, Michele Kriegel, Tom Kelso, William Delladio, Edward Zebig, Barbara Morrall, Peter Prancus,

12:00pm: The Parishioners of St. Mary

7:00pm: The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, August 16

8:00am: Robert Knoezer

Thursday, August 17

8:00am: Alex and Ann Schneider

Friday, August 18

8:00am: Maria and Fiore Petrassi

Saturday, August 19

8:00am: Theresa Demasi

5:00pm: Rosina Petrassi, Gerald White, Peter Prancus, Scott Reiter, Richard Epich, Sarah Wolf

Sunday, August 20

8:00am: Elizabeth Prindle Conover

9:30am: Eddie Pasztelan

11:00am: Fred Weber

6:00pm: Frank Gercas

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!

JULY 17-21, 2024
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress
Revival's in the Air

Will **YOU** be there?

Next July is the **first** National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years and 80,000 Catholics will gather in Indianapolis. Together we will ask the Holy Spirit to revive our love of the Eucharist. Interested in joining other St. Mary's parishioners to be part of this historical event?

SIGN UP FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Please respond by August 31:
www.stmarymokena.org/july2024



Your life—and our Church—will never be the same.



Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Jeanine Cellaros,
Daniel McGuire

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

Mass Etiquette

Fast	-Do not eat any food an hour before the Mass. Only water is allowed.
Come Early	-Allow 10-15 minutes of meditation before the Mass.
Do Not Eat	-Eating is not allowed during the Mass
Dress Properly	-This is to show decency and honor to God
No Phones	-Turn your phones off
Genuflect	-Kneel your right knee in the direction of the tabernacle before sitting
Participate	-Sing, respond, listen and pray
Commune	-Examine conscience beforehand
Be Still	-Don't be in a hurry. Enjoy and feel God's presence and thank Him for His graces



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, August 6th
will be shared in
the next bulletin.

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

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

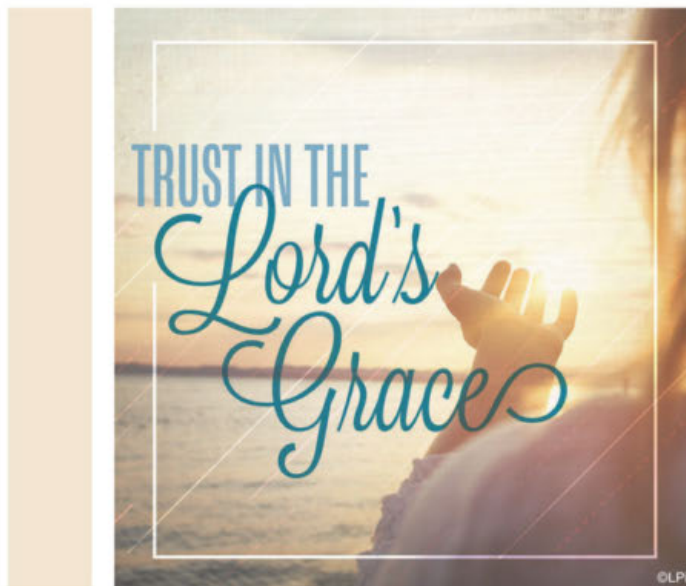
Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— *Father John Muir*

St. Mary's Scripture Study

**MORE THAN 70% OF CATHOLICS DO NOT BELIEVE
THAT JESUS IS TRULY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST**



**DISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND MEANING OF
THE EUCHARIST IN THE BIBLE!**

JOIN US ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:00-8:30PM

OR

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:00-10:30AM
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19TH/20TH

ST. MARY, MOKENA CHURCH HALL

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE VISIT

WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARY HARTL:

708-479-1031 OR MARYHARTL@COMCAST.NET



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Park meetups

Beginning at 10:00 am
Join us for our last
park meetup of the summer!

Wednesday, August 16th
@ Commissioners Park, Frankfort

All are welcome!
Invite friends to join us!

Questions? Email
dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org




THE SEARCH

FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
Explore the meaning of life with The Search,
a beautiful video program that explores life's
deeper questions.
Join us on Wednesdays beginning September 20
for food and conversation about this series!


Find out more and register at
stmarymokena.org/search

Cycle Health & Awareness

All cycling women, including teen girls, are invited to learn more about how knowing your cycle can unlock other aspects of your overall health. Learn about what the Catholic Church teaches and get insight on the beautiful way women's bodies are designed--this is a wholesome look at how women's bodies work! This event will not teach a specific method of Natural Family Planning.



Thursday, August 31 at 7pm
St. Mary, Mokena Church Hall

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

RSVPs appreciated: dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

BE FORMED

SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8 2023

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

Join a small group and reignite your zeal for living the virtuous life!

USCCB Small Group
Material will be included
as it becomes available

REGISTRATION
OPEN
JULY 11 - AUGUST 27TH!

SEASON 7
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

On or after July 11th, register by using the QR code above
or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4rbpmxvu>



St. Mary's will be hosting Be Formed
small groups for the first time--register today!

Religious
Education

2023-2024 Religious Ed Registration

Payment plans available if
registered before August 15th

Multiple student family discounts

Prices:

1 child \$270

2 children \$375

3 children \$450

**Register at the
Religious Education
page of the Parish
website**

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide an environment in which students, their families, and Catechists grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and their desire to live according to the principles and values of our Roman Catholic Faith.

Our Vision

Inspire families, as members of our parish community, to build the domestic church through an ever growing devotion to the Sacramental life of our Faith, especially the Holy Eucharist.

About us

Passionately share our faith

Focus

Our focus is to connect people to Jesus Christ

Share

Sharing the light of Christ in our interactions with families, parents and students in all aspects of our ministry

Prepare

Planning and preparing children to receive their Sacraments

Teach

Updated curriculum includes digital teaching and family resources

Dynamic and innovative

Love of neighbor

Embrace fellowship

**Classes run September 12, 2023
through April 28, 2024**

Sessions available:



708.326.9352



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<https://www.stmarymokena.org/religious-education>

Tuesday 4:30pm-5:45pm (Grades K-6)
Tuesday 6:30pm-7:45pm (Grades 7-8)

Weds. 4:30pm-5:45pm (Grades 1-8)
Weds. 6:30pm-7:45pm (Grades 7-8)
Weds. bi-wkly 4:30pm-5:30pm (REACH)

Thurs. 4:30pm-5:45pm (Grades 1-8)
Sun. 9:30pm-10:45pm (Grades K-6)



St. Mary's Choirs:

Children's Choir- This choir consists of children in grades second through eighth. The Children's Choir will sing every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30am (the members who attend St. Mary's school will also sing at the school mass on Wednesday mornings). We will rehearse on Tuesday at 3:30pm every week. The goal of the Children's Choir is to give children the opportunity to increase their knowledge of sacred music and learn singing techniques, but most importantly to allow them to praise God through music.

Adult Choir- The Adult Choir is open to adults of all ages. This Choir will sing on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:30am. Rehearsals will be on Thursday at 5:30pm every week. This Choir consists of volunteers and is open to anyone to join, no experience required. The goal of this choir is to allow parishioners the chance to give praise to God through their music.

Regina Caeli Choir- The Regina Caeli Choir will sing at the 11:00am mass weekly and will rehearse on Thursday at 6:30pm every week. This Choir will sing more choral music with four-part harmony, and will introduce more latin hymns. The ability to read music is strongly recommended. The goal of this choir is to give our parishioners with choir experience a chance to use that past experience in their worship of God. Please contact Joseph or Abby to schedule an audition.

Instrumentalists- Instrumentalists high-school ages and up are welcome to play for any weekend liturgies. Brass, woodwind, and string instruments are all welcome. The instrumentalist should be proficient on their instrument, and willing to practice and learn music on their own. Please contact Joseph or Abby to schedule an audition.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him.

While today's readings remind us that, of course, God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives — in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him.

Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. He invites Peter to join Him. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks.

But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What a grand adventure he could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

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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.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday,
August 20th
after all morning
Masses in the
Church Hall.

COST:

Free will offering

All donations will
benefit the K of C
and its charities.



Join the St. Mary Knights of
Columbus in the church hall
for all you can eat pancakes,
eggs, sausage and special
fruit toppings.

Start your day with a great
breakfast and the great
company of your fellow
parishioners.

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6993



Silver Rose Prayer Service

Each year, Silver Roses are stewarded by
Knights of Columbus Councils along routes
from Canada to Mexico.

This year the Silver Rose will visit
St. Mary Church on

Sunday, August 27
2:30pm-3:30 p.m.

Join us as we pray for respect
for life, the spiritual renewal of
each nation and the
advancement of the message of
Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Share the message of Our Lady of
Guadalupe and promote Respect for Life
by participating in this meaningful
pilgrimage.



CCW 2nd Annual Women, Wine & Song Fundraiser Event!

All adult men & women welcome!

Thursday, August 24th 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Church Hall



*Music by
Michael
Berger*

Bring your
dancing shoes!

For more information contact
Sue Rizzo (815)953-7228
rizzorx5@comcast.net

Tickets available after August 1st
after all weekend Masses in the narthex
and in the Church office.

(This is an over 21 event.)



**\$20 Per
Person**

(in advance)

\$25 Per Person

(at the door)



Bring a friend or two!

Includes wine (non-alcoholic
sparkling wine available)
appetizers, and door prize
drawing.

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*Spiritual Adoption
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The baby's progress will be featured monthly in our bulletins. During the birth month, we will have a baby shower birthday celebration in the Church hall.

**Start thinking of your baby's name now.
Sign up August 19 & 20 in the narthex.**



The Council of Catholic Women

The next **Board Meeting** will be Wednesday, August 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fatima Room, Church Hall.

The next **General Meeting** will be Thursday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.



**2nd Annual CCW
Women, Wine and Song Event!**
All adult men and women
are invited.
Thursday, August 24th
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

All Women are invited to the
Welcome Back Mass and 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!*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

The St Mary Mokena Knights of Columbus welcomes our
new 3rd Degree Knights joining this past year.

Patrick O'Malley
James Hawksworth
Robert Mallo
Leroy Legerski
Richard Hudec
Bruce Lerner
Martin Mesewicz
Anthony Adamo



New members joining
the council at the recent
June ceremony - Exem-
plification of Charity,
Unity, and Fraternity
Tony Adamo (on left)
and Marty Mesewicz
(on right)

Grand Knight Eugene Satrun (center)

Additional degree ceremonies are planned for Sep-
tember, October, and January. In February a
4th Degree ceremony will be held by the State Assem-
bly. This is the Patriotism Degree and members can
wear the regalia and serve as 4th Degree honor
guards.

www.MokenaKnights.org Council # 6993 information
at www.kofc.org

Eugene Satrun – Grand Knight (773-891-7430)



Knights Replace Tilting Flagpole at Old St. Mary Church in Cemetery

The St. Mary of Mokena Knights of Columbus recently completed a project to replace an
old flagpole that was tilting at the Old St. Mary Church in the cemetery. The flag tilt was noticed, and the
Knights volunteered to head up a project to pour a new base and reset the flagpole. A Brother Knight donated
a new flag, and a parishioner donated a solar powered light. The new items look great.

Thanks to:

- ◊ Brother Knight Rich Neubauber for heading up the flagpole replacement project.
- ◊ Greg Pipala for helping construct the new straight base and moving the flagpole and also donating a solar light for the flag.
- ◊ Nick Pipala for working to get a donation of the concrete and to Ozinga for the donation.
- ◊ Brother Knight Dan Calibraro for providing a new flag to replace the old tattered one.

Thank you Knights of Columbus!



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