

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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.

ANointing OF THE SICK - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

WITH GENEROSITY & JOY

Question: What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?



Answer: The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

August 26 - August 27: Twenty-first 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	Pamela DeGregorio	Joan Aust Alice Wierzbinski	David LaMonte Sr. Chris McGeever	Art Wilson	YOUTH MINISTRY Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Karen Gordon Ted Kopczynski Sue Murphy	Joan Aust Bob Cornejo Stefanie Walthier Christine Weeks	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Joe Hartl Joanette Kulesa	Mike Crowley Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Remo Lucci	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Lilly Butler Molly Cotton Graeme Lopez NOT FILLED	Kaitlyn Diemer Olivia Diemer David Heitman NOT FILLED	Jack McCarthy Andrew Pilon Noah Pilon Erin Ventura	Nicholas Perkins Emmy Skotnicki 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	YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 1 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 2 YOUTH MINISTRY Usher 3
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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 21

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, August 22

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
8:00 a.m. Back to School Tea (Guadalupe)
7:00 p.m. K of C Officer Meeting (Fatima)
7:00 p.m. Roses of Mary (Lourdes)

Wednesday, August 23

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)
2:00 p.m. Daybreak Cooking (Kitchen)

Thursday, August 24

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. CCW Wine and Song Set up (Guadalupe)
6:00 p.m. CCW Wine and Song (Guadalupe)

Friday, August 25

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

Saturday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep (Virtual)
2:30 p.m. K of C Silver Rose Service (Church)
3:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Kick Off (Hall)
3:30 p.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

JULY 17-21, 2024
INDIANAPOLIS, IN



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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 21

8:00am: Joseph Rubino

Tuesday, August 22

8:00am: Sarah Wolf, Bill Delladio, Patricia Genz,
Joseph Plovovich, George Arazan, Steve Lascola

Wednesday, August 23

8:00am: Barlog Stefania

Thursday, August 24

8:00am: Stephen Sestak

Friday, August 25

8:00am: Linda Clark

Saturday, August 26

8:00am: Rafaela Flores

5:00pm: Gus and Helene Lattyak, Deacon Bob
Kaminski, Fred and Jeffrey Cronk, Jenifer Strezo,
Scott Reiter, Karen Woith, Raymond and Cheryl
Kaliski

Sunday, August 27

8:00am: Peter and Laverne Bria

9:30am: Dennis Benson

11:00am: Joseph DiGiovanni

6:00pm: Erna Zoberis

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, 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!



**Please Pray for the
Newly Baptized**



Christian Schrader

May God Bless the Little Ones

**Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters**

Joe Izzo

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



All About
PURGATORY
 What the Catechism and Bible say about this foundational Catholic belief
Saturday, August 27

8am Mass - 10:30am
 St. Mary, Mokena
 Church Hall

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
 SMPmensministry@gmail.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 was

Online Giving	\$23,381.75
Envelopes	<u>\$20,956.80</u>
	\$44,338.55

The Offertory for
 Sunday, August 13th was

Online Giving	\$12,077.00
Envelopes	<u>\$16,124.74</u>
	\$28,201.74

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

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

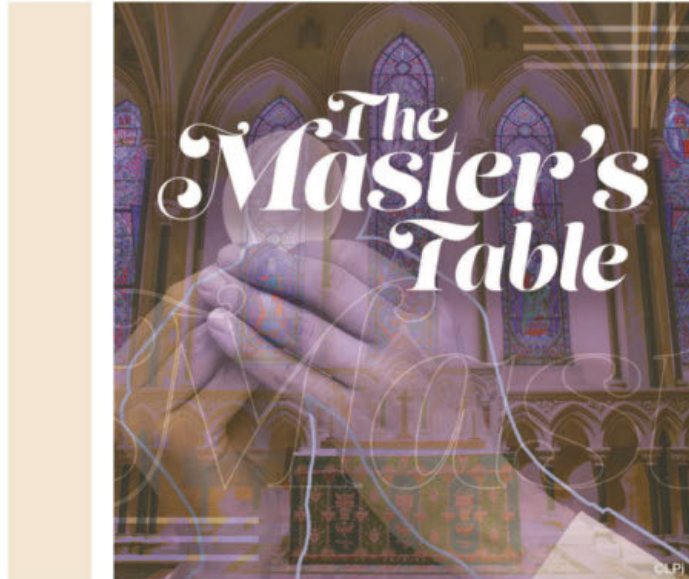
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir



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

Questions? Contact Megan at mmurray@stmarymokena.org

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

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?

We want to journey with you towards becoming Catholic or receiving the rest of your sacraments!

Contact Megan to learn more!
(708) 326-9313
mmurray@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

**SEASON 7
EUCHARISTIC
REVIVAL**

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

REGISTRATION
OPEN
JULY 11 - AUGUST
27TH!



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

St. Mary's Scripture Study



**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



1CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

**"BE ON YOUR
GUARD,
STAND FIRM IN
THE FAITH,
BE
COURAGEOUS,
BE STRONG.**

**YOUR EVERY
ACT SHOULD
BE DONE WITH
LOVE."**



WELCOME MATT JUNG!

**We are excited
to have Matt
Jung join our
SMP Youth
Ministry staff.**



MATT SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER IN OUR PROGRAM OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS. HE IS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME AS THE PROGRAM OPERATIONS ASSISTANT AT THE BRIDGE TEEN CENTER IN ORLAND PARK.

MATT IS A 2022 GRADUATE OF ST AMBROSE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE EXCELLED IN TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY(4-TIME NATIONAL QUALIFIER). ACTIVE IN CAMPUS LIFE, MATT WAS A PEER CAMPUS MINISTER, A MEMBER OF BEES FOR LIFE & A MEN'S GROUP LEADER. HE CONTINUES TO BE AN AVID RUNNER, ENJOYS ROCK CLIMBING & IS A BIG WHITE SOX FAN.



**SERVING
OTHERS!**

Matt on Youth Ministry:

"YOUTH MINISTRY IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT HELPS FORM A FOUNDATION OF FAITH, GIVING TEENS A PLACE TO GROW AND FIND THEIR PLACE IN THIS CRAZY WORLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S AUTHENTIC LOVE. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HELPED ME GROW TREMENDOUSLY IN HIGH SCHOOL."

Leading Our Teens To Christ



**AN EVENING FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS,
GODPARENTS, MENTORS & MORE**

**Wednesday, August 30 7:00PM
Guadalupe Rm (Church Hall)**

**ST. MARY TEENS -
SAVE THE DATE:**

**SEPTEMBER 10
5PM**



Religious
Education

Be a part of God's Great Commission!

Classes begin September 12, 2023



We are looking for:

- ✓ Catechists and Catechist Assistants for various grades and Office Assistants on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays (4:30pm - 5:45pm and 6:30pm - 7:45pm)
- ✓ Hospitality Committee Volunteers

Pass on the faith

 708.326.9352

RE@stmarymokena.org

Go Therefore and make Disciples

Sign up at

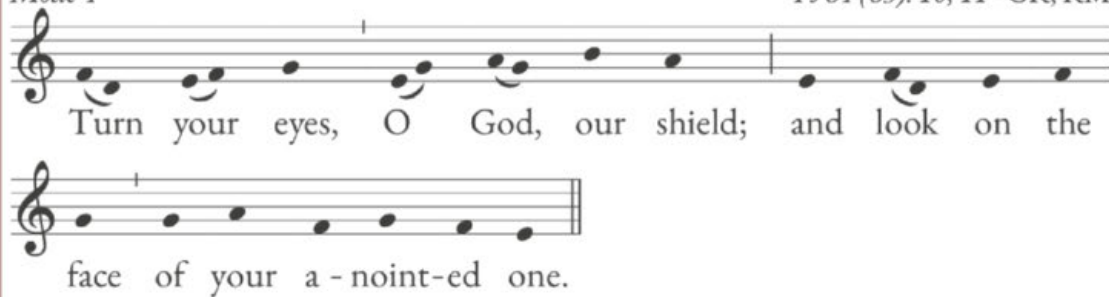
<https://www.stmarymokena.org/religious-education>

St. Mary's Sacred Music

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 20th

Mode 4

Ps 84 (83): 10, 11 · GR, RM



Join the Choir!

Do you feel called to praise the Lord using your voice? Join one of our choirs! Below is listed our choir options:

Children's Choir:

2nd & 4th Sunday at 9:30

Adult Choir:

1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30

Regina Caeli Choir:

Every Sunday at 11:00

Instrumentalists: Any
Weekend Mass!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our Gospel today from Matthew reminds us to trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers. God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it. 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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www.CatholicSteward.com



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



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

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.



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.

Split the Pot!

St. Mary Pro-Life Committee *Spiritual Adoption Prayer Event*



Spiritual Adoption is a great way for 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. 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 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Fatima Room, Church Hall.

The next **General Meeting** will be Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 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!*



The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday,
September 6
1:00 p.m. in the
Church Hall

All seniors (over 55) are invited to a
Welcome Back Lunch on
Wednesday,
September 20th
1:00 p.m. in the
Church Hall

Contact Emily (708) 479-2093 or
Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018 for information or if you
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Bring a friend!

(you do not need to be a parishioner to
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See our calendar of events on our website
Stmarymokena.org



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 Septem-
ber, October, and January. In February a 4th
Degree ceremony will be held by the State Assembly.
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)

HELPING HANDS



The Knights of Columbus have formed a sub-committee
called Helping Hands which is offering our services to
any parishioner who is in need of minor repairs around
their home and is unable to perform these tasks due to
financial hardships or not having able bodied family mem-
bers available. The resident may be responsible for any
material costs, but the Knights would provide the labor.

There is a screening process to make sure it is something
our members can handle and the work qualifies. Anyone
wishing to apply should contact Donna Hungerford,
Christian Service Director (708) 326-9312 to schedule a
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