

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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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

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sam Conforti

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Deacon Peter Manning
Deacon John Rex
Deacon Kevin Plankinton
Deacon Dave Stanton

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School Principal, Michele Alday-Engelman
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

What Are "Special" Masses?

Question: Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?



Answer: Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it is always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

August 12 - August 13: Nineteenth 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	Sue Mahns	Guy Cesario Kathy Mihalek	Karen Dilger Richard Hamilton	Jim Contorno	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski Sue Murphy Andrea Taylor	Joseph Budzyn Bob Cornejo Sandy Halper Robert Rafferty	Frank Grobmeier Kathleen Melei James Naumczik Joshua Sifuentes	Mike Crowley Sarah Halm-Lutterodt Kathy Judge Patti Pertchi	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Charlotte Barron Molly Cotton Ava Zahara Grace Zahara	Olivia Diemer Kaitlyn Diemer Caitlin Eiden David Heitman	June Fulton Silas Kuboushek CJ Strzelczyk Emma Strzelczyk	Stefanie Banner Emmy Skotnicki NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Graeme Lopez 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	Roy Mueller	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Frank 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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 7

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)
10:30a.m. Pro Life Meeting (Lourdes)
6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, August 8

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
12:30am. Young at Heart Bd Meeting (Fatima)
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting (Fatima)
7:00 p.m. Roses of Mary Meeting (Lourdes)
7:00 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (Guadalupe)

Wednesday, August 9

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

Thursday, August 10

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

Friday, August 11

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. Block Party Set Up (Parking Lot)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:00 a.m. Block Party Set Up (Parking Lot)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
5:00 p.m. Block Party (Church Grounds)

Sunday, August 13

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



*Congratulations to the
Sabatino family
on the baptism of their son
Vincent Michael!*

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 7

8:00am: Betty Hartl

Tuesday, August 8

8:00am: Alfred Dreifke, Gene Bondi, Kevin Mitros, James Gorecki, Barbara Morrall, The Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, August 9

8:00am: Joe and Rosemary Semanic

Thursday, August 10

8:00am: Stephen Sestak

Friday, August 11

8:00am: Eric, Kathy and Rowland Boucher

Saturday, August 12

8:00am: Herby and Phyllis Marigliano
5:00pm: Richard Dudek, Marcia Webber, Kieran Cawley, Sandy Compisi, Teresa Ceballos, Anne (Nancy) Cassidy, Vicky Santucci

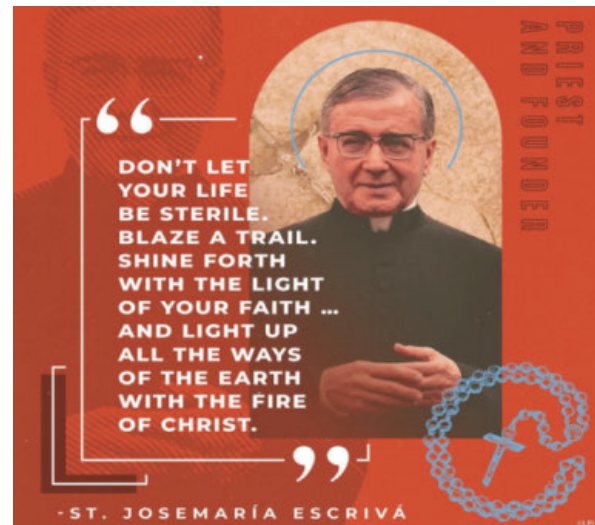
Sunday, August 13

8:00am: Lauretta Flynn
9:30am: Anthony Tonra
11:00am: Phyllis Kazmierczak
6:00pm: Allan Matulis

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 Milkieris, 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**



Elena Marie Marquardt

May God Bless the Little Ones

**God Bless Our
New Parishioners**

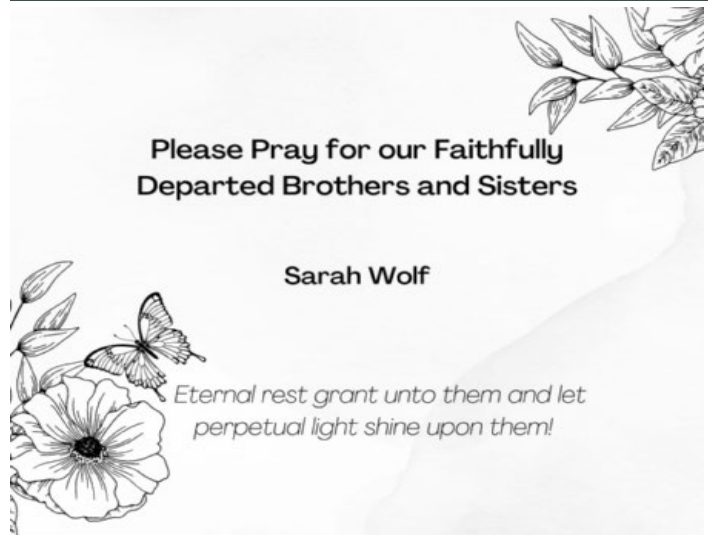
The Kozeluh Family,
The Buck family



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

Sarah Wolf

*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, July 30th was

Online Giving	\$11,368.25
Envelopes	\$16,360.71
	\$27,728.96

Budget \$32,500

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. MARY, MOKENA

Block PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

5:00PM - 9:00PM

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

Congratulations to our newly married couples!

*Judy and Narong
Yoothanom*



*Alexandra and
Alexander Jackiw*



JULY 17-21, 2024
INDIANAPOLIS, IN



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.



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 LClark@stmarymokena.org or
Zina at zhabib@stmarymokena.org

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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

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!

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

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

2023-2024 RE TEAM



Tami Brongiel
DRE

Tami is beginning her second year as the DRE at St. Mary, Mokena and is honored to serve the Lord and you, the church of St. Mary, in this capacity!

She and her husband raised their two now adult sons and teen-aged daughter in New Lenox. They have been parishioners of St. Jude, New Lenox for the past 25 years.



Bettina Kimball, Assistant DRE

Bettina and her family have been parishioners since the end of 2021 here at St. Mary. Prior to that they lived in Elmhurst where they were parishioners at Mary Queen of Heaven after Bettina's conversion to the Catholic Faith in 2019 and being confirmed in October of 2020 through the RCIA program. She holds a BA degree from Dominican University and has many years working with children in school settings. She is very honored and blessed to take this role and looks forward to meeting families and assisting them in knowing the Catholic Faith and in following Jesus Christ!



Susan Polnaszek
Executive Assistant

Sue is beginning her first year as an Executive Assistant with St. Mary Parish Religious Education in Mokena. Along with her husband and beautiful twin daughters, she and her family have been parishioners at St. Jude, New Lenox for 21 years. In her earlier career, Sue worked 23 years as a Legal Assistant at two prestigious law firms located downtown Chicago. She is excited and eager to contribute to St. Mary Parish and prays that she will become a valuable asset to the St. Mary team.



Therese Gembara
Admin Assistant

Therese has been an assistant catechist for second grade students for the past 3 years. In that role she was truly passionate to prepare the children for their Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

She is truly honored and delighted to support all the students and their families to live out their Catholic faith here at St. Mary's Parish in her new role as Administrative Assistant.



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.



Mobile Food Pantry Schedule for August

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food to people in need. All Mobile Food Pantries use a drive thru to distribute food. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle. Rain, snow or shine!

- **8-8: St Mary Immaculate:** 15629 Rt. 59, Plainfield 4:30pm-6:00pm
- **8-16: Our Lady of Mercy:** 701 S. Eola Rd., Aurora, 4:30pm-6:00pm
- **8-18: St. Joseph Church:** 211 N. Center Ave., Bradley, 10:00am-11:30am
- **8-21: St. Lawrence:** 165 Rice Rd., South Wilmington 4:00pm-5:30pm
- **8-25: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:** 205 E. Jackson St., Joliet 10:00am-11:30am
- **8-28: St. Joan of Arc:** 820 Division St., Lisle 5:00pm-6:30pm
- **8-30: Joliet Jewish Congregation:** 250 N. Midland Ave., Joliet 4:30pm-6:00pm

Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our Facebook page for the latest information and schedules.



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.

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.

COST:

Free will offering

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



SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6993

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!

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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?

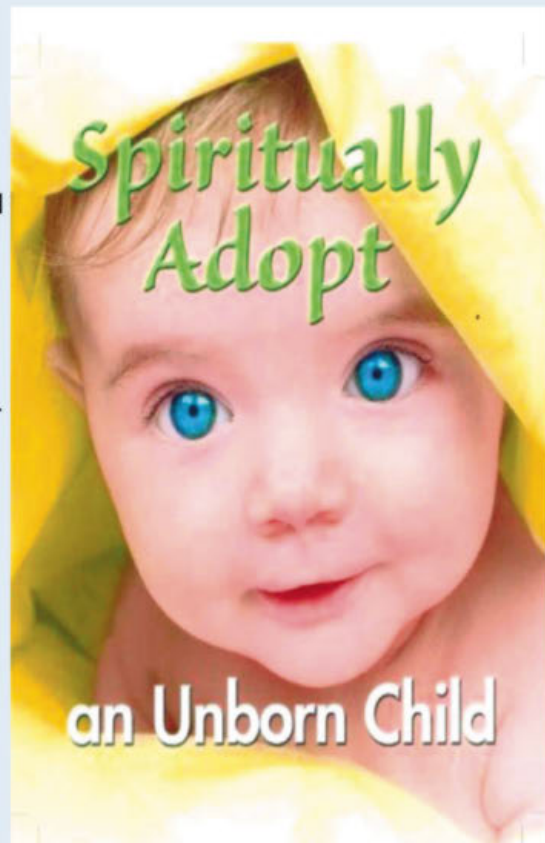
Please join the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee in the Spiritual
Adoption Prayer Event beginning this August.

**This is a great way for individuals and/or families to
name an unborn child and pray for them from concep-
tion until birth.** Bishop Fulton Sheen's Spiritual Adop-
tion 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 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!*



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

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.

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



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



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