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MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD

Self is the religion of hell

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SUNDAY MARCH 2: PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST: Come and help with our second fund raiser this year. The breakfast is great! Come join the knights. Clean up help is especially needed. Call Joe Kral at (708) 478 4543 to volunteer.

MONDAY MARCH 3: ASSEMBLY MEETING: At the Council 4400 Hall, 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY MARCH 4: THE COUNCIL FAMILY MARDI

GRAS: Join us FOR A GOOD TIME at FOX'S in MOKENA to celebrate the beginning of lent. It's half price pizza night at FOX'S!. We have reserved space starting at 5:30 PM. Bring the family! See the flyer, back page.



SATURDAY MARCH 8: MEN'S MORNING: Come and get ready for Easter with your brothers. Father Terry Johnson, Pastor of St Irenaeus in Park Forest will be the dynamic speaker. There will be a catered breakfast from "Egg Cetera". You must register for this and pay \$10—see the flyer on page 5. The event is from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM..



TUESDAY MARCH 11: COUNCIL MEETING: In the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY MARCH 15: REGIONAL FREE THROW CON-

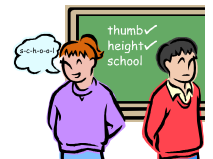
TEST: This is a REALLY BIG SHOW! The kids come from ALL OVER THIS REGION to compete in 12 categories. The



council needs your help for this! We need officials and coaches to do the scoring. Contact Youth Director Tim Cosgrove at 815 485 5599 or be at the St Mary School gym at 8:00 AM to help. Wear a KC shirt if you have one. From 8:30 until about 11:00 AM

SATURDAY MARCH 15: THE REGIONAL SPELLING BEE:

This is the big event that leads to the State competition. Kids from all over this region compete. Come and help or just cheer on the kids! In the Gym of St Mary School after the free throw



competitions. Contact Youth Director Tim Cosgrove at 815 485 5599

SATURDAY MARCH 22 AND SUNDAY MARCH 23: DAY-BREAK COLLECTION; Daybreak Center provides emergency housing for the homeless. Please bring new items to the church to help. See the flyer on Page 7 for a list of needs.

TUESDAY MARCH 25: OFFICER MEETING: In the Franciscan Room at 7:00 PM.



The largest civil rights demonstrations in history are held annually in Washington, DC with almost no press coverage. The American press ignores the “March for Life” with the exception of a few honest organizations. It is absolutely amazing that a huge event such as the over 500,000 person strong March can be ignored.



Grace Morrison

This year’s March for Life was attended by four youthful members of St Mary Parish. Mrs. Paula Davis, the new head of our Youth Ministry has changed the direction of the ministry to become more focused on church teaching. We welcome the change.

The four St Mary youths who attended the March are Hannah Davis and Moira Thompson, who went to Washington with Mrs. Davis; and two members of the Morrison family (brother Tom Morrison). Adam and Grace Morrison. The Youth Ministry held several fund raisers in the church hall that used our popcorn machine and a member of our council donated \$500 to the Youth Ministry to subsidize the effort.

More of us should support this magnificent annual prayer ministry for life.



Moira Thompson

The teens came back inspired and exited. Mrs. Davis has stated that next year she will start a “March for Life Club” to inspire more teens to go. She told us that she hopes to have a group of at least ten teens who will attend next year. We should help her.

Father Jim has permitted Mrs. Davis to establish a separate bank account for the Youth Ministry. You are urged to send contributions to Mrs. Davis for next year’s effort. The goal is to subsidize \$200 of the cost for each teen who attends. As all of us know, the parents of teenagers are usually poor. (The cost this year was \$345 per teen).

Vivat Jesus



Hannah Davis



Adam Morrison

WHAT A PARTY!

If you missed the Valentine's Dance on February 15, you missed the best party that our council has had for many years. About sixty people attended a wonderful dinner dance at the American Legion Hall in New Lenox. The food was very good—catered and served family style by an excellent staff of waiters. The band "The Baked Potatoes" was without question the best dance band most of us will ever hear.



Vince DiFiore and Pete Baker were the impresarios. They provided us with white linens on the tables, wonderful place settings and a superbly organized event. The party started at 6:00 PM and lasted until after 11:00 PM. The dance floor was full of people you have probably never seen dance before. Everyone talked about the great band. It was a really great event that was well worth the \$50 per person ticket price.

The Valentine's Dance deserves to be a permanent fund raiser for the council. When Grand Knight Rich Ciancio gave permission there were the usual doubters and complainers but it turned out to be a really great move. Our established fund raisers are becoming stale and might need to be phased out. Social events such as the dance have the great advantage of being fun for everyone without requiring a crew of workers in the kitchen that simply prepares pancakes or spaghetti. They also can raise a whole lot more money than cooking pancakes.



MOKENA SPELLERS



The Spellers

The annual spelling battle between Mokena Junior High and St Mary School was brutal! It took 30 rounds of spelling to finally decide a winner. Regina Quinn, Greg's wife, was in her usual superb form as the pronouncer but she actually used all the words on the list because the students did exceptionally well. The Mokena Junior High kids were beaten by the St Mary School experts, though, so that the traveling trophy—a plaque with the names of the annual win-

ners— will proudly hang at St Mary School again this year.

The top three spellers will try to advance to the Illinois State competition at the Regional Spelling Bee that will be held in the St Mary School gym on Saturday March 23 starting at 11:00 AM. Come to the Regional Bee (after the Regional Free Throw contest) to be amazed by the skill of our young people.



Preparing for the contest

Welcome to America

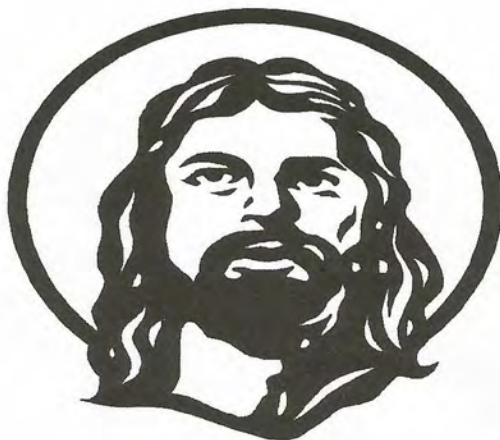
St Mary Church is joining with Catholic Charities and several churches in Wheaton to sponsor two refugee families. Exodus World Service finds refugees who are forced to flee their homeland because of war or persecution. The families arrive in the United States with almost no possessions.

“Cookie” Halaby is collecting household items for two families to make up some “Welcome to America” packs for them. Needed are a lot of items for a household such as kitchen ware—everything from baking pans to toasters—household stuff—brooms, electric fans, blankets and sheets, pillows, etc., and personal items such as towels and clock radios. The items should be in good condition but need not be new. Remember the good stuff you were going to sell at a garage sale?

To participate, call Cookie to coordinate your giving. She will coordinate everything so that there are not sixteen frying pans and no knives in the final products. Cookie's phone number at the parish office is 708 326 9323. or you can email her at ChristianService@StMaryMokena.org.

The collection will continue through April. Do your best!

Vivat Jesus



DID JESUS TALK SPORTS?



Men's Morning

March 8, 2014

9:00am until 11:30am in St. Mary Church Hall

Cost: \$10 includes full breakfast and coffee

Father Terry Johnson will be reflecting on the relationships of the apostles to Jesus and each other and apply it to men's daily lives today.

**This event is co-chaired by brother knight Tom Morrison
To attend and enjoy a great speaker and a catered breakfast:**

**Register by calling Barbara Bekker at (708) 326 9313
or email her at bbekker@StMaryMokena.org**

Pay at the door (check or cash)

Daybreak Center

(sponsored by St. Mary's CCW)

Daybreak Shelter serves all of Will County and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They provide emergency housing and supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless. Homelessness prevention services are also provided to those who are at risk of losing their home.

The following items are of great need. All donations need to be NEW items please!

New Bath & Bedding

Wash Cloths
Bath Towels
Twin Sheets (white or beige)
Crib Sheets
Pillow Cases

Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Detergent (powder only)
Dish Soap
Bleach
Fabric Sheets
Lysol Disinfectant

Back-to-School

Backpacks
School Supplies
Board Games

New Clothing Items

Socks (men, women, and children)
Pajamas (men, women, and children)
T-shirts (plain)
Slippers (men, women, and children)
Underwear (men, women, and children)
Jeans (men, women, and children)
Infant & toddler clothing
Diapers (all sizes)

Hygiene Products

Deodorant (men & women)
Skin Lotion
Shampoo & Conditioner
Combs/Brushes
Nail Clippers
Soap
African American hair care products
Razors & shaving cream (men & women)

For more information, call the Community Life Director at 708-326-9303

Collection Dates: March 22 and 23 in the Parish Hall, after each Mass

MARDI GRAS!

(FAT TUESDAY)

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN—LENT STARTS ON WEDNESDAY AND IT WILL BE TIME TO FAST!



COME JOIN YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A GOOD TIME AT DINNER. IT WILL BE HALF PRICE PIZZA NIGHT AT FOX'S!



WHERE: FOX'S OF MOKENA ON 187TH STREET JUST WEST OF WOLF ROAD



WHAT TIME: STARTING AT 5:30 PM—TIL?

WHO: YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WHEN: FAT TUESDAY—MARCH 4, 2014

WHAT: WE EACH ORDER FROM THE MENU AND PAY FOR OUR OWN MEALS.

