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# MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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### FAMILY OF THE QUARTER

Jim and Lorraine Peppmuller



## THURSDAY APRIL 3: DEDICATION & BLESSING OF BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER:

Located on Weber Road about a mile North of the Crest Hill Shopping Center. There will be an open house from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM with Bishop Conlon blessing the center at 3:00 PM.

## SUNDAY APRIL 6: SEDER MEAL:

Learn about the origins of our Easter with a traditional Pass-over meal from 12:30 until 4:00 PM. **DEADLINE APRIL 2.** Flyer Page 4



## MONDAY APRIL 7: ASSEMBLY MEETING:

At the Council 4400 Hall, 7:30 PM.

## TUESDAY APRIL 8: COUNCIL MEETING:

In the Franciscan Room of the school at 7:00 PM.

## SATURDAY APRIL 19: ROAD CLEANUP:

Four times per year we pick up trash along Wolf Road from 187TH to St John's Cemetery. Meet at St Mary Cemetery at 195th and Wolf at 9:00 AM. Come help! .



## SATURDAY APRIL 19: MEN'S POKER NIGHT:

John O Reilly is the host this time, starting at 7:00 PM. Come to 20809 Briarwood Lane, Mokena. Phone 708 479 5709.

## SUNDAY APRIL 20: EASTER SUNDAY:

He is risen!

## TUESDAY APRIL 22: OFFICER MEETING:

In the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

## FRIDAY APRIL 25: DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOX TICKETS:

The Chicago White Sox will play the New York Yankees at 7:10 PM on May 22 at "The Cell". It will be Knights of Columbus night! There are discounted tickets and K of C Charities will get a rebate of \$5 per ticket for Special Olympics!. **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY** See the back page.



## FRIDAY APRIL 25: DEADLINE FOR TICKETS TO THE VICTOR CARDOZI AWARDS DINNER:

The Victor Cardozi award is given annually to a few exemplary knights by the Joliet Chapter. Come and honor our Frank Borich at the dinner on May 10 at the St. Dominic Church in Bolingbrook. **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY.** See the flyer on Page 6

## SATURDAY APRIL 26: PIZZA PARTY:

The annual event that raises money for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry with donated pizzas. We need volunteers with cars for this! See the article PG 5.



# REGIONAL FREE THROW CONTESTS



The picture above tells the story. The Regional contest on March 15 was a great success thanks to our Youth Director Tim Cosgrove. Mokena winners going to the State Contests on April 14 are: From MIS: Brady Carlson; from MJH: Luke Handley and Delaney Locunte; from St Mary: Jack Flynders and Alison Hickey. Congratulations to the winners and to their dedicated teachers!

## Men's Morning

On March 8, St Mary Parish organized a "Men's Morning" with breakfast and a talk. The priest who was originally scheduled to appear had to cancel so that Barbara Bekker scrambled to find a pinch hitter. The replacement was Father Tom Loya of the Annunciation Byzantine Church on Will Cook Road. Father Loya gave a great speech and made the morning memorable. The \$10 collected from each attendee went to Father Loya's Church.

This year's Men's Morning was the best attended men's event at St Mary in a very long time. Our knights were there in force so that 38 men came. Father Jim expressed his thanks for the wonderful turnout.

## The Regional Spelling Bee

The Regional Spelling Bee on March 15 was hard fought. Spellers came from towns all around us to compete. When it was all over, three winners emerged. Going to the State Contest on April 14 from St Mary School in Mokena are Danielle Mikos and Mia Gleason.



Winners of the 2014 Regional Spelling Bee

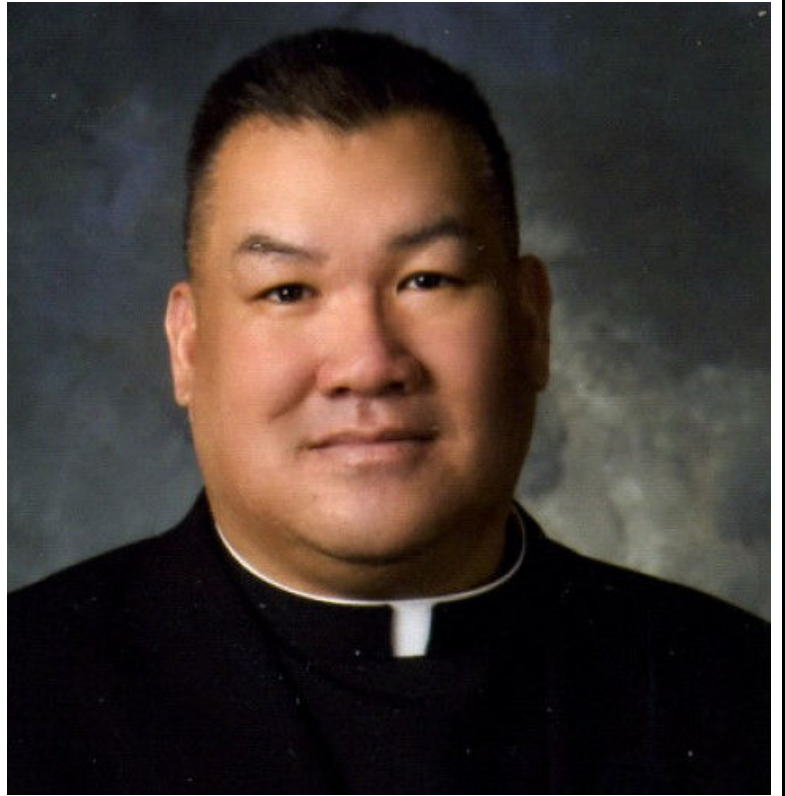


# OUR NEW PASTOR

On March 17 we were told about our new Pastor, Father Dindo Billote. Father Billote was born in the Philippines and came to America with his parents when he was two years old. He was raised in Naperville where his family was a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish.

Father Billote has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois. He worked as an environmental engineer for about seventeen years before discerning his vocation. He was ordained five years ago and was first assigned as Parochial Vicar of St Raphael Parish in Naperville and then moved to St Francis of Assisi Parish in Bolingbrook. He will become our Pastor in June.

Father Billote is a Fourth Degree Knight. Welcome Sir Knight, Father Dindo Billote to Council 6993 St Mary, Mokena



## MARDI GRAS

The Mardi Gras dinner on March 4 was a wonderful success. Joe Sluis made reservations at Fox's in Mokena for thirty people but sixty showed up! It was a lot of fun and many of us, our wives and some kids got a chance to greet and get to know each other. We should do this kind of thing often! Sixty people is about the maximum that we can send to Fox's on a Tuesday because the restaurant ran out of space for us all. Ideas for a larger place are welcome!



Barry Cullum and his girls at Mardi Gras

## METRA

Some of us might want to take the Metra train to the White Sox game on May 22. The schedule is:

### TO THE PARK:

Mokena	5:26 PM
Hickory Creek	5:30 PM
35th Street	6:12 PM

### BACK HOME:

35th Street	11:21 PM
Hickory Creek	12:17 PM
Mokena	12:21 PM

### OR\*

35th Street	9:51 PM
Hickory Creek	10:47 PM
Mokena	10:51 PM

The posted fare is \$5.75 each way, \$2.75 reduced fare.

\* You might have to leave the game early to catch this train. Reduced parking is \$20.00



Rosalie and Sir Knight Andy Leitelt with new Sir Knight Frank Librera

# OUR NEW SIR KNIGHTS

The Northern Illinois District of the Fourth Degree conducted the annual exemplification of new Sir Knights on February 22.



Sir Knight Vincent Di Fiore

Two men from the St Mary Council joined Faithful Navigator Sir Knight Peter Baker and the 400 members of the Joliet Assembly. Sir Knight Vince Di Fiore lives in Mokena and is our council Warden.. Sir Knight Frank Librera lives in Peotone and is therefore not at many meetings. Sir Knight Frank Librera is Rosalie Leitelt's father. Congratulations Sir Knights!

Vivat Jesus

## *Seder Meal*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> 12:30- 4:00pm**

**ST. MARY PARISH - CHURCH HALL**

**This traditional Seder Meal will be led by Brian and Janet Leshin of Temple Anshe Sholom.**

**A served Chicken Breast Dinner will be prepared by our very own Tom Grotovsky, the Unforgettable Chef.**

**\$10.00 - Adult**

**\$3.00 – Child (12 or under)**

**\$25.00 - Family of 6**



**Please return sign-up and payment to Church Office NO LATER than April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Adults/Children attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions: Call Barbara Bekker 708-326-9317**

**Mail to: St Mary Church, %Barbara Bekker, PO Box 2, Mokena, IL 60448**

**Make checks out to St Mary Church, mark check "Seder Meal"**



# THE PIZZA PARTY

For several years the council has held a Pizza Party to raise money for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry. This year's party, scheduled for Saturday April 26 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall, promises to be great again! Tim Cosgrove is the mastermind behind the event and he has more than fifteen pizza parlors lined up to donate up to five pizzas each for the event. The pizzas are rushed to the St Mary warming ovens by volunteer drivers. The money is raised by asking for a free will donation from attendees. All the money goes to the food pantry.

A lot of volunteers are needed to make the party work! We need about ten drivers with vehicles to go to the pizza places and pick up pizzas. We also need knights, wives and teens to work during the pizza party. YOU need to help with this. St Mary teens might want to help to get some community service hours signed off! VOLUNTEER!!!! To sign up contact Tim Cosgrove at (815) 485 5599. Volunteers will have to be at St Mary's Parish Hall at 4:30 to pick up assignments and to go get the pizzas starting at 5:00 PM.



## Can you help children?

CASA is an organization that helps the Juvenile Court system by monitoring court supervised children. When a child is in trouble and comes to the court's attention, the court will assign a public defender to check up on the child periodically. The public defender system does not work well, which explains the function of CASA. The Will County CASA



You Can Be the Difference  
Volunteer? Donate?

(815) 730-7072  
www.casaofwillcounty.org  
casa@casaofwillcounty.org

CASA advocates for the best interests of children who have been abused and neglected. The CASA volunteer is the child's voice in the juvenile court system.

consists of a group of volunteers who visit children once a month and make reports to the court.

The volunteers become involved in the lives of their assigned kids—sometimes for many years. It is a great way to show compassion to a young person that needs help. The kids range in age from very young to eighteen years of age. CASA provides training. Check them out at their website!

## Are you a Leader?

The Fraternal Year of the Knights of Columbus runs from July 1 until June 30 of the following year. Each April, the Grand Knight appoints a nominating committee to start the process of finding candidates for the many elected offices of the council. The nominating committee is always looking for interested men. All knights who have completed their initiation process through the third degree are eligible to hold elected office in the Knights of Columbus. The election is held in June.



Start thinking of your future in the Knights. We need good men to carry the order forward to manage the great programs and charitable works of the council. You can be a leader in the Knights. The nominating committee will report its suggestions at the June meeting. There can also be nominations from the floor! Think about it.



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Knights of Columbus



23<sup>rd</sup> Annual

## Victor Cardosi Award

Recognition Dinner

Saturday, May 10, 2014

The dinner will be held at **St. Dominic Church, 440 East Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois**. The evening will begin at 06:00 PM with a cash bar, followed by dinner at 06:45 PM. The Victor Cardosi Award presentation will be after dinner.

### Advance Reservations Only

Limited Seating – Only 225 Accepted - No Walk-Ins

Special Guest / Honoree

**Master Paul Isherwood**

### HONOREES

Name	Council	City	Name	Council	City
<b>Bishop Conlon</b>	Joliet Assembly 204	Joliet	<b>Terrence Denniger</b>	Fr. Michael J McGivney 8002	Winfield
<b>Robert Pacetti</b>	Lemont 1599	Lemont	<b>Eugene Osowski</b>	St. Isidore-Bloomingtondale 8522	Bloomingtondale
<b>Ronald Ziemba</b>	Good Shepherd 5573	Plainfield	<b>Edward Schumann</b>	Christ the King 11027	Lombard
<b>Francis Wagner</b>	Robert P Connelly 5918	Woodridge	<b>Egidio DeFelippis</b>	St. Joseph Holy Family 14251	Bradley
<b>John Sievert</b>	Fr. Frank Anksorus 6521	Woodridge	<b>Robert Skidmore</b>	God's Divine Mercy 14463	Yorkville
<b>Frank Borich</b>	St Mary - Mokena 6993	Mokena			

Honorees and their councils will be given first reservation priority. Chapter Officers and State Officers next. Then first come (Paid) until availability is sold-out. Please join the Chapter in congratulating and recognizing these Brother Knights and their families, and their outstanding accomplishments. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner celebration.

Vivat Jesus,

*Gregory P Quinn*

Chapter President

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*Timothy J. Cosgrove*

Chairman

815-485-5599

[sox1985@att.net](mailto:sox1985@att.net)

### Dinner Reservation

**DUE NOT LATER THAN APRIL 25! ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY**

(Your name will be at the door)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ # OF DINNERS @ \$35 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form with a check or cash for \$35 per person to:

**Joe Sluis**

**11533 St. Vincent Ct.**

**Mokena, IL 60448**

**Make check out to "Knights of Columbus"**



# Lincoln Way Special Recreation Association

All of us have heard about the Lincoln Way Special Recreation Association. We give money to the association annually from our Tootsie Roll drive for the Intellectually Disabled. Have you ever wondered what happens to the money? At the March officer meeting, Vince Di Fiore presented the director of the association to the officers. It

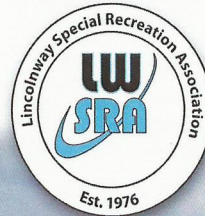
was amazing to find out just what Lincoln Way Special Rec. (LWSR) is!

LWSR provides recreation and therapies to about 175 children and adults who have various mental and physical problems. They come from local



park districts. Each of the park districts provides funding to LWSR to give the association an annual budget of about \$2 Million. The funding is used for many programs similar to those found at a YMCA but adapted for handicapped persons.

LWSR has been building a new Special Recreation Center at 1900 Heather Glen Drive in New Lenox. The building is a few blocks east of the Jewel store on Laraway Road—it is the only tall building in an area of new homes. The facility is the subject of an article in the March 20 Mokena Messenger.. It will open this spring.



*Providing recreational services for individuals with disabilities since 1976.*



*Programs are offered year round for individuals of all ages!*  
(see back for a list of programs offered)

**Visit us online to learn more:**



**[www.lwsra.org](http://www.lwsra.org)**



**Phone: (815) 462-2911**

**Email: [support@lwsra.org](mailto:support@lwsra.org)**

*Serving Frankfort, Manhattan, Mokena, New Lenox, Peotone and Wilmington Island Park Districts.*

Special Olympics teams sponsored and organized by LWSR include a Swim Team, Track and Field, BOCCE, Soccer, Softball and Tennis. The teams compete in a statewide program. It is a huge enterprise that needs a lot of volunteers and other support.— made to order for the Knights of Columbus. The budget of LWSR comes from the six park districts and from a lot of fund raisers. Current fund raisers include a “Candlelight Bowl” in New Lenox on March 29, a “Bunny Breakfast” at Lincoln Way East HS on April 19 and a Golf Outing August 8. Check out their web site.



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**VERSUS**  
**NEW YORK YANKEES**



A "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NIGHT" FUNDRAISER FOR  
**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

THROUGH  
**K OF C CHARITIES**



DISCOUNT TICKETS!  
DISCOUNT PARKING!  
DISCOUNT MEAL DEALS!



\$ 5 FROM EACH GAME TICKET GOES TO K OF C CHARITIES  
GAME IS THURSDAY MAY 22, STARTING AT 7:10 PM

TICKET PURCHASE—OUTFIELD RESERVED TICKETS—ADVANCE SALES ONLY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ # TICKETS @ \$21.00 EACH: \_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VALUE MEALS (HOT DOG, CHIPS, SODA) @ \$ 6.75 EACH: \_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DISCOUNTED PARKING @\$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REMITTED:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL YOUR CHECK WITH THIS FORM

TO: Joe Sluis  
11533 St. Vincent Ct.  
Mokena, IL 60448  
(must be received before April 25)

Make checks out to Knights of Columbus  
This event is for you, your friends and family  
Tickets will be sent to you by mail