

TIMELINE
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Parish & School
Downers Grove, Illinois

- 1891 St. Mary of Gostyn begins in a wooden, tarpaper covered church with 13 pews for 25 families on the northeast corner of Wilson and Douglas.
- 1895 First Rectory was built on Douglas Street between Prairie and Wilson.
- 1987 St. Mary of Gostyn School opened a one room wooden school house.
- 1915-1918 Two Franciscan nuns staff the school.
- 1920 Combination School / Convent built on the southeast Corner of Douglas and Prairie which is currently the Learning Resource Center, and Kindergarten and Preschool Classrooms.
- 1948 New Church on the northeast corner of Douglas and Wilson is built. It is a brick building that seats 220 parishioners.
- 1949 St. Mary joins the Diocese of Joliet. The parish has 400 Parishioners, 130 families.
- 1953 St. Mary of Gostyn becomes a territorial parish to serve the budding surrounding communities
- 1954 A three-story school is built on the northeast corner of Prairie and Douglas to serve the children. It still is part of the school structure today.
A new convent was also built at this time to house the nuns who taught at the school. It is now the present day Parish Center.
- 1957 A Rectory was built that is still in use today on the North East corner of Wilson and Douglas.
Catechism classes started for public school children.
- 1962 The Church built in 1948 and located at the northeast corner of Douglas and Wilson was not equipped for the needs of the Church. It was lifted up, propped on airplane wheels and transported from the northeast corner of Wilson and Douglas to a foundation at the northwest corner of Prairie and Douglas where it still stands today. Its current use is the School's Learning Resource Center, Kindergarten and Preschool.
- 1978 Additional classrooms and a gymnasium were added to the three story school structure.
- 1995 Kindergarten program was added to the school.
- 1999 3 year-old and 4 year-old Preschool program was added.
- 2002 The church was renovated to the space used today in 2011.
- 2009 Kindergarten program expands to full-day Kindergarten with two classrooms