Hungry now and excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire that will make this night bright for us. From the bonfire burning outside the church building, first the Paschal candle is lit, followed by all the people’s candles. The light is spread from one person to another until the whole church is ablaze with light—the light of Christ.

The second part of the Easter Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We listen to the scriptural story of our salvation—our journey out of darkness into light, out of death into life. In acclaiming the gospel, we welcome back the “Alleluia” which went unsung during the 40 days of Lent.

The third part of the Easter Vigil is the sacramental initiation of the catechumens. Here we witness the blessing of the water, immersion in water, and the rise of the newborn children of God from the waters of baptism. Then christened with the fragrant oil of confirmation, they are led to partake of the banquet of Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil is an occasion for us to reflect on what kind of liturgical life will sustain us on our Paschal journey and what manner of praying will be a treasure of faith we can hand on to our children.

This is the greatest night of all the year. In our prayers and song; in our sacraments and silence; here in our midst, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed! On April 20th at 7:30PM, extraordinary grace awaits us all.

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**Easter Memorial Flowers**

The celebration of Easter is an experience of Life. We remember the New Life Christ gave us once He rose from the dead. This feast is remembered for fifty days. From Easter to Pentecost, we gather as Easter people celebrating Christ’s resurrection.

During this time we will have the church decorated with plants and flowers. This is an excellent opportunity to remember deceased family members and friends. You may fill out this form, place it in an envelope marked “Easter Memorial Flowers,” and put it in the collection basket. Donations received by Sunday, April 14th will be published in the Easter bulletin.

Your name: ________________________________________________________________

(please print clearly)

In Memory of: ________________________________________________________________

(please print clearly)
We have likely all had times when we have in some way escaped—or attempted to escape—the pain and suffering of ourselves or loved ones. Who wants to feel pain when you can become absorbed in technology, take drugs, or self-medicate with food or alcohol?

Who wants to watch another suffer when you can leave the side of the hospital bed or avoid visiting in the first place? The disciples couldn’t stay awake for their closest friend whom they knew was filled with fear and sadness after their last meal together. Like them, we may have failed loved ones in their time of need too because it was just too painful to be with them in their pain.

Jesus still suffers when people suffer today. He said, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me.” So when humans torture other humans, we are torturing Christ. When others are dying of old age, alone in a nursing home, Jesus is dying alone. We may run away from the pain and suffering of others, just as the disciples slept through Jesus’ agony. However, we will always have more chances to stay awake and be present to Jesus by making ourselves present and available to others who suffer.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Help me, Lord Jesus,
to understand the mystery
of your dying and rising
in my life.

Show me the meaning of my
little deaths
and of those that are not so little.

Help me to stand in solidarity
with others in their dying,
so that I may be with them
in their risings as well.

May I always treasure the new life
you have breathed into me at Baptism.

Amen.

Escaping By Sleeping

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His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.”

Sheepish Questions:
Do I sometimes forget to praise Jesus?
What helps me remember?
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Stewardship

Due to the early production date of this bulletin, the April 7th collection was not yet available.

Holy Land Collection

The collection for the Holy Land is taken on Good Friday. Money is used to maintain the holy places in Jerusalem and to assist the Christian community in the Holy Land. Certain funds are allocated to the University of Bethlehem which provides education and professional training for students who would otherwise be unable to receive an education. Collection baskets will be at the entrances of the church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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EASTER SUNDAY

All Masses will be held in the church
7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
No 6:00 PM Mass

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Jesus’ Last Hours

Jesus, the miracle-worker, enters the capital city of Jerusalem with the crowds cheering and waving palms. A week later, after the Pharisees convince Pilate to convict Jesus of treason, the crowd cheers for his death. This reading includes Jesus’ celebration of the Passover, and his gift of the Eucharist as well as his passion and his final words before his death: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (23:46).

Every Palm Sunday, I remember the years of being distracted by wiggling children and the shuffling feet of teenagers as the Passion was read. This story of Jesus’ last twenty-four hours is a long reading.

It begins with Jesus getting ready to celebrate the Jewish feast of the Passover with his friends. The Jewish Passover is the celebration of Moses bringing the Jews out of Egypt to freedom. Within three days the world would be celebrating a new freedom.

Jesus sends his apostles to find a suitable place to celebrate the great feast. They meet in an upper room where Jesus has his last meal with his friends. At this meal, Jesus gives them (and us) the great gift of himself as he blesses the bread and wine.

After the meal, Jesus goes to pray in the garden, where he is arrested. He then appears before the chief priest and Pharisees and before the Roman official Pilate. At first Pilate orders that Jesus be scourged and beaten, but the crowd (the same crowd that only a week earlier hailed him with palms and cheers) protests: “Crucify him!” Pilate eventually relents. Jesus, condemned to die, carries his own cross through the city to a hillside outside the gates. There he is nailed to the cross, and, after three hours, he dies. And, as prophesied, three days later Jesus rises from the dead. (The latter is not part of the Palm Sunday reading; rather we hear about this next week at Easter.)

In the short span of three days, Jesus brings about a new Passover. Like Moses of that first Passover, Jesus brings us out of slavery, the slavery of fear, greed and prejudice, to freedom. The Passion and death, along with the Resurrection, are the very heart of the gospel.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Help your children recall the story of the Passion. Read it from a good children’s Bible, or tell it in your own words. Put together your own Way of the Cross. As a family, choose six to ten events from the last days of Jesus’ life. Draw a picture of each event and hang them all on the walls around your house. As you walk around to each picture, make up a prayer for each station.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Often our own problems or crosses are mirrored in the events of Jesus’ Passion. (Jesus is rejected. He falls for the second time.) Choose one or two of the events of the Passion and, in the space below, write a brief prayer concerning them.
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019
6:15 AM - Ed Main req. Family
6:15 AM - Jack Byrne req. Byrne Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019
6:15 AM - Maureen Cotugno
8:00 AM - Dennis Finn
6:30 - 8:00 PM - Confessions in the church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019
8:00 AM - Jennifer Anne Sullivan req. Jim & Dolores Sullivan

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019 - HOLY THURSDAY
8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019 - GOOD FRIDAY
8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
3:00 PM - Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019 - HOLY SATURDAY
8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
1:00 PM - Blessing of the Food
7:30 PM - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 - EASTER SUNDAY
All Masses will be held in the church

7:00 AM
8:30 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Lv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
   b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11;
   c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
   d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
   g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
   h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

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Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
March 2019 Report

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 253 Individuals within 105 Families. So far, this year we have fed 719 Individuals within 320 Families. We continue our outreach ministry serving five homeless shelters in Chicago four days a week.

Pantry item most in need is pork and beans.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS
1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Fresh Thyme or Aldi. Thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Thank you Jim/Lois Murawski for your large food donation.
3. Thank you St Mary’s third graders for your large food donations.
4. Thank you Ron/Linda for your large food donation.

Don’t forget Amazon Shoppers! You can donate to St. Mary’s SVDP Conference at no cost to you by going to smile.amazon.com and selecting St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary of Gostyn. A percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to SVDP with every Amazon order you place. Thank you for your support!

March Adage: Any woman looking for a man to marry has evidently never been married before.

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul, we could not accomplish all we do without your support, and God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardship are most welcome at our Food Pantry. The pantry is open every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00am.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st

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Within SMG’s supportive environment, we use specific techniques to help the children understand what is expected of them and how to be good students and members of the SMG community. We began implementing the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program at SMG this year. The PBIS program is used to identify, support and emphasize positive desired behaviors in the school setting. Also, an incentive we have a Viking Voucher system in place. Students receive the vouchers by demonstrating these positive behaviors, and any that received vouchers are able to turn them in for a reward of their choice. With the help of Audrey R. and Olivia S. selecting the lucky students eligible for the redemption, James H. and Grace J. turned their vouchers in for gift cards to Downtown Downers Grove, local restaurants and movie theatres. Great job by all, keep up the good work!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Mark Gowgiel                      Theresa Hurley           Jaclyn Golly      Marcus Casteneda                John Sommer
Joyce Kessler                          Ethel Zindrick           Bob Earley

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Maureen Cotugno, wife of Deacon Joseph Cotugno
Lawrence Huene
Sean Kurzweil, husband of Stephanie Wasserberg

Pray for our Military
Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

Kevin Braasch         Michael Martel       Natalya Brechlin       John Svoboda
Christopher Fountain           Nathan Kijowski       Bob Lang            Zachary Frana
Timothy Randazzo               Kyle Ng                     Christopher Randazzo        Joe McSweeney

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound
Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings?
If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/969-1063, ext 244.
A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.
First Friday visits are also offered.

MAKE ST. MARY OF GOSTYN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!
If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip______________________________________________________________
Email address______________________________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________ (circle one: cell     Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 445 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: https://stmarygostyn.org/new-parishioner-registration/
RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

After many months of intense preparation, the following Elect will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil:

Randell Richey          Daniel Rosenblum

The following baptized Christian will be received into full Communion with Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation:

Matthew Weber          Tara Kranz

We cordially invite you to experience our new members’ joyous initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 20th, 2019 beginning at 7:30 PM.

Please continue to pray for these individuals during their final week of preparation.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

With the start of the spring season, our landscaping will be greening up. While this is so welcome, it brings with it outside chores to keep it thriving. We have been so fortunate over the years to have two groups of volunteers who maintain our beds with plantings and flowers and also brighten up our Grotto with seasonal décor.

The Wynne family has been maintaining the Grotto for the past ten years and have let us know that they are no longer able to help with this. We thank them for their service and are looking for a few people who would be interested in this Ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family or small group to work together to keep this area fresh and maintained throughout the spring and summer primarily.

We would also like to add additional volunteers to our Garden Angels who maintain our planting beds around the Church, Parish Center and the front entrance to the School. Ideally, we would like to divide up the grounds, so a team can be responsible for a limited section of the property. All ages are invited to help, including high schoolers and middle schoolers. (This is a great service opportunity for someone who needs some hours.) A knowledge of gardening is highly recommended, but we may be able to use teams with only one experienced person and others with strong backs and a love of getting outside and working with their hands!

If either of these outdoor Ministries would appeal to you, please contact Terri O’Dekirk at todekirk@stmarygostyn.org or 630-737-9621.

Lastly, as you divide out any of your own perennials, or find you bought too many other plants for your home space, let us know. We can always use new planting material to freshen up our outside spaces.
Youth Ministry

“You should realize that God wants you to be glad and that, if you do all you can, you will be happy, very, very happy, although you will never for a moment be without the Cross. But that Cross is no longer a gallows. It is the throne from which Christ reigns. And at his side, his Mother, our Mother too. The Blessed Virgin will obtain for you the strength that you need to walk decisively in the footsteps of her Son.”
- St. Josemaria Escriva

**STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE TRIP**

**JUNE 14-16, 2019**

OPEN TO STUDENTS ENTERING 9-12TH GRADE IN THE FALL OF 2019 AND CLASS OF 2018 SENIORS

STEUBENVILLE BELONG

One spot left for the Steubenville Youth Conference Trip — Join us for a weekend you’ll never forget 😊

**TONIGHT!**

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR

CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT

7-9 PM in the Underground
Food, Games, Prayer.

HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS AT PADS

WE WILL BE MAKING DINNER FOR OUR GUESTS SERVING THEM AND HELPING CLEAN UP

Friday, April 26th
6:30-8:30 PM
In the Gathering Place

PLEASE RSVP TO CLAIRE AND FILL OUT THE PERMISSION FORM ON THE WEBSITE!

Join us for a pilgrimage to visit beautiful and moving life-sized stations of the cross in St. John's Park! A sack lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Claire.

- Leave St. Mary's at 10am
- Walk the Stations of the Cross
- Eat lunch
- Explore the grounds and the gift shop
- Return home and arrive around 5:30

Join Fr. Shaun & St. Mary's Youth group for a trip to

THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION!

Check out the Shrine's website: http://shrineofchristspassion.org/

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Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- April 17/18  No RE class - Holy Week
- April 24/25  RE class - 7th grade Christian Living Journals due
- April 29/30  First Communion practice 6:30pm in the church
- May 4      First Communion at 10am and 1pm
- May 8/9    Last RE class

No Religious Ed classes
Holy Week
April 17th & 18th

7th grade Christian Living
Journals are due
April 24th/25th

Service Opportunity

Easter Mass Greeter Invitation

Looking for a fun and simple way to live your faith?
This works! Join us on Saturday April 20th at the Easter Vigil (7:30pm) or Sunday April 21st at Easter Mass (7am, 8:30am, 10am, or Noon) at St Mary Gostyn as a greeter. Please arrive 30 minutes before the Vigil or Mass. We will meet & greet, and let our ushers seat our guests. Name tags available

See our Sign-Up site: http://signup.com/go/rjTPurp Choose your time slot. OR Contact: Tom Strolia / 630-253-0663 cell-text / tom12336@comcast.net
Around the Parish (cont’d)

Activity Center News

By the time this bulletin is being read, we will have many signs that our Activity Center project has begun. The security fence went up this past week, work has started to take the Prairie house down and many final construction meetings have been occurring to finalize the “structural” contracts and plans. We should have building permits in hand within the next two weeks. We hope to have work underway the last week of April. Our goal at this point is to have the eating area of the renovated space available early in the school year and the gym available late fall so that we can host the basketball season in our school.

Below are current renderings of our new spaces. If you have questions or would like to get more information about the project, please email Terri O’Dekirk at todekirk@stmarygostyn.org.

Activity Center with south windows for natural lighting and new window into the kitchen.

Outside entrance to the Activity Center with accessibility ramp for after hours entry.

BEQUESTS / ESTATE GIFTS

Did you support the recent parish Capital Campaign? Were you able to make a gift to the Activity Center?

If you wanted to help, but weren’t able to, you’re not alone. Many people who would love to support their parish, school, or any type of non-for profit often find it difficult to make an impactful gift.

Not every parishioner can afford to make a large outright gift to their favorite charities during their lifetime. Planned giving provides parishioners with an avenue to make a larger and more impactful gift than they ever thought possible and allows all donors to support the church and school they love.

Planned gifts create tremendous opportunities for St. Mary of Gostyn Parish and School by providing us the means to transform the lives of future generations. Depending on how they are structured, planned gifts can also offer tax benefits, provide income to you and your family, and ensure flexibility should your circumstances change.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how planned giving can help you realize your financial goals while creating a brighter future for St. Mary of Gostyn.
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This Week

Monday / 15
1:00 PM School Gathering Place
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55604 Gathering Pl. A
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Chapel
7:00 PM Catechism Class Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Festival Choir Rehearsal Church

Tuesday / 16
5:30 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
6:00 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Reconciliation Church
6:30 PM School: 5th Grade Step Up Gathering Place
7:00 PM Building & Grounds Large Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 17
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Golf Outing Committee Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 18

Friday / 19
6:30 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 20
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Rcia Church
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.
1:00 PM Food Blessing Church
7:00 PM Rcia Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 21
8:30 AM Children’s Choir Church
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child, you will need to participate in a baptismal preparation session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism.

Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, December and April at the 8:00 AM Mass.

The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM in church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the Rectory (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.