St. Mary of Gostyn Parish is a welcoming, faith-sharing Christian community rooted in scripture and Catholic tradition.

We are called by God through the Holy Spirit to nurture and minister to the spiritual needs of all through prayer, liturgy, education and service.
Out of concern for the moral upbringing and educational needs of the children in their community, parishioners built the first St. Mary’s school, without professional help, in 1897. A small one-room building, it was divided into two classrooms (1st through 4th grade and 5th through 8th grade). Located on the southeast corner of Prairie and Douglas, it was staffed by lay instructors initially. Mr. Mlynikowski was the first teacher, Mr. Mlyniec and Mr. Fomalewski followed. Polish was spoken exclusively.

During the tenure of St. Mary’s 11th Pastor, Fr. Warakomski, Franciscan Sisters came from Joliet to teach in the school in 1915. They were replaced by Franciscan Nuns from St. Louis in 1916. After Fr. Warakomski was reassigned, the Nuns left with him in 1918. The school was closed until the arrival of the Felician Sisters from Chicago in 1919. The Sisters would have a profound impact on the school and the community. The Felician Sisters brought order, routine and discipline. Despite many hardships, the Sisters persevered. The Sisters not only educated their students within the classroom; they witnessed by their lives. In hard times, the sisters shared their own donated food supply to provide lunch to the neediest children.

In 1920, Archbishop Mundelein gave permission to the pastor to build a new, modern combination school, residence for the Sisters, and hall for entertainment and other social activities. It was completed that same year. Parishioners worked together and sacrificed to pay for this new building. The Sisters lived in a 2-room convent on the second floor. The school’s two classrooms were on the 1st floor and parish hall was in the basement. Initially, the school did not have running water — it would be 13 years before water was brought into the building. Classes were bi-lingual; catechism and Polish history were taught in Polish. All other subjects were taught in English.

Major growth in both the parish and school really began after World War II. Families moved out from the city into the western suburbs. Anticipating the need for increased classroom space and teachers, construction began on the three-storied section of the school on the northwest corner of Prairie and Douglas in 1953. A convent was built and the old combination building was torn down in 1954. Towards the end of the 1950s, uniforms were introduced. Once the new church was built in 1964, the old church was converted into a gym, by dedicated parent volunteers. The first Physical Education instructor would not be hired until 1972.

Classrooms became crowded in the early 70s. Despite financial difficulties, the parish was able to raise enough money to purchase three properties and begin construction on an addition in 1977. This building would be known as Stanley Hall; it would provide additional classrooms and a gym. Throughout the 1980s, school enrollment would grow to nearly 500 students. However, the number of Felician sisters serving at the school would decrease dramatically, from ten to three. The convent was turned into a Parish Center while the Sisters moved into a leased house near the school. The 1980s also saw the introduction of computers into the school with Mary Buchler teaching the first classes.

Within the past 25 years, many changes have occurred. In 1995, the first lay educator would serve as principal. Pre-school and Kindergarten programs would be initiated in the late 1990s. In 2002, another renovation project added two classrooms to the school, ending the need for students to cross busy Prairie Ave. for classes in the Parish Center. Significantly, the Felician Sisters left St. Mary’s in May, 2013.

Today, the staff of St. Mary’s numbers over 40 people including 28 teachers, 7 teachers’ aides and a social worker. Grades pre-school through 8th are taught. Over 440 students are enrolled. In 2016, our preschool was voted Suburban Life’s Finest: Reader’s Choice, “Best Preschool in the Western Suburbs.” Spanish language classes begin in Kindergarten. Full and half day Kindergarten is offered. Technology has been integrated throughout the school — there are more than 320 networked devices/computers on a LAN environment and there is Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the campus. While all students in grades K-8 have access to computers in the school, students in grades 6-8 have a Chromebook to use both in school and at home. There are numerous extracurricular activities and afterschool programs: student council, clubs, religious and social activities and athletics (beginning at grade 5). There is an extraordinary music and fine arts program including a musical production each spring. Students attend weekly Mass, daily religion class, sacrament preparation, and special liturgies and prayer services for liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter).

The founders of the school, and those who served the school through its hardships, would be amazed at how much the school has grown and flourished. Our school today would not exist but for the dedication and faith of the founders, St. Mary’s pastors, parents, parishioners, and Franciscan and Felician Sisters. We owe them a debt of thanks. May the Lord bless all who have served and continue to serve the school. May He bless all of our past, current and future students.

(Material from the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book; Growing up in Gostyn by Josette (Durham) Songco; the St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Website, e-mail interviews with Mrs. Dianne Czopek and Mrs. Cheryl Basile)
One winter day, in the midst of an ordinary week at work and home, a woman's dream included a conversation that went like this: "Lord, who ever takes care of me? I feel so empty and worn out. There's always something to do for someone else. I'm tired and drained."

And, in a very concerned, grandparent-like tone, God responded in her heart: "I'm here. I always take care of you."

This dream was just the energy the woman needed to keep going. A simple but powerful dream helped her remember that her life as a disciple Jesus was not always going to be easy, but that the strength and courage were but a prayer away.

This week's readings remind us that God's children are never neglected. Although discipleship carries great responsibility, it also carries great and everlasting benefits. God is not like the person who fails to care for his or her possessions. Children leave their toys out in the rain. We neglect to service our car. We throw a new coat in a corner. We let our lawns turn to jungles. But God never neglects us. God does ask that we carry on Jesus' ministry in our everyday activities and promises that light will guide our paths in that ministry.

The ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of Paul's conversion to Christ. Before he became known as Paul, his name was Saul. He was a tentmaker from the city of Tarsus.

Saul set out for Damascus. He wanted to arrest any Christians who had escaped from Jerusalem after Stephen's death. Along the way, Saul was struck down to the ground and blinded. He heard the voice of Jesus. Jesus asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul was in shock. He allowed himself to be led to the home of Christians in Damascus. A holy man named Ananias prayed with him and his sight was restored. Saul went to an isolated spot to reflect on his new faith. Then he returned to Damascus and began preaching the gospel.

Everyone was astounded at the change in him. Now Saul was the one being persecuted. His friends feared for his life. They helped him to escape from Damascus by lowering him over the wall of the city in a basket.

Saul, who began to call himself by the Roman name of Paul, went out on missionary journeys. He crossed the Roman empire four times to bring the good news of Christ to the world.

**We are not in our own power, but in the power of God.**

St. Perpetua
The 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is underway!

It begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Held in God’s Hands.” What a wonderful thought! When we accept that God knows what we need and will provide for our tomorrows, we are able to be good stewards of the gifts He has entrusted to us.

One way that we can be good stewards, is by giving back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure. The gifts we give enable ministries, education, and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal is $129,946.00. With your financial support, we can exceed this goal. When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, we will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parish.

Please answer Bishop Conlon’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten (10) installments. Thank you in advance for your support.
All are invited to celebrate our 125th Anniversary at our Valentine Gala!

When: February 11, 2017 at 6:00pm

Where: Doubletree Oak Brook

Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction and the Drawing for the Grand Prize for the Lucky in Love Raffle

Registration on line by February 5th at:
www.Stmarygostyn.org

Or submit your mailed invitation response card with your check or cash payment.
$100 per person, tables of 10 for $1000

Proceeds for this event go to our School Operating Budget, our Endowment Fund and our Athletics Department
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017
6:15 AM - William Lubben Sr. req. Ron & Mary Buchler
8:00 AM - Patricia A. Wojtach req. Mike & Mary Signer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - John Lowry req. Steve & Mary Spencer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Tom Carey req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Liane DeSitter req. Steve & Therese DeSitter

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Maria Lemoncello req. Jana Heyer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest
4:30 PM - Antoinette & Nick Venziano req. Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
8:00 AM - Alice Feery req. Amore Family
                Margaret Sobilo req. Olivia VanderLeest
10:00 AM - Barbara Doyle req. Dickman Family
                Dennis Hearne Sr. req. Ramsden Family
12:00 PM - Deacon Kevin Helwig req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).
Psalm - The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).
Second Reading - Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).
Gospel - After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
ALTAR FLOWERS
This weekends flowers were donated in THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED and for A SPECIAL INTENTION by an anonymous donor.

Thank You

CANDLE DISPLAY
The candle display on the altar this weekend is a reminder of the 59,000,000 babies lost in this Country since the legalization of abortion in 1973. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and for healing for those impacted by abortion.

A Warm Welcome
We welcome:
Brant & Jennifer Glomb
Scott & Susan Melrose
Christine Moran
Tanner & Jenny Taake
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, February 8  Parish Center  9:30 AM
The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson
A love story that takes place before WWI that reaches beyond a small English village.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the St. Mary Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, February 16  Parish Center  7:00 PM
The Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher
An elderly woman’s children pressure her to sell her prized painting that is worth a fortune.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the SMG Evening Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Ministry Schedule for Saturday, January 28th & Sunday, January 29th

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Basketball Teams Shine at Holiday Tournaments

The 5th Grade Girls A Basketball Team came in 2nd place at the Lombard Christmas Tournament.

The 6th Grade Boys A & B teams won the consolation bracket for their divisions in the St. Hubert Holiday Tournament.

Thank you to Lorri Stapleton for providing the photos.

St. Mary of Gostyn School
440 Prairie Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 968-6155  school@stmarygostyn.org  Facebook.com/StMaryGostyn

Preschool/Kindergarten Info Night
Jan. 26, 2017  6:30-8 p.m.
Scan QR code to reserve your space or go to this website: http://conta.cc/2gJP8CF

All-School Open House
Jan. 29, 2017  9 a.m.—Noon
Scan QR code to reserve your space or go to this website: http://conta.cc/2hPxYc6
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beirne  Abby Beranek
Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Bill Brown  Tom Brown  Felicia Bubula
Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  David Craven  Helen Czulak  Frank Davis
Jessica Davy  Dennis Finn  Becca Gorman  Mark Goyette  Diane Goyette
Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Darlene Hammer  Bobby Johnson  Donna Karlinski
Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  Ken Krupp  Mary Ann Lang  Doreen Lehrer
Robert Lehner  Diane Main  Eddie Mayerik  Spencer Mehr  Dolores Mendoza
Kate Moss  James Murawski  Andrea Mutton  Becca Gorman  Rob Noonan
Fr. Ernie Norbeck  Daniel Oliver  Carol Orseske  Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro
Lorraine Stephenoson  Kay Selfridge  Eliza Skipworth  Yoshie Snider  Joey Stefka
Lorettta Wies  Joan Taglioni  Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton
Ken Norman  Ashley Woltman  Donna Baumann  Bela Szeifert  Lillian Petrovich
George Drobnay Sr.  Erwin Burton  Brett Lauten  Frances Kopec  Marybeth Garofalo
Sylvestre Papillon  Gabriella Shelton  Judith Lynn Abella  Vince Tonissen  Ertha Papillon

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Karl Norbeck, brother of Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Jacklyne Nowakowski
Maurice Tremblay
Corey Walgren
Patricia Wojtach

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:

Jason Weeks  Kevin Braasch  Michael Martel  Natalya Brechlin
John Svoboda  Christopher Fountain  Nathan Kijowski  James Harrington
Bob Lang  Zachary Frana  Josh Cruz

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, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: http://www.stmarygostyn.org/?page=ParishRegistartion
Religious Education

Confirmation Reminders

Confirmation Retreat B

Two dates are scheduled ~ come to one!

- Sunday, January 22  1:30—4:00 pm
- Thursday, February 3  6:30—8:45 pm

All candidates must attend one Retreat B.

**BRING YOUR BIBLE!**

Confirmation Interviews will be held on February 8 & 9 during school religion class or during Confirmation pm sessions.

Christian Living Journal Reminder: Your journals must be complete by the time of your Confirmation Interview. Bring your signed journal to your interview with you.

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January ~ February

RE Calendar Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar. January and February are full of Sacramental Prep Meetings etc.

- January 22  Confirmation Retreat B 1:30 pm in the Gathering Place.
- January 24  Catechist/Adult In Service; Newman Institute—Evangelization II
- January 25  Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Evening of Reflection
- January 26  No Confirmation Session
- January 31/Feb. 1  Sacrament of First Reconciliation as assigned
- February 2  Confirmation Retreat B
- February 8 & 9  Confirmation Interviews
- February 22  Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Reconciliation Service 6:30 Church
- February 23  First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30 pm in the GP. Just Parents.
- February 23  No Confirmation Session

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Diocese of Joliet Newman Institute Series Presents

Foundations of Faith Sessions

Bishop Conlon, Bishop of Joliet, requests that all catechist commit to six hours of continued formation on topics of the faith. The Diocese offers parishes a series of formation sessions to help catechists reach this goal in a simple way. These sessions are available to **not just catechists**, but all adult **members of the parish** interested in continued learning. St. Mary has four of these sessions scheduled. Come if you can!

- Tuesday, January 24  6:30 pm  GP  Evangelization II: Sharing the Joy of the Gospel
- Tuesday, March 21  6:30 pm  GP  Methods I: Understanding Students & Leading them to Christ
- Tuesday, May 23  6:30 pm  GP  Methods II: Planning an Engaging Catechetical Session

Each session is 2 hours in length and gives a learner hours they need to meet Bishops requirement if they so desire. Call Mary Jane for more information.
DIG DEEP
Create new friendships while you dig deeper into your faith. Be inspired, enlightened and renewed with Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP), a guys-only weekend event hosted by your fellow St. Mary’s parishioners. Call today and reserve your space.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

† January 28-29, 2017

To reserve your spot, contact:
Jim Crawford, 630-493-9490,
jcrawfordiv@gmail.com

St. Mary of Gostyn
WOMEN’s CRHP Retreat
Feb 25-26th, 2017

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a unique opportunity to spice up your spiritual life by mixing laughter, faith, reflection, fellowship and prayer together with other women at St. Mary of Gostyn as we carve out the perfect recipe for a fulfilling relationship with God. The only missing ingredient is YOU!

For more information or to register for this FREE weekend, contact any of the following:
www.stmarygostyn.org (Adult Faith Tab), the Rectory at (630) 969-1063,
Kathleen Boyce at (708) 717-3326 or kboyce831@gmail.com or
Jennifer Miller at (630) 373-0553 or jenmiller015@gmail.com

Stir Up the Gift of God
2 Timothy 1:6
Solid Catholic Teaching for Teens.

Unpacking God’s Word in a way teens can relate to, making the Bible come alive.

Net result: Teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Bible. They see how their faith is a relevant part of their lives.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. (Eph 4:14-15)

LIFE CHANGING. LIFE SAVING.

First Session TODAY!

St. Mary’s High School Teens

Thus says the Lord: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears. Now I am healing you. (2Ki 20:5)

More information: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org OR www.stmarygostyn.org Ministries -Faith-Sacraments tab to Anointing of Sick

Mark your calendar to attend - one Sunday a month. Jan 22
Feb 12
Mar 19
Apr 9
May 7
In the Underground 4:30, done in time to go to 6 pm Mass.

Interested? Need more info? Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org
Employment Opportunity

Saint Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale, IL, has the following full-time position open: Campus Engineer II

The applicant must be able to do fundamental carpentry, electrical, plumbing, drywall, painting and HVAC work. They must also possess basic computer skills along with the ability to order and inventory a variety of maintenance supplies.

Additional responsibilities include:
- Manage a group of people that are performing a maintenance task
- Oversee a project being done by an outside contractor
- Work overtime as required by management including some nights and weekends

Hours are subject to change:
Currently, Tuesday thru Friday 10 am - 7 PM and Saturdays, 8 AM - Noon

Benefits include health insurance, dental insurance and vision Insurance as well as two weeks of paid vacation per year to follow Diocesan policy.

If you meet the above requirements and wish to apply for the position, please email Bruce at bruce@sijhinsdale.com

Semi-Retired? Retired?

Open the Doors of Your Heart

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org/chicago.

Join 9 Days for Life Jan 21 – Jan 29

Join our Bishops to pray for Life.

You can join one of 4 ways:
Social Media – Facebook: 9 Days for Life 2017; Twitter & Instagram
Free Mobile App – Download from Google Play store or App Store
Text Message - Text 9DAYS to 55000* for text messages with prayer intentions for life and access to reflections, suggested actions, and more! (Opt in terms on USCCB.org)
Email – go to USCCB.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. For people living in these regions, barriers to practicing the faith include lack of resources, shortages of pastoral agents, and poor infrastructures that make relatively simple things like participating in weekly Mass difficult. Your support of the collection helps to share the faith with those who long to experience God’s mercy within strong faith communities. Additionally, a portion of this collection goes to the mission work of our own diocese in Bolivia, assisting the needs of the poorest of the poor in this Andean nation.

In a letter to Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz and the entire Catholic community in the United States, Pope Francis commended the work of the collection, saying, “Through your support, many lives have been touched by the Good News of Christ’s merciful love, especially for the poor.”

The Diocese of Joliet takes up this collection this weekend, January 21-22, 2017.

Please be generous in this collection, and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference.

Thank you and God bless you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america
This Week

Monday / 23
2:25 PM  Girl Scouts Grp. A  Gather. Pl. A
2:30 PM  Altar Servers  Church
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 24
3:00 PM  Cheerleading  Gym
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
6:30 PM  Religious Education  Gathering Pl.
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground
7:00 PM  Development  Parish Library
7:00 PM  Finance & Admin. Comm.  L.R.C.
7:00 PM  Worship & Spiritual Life Comm. Large Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 25
3:00 PM  Cheerleading  Gym
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/GP
6:00 PM  Religious Education  Sch/L.Rm./Ch/GP
6:30 PM  6:00 Choir  Gath. Pl. C
7:00 PM  Reverence for Life  Parish Library

Thursday / 26
9:00 AM  Morning Bible Study  Gathering Pla
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/L.Rm./G.Pl.
6:00 PM  Altar Servers  Church
6:30 PM  PK & Kdg Info. Night  Sch/L.R.C.
7:00 PM  Choir  Church

Friday / 27
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  CRHP #23 - Men  Underground

Saturday / 28
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
7:00 AM  CRHP Weekend  UG/P.C./GP
8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym
9:00 AM  St. Vincent DePaul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  CRHP Weekend  Church

Sunday / 29
7:00 AM  CRHP Weekend  GP/P.C./UG
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gath. PL B & C
9:00 AM  CSW Open House  Gym
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church
8:00 PM  Men’s Basketball  Gym
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 or it has been more than five years since you attended a baptismal preparation session at St. Mary’s or another parish, you will need to participate in a 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, November 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 6:30 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.