St. Mary of Gostyn 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.
The Felician Sisters (CSSF - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice, 3rd Order Regular of St. Francis) have given us a lasting legacy in the formation of generations of children in St. Mary of Gostyn Parish. First arriving in 1919, they staffed the school for the next 94 years.

Sister Michael Gurgone holds the longest term of service at St. Mary’s: 36 years (1977 to 2013)! She graciously participated in an on-line interview to share some reflections on her time in Downers Grove, and update us on her current ministry.

She started teaching First Grade, and then became the Kindergarten teacher when the school added this level in 1995. She recalls that, in her early years here, the class size was 35 students and the school enrollment was so good that there was a waiting list! “The teachers were motivated and went the extra mile... We didn’t have a lot of money and had to do with what we had. We provided the student with the needs and not the wants. Even the needs were difficult to get because money was tight.”

From the start, the Felician Sisters served the parish in ways other than teaching. For instance, Sister Michael was personally involved as a sacristan, in the PADS program, on the art and environment committee, as a Eucharistic minister and lector.

She used her skills to sew vestments for the priests, and even First Communion outfits and burial attire for those in need.

When she began teaching Kindergarten, she had to adapt to having two different large classes each day, keeping both morning and afternoon classes “on the same page.” She felt somewhat removed from activities in the “big school”. She used creative and fun ways to engage the children in learning. The Massura family recalls being allowed to bring Cordury (stuffed bear) home for a week and report on his activities; having a Thanksgiving feast with Pilgrim and Native American costumes, searching the parish campus for the elusive Gingerbread Man, observing an incubator to see the eggs hatch. Petite Sister Michael surprised her students by donning a St. Mary’s uniform jumper and a wig with long braids for Halloween!

Since 2013, she works—along with former principal Sister Andrea Chudzik—at SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital in Centralia, IL, and at Good Samaritan in Mount Vernon, about five hours’ drive from Downers Grove. Felicians have served there in partnership with the community for 78 years! Sister Michael works in the Mission Department, and offers these reflections: “My ministry here gives me the opportunity to grow and help me to understand other cultures, denominations, and nationalities... We are only 4% Catholic but a very Christian community...The people are very quick to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable.” The Sisters operate two food pantries for their employees, with food supplied by more financially-able employees. She adds, “It has truly been a joy working here. The only disadvantage is that it’s so far away from the people I love.”

Thank you, Sister Michael, for serving us so well! God bless you!

Author D. Massura. Unless otherwise indicated, photos sourced from Growing up in Gostyn by Josette (Durham) Songco
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time focuses on the importance of humility. The readings today teach us that those who seek the Lord with a humble heart will find an abundance of blessings.

The gospel reading last Sunday presented the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry in Galilee. Matthew summed up Jesus’ overall message with the words: “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Today’s gospel reading presents the opening remarks that Jesus makes in his famous Sermon on the Mount. The actual “sermon” takes up three chapters – Matthew 5:1 – 7:29. We hear today the Eight Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1 – 12. The Beatitudes articulate one of the central characteristics of the kingdom of heaven: the great reversal that occurs when we see the world from God’s perspective. By human, worldly standards, the rich and the powerful are blessed. But by divine standards, the blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers.

The Beatitudes are commands for a Christian: to be merciful, to be clean of heart, to thirst for righteousness, to be meek, to be peacemaker. The commandments God gave to Moses still have their force. But the commands of Jesus, summarized in the Eight Beatitudes, and explained in the sermon on the Mount, which we will hear in the next few weeks, are the laws by which a Christian is called to live.

Liturgie this Week

Tuesday this week (Jan. 31) is the memorial of St. John Bosco, who did so very much with the orphaned and the downtrodden.

Thursday (Feb. 2) is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed to be used in church or liturgies this coming year, as well as candles for the use of parishioners at home.

Friday is the memorial of St. Blasé (Feb. 3), the patron saint of throat diseases. The blessing of throats will be celebrated at the 6:15 AM and the 8:00 AM Masses.

This coming week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week in our parish and nation. I would like to thank the parents, students, faculty and staff of St. Mary of Gostyn School for your dedication and hard work in promoting Catholic education. Thank you to our parishioners who contribute weekly to the offertory collection and subsidize the school as a part of our mission to form leaders in the church for the future. Having attended Catholic schools, from kindergarten to Masters program, I know firsthand the importance and value of a Catholic education. Let us celebrate our school this week for its accomplishments and value to our parish and nation.

The Catholic Schools Week theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

The logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the center of all Catholic education. The vibrancy of the colors and the movement and shadows in the logo portray the inner-connectivity and community life that are present in our Catholic schools.
In today’s Gospel, Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a summary of the fundamental attitude of a Christian steward. Make it a point to reflect on this Gospel reading during the week. Identify the blessing you relate to the most. Which one is the most challenging for you?

Please remember St. Mary of Gostyn when estate planning.
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 30, 2017
6:15 AM - Michael & Nancy McNicholas req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Patricia Wojtach req. Steve & Mary Spencer
   Karl Norbeck req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Bill Nelson req. Olson Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Krystyna Bednarz req. Mike & Mary Signer
   Joan Arif req. Susan & Thomas Klarkowski

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Katherine Dombrowski req. Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Dean Skuble req. Mike & Mary Signer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017
8:00 AM - Joseph Feery req. Amore Family
4:30 PM - Miss Francesca Campione req. Michela Campione
   John Lowry req. Bava Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Leon Paruszkiewicz req. Melody Leone
   Nancy May req. Stephanie Wasserberg & Sean Kurzweil
12:00 PM - Walter Kay req. Family
6:00 PM - Intention of the Priest

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading - You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection
   (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).
Psalm - Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading - God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in
   the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).
Gospel - Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
**Altar Flowers**

Are you celebrating an anniversary or special occasion? Would you like to memorialize a loved one?

Why not consider donating flowers to enhance our altar during Ordinary Time? Please call Pat Noonan, 964-4529, at least 2-3 weeks prior to your special event so an acknowledgement can be placed in the bulletin.

**Golden Agers**

The Golden Agers will meet on Wednesday, February 1st in the Gathering Place. Doors open at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at noon and Bingo will follow.

Any donations to the Food Pantry would be appreciated. Please call (630) 960 - 2126 for additional information.

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**A Warm Welcome**

We welcome:
- Stephen & Caitlin Flicek
- Gregory & Katlyn Girsch
- Frank & Mary Szafranski

who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Ministry Schedule for Saturday, February 4th & Sunday, February 5th**

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School to Perform “Mulan”

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce that St. Mary of Gostyn School will be performing the musical “Mulan JR” for the 2017 Spring Musical! Based on Disney’s Oscar-nominated film, Disney’s Mulan JR. is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit. With hit songs and a story packed with action, humor and heart, the musical brings ancient China to life with a modern sensibility. The Huns have invaded, and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous dragon sidekick, Mushu, to save the Emperor! Defying the village matchmaker, Mulan takes up arms and disguises herself as a boy in order to spare her father from having to serve in the army. As the great battle with the Huns approaches, Mulan must choose between revealing her true identity as a girl or saving all of China with her clever plan.

Keep an eye on the bulletin and parish Facebook page for details about spring performance dates.

School’s Spirit Days to raise funds for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

We are proud and excited to begin SMG School’s 2017 Spiritwear Days! Teachers, staff and students are invited and encouraged to participate. On School Spirit Days, students may wear any t-shirt/sweatshirt that has St. Mary of Gostyn School or SMG printed on the shirt. Students may wear shirts they already own, or ones purchased from our online spiritwear store printed with our school name.

Students should wear jeans or appropriate bottoms and gym shoes on these days as well. We ask that each participating child bring a $1, which will be donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Thank you for showing your school spirit and helping a wonderful cause like St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

- Nicholas T. Almeida
- Kathy Berg
- Ann Clark
- Jessica Davy
- Rion Goyette
- Joseph Karlinski
- Robert Lehner
- Kate Moss
- Fr. Ernie Norbeck
- Char Ryan
- Lorraine Stephenson
- Loretta Wies
- Frances Kopec
- Vince Tonissen
- Tammy Possidoni
- Lois Bach
- Sharon Binter
- Margaret Corbett
- Dennis Finn
- Gen Hadamik
- Kenny Kern
- Diane Main
- James Murawski
- Daniel Oliver
- Kay Selfridge
- Joan Taglioni
- Ashley Wolman
- Marybeth Garofolo
- Ertha Papillon
- Ronald Vaugan
- Anna Bandur
- Bill Brown
- David Craven
- Becca Gorman
- Darlene Hammer
- Ken Krupp
- Eddie Mayerik
- Andrea Mutton
- Carol Orseske
- Eliza Skipworth
- Sharon Tallierco
- Ken Norman
- George Drobney Jr.
- Sylvestre Papillon
- Fr. John Ouper
- Gabriella Beirne
- Tom Brown
- Helen Czulak
- Mark Gowgiel
- Bobby Johnson
- Mary Ann Lang
- Spencer Mehr
- Bob Noonan
- Eleanor Pecka
- Yosieh Snider
- Hugh Toner
- Erwin Burton
- Gabriella Shelton
- Bill Esposito
- Fr. Raymond Corkery O.Carm
- Abby Beranek
- Felicia Bubula
- Frank Davis
- Diane Goyette
- Donna Karlinski
- Doreen Lehner
- Dolores Mendoza
- Rob Noonan
- Cynthia Petro
- Joey Stefka
- Laine Van Houton
- Brett Lauten
- Judith Lynn Abella
- Tom Mendoza

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
- Joyce Pawlicki
- Lynne Svehla
- David Turner

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

Grief Support Team

….“And Jesus wept” John 11:35

Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.

If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.

Grief Support Group starts meeting on Tuesday, February 21st, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Tuesday starting February 21st for six weeks.

Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 960-3565 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.

January 29, 2017
Confirmation Reminders

Confirmation Retreat B
One date remains for the Confirmation Retreat!

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 soon. Bring your signed journal to your interview with you, as it will be a topic of your interview.

Januray ~ 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 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
- February 1  Ash Wednesday. RE Students will attend the 4:30 pm Mass and the 7:00 pm Mass. Parents are asked to adjust their drop off and pick up schedules.
- February 2  RE Students will attend the 4:30 pm Mass.

Religious Education Registration Informational Meeting

The Registration process for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Season will undergo some changes. First please be aware that registration will begin this spring and continue on until June 30, 2017.

The reason for changes is to give our department a leg up on finding catechists, assigning room placement, and ordering textbooks in a more timely and efficient way.

To keep families better informed, there will be an informational meeting on

Monday, March 13
6:30 pm
In the Gathering Place

Current and new parents are encouraged to attend to get the details. RE is offered to all children entering grades PK4—8.

Totus Tuus

I am all Yours
and all that I have is Yours!

Summer 2017
Mission Camp for Kids!

It's Summer Camp Sign Up Time
Save the Date for St. Mary's Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp
June 11—16, 2017

Entering Grades 7-12
Begins Sunday, June 11
7-9 pm every night

Entering Grades 1-6
Begins on Monday, June 12
9 am—2:30 pm every day

Registration Begins in February!
2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

St Mary of Gostyn St Vincent DePaul Society

PARISHIONER SUPPORT OF OUR SOCIETY HAS ENABLED THE FOLLOWING:

1) Food Pantry
   a) St Mary’s Pantry
      Our food pantry served 4,818 individuals within 1,829 families this year.

   b) Outreach Ministry
      St Vincent DePaul at St Mary’s, St Joseph’s and Trader Joe’s collaborate to provide food for Chicago Inner City Homeless Shelters. Fewer than 20 volunteers provided over 1,500 hours in support of this ministry.

      See who we service below:

      Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa’s group) They serve around 200-250 meals a day. They also make home visits and take food and clothing to about 70 families twice weekly. On Christmas Day 800 dinners are prepared and delivered to Chicago and Gary impoverished areas.

      Fr. Phil Marquard Center (Operated by the Franciscans) They provide laundry service, counseling, securing jobs and housing for those they serve. They serve around 100 meals an evening.

      Anawim Shelter This is a 24/7 shelter that houses mainly Eastern Europeans, mainly non-immigrants. They serve 3 meals a day, 7 days a week.

      St. Leonard’s House, St. Andrew’s Court and Grace House are operated by the (Episcopalian Church). This is a 24/7 housing and meal operation serving ex-cons from both State and Federal prison. They teach them general maintenance, cooking, and computer skills. They serve 3 meals a day, 7 days a week and serve around 60-80 people every day.

      Franciscan House Shelter (Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province) Both shelters are open 7 days a week and provide sleeping quarters and supper and breakfast to @ 400 homeless daily (800 meals counting supper and breakfast). In addition to the meals and beds, they provide showers, case management, mental health and medical services.

2) Financial Assistance
   We made 98 home/rectory visits helping families with rent, medical expense, food pantry assistance, transportation, lodging, and other miscellaneous expenses. We spent $70,395.38 this year helping our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters with housing, medical expense, transportation, pantry, etc.

3) Adopt A Family
   The Adopt a Family program celebrated our 27th year, served 92 families; 37 from our St Mary’s food pantry and 55 from our sister parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Joliet. A total of 361 individuals received Christmas gifts and food as a result of this program. Thank you to all the donors. What a commitment. Thank You, St Mary’s.

4) SVDP Stores
   You supported two clothing drives that were very successful in restocking St Vincent DePaul stores. The stores donated over $200,000 worth of furniture, clothing, and household items from our Joliet Diocese to our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters.

   We hope you and your family had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and we wish you a HAPPY/HEALTHY NEW YEAR. KEEP CHRIST IN YOUR HEART AND A SMILE ON YOUR FACE.

   Thank you, Thank you from all of us at St Vincent DePaul. Your support of our society has been awesome. We are humbled by your generosity in helping us serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters. We could not accomplish all we have without your support. God Bless you and please keep us in your prayers.
Come Thirsty

Lent: A time of preparation, repentance & renewal

Women’s Lenten Evening of Renewal
Thursday, March 9

LIFE CHANGING. LIFE SAVING.

Solid Catholic Teaching for High School Teens.

Unpacking the Sunday Mass in a way teens can relate to, making the Liturgy come alive. Net result: Teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Mass. They see how their faith is a relevant part of their lives.

In the Underground. 4:30 to 6PM.
www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry page

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, Feb 12
10:00 am Mass

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 Adult Faith Special Events tab

LIFE CHANGING. LIFE SAVING.

Nourish for Caregivers

Nourish at St Mary’s is for family members caring for loved ones, to strengthen you with joy, holiness and healing throughout the caregiver journey.

Third Thursday
Feb 16
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Living Room

Topic:
Empowering YOU!
Gathering Practical and Spiritual Resources

More information at www.stmarygostyn.org Adult Faith tab or kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org
Dear Parish Family,

It’s not easy being green... Unless, of course, you’re Irish and then it is out right wonderful. And even if you’re not Irish there is something spiritually magical about the Emerald Isle and its very special people. It is the land of saints and sinners, wee people and spiritual giants, poets and pub keepers.

I invite you to join me for a 12-day pilgrimage and cultural excursion to the land of “thin places” where heaven and earth meet in a sea of green, a green that is not only easy but very very good!

In the back of the church there are flyers with details or you can call Marge Santo at Viking Travel Service, 630-321-1664 or e-mail her at msanto@vikingtl.com if you have any questions or need further information. Or call me at my home, 630-668-5184.

In Jesus the pilgrim,
Fr. Tony Taschetta

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Ireland Pilgrimage
Sept. 7 - 19, 2017
$3999. per person, dbl.
Includes Air Fare!
Early Booking Discount!
Save $100 pp if booked by March 20, 2017

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ST. ISAAC JOGUES WILL PRESENT BISHOP ROBERT BARRON’S CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS.
Tuesdays beginning February 28 – April 4, 2017
6:45 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center at 4th and Clay Streets, Hinsdale, IL 60521 Registration is required.
Registration Form is at www.sij.net.
Study Guide is $25.00 – make checks payable to St. Isaac Jogues. Contact jlatto@sijschool.org for more information.

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FOR COUPLES MARRIED FIVE YEARS OR LESS
All couples married since 2012 are warmly invited to this 10 am –1 pm event at the Cathedral of St. Raymond on Saturday, February 18. Couples will receive down to earth practical ideas for making happiness a habit in their marriages, and will be invited to consider how to find support for the kind of marriage they want to have. The event will end with pizza and beer/pop.

The session will be led by Dr. Jim Healy, director of the diocesan Office of Family Ministry and a well-known speaker and writer on marriage. Participants will receive materials and resources to help them on their journey.
Please pre-register by Feb. 15 online at http://conta.cc/2g2EVRE or by calling 815-838-5334. The cost is $10 per couple at the door.

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MID-LIFE SINGLES (MID-30s TO 50s)
Looking to start 2017 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 17-19, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year’s resolution you won’t regret! Cost is $197 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.
This Week

Monday / 30
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
7:15 PM Prayer Group Living Room

Tuesday / 31
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 First Reconciliation Church/Gath. Pl.
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study Underground

Wednesday / 1
11:30 AM Golden Agers Gathering Place
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 First Reconciliation Church/Gath. Pl.
7:00 PM Evangelization Comm. Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 2
9:00 AM Morning Bible Study Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education Sch/L.Rm./G. Pl.
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Church
6:30 PM Confirmation Retreat B Gathering Place
7:00 PM Baptism Prep. Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fac. Lunch Rm.
7:00 PM Choir Church

Friday / 3
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 4
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Basketball Gym

Sunday / 5
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gath. Pl. B & C
9:00 AM Boy Scouts Parish Library
1:00 PM Basketball Gym
1:00 PM School Musical Gathering Place
4:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Church
7:00 PM CRHP #32 - Women Gathering Place

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- Matthew 5:5

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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.