St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY - CLOSED

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY EVENING: 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON AND 6:00 PM
HOLY DAYS: 6:15 AM, 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM
VIGIL OF HOLY DAYS: 5:30 PM
WEEKDAYS: 6:15 AND 8:00 AM
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM
RECONCILIATION: SATURDAYS 3:30 - 4:30 PM OR ANY TIME BY APPOINTMENT
PERPETUAL ADORATION
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE

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.
Don’t Miss Out! Because of the overwhelming response of previous photo sessions, Lifetouch has agreed to come back for one final round of photo sessions. This will be the final opportunity to have your photo taken for inclusion in the Anniversary Directory.

Photo session dates and times:
- Monday, March 27th: 2:30-8:30pm
- Tuesday, March 28th: 2:30-8:30pm
- Wednesday, March 29th: 2:30-8:30pm
- Thursday, March 30th: 2:30-8:30pm
- Saturday, April 1st: 10:00am-4:00pm

Location:
All photo sessions will be held in the Gathering Place

How to schedule your photo session:
Appointments may be made after weekend Masses at the sign-up tables in the Passageway/Hallway of the Apostles (beginning late February/early March). Additional details (how to sign-up on-line) will be provided in future bulletins.

Don’t forget FIDO! Pets may be included in your photo session. If you decide to bring your pet, please contact Jennifer Snider after setting your appointment.

Owners must maintain positive control of their animals at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Other animals, such as cats, must be in a carrier except during the actual picture-taking.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Snider: sniderjl1993@gmail.com; phone: (630) 926-4188 or Cheryl Basile: cbasile@stmarygostyn.org; phone (630) 960-3565 ext. 261

Parishioners who sign-up and complete their photo session will receive a free 8” x 10” of their directory photo as well as a free copy of the directory (to be published late summer/early fall 2017).
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very strong images are used in this week's Gospel to encourage us to make God's presence known to those around us. We see Jesus instructing the disciples to take their responsibilities seriously – to "season and preserve" life like salt does, and to let the good news of salvation "shine" like a light through their actions.

Just as salt can lose its taste, so, too, we as disciples can become weak in our convictions and faith. This reality hits home when we realize that daily pressures sometimes squeeze in on our good intentions to live as God intends. Even though we are walking daily on "holy ground," we can stumble and fall into the traps of intense competition at school, at work, or on the playing field. We can lose our sense of perspective when we buy into television, media, and advertising hype. We can become obsessive about possessions. We find God's light dimmed in our corner of the world.

Through it all, though, there is hope. Forgiveness and healing are always within reach - for the momentary lapses or the monumental goofs. It often seems to be human nature to fail. But God allows us to pick up the pieces and move on.

ST. SCHOLASTICA
February 10
religious (480-c.543)

When Scholastica was alive, the Roman Empire was falling apart. But Scholastica and her brother Benedict (July 11) spent their lives showing others how to live as Christians in a chaotic world. They did such a good job that even in the chaotic world of today people are still living by the ways they taught.

Benedict founded the abbey of Monte Cassino in Italy, where he wrote a rule of life for monks. The rule taught people how to treat each other with gentleness and respect, as he and Scholastica had always treated each other. Scholastica decided to become the first woman to live under the rule. She established a convent, Plombariola, about five miles south of Benedict’s abbey.

Scholastica and Benedict allowed themselves one day a year to talk about God together. They would meet at a little house halfway between the convent and the abbey.

At one such meeting, Scholastica sensed that this would be their last visit. When Benedict got up to leave, she prayed for rain. Immediately such a downpour began that they had to stay up all night waiting for the sky to clear. They talked all the while about God, to Scholastica's delight. Three days later she died.

Scholastica and Benedict are buried together at Monte Cassino.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Spreading the light of Christ

Reading I Isaiah 58:7-10 (true fasting)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
(preaching on Christ crucified)
Gospel Matthew 5:13-16
(the similes of salt and light)
Key Passage Jesus said, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)
Adult: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?
Child: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?
The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is underway!

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Information about the 2017 CMAA and a request to make a pledge has been sent to all parishioners. Please review the materials, pray about how you can help further the ministries funded by our CMAA, and consider making the most generous gift possible.

Our parish goal is $129,946.00. Help us to exceed this goal in paid pledges. Our parish will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parish! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in His hands. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ash Wednesday

Each year, on Ash Wednesday, the Church gathers in great numbers to begin the Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Christians are marked with the sign of the cross on their foreheads with ashes, the burnt remnants of the previous year’s palm branches.

Bring your palm branches from last year to the vestibule of the church by Sunday, February 26th, so that they may be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Please remember St. Mary of Gostyn when estate planning.

In this weekend’s readings and psalm, the prevailing theme is that of light: We are the light of the world; our light breaks forth like the dawn; our light shines in the darkness; our light reflects generosity and justice. Good stewards know they are the lamp, and Christ is the flame that, through them, illuminates the earth. They know that they carry Christ’s light in their hearts, and let it shine through their words and deeds. What are we doing to shine Christ’s light on the hungry, the homeless and others most in need of God’s mercy? How do we exercise good stewardship over the light of Christ that burns within each of us?
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, FEBRUARY 6, 2017
6:15 AM - Janie Hennessy req. Jean & Mark Fredericks
8:00 AM - Frank Kluzek req. Friends & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017
6:15 AM - Joseph Kopack req. Family
8:00 AM - David Turner req. John & Carol Sommer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017
6:15 AM - Patricia Wojtach req. Arthur & Mary Anne Bostwick
8:00 AM - Krystyna Bednarz req. Liz O’Connell & Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017
6:15 AM - Catherine Briatico req. Friends & Family
8:00 AM - Sally Van Cura req. Thursday Morning Bible Study Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
6:15 AM - Eleanor Villis req. Cynthia Villis
8:00 AM - Howard W. Baldwin req. Duffy Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest
4:30 PM - Freddie Sadrakula req. Sadrakula Family
Patrick Miller req. Maureen Miller & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017
8:00 AM - Tony & Lottie Borowski req. Lederman Family
Carolyn SanDoval req. O’DeKirk Family
10:00 AM - Blaine Molaro req. Molaro Family
12:00 PM - Walter Bronson req. Jennifer Smith
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).
Psalm - The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).
Second Reading - My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).
Gospel - You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
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.

SMG Vocations Committee
Why should you get involved? Simply stated, there is a vocation shortage. St Mary of Gostyn is looking for parishioners to join the newly formed Vocation Committee to encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The objective of the committee is to call forth those in the parish considering a vocation, to support and encourage them to pursue that vocation and to affirm those who have been ordained and those who have taken vows. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Deacon Bob or Fr. Shaun for more information.

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.

Social Sunday next weekend!
Please join us in the Gathering Place for Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship after the 10:00AM Anointing Mass next weekend.

Ministry Schedule for Saturday, February 11th & Sunday, February 12th

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Many families, regardless of religious affiliation, desire an excellent private Catholic school education for their children. While the costs aren’t like sending a child to college, it can be a challenge for some families to pay the annual tuition, especially for those with more than one student. It’s very important to plan ahead.

Peter Babich, Certified Financial Planning™ Practitioner with Babich & Associates Financial Services, Inc., is an expert in financial planning, and is also a parent of two children at St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic School in Downers Grove. “Setting aside money for a Catholic education is a great idea,” said Babich. “I recommend an account with an automatic payment, similar to a 401K, where you don’t have to think about it; it’s part of the budget.”

One popular investment option is the Coverdell ESA (Education Savings Account). “You can invest up to $2,000 per year, per beneficiary, as long as you don’t exceed income requirements,” explained Babich. “The nice thing is the money can be used for Kindergarten through college, as long as the funds are used for qualified expenses. It’s also exempt from federal taxes.” The money in the Coverdell must be used before the beneficiary reaches age 30. “But if they can’t use it, they can change the beneficiary to another family member,” he added.

Parents should advise grandparents and other gift-giving relatives to help fund the savings account. “Instead of giving toys that won’t be used beyond the next several months, it’s better to help fund their tuition accounts,” suggested Babich. “I know it’s fun to give toys and see kids’ eyes light up, but it’s even better when they’re older and you can present them an account statement with a nice balance. It’s an investment in their future.” For more information about planning for your child’s or your grandchild’s Catholic school education, please call Peter Babich at (630) 434-8857.

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SMG in the News

CFP Practitioner Peter Babich Gives Tips for Financing a Catholic Grade School Education*


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Time to Submit Those Box Tops for Education!

It’s time again for the Box Tops for Education™ program at SMG. Thanks to everyone’s help, the school received a check for $691 in December!

Here is how you can continue to help our school:

1) Look for pink Box Tops on products & clip them.
2) Place all Box Tops in a labeled Ziploc bag or envelope and place in the brown basket (decorated with blue/yellow ribbons) located in the Narthex of the Church before Friday, 2/17/17.

For more information, visit www.BTFE.com or contact Anne Doyle at annedoyle1@yahoo.com.
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

In Sympathy

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
Gabriella Shelton
Bill Esposito
Dan Chorney
Lois Bach
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Gen Hadamik
Kenny Kern
Diane Main
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Joan Tagglioni
Ashley Woltman
Judith Lynn Abella
Tom Mendoza
Amber Randall
Anna Bandur
Bill Brown
David Craven
Becca Gorman
Darlene Hammer
Ken Krupp
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Carol Orseske
Eliza Skipworth
Sharon Tallerico
Frances Kopec
Vince Tonissen
Tammy Possidoni
Fr. Robert Coleman
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Helen Czulak
Mark Gowgiel
Bobby Johnson
Mary Ann Lang
Spencer Mehr
Bob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Yoshie Snider
Hugh Toner
Marybeth Garofolo
Ertha Papillon
Ronald Vaugan
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
George Drobney Sr.
Sylvestre Papillon
Fr. John Ouper

Our deepest sympathy to the families of

Florita Bohan, mother of Beth Sullivan & Ed Bohan
Clarence Howell
Fr. Matthew Mazzucchelli, O.S.B.
Jeremy Shedd

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 ~ February
RE Calendar Dates

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

- February 2  Confirmation Retreat B
- February 8 & 9  Confirmation Interviews
- February 22  Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Reconciliation Service 6:30 pm Church
- February 23  First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30 pm in the GP. Just Parents.
- February 23  No Confirmation Session
- March 1  Ash Wednesday, Operation Rice Bowl Begins. RE Students will attend the 4:30 pm Mass and the 7:00 pm Mass.
- March 2  RE Students will attend the 4:30 pm Mass.
- March 7  Parish Lenten Tuesday Mass followed by Reconciliation 6 pm

There’s a Change Coming to RE

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.

Congratulations Young Children!

St. Mary of Gostyn had a number or our children celebrate God’s mercy last week when they received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This is the first of two Sacraments that are offered to our younger children, most of them in Grade 2 and some a little older!

Now they will move forward in the Sacramental Preparation of First Holy Communion. Here they will learn about the Source and Summit of our Faith!

Parish Parent Meeting Scheduled

As the preparation for First Holy Communion begins, parents are asked and encouraged to attend a meeting design for parents as they participate with their child. The meeting is scheduled for

**Thursday February 23**

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

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

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

Watch for Sign Up Information!

Religious Education Registration Informational Meeting

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Attending wake services can be a very stressful time for all parties concerned. As visitors, we generally try and buoy the emotions of the family that lost a loved one by sharing stories, experiences, and anecdotes about how much the deceased had touched our life. We genuinely celebrate the impact the departed made in the success of the organizations they worked at or participated in. You want to be comforting, but words fail. You want a remembrance that is lasting, but flowers wilt.

Often times, funeral announcements will convey family wishes that, in lieu of sending flowers, those inclined to such a gesture be given the opportunity to support a cause near and dear to the heart of the person who has gone on to his/her eternal reward. Examples include the American Cancer Society, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or a local Hospice organization. In addition, families often designate a school or parish to receive such funds.

We are pleased to announce that if you choose to honor a loved one to whom St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School has been major influences in their life, our local funeral homes now have cards available to carry out those wishes. We have met with officials from Adams, Winterfield, & Sullivan, Toon, Hallowell & James, Modell, and Knollcrest Funeral Homes. All you need to do when making arrangements for a loved one is tell them you prefer St. Mary’s Parish or School be the recipient of monetary expressions of grief.

Here at St. Mary of Gostyn, CRHP began in 1989 and currently there have been 32 teams of women and 23 teams of men who have experienced the process.

The women of CRHP #5 came together in September of 1991. In September 2016, 6 women from that original group celebrated their 25th anniversary of being together as a small faith-sharing group. They meet the second Tuesday of each month and share their life in Christ with each other. Over these many years, they have built strong and lasting friendships with each other.

Their anniversary celebration began with holy Mass, which has been an important priority of the group over the years. After Mass, they shared a meal, knowing that the body must be fed in order to feed the spirit. The main program was fashioned after CRHP experience with each member giving a brief witness of how participation in the program has meant to her. It was very enriching to hear how the CRHP process has developed each members’ relationship with God and the people in their lives. The women of CRHP #5 look forward to continuing to meet and to share their faith and friendship with each other for many years to come.
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. 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.

Next Sunday
February 12th

In the Underground. 4:30 PM.
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. (2K 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 johson@stmarygostyn.org
AN INVITATION FROM FR. TONY TASCHETTA

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

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.

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.

AWAKENING SACRED HEART: THE GIFT OF ATTENTION,

a talk by Tony Sorgi, will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, in the Rectory Assembly of Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott, Chicago, sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. Freewill donation, refreshments, ample parking. For more information call Mike at 773-685-4736 after 3 p.m.
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This Week

Monday / 6
10:00 AM  Medical Missions  Gath. Pl. A & B
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 7
9:30 AM  Parent-Tot Music Prg.  Gathering Place
12:00 PM  Development  Gath. Pl. B & C
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
7:00 PM  School  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 8
9:30 AM  Book Discussion Group  Large Conf. Rm.
2:30 PM  Girl Scouts Grp. C  Gath. Place C
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 PM Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Parish Council  Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 9
9:00 AM  Morning Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:00 PM  H.S.A.  Gath. Pl. A
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
6:15 PM  Cub Scouts  Underground
7:00 PM  Choir  Church

Friday / 10
9:30 AM  Scrapbooking  Gathering Place
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 11
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym
8:30 AM  CRHP #17 - Women  Parish Library
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 12
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Pl B & C
10:00 AM  RCIA for Children  Parish Lib./UG
1:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
1:30 PM  Baptism  Church
4:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church
4:30 PM  Sunday Teen Study  Underground
6:00 PM  CRHP #32 - Women  Gathering Place
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.