What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart, 
what God has prepared for those who love [God],  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.  
—1 Corinthians 2:9–10
In 1956, as Downers Grove grew, St. Mary of Gostyn was expanding beyond its initial ethnic Polish focus to become a territorial parish. Recognizing the need to establish programs which would attract families to St. Mary of Gostyn, Fr. Stanley Orlikiewicz sought to expand youth activities at the parish. Existing organizations included the Teen Club, the Young Ladies Solidarity, the Children of Mary and St. Mary’s baseball and basketball teams. As part of Fr. Stanley’s initiative, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts were established in 1956 at St. Mary’s.

The first group of Girl Scouts were sponsored by the Women’s Society of St. Mary’s. Organized by Mrs. Pencek in October of 1956, they began with Brownie troop meetings every Saturday. The first investiture ceremony (a gathering to welcome new girls and parents to scouting) was held in December of 1956. The second investiture ceremony was held in November, 1957; the Girl Scouts had grown to one troop of Brownies and one troop of Intermediate Girl Scouts (Juniors).

Currently, Amy Romano supervises the Girl Scout program at SMG. Participants include girls from Kindergarten through 8th grade, at various levels: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes. Each individual troop is run independently by adult volunteers, but all follow the same guiding principals. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The Girl Scout Promise is to serve God and country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law. For most troops, the emphasis is on the girls gaining new skills and learning while each other while having fun.

The St. Mary’s Girl Scouts accomplish this through volunteering with organizations like PADS, the West Suburban Humane Society and Feed My Starving Children. Other activities include participation in Earth Day clean-up, recycling programs, the Chicago Honor Flight. When not volunteering, the Girls Scouts earn badges through various skill-building activities such as crafts, camping, rock climbing and, of course, selling cookies.

Everything in Girl Scouting is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law which include principles and values common to many religions and cultures. While the Girl Scouts are a secular organization, the program has always encouraged girls to take spiritual journeys in accordance with their respective faiths. The Girl Scouts have had a partnership with the Catholic Church for the past 100 years.

Boy Scout Pack 89 was established in the spring of 1956. The St. Mary’s men’s group, the Holy Name Society, served as its chartering organization. Valentine Claus was the founding scoutmaster for Pack 89. Pack 89 was the first troop in Downers Grove connected to the Catholic faith. In 1957, the scouts earned the Ad Altare Dei Catholic religious award. As the program grew, the Cub Pack (Cub Scouts) and Explorer Post (for young men, ages 14-20) were added to complete the program in February, 1959.

The mission of the Boy Scouts is to prepare young boys to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The Scout Law is to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Today, Pack 89 consists of 29 boys and 9 adult volunteers. The current Scoutmaster is Justin Field. He oversees the Boy Scouts, aged 11-18. Tom Nelson is the current Cubmaster for boys in 1st–5th grades (Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos 1 and 2). A new Lion program will be coming soon for boys in Kindergarten.

The Scouts of Pack 89 still keep their Catholic faith as a priority today. A den leader for the pack, Kathy Nelson also serves as the religious medal coordinator for the pack. The Cub Scouts recently met with Deacon Al as they work toward their Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Catholic medals. The Scouts also earn badges for learning certain skills like wood carving, cooking and fishing as well as through different adventures like hiking and camping.

The scouts are also very active at St. Mary of Gostyn and within the local community. Annual activities include helping clean up the Children’s Garden, the Pancake Breakfast, Christmas wreath sales, Christmas caroling at a local nursing home, the Pinewood Derby and the “Blue and Gold” dinner.

Since their inception in 1956, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have provided wonderful opportunities for SMG girls and boys to have fun, learn, grow in their faith and serve the parish & community.

(Material from the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book; “Growing Up in Gostyn,” by Josette (Durham) Songco; interviews with Tom and Kathy Nelson, Scott Musil, Rita Keogh and Lynne Kelliher)
Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Feb. 14
Cyril, religious, missionary (826 - 869), and Methodius, bishop, missionary (815 - 884)

Cyril and Methodius were brothers. Born in Thessalonika, Greece, they were the sons of a senator. As young men, both held important posts. Cyril taught philosophy at the University of Constantinople. Methodius was a governor. But both felt a hunger for a life of prayer, so they retired to a monastery.

Soon afterward they were asked to bring the Christian faith to the Khazars, a tribe of people in what is now southern Russia. Before beginning their mission, the brothers learned the Khazar language. Their hard work and study helped them to bring many people to Christianity.

Then they traveled west to Moravia (now in the Czech Republic). Again their ability to speak the native language, Slavonic, helped them to win many new Christians. Up to this time Slavonic had no written characters, so nothing could be recorded in that language. Cyril and Methodius used Greek letters to invent an alphabet for the Slavic people. (The "Cyrillic" alphabet, a later version of their invention, is still used in Russia and several other countries.)

Now the people could write down their stories and poetry for the first time. Cyril and Methodius began to translate the Bible and liturgical books into Slavonic.

The brothers traveled to Rome because they were having trouble with certain bishops, who complained about the use of the "barbaric" Slavonic language. However, the pope blessed the work of Cyril and Methodius. During their stay in Rome, Cyril died. Methodius was made a bishop and was sent back to Moravia, which became his diocese.

Unfortunately, out of spite, the hostile bishops imprisoned him for two years. He used that time to continue the translation of scripture that he and Cyril had begun. He died a few years later.

Eleven centuries have passed since that time. Sts. Cyril and Methodius are especially honored by Central and Eastern Europeans. The bright and energetic brothers represent common ground between the Catholic and Orthodox churches. With St. Benedict (July 11) they are co-patron saints of the continent of Europe.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If there was only one law in the world and everyone followed it, certainly "Love one another," would be a good proposal. For if everyone truly followed God's great law, we would all help each other (no need for welfare), be honest (no embezzlers or cheaters), be courteous (fewer regulations), be kind and gentle (no abuse or murder), be forgiving and understanding (fewer needs for court system). Alas, this vision is not a reality. But the reality we do live definitely is enhanced with love.

The true meaning of love is evident in the eyes of a new mother gazing at an infant. In the hearts of young lovers. In the embrace of long-lost friends. In the smiles that accompany victory after a struggle. Love also is evident in the midst of turmoil: in the tears of those grieving, in the concerned face of a parent whose teen is in trouble, in the hands that labor over difficult tasks, in the broken hearts of those whose relationship has turned sour. God's law of love is a way of life for Christians. It is what holds us together and gives purpose to our lives. When we choose love, we put on Christ for all the world to see. If the world does not see it, perhaps we have not made it clear.
The 2017 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 today’s Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious “law”, it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?
St. Mary of Gostyn
WOMEN’s CRHP Retreat
February 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 - Stir up the gift of God and join us!

* Give yourself time to relax, reflect and recharge
* Make new friends and enjoy great conversation
* Hear inspiring stories from women just like you
* Enjoy wonderful complimentary meals and hospitality

To register for this FREE weekend, complete the form below or contact any of the following:
www.stmarygostyn.org (Adult Faith Tab), the Rectory at (630) 969-1063, Kathleen Boyce at (708) 717-3326 or kboycz831@gmail.com or Jennifer Miller at (630) 373-0553 or jenmiller015@gmail.com

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Women’s CRHP Retreat REGISTRATION FORM

February 25-26th, 2017

Attendee Name ________________________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ____________________________
E-mail address ______________________________________________________________
Special dietary needs __________________________________________________________

Emergency/Personal Contact:
Name/Relationship ___________________________________________________________
Home Phone ___________________________ Cell Phone ____________________________
E-mail address ______________________________________________________________
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Dominic Novak req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
    Charles & Marilyn Febel req. Hugh & Maureen Toner

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
6:15 AM - John Rattigan req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Deacon Larry Pecka req. Eleanor Pecka
    Joan Arif req. June & Richard Niegisch

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017
6:15 AM - Loraine Clark req. Lucy Wilczynski
8:00 AM - Barbara Garbarini req. Mike & Mary Signer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - George L. Metzger req. Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Patricia Wojtach req. St. Vincent de Paul Society

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017
8:00 AM - Krystyna Bednarz req. Mary Schramm
    Dennis Hearne Sr. req. Kumiega Family
4:30 PM - Edwin & Anastasia Guertler req. Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017
8:00 AM - Jennifer Anne Sullivan req. Jim & Dolores Sullivan
10:00 AM - Annemarie Gunther req. William Gunther
    John Lowry req. Gene & Blanca Adams & Family
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - Marlene Spohn req. Eleanor Pecka

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness
    (Sirach 15:15-20).
Psalm - Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).
Second Reading - God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
Gospel - Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
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School News

A periodic update on SMG School Alumni

“Where Are They Now?”

We love hearing from our school alumni! This new feature, which periodically runs on the school page of the parish bulletin, includes photos, facts and stories about our alumni. Have something to share? Please email your alumni news to todekirk@stmarygostyn.org or cbasile@stmarygostyn.org. Alumni: Please bookmark the alumni page on SMG’s website (http://tinyurl.com/smgalum) to ensure you receive the latest news from your alma mater!

SMG’s Alumni Receive High Rankings on College Entrance Exams

ACADEMICS

38%

of SMG School’s Class of 2013 (who are high school seniors this year) were recently named 2017 Illinois State Scholars.*

*State scholar status is based upon ACT/SAT scores, class rank, and GPA. Typically, only 10% of high school seniors are named Illinois State Scholars.

2 Students

of SMG School’s Class of 2013 were named 2017 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students.*

*These students are in the top 5% of the more than 1.5 million students nationwide who took the PSAT Test.
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
- Joan Tagglionia
- Ashley Woltman
- Judith Lynn Abella
- Tom Mendoza
- Amber Randall
- Lois Bach
- Sharon Binter
- Margaret Corbett
- Dennis Finn
- Gen Hadamik
- Kenny Kern
- Diane Main
- James Murawski
- Daniel Oliver
- Kay Selfridge
- Sharon Tallerico
- Frances Kopec
- Vince Tonissen
- Tammy Possidoni
- Fr. Robert Coleman
- Anna Bandur
- Bill Brown
- David Craven
- Becca Gorman
- Darlene Hammer
- Ken Krupp
- Eddie Mayerik
- Andrea Mutton
- Carol Orseske
- Eliza Skipworth
- Hugh Toner
- Marybeth Garofolo
- Ertha Papillon
- Ronald Vaugan
- Nancy Steinbacher
- Gabriella Beirne
- Abby Beranek
- Tom Brown
- Helen Czulak
- Mark Gowgiel
- Bobby Johnson
- Mary Ann Lang
- Spencer Mehr
- Bob Noonan
- Eleanor Pecka
- Yoshie Snider
- Laine Van Houton
- George Drobney Sr.
- Sylvestre Papillon
- Fr. John Ouper
- Fr. Raymond Corkery O.Carm
- Sr. Gesuina Bongiorno, O.S.M.
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- Baby Joseph Edward Randall
- Robyn Rauch
- Ann Raymond
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In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of

- Sr. Gesuina Bongiorno, O.S.M.
- Jerome Cierniak
- Baby Joseph Edward Randall
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- Ann Raymond
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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
- John Svoboda
- Bob Lang
- Kevin Braasch
- Christopher Fountain
- Zachary Frana
- Michael Martel
- Nathan Kijowski
- Josh Cruz
- Natalya Brechlin
- James Harrington

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.
Janurary ~ 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 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
- 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 7-28 Parish Lenten Tuesday Mass followed by Reconciliation 6 pm
- March 8 Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- March 11 Sacrament of Confirmation 1:00 pm

There’s A Change Coming to RE

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.

Religious Education Families will celebrate Ash Wednesday with Mass during the RE Sessions on March 1. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday 4:30 pm Mass
- Wednesday 7:00 pm Mass
- Thursday 4:30 pm Mass of the day (no ashes)

Sessions will gather and release from Church. Parents must come with your children.

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
6:30 pm in the Gathering Place

All parents of 2nd graders, children in our special needs program, children in our Track 1 catch-up program should plan to attend. Formation and information will be part of the meeting.

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
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

Watch for Sign Up Information!

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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.

Saint of the Month: St. Valentine

Actually, there are at least two saints named Valentine, and the church just combined them. One was a Roman bishop, the other one was a Roman priest. Both of them were tortured to death. And neither of them had anything to do with heart-shaped candy boxes.

So how did we get from torture to candy? Like a lot of celebrations in the Catholic Church, Valentine’s Day started as a pagan ritual. A young man would pick the name of a local girl out of a hat and that girl would be his for a year. Not very romantic.

Well, way back in the 5th Century, the Pope switched that pagan ritual to a feast day for St. Valentine. They took away the annual girl lottery and replaced it with a day of prayer. And then they wondered why the guys weren’t lining up to convert.

The Church can’t really prove that St. Valentine existed, so they took him off the list in 1969. That didn’t stop Hallmark. You still see those Valentine’s Day cards in the store.

You just can’t keep a good pagan ritual down.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people.

He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.

Nourish ™  Thrive. Empower. Advance ™
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Discover What Can Keep You Going When Caring for Others is Stressful

Thursday, March 3rd 7:00pm Gathering Place

About our speaker: Deb Kelsey-Davis, RN, lay minister, certified in gerontology, and a family caregiver. Speaking from her professional and personal experiences, Deb shares tools, insights and stories to aide others with this modern-day concern of caring for the caregiver.

Reservations are not required to attend, but are helpful for planning. Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or online at www.stmarygostyn.org

Workshop for Family Caregivers

MEMORIAL GIVING CARDS
Where will your Lenten Journey take you?

**Tuesday Evenings at St. Mary’s**

Evening Mass at 6:00 pm followed by Reconciliation at 6:45 pm. Every Tuesday in Lent

Where will your Lenten Journey take you?

Uncover the amazing gifts God has given you by joining us for Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance. Enrich your faith. Explore your calling as a member of Christ’s Church and grow in fellowship as a parish. 8 weeks. Led by Rick Sparke. Tuesdays

For more information, contact Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Adult Faith Evening Bible Study tab

**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.

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

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
Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry ~ JANUARY 2017 REPORT

Thank You, St Mary’s, for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 266 Individuals within 116 Families. We continue to support five Chicago inner city homeless shelters with surplus and outdated produce, meats, and canned goods. We rented a small cubicle at Eagle Storage to accommodate our overflow inventory. Due to Diocesan insurance regulations, we had to cease storing food in non-approved areas. There is a positive with this move in that we sort and pack up inside the Eagle Storage receiving dock area. No longer working outdoors in inclement weather.

**Items most in need are Canned Fruit or Pork & Beans.**

**FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS**

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s Ultra Foods, or Fresh Thyme thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Thank you St Mary’s third graders for your Canned Fruit donations.
4. Thank you to our Guardian Angel for your large donations.
5. Thanks to the Aldi shopper who dropped off a big food donation.

Proverb for January: You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.

Thank you St Mary’s from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we do without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. Pantry hours are from 8:00-1100am every Wednesday unless Wednesday falls on a holiday.

**CLUTTER AIN’T CHRISTIAN, STUFF AIN’T SAINTLY:**

**LIVING ABUNDANTLY WITH LESS**

February 21, 2017

Join professional declutter expert Sue Becker and Deacon Joe Ferrari as they inspire us to simplify our life as we deepen our walk with God.

**TIME:** 7pm-9pm  **COST:** $20
**LOCATION:** St. Mary of Gostyn

Please register online at mayslakeministries.org or by phone at 630-852-9000.

**YOU’RE INVITED TO A MARDI GRAS PARTY**

on Friday February 24, 2017, from 6:30 to 10:30 pm at Christ the Servant Church, 8700 Havens Drive in Woodridge, Illinois. A great time to celebrate with family and friends before Lent begins. Your ticket includes a catered buffet dinner, DJ, optional costume parade, door prizes and features our annual Grand Raffle drawing. Tickets are $25 for adults (until 2/13 then $30), $10 for children 4-17 (3 and under free). For tickets, call the parish office @ 630-910-0770. No tickets will be sold 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.

**PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY**

Sunday, February 19, 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Church
4801 Main St., Downers Grove

Please join us as we earnestly pray for peace among all Christians and for reconciliation and hope among all peoples in a divided world.

*Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month.*

**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.

**SEASPAR FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**

Friday, February 24th

5:30 PM seating or 7:30 PM seating

Wheatstack Restaurant, 5900 S. Route 53, Lisle

All You Can Eat - $20, Children’s Meal - $10

Carry Outs available

Proceeds benefit SEASPAR’s programs and services

Purchase tickets online at SEASPAR.org
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**This Week**

**Monday / 13**
- 2:25 PM  Girl Scouts Grp. A  Gath. Place A
- 3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
- 6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
- 7:00 PM  CRHP #4 - Women  Large Conf. Rm.
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place
- 7:15 PM  Prayer Group  Living Room
- 7:30 PM  CRHP #31 - Women  Parish Library

**Tuesday / 14**
- 3:00 PM  Cheerleading  Gym
- 3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
- 6:30 PM  School Advisory Body  L.R.C.
- 6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
- 7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

**Wednesday / 15**
- 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

**Thursday / 16**
- 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  Cub Scouts  Gath. Pl. A
- 7:00 PM  Choir  Church
- 7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Parish Library
- 7:00 PM  Caregiver Community  Living Room

**Friday / 17**
- 3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
- 5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

**Saturday / 18**
- 12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
- 8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym
- 10:00 AM  Cub Scouts Pack 89  Gathering Place
- 4:30 PM  Children’s Choir  Church

**Sunday / 19**
- 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
- 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.