St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY 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

Jesus said:
“Look at the birds
in the sky;
they do not sow or reap,
they gather nothing in barns,
yet their heavenly Father
feeds them.”
Matthew 6:26

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.

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The season of Lent consists of forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical color for the season of Lent is violet. Violet is a somber color which symbolizes mourning, suffering, humility, regret, and the willingness to do penance, particularly fasting. Violet’s association with suffering is based upon Jesus’ Passion when the soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak and tortured him (Mk 15:17-20; Jn 19:2-3). Lent begins on March 1st, 2017.

“Lent” is derived from the Middle English word *lenten*, meaning spring— the time of lengthening days. Lent is a period of preparation prior to the great celebration of Easter. The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, spiritual growth, conversion, and simplicity. In its early three-week form, Lent was the period of intense spiritual and liturgical preparation for catechumens before they were baptized at Easter. Many members of the community imitated this time of preparation with the catechumens. Additionally, in the first three centuries of the Christian era, most Christians prepared for Easter by fasting and praying for three days. In some places this was extended to the entire week before Easter. There is evidence that in Rome, the length of preparation was three weeks. By the fourth century (when Christianity was legalized) Lent had developed into its current length of forty days, the length of the fast and temptation of Jesus in the desert (Luke 4:1-13). Once most people were Christian and baptized as infants, Lent’s connection to the preparation of catechumens became secondary to the themes of repentance and fasting.

Many Catholics were taught as children to “give up something” for Lent. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work, increasing outreach to others in need, developing or strengthening their prayer lives, or spending time reading scripture. It is not necessary to “give up something” but it would be a tragedy to do nothing.

**Ash Wednesday:** It is impossible to determine when the seventh Wednesday before Easter was designated as the beginning of Lent. It does date from at least the fourth century. During that century, penitents looking for forgiveness and re-entry into the community would dress in sackcloth and sprinkle ashes to show their repentance. This custom certainly predates Christianity as can be seen in the Old Testament (Esther 4:2-3; Daniel 19:3; Jonah 3:6). The practice of distribution of ashes to all members of the community is mentioned in official documents of 1081 (Synod of Benventum, 1091 Manse, XX, 739) though there is evidence to support a much earlier inception date.

**Fasting & Abstinence:** Many Catholics are familiar with the rules for fasting and abstinence. At one time, people gave up all dairy products, eggs and meat throughout the entire Lenten season. Some Byzantine Catholics and many Orthodox Christians continue to observe this *Great Fast*. Since chickens continue to produce eggs and cows milk, the custom developed to make the milk into cheese and to boil and color the lenten drugs so that when Easter arrived, no food would be wasted. A little known fact: Pretzels had their origin in early Christian Lenten practice. “Because fat, eggs, and milk were forbidden during Lent, a special bread was made with dough consisting of only flour, salt, and water. These little breads were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called *bracellae* (Latin, ‘little arms’). Among the Germans the Latin word became ‘bretzel.’ These pretzels were a common Lenten food throughout the Middle Ages in Europe” (Dues, G., *Catholic Customs and Traditions*, 76-77).

However, we must remember that our Lenten disciplines are supposed to ultimately transform our entire person: body, soul, and spirit, and help us become more like Christ. Eastern Christians call this process *theosis*, which St. Athanasius describes as "becoming by grace what God is by nature."

**Other traditions associated with Lent:**

**Shrovetide:** The three days prior to the start of Lent are known collectively as "Shrovetide." The Sunday Before Ash Wednesday has been called *Hall Sunday*, meaning hallowed or holy Sunday, and *Carling Sunday* from the European custom of eating parched peas fried in butter (carlings) on this day. The Monday before Ash Wednesday has been called *Hall Monday*, *Callop Monday*, and *Blue Monday*. However, others have called the day *Merry Monday*, because for some, it is a day to party before Lent. Tuesday has been called *Hall Night*, *Shrove Tuesday*, *Pancake Day* and *Mardi Gras*. *Mardi Gras* is usually celebrated as a final feast and celebration before the 40 days of abstinence and fasting. In Poland, *Shrove Tuesday* is called “Sledziowka” (“Sledz” is the word for herring.) Various dishes of herring are typically served that day. In the United States, Polish communities usually celebrate with Fat Tuesday with paczki. Many practicing Catholics will also eat a special bread, such a *kings bread*, also known as *King cake*. The traditional colors of *Mardi Gras* are purple, gold and green. The three colors are symbolic of justice, power and faith.

**Carnival:** Originally a celebration just before Lent. Carnival is Latin for “farewell to meat.”

**Laetare Sunday** The fourth Sunday of Lent, which marks the halfway point, celebrated with rose vestments instead of the usual violet. As Fr. Jim O’Malley taught me, “the vestments are rose, not pink….real men don’t wear pink.”

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Lenten Season

For many of us, late February and March are months of flint-grey clouds, sooty, pock-marked snows, and dirty drizzles. At the same time, however, the earth is transforming. Snow drifts dissolve and melt into mud. Blackened limbs bud. The croci, daffodils, and tulips appear and paint the drab landscape with new bloom and blush. The cardinals return and dare to flash their incandescence across the somber skies.

People, too, begin to blossom. All the fashions that were exiled by the long winter return to revel in the advent of spring. Shed are the winter cocoons of parka and overshoe. In their place, folks wrap themselves in springtime pastels. All this remains the heart and soul of Lent: winter dissolving into spring, death giving up its spirit to new life.

Lent, however, signals more than just a change of seasons. Lent signals a change of heart: "A clean heart create for me, 0 God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me" (Responsorial Psalm for Ash Wednesday). We who dare to celebrate Lent do more than pass from winter into spring. We pass from death into life. We learn to risk dying in order to be reborn. We remember that we are dust, true, and we take upon ourselves the ashes—the death—of Lent. At the same time, we also recall that we are a people alive because of a death—because of a death and resurrection—in which we share because of our baptism. And so, during Lent we do what baptized people do. We spend the season preparing those to be baptized at Easter, and we take time to prepare ourselves to renew our own baptismal conversion.

That is why Lent is not a season that merely focuses on the story of Jesus’ passion and death. We already know how the story ends. Rather, Lent is a journey of conversion — our conversion — a passage of a people who have been forever marked by the story’s end — by Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection. This is Good News for us, but meeting this Good News always marks a turning point in our lives and stories. Encountering the story of Jesus who is love—love clear through—places a decision before us: Will we or will we not respond in love to Jesus who is love? If we say yes and yield to the power of love, that’s conversion. Then Jesus’ story becomes ours, and our story finds its fulfillment in the love that is Easter.

ALTAR SERVERS AT 8 AM MASS

We are happy to announce that beginning Monday, Feb. 27, there will be Altar Servers assisting the priest and leading the people at the 8:00 AM Mass, Monday through Thursday (Friday School Mass already have Altar Servers). Serving is a special ministry (service) in the church and we are Blessed with dedicated and devout young people who provide assistance to the priest and lead the people in participation in the liturgy.

Thank you Servers for being willing to add this new responsibility to your service to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!
Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

**Please Participate!**

**Your Gift Makes a Difference!**

This weekend at each Mass you will be asked to participate in our diocesan-wide Commitment/In-Pew Weekend for the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Through the CMAA, our ministries spread the Gospel message to others by bringing comfort, hope and aid to our friends and neighbors. As you listen to Bishop Conlon’s homily today, please reflect on God’s gifts to you and give thanks to Him through a gift to the CMAA.

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.

For those of you who were unable to make a decision about your commitment this weekend, please prayerfully consider doing so online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or by returning a Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelope to our parish next week. If you received a pledge form in the mail, you may return it via mail.

**Stewardship**

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

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Please remember St. Mary of Gostyn when estate planning.
**Ash Wednesday Schedule**

**Wednesday, March 1st**

Each year the Season of Lent gives each of us the opportunity to renew our commitment to God and to reflect on our lives. We seek direction from and are called to respond to Jesus’ call for love and mercy.

- 6:15 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 12:00 PM ~ Liturgy of the Word Service & Distribution of Ashes
- 4:30 PM Mass
- 7:00 PM Mass

*Ashes will be distributed at all Masses after the homily.*

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**Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday afternoon with the School children - All are invited

1:45 PM in the church

March 8, 15, 22

April 5 & 12

**Living Stations of the Cross**

**Presented by Youth Ministry**

Monday, March 20th

7:00 PM in the church

Followed by **Simple Soup Supper**

in the Gathering Place

**Reconciliation**

- **Tuesdays, 6:45 PM**
  - Following the 6:00 PM Mass
  - March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11

- **Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM**
  - March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8

**Wednesday, March 15 & March 22**

R.E. Students & Parishioners

4:30 - 5:30 PM & 6:30 - 7:30 PM

**Thursday, March 16 & March 23**

R.E. Students & Parishioners

4:30 - 5:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 7 & Tuesday, March 21**

School Students & Parishioners

1:00 - 2:00 PM

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**LENTEN REGULATIONS REMINDER**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm - Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading - Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel - God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:

Jason & Lauren Aramburu
Patricia Fallon
George & Becky Patsais

who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Mass Times

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Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

The Funeral Liturgy Planning group is in need of volunteers. This is a group of volunteers from the parish who help families plan the funeral liturgy of their loved one. They help choose readings and music for the liturgy. A planning book is provided for this purpose. Volunteers are called as needs arise. There are no monthly meetings to attend. Training will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Deacon Al Agurkis at 969-1063 ext 221 or email Deaconal@stmarygostyn.org

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, March 8 Parish Center 9:30 AM

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald

The author adopts and raises a hawk while going through the grief of losing her father.

SMG Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, March 16 Parish Center 7:00 PM

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

In 1936, an eight-oar rowing crew from the University of Washington beat the odds and won a Gold Medal at the Germany Olympics.

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.

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 acknowledgment can be placed in the bulletin.

Waterleaf “BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE”

Update!!!! Waterleaf would like to extend a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to the parishioners of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish for participating in this year’s Baby Bottle for Life fundraising campaign. As of February 1, 2017, St. Mary of Gostyn Parishioners have raised $4,104.78! Your support helped us provide 521 pregnancy tests, and perform 343 ultrasounds in 2016. We greatly appreciate your continued support, and ask that you keep Waterleaf in your prayers. For information about Waterleaf and our programs and services, please contact us at 630-701-6270.

Ministry Schedule for Saturday, March 4th & Sunday, March 5th
SMG’s School Basketball Teams Continue Their Winning Success

The 5th Grade Boys Team came in 2nd place in the St. Hubert - Michael Delarco Basketball Tournament

The 8th Grade Girls A Team won the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Lady Comet Classic Basketball Tournament

The 5th Grade Girls B team came in second place in the St. Jude Girls Basketball Tournament

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The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beirne  Abby Beranek
Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Bill Brown  Tom Brown  Felicia Bubula
Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  David Craven  Helen Czulak  Frank Davis
Jessica Davy  Dennis Finn  Becca Gorman  Mark Gowgiel  Diane Goyette
Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Darlene Hammer  Bobby Johnson  Donna Karlinski
Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  Ken Krupp  Mary Ann Lang  Doreen Lehner
Robert Lehner  Diane Main  Eddie Mayerik  Spencer Mehr  Dolores Mendoza
Kate Moss  James Murawski  Andrea Mutton  Bob Noonan  Rob Noonan
Fr. Ernie Norbeck  Daniel Oliver  Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro  Char Ryan
Kay Selfridge  Hugh Toner  Yoshie Snider  Joey Stefka  Joan Taggioni
Sharon Tallerico  Vince Tonissen  Laine Van Houton  Loretta Wies  Ashley Weltman
Judith Lynn Abella  Tammy Possidoni  Ertha Papillon  Sylvestre Papillon  Bill Esposito
Tom Mendoza  Fr. Robert Coleman  Ronald Vaugan  Fr. John Ouper  Dan Chorney
Amber Randall  Jim Donovan  Nancy Steinbacher  Tom Dehner  Ken Norman
Louise Shipinski  Louis Brondy  Jennifer Snider  Fr. Raymond Corkery O.Carm  Geri Cieck
Bernie Chudzik  Lois Brondy  Michael Hearne  Eleanor Swiglo  Brett Lauten
Charles Bach

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Sr. Gesiuna Borgiorno
Sam F. Bovino, father of Dan Bovino
Robert Ward, father of Mike Ward

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  Josh Cruz
Bob Lang  Zachary Frana

 reporting sexual abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

Attention Parishioners

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is in the Ushers Closet located next to the Narthex entrance, along with a First Aid kit. AED’s are also located in the Gathering Place (North wall) and in the School kitchen.
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.
Discover What Can Keep You Going When Caring for Others is Stressful
This workshop focuses on practical advice, providing a powerful guide and spiritual tools to nourish family caregivers caring for an ill or aging loved one. Find blessings, gain insights, be inspired.

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. Through practical advice and table discussions, you'll be empowered to thrive and advance again in a positive way throughout your caregiver journey, always with a Christ-centered view.

Strength and Connection for Family Caregivers
Are you spiritually fit?

What does faith look like to you?

Do you trust that God’s plan, for you, is better than what you have for yourself?

**Join us March 9, for a Lenten evening of friendship, fitness, fun, and faith!**

Wine and Unwind: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm Followed by presentation.
Location: St. Mary’s Gathering Place
Cost: $25 per person.

**TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICES AT 630-852-9000.**
Mayslake Ministries Offices
718 Ogden Ave. Ste. 200 Downers Grove, IL 60515
www.mayslakeministries.org

Presenter: Linda Hillsman
An SMG parishioner and a CHRP 28 participant, Linda is a Breast Cancer Survivor and Fitness Instructor. Linda will share how having a little faith and fitness helped her to trust in God’s plan.

**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 7:00 pm

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

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire an Information Technology Coordinator. The Information Technology Coordinator supports the Director of Information Technology with the system analysis, supporting, maintaining, and upgrading of the Diocese of Joliet technology systems.

Bachelor’s degree in computer science or related areas and previous work experience. Must support the Mission and values of the Diocese of Joliet and the Roman Catholic Church.

Proven experience and success supporting computer systems, LAN and WAN environments, network security principles and best practices, proven analytical and problem-solving abilities, experience working in a team-oriented, collaborative environment. Must have strong customer service orientation, strong oral and written communication skills along with good interpersonal skills.

This is a full-time position with benefits. Normal workweek is Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Some overtime as required. On-call availability for emergency issues. Requires lifting and transporting moderately heavy objects, such as computers and peripherals; along with bending, stooping, etc. when working with computers and computer systems. Must be able to travel to remote locations as needed. To view a full job description please visit: http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs. Qualified candidates please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2017 CAMPAIGN RUNS FROM MARCH 1 TO APRIL 9

40 Days for Life is a national movement that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in His plan for the end of abortion in America. Sign online to be a visible and prayerful symbol against abortion. See www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove for more information or to sign up for an hour of prayer vigil at the Access Health Center at 1700 75th Street.

SPEAKOUT ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

SpeakOut Illinois 2017 has a new look this year. It has moved to the spring, Saturday, March 4th, at The Meadows, 2950 Golf Road in Rolling Meadows, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A sit down breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Scott Klusendorf, founder and president of Life Training Institute will be the Keynote Speaker. Linda Couri will present “Inside Planned Parenthood” and State Senator Dan McConchie will discuss “Illinois Legislation”. There will also be a discussion of “End of Life Issues”.

The price before February 25th is $65 or $40 for students and clergy. Go to the website for more information about prices or to register online www.SpeakOutIllinois.org. Or call Ann at the Pro-Life Action League at 773-777-2900. This is always an exciting and professional conference. You won’t want to miss it.

Fish Fry FRIDAY

March
3, 10, 24, 31
5:30 - 8:00
Gym-Stanley Hall
All You Can Eat
Adults: $10.00
Seniors: $8.00
Children: $7.00

For more information please contact Pat O’Connor at n040f11@gmail.com
St Mary of Gostyn
Knights of Columbus

ST JOSEPH’S TABLE

Thursday
March 16
4:30 - 8:00
Gathering Place
Two Sittings
(4:30 and 6:30)
$5.00 a ticket
Available after mass
and at the door

Volunteers Needed
Consider Donating Baked Goods
More information is available at website: kofcknights.org/CouncilSite?CNO=16062
St Mary of Gostyn
Knights of Columbus
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St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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This Week

Monday / 27
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 / 28
3:30 PM Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM Grief Support Group  Living Room
7:00 PM Evangelization Commission  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study  Underground
7:00 PM Worship & Spiritual Life Comm. Parish Library

Wednesday / 1
10:30 AM Development  Large Conf. Rm.
3:30 PM Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education  School/GP/Ch
6:00 PM Religious Education  Sch/L.Rm/GP
6:30 PM Religious Education  Church/GP
8:00 PM Choir  Church

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/GP
5:45 PM Children’s Choir  Church
6:00 PM CRHP #32 - Women  Underground
7:00 PM Adult Faith - Caregiver  Gathering Place
7:00 PM Baptism Prep.  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus  Fac. Lunch Rm.

Friday / 3
2:30 PM School Musical  Gathering Place
5:00 PM PADS  Gathering Place
5:30 PM Knights of Columbus  Gym

Saturday / 4
12:00 AM PADS  Gathering Place
8:00 AM Basketball  Gym
5:30 PM Irish Party  Gathering Place

Sunday / 5
7:00 AM CRHP #24 - Men  Underground
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

Not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of these.
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.