MARCH 5
2017

First Sunday of Lent

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES
FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

~ MATTHEW 4:4
As a closely-bonded ethnic community, throughout the years St. Mary’s parishioners surely supported one another in times of illness and death without formal committees. After the five-fold growth of the parish registry in the 1950’s, and the impetus of Vatican II, lay parishioners began to have a more formal role in ministering to the needs of their fellow parishioners in the later stages of the life journey.

One of the first lay ministries (other than those related to the school or religious education) was the Ministry to the Homebound of the parish. This was initiated in the late 1970’s, at the request of pastor Fr. Stan Orlikiewicz to Deacon Larry Pecka. Deacon Larry made the visits by himself for a time, and then began recruiting parishioners to assist him. This ministry has continued since then; ministry coordinator Gail Miskowicz-Retz has served as a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound for 24 years! At present, the volunteers are sent forth after the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass to individual homes, nursing homes, and retirement facilities in the area. Teams serve for four months per year, four consecutive weeks at a time at three-month intervals. Training is done through the Carmelite Center “Ministers of Care” program. Says Gail, “It is very humbling to be of service…[The homebound] look forward to our visits.” E.M’s to the Homebound also assist with Stations of the Cross at Oak Trace Residence; a separate group of St. Mary’s volunteers helps with AM Sunday Mass to individual homes, nursing homes, and retirement facilities in the area.

Many parishioners serve as caregivers for ill or elderly family members, and need support themselves as they juggle life’s challenges. Parishioner Deb Kelsey-Davis, a professional clinician and healthcare executive—also a caregiver for both of her parents—developed a faith-based program to provide family caregivers with practical, emotional, and spiritual nourishment. With the support of pastor Fr. Jim Schwab and adult faith formation director Kelly Johnson, the program “Nourish” was introduced at St. Mary’s in October 2015. In addition to periodic workshops, there are monthly meetings (3rd Thursday) with a format of prayer, reflection/discussion of the focus topic of the month, sharing and support based on specific caregiver participant needs, and an activity. Deb says, “The goal is to help family caregivers find strength and serenity through a Christ-centered view, coming together to share, discover and be supported.”

When a loved one dies, a parishioner can assist the family in planning a meaningful funeral liturgy as a Funeral Planner. After the family has contacted the funeral home, the funeral home contacts the parish office to set the date and time for the funeral Mass. The funeral home provides the family with a newly-revised St. Mary’s Funeral Planning Booklet with selections for Scripture readings, prayers, and songs. The Funeral Planner then contacts the family to extend condolences on behalf of St. Mary’s, briefly review the Funeral Planning Booklet, and set up a time to meet with them to finalize their selections. The meeting is usually held in the Rectory or Parish Center, and occasionally by phone (when the family lives at a distance). The lay minister spends time “helping families give a last gift to their loved ones” in selecting the readings and songs most reflective of the deceased. Coordinator Mary Paruszkiwicz was drawn to serving in this “very rewarding” role after being caregiver for both her parents and her aunt, experiencing firsthand how comforting the readings and music were for her at her time of loss.

Other parishioners volunteer as a Greeter at the funeral liturgy, assisting with seating of the congregation, guiding family members who may participate in the Mass as lectors and gift-bearers, and remaining alert to share, discover and be supported. Sometimes these Greeters serve as lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Other parishioners who love to sing and are available in the morning (for funeral liturgies) form the volunteer Resurrection Choir. The choir sings melody, not parts; it is not necessary to be a member of the regular parish choir or a cantor to serve in comforting and inspiring the bereaved through music.

Former St. Mary’s Pastoral Counselor Sister Valerie Kulbacki, SSJ, TOSF (on parish staff starting in 1982) initiated numerous peer support groups. One of these, Grief Support Group, remains active at our parish. This is a six-week program, held twice a year (beginning in February and September) on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. The program, Joliet Diocese-approved Bereavement Ministry by Harriet Young, is for adults suffering the loss of parent, spouse, or child through death. Lay leaders on the team have all experienced loss and “want to reach out, encourage, and listen to the participants in a loving, caring, confidential, and spiritual atmosphere,” shares coordinator Pat Metzger-Noonan. “I began in this ministry after my own journey through grief with Sr. Julia [Lydon, CND: St. Mary’s staff member in early 2000’s] and found it so helpful that I wanted to reach out to others who were suffering and trying to find their way through the path.”

If you, or someone you know, needs peer support in any of these areas—or if you feel moved by the Spirit to serve your parish community in any of these roles—please contact the Rectory at 630-969-1063.

Lent begins, the Sunday readings provide us with an opportunity to go back in time to the Book of Genesis to look at God’s creation of human life. Think for a while about the wonderful traits God bestowed upon us. Think about how the very traits that set us apart from other beings on God’s earth—including the freedom to choose—are the traits that allow us to make mistakes and sin. The encouraging news, as shown in Psalm 51, is that God’s mercy and kindness will renew our spirit when we seek forgiveness.

Throughout Lent make amends with God. Use this time before Easter to look at the "tree of faith" and nurture it to help it grow. Just as Adam and Eve were banished from the garden we, too, experience times of desolation and emptiness. We can go forth, even with the possibility of failure, knowing there is hope of repentance and forgiveness.

Faith Sharing

Pray for empowerment at home and in the world. Many people are discouraged and feel they do not have the power or ability to make a difference. Pray that those who need courage receive it. Pray that all of God’s children have opportunities to use their talents to make God’s world a better place.

Help carry Jesus’ cross by reaching out to those around you. Does a neighbor who’s moving need a hand? Does a family member need a listening and nonjudgmental ear? There are many ways in which to help out. Find new ones this Lent.

For some people, the image of a desert is a negative one: barren, dry, lonely, dangerous. The Lenten invitation to enter the desert may not be very appealing one.

There is another point of view regarding deserts, however. The desert offers silence, beauty, and tenacious (however sparse) life.

Why did the Spirit lead Jesus into the desert? Perhaps because it was a place away from everyday living, a space free of the comings and goings of daily life. The desert provided the perfect arena for Jesus’ face-to-face confrontation of temptation, and the unbroken isolation in which to meditate upon his life and mission.

We are invited to come to the desert this Lent, not to wander aimlessly but to enter intentionally. We may then return to the city, as Christ did, with renewed determination to fulfill the mission to which God has called us.
125th Anniversary Directory

Don’t miss out! From March 27th-1 April, Lifetouch photographers will be taking family photos for inclusion in our 125th Anniversary Directory! This will be the last opportunity to be included in our 125th Anniversary Directory. Families who have their portraits taken will receive a free 8x10 of their directory photo and a free copy of the directory (a $25 value).

Please see the church bulletin or website for details on how to sign-up!

Appointments may be made after all masses this weekend at the sign-up table located in the Passageway/Hallway of the Apostles. To sign up on-line, please visit the parish website or go to:
or
http://tinyurl.com/SMGphotos

*This online site will only be available during the weekdays of February and March.

Or contact Jennifer Snider at sniderjl1993@gmail.com or 630 926-4188.

For those parishioners who participated in the Lifetouch Photo Sessions in December, and did not opt to buy a photo package, you may pick up your free 8x10 at the sign-up tables this weekend.

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, April1 & 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

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 2/26/2017 $28,425.22
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 16-17) $29,300.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $1,010,850.00
Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date $1,125,850.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $993,767.99
Christmas Collections to Date $111,116.10
Total Collections to Date $1,104,884.09
Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($20,965.91)
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 the website:
kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=16062

St Mary of Gostyn
Knights of Columbus

Free-will donation for our Lenten Project will be accepted at the door
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017
6:15 AM - Janie Hennessy req. Jean & Mark Fredericks
8:00 AM - Karl Norbeck req. Mike & Mary Signer
Matthew Adamowicz req. Helene Mayer

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
6:00 PM - Thomas Mikulski req. Ploskonka Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017
6:15 AM - Joseph Kopack req. Family
8:00 AM - Krystyna Bednarz req. Liz O’Connell & Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Robert H. Ward req. Massura Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Rodolfo Campo req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest
4:30 PM - John Lowry req. Wimmel Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Felix Barron req. Karen & Emil Mudra
Maurice Tramblay req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas
12:00 PM - Richard Cesak req. Lucado Family
Sally Van Cura req. Ron & Mary Buchler
6:00 PM - Florita Bohan req. Men’s CRHP #20

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame
overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).
Psalm - Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).
Second Reading - Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19).
Gospel - Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights
(Matthew 4:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Gregoire & Daniela Brzozowski
Kathleen Cohn
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Baptism

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

- Gerald Austin III, son of Gerald Austin II & Amanda O’Brien
- Mae Elizabeth Flavin, daughter of William & Ashley Flavin
- June Louise Gubbins, daughter of David & Kimberly Gubbins
- Brayden Christopher Manges, son of Graham & Sharon Manges
- Carson Alexander Patsais, son of George & Becky Patsais
- Grayson George Patsais, son of George & Becky Patsais

Check us out on the web!
www.stmarygostyn.org
Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

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.

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

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

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St. Mary of Gostyn School Now Enrolling!

***Special SCHOLARSHIPS available for students transferring from public schools!

St. Mary of Gostyn Class of 2017 Catholic High School Entrance Exam Results

- 35 Students took the Catholic High School Entrance Exam (64% of class)
  
  Benet 17  Montini 15
  St. Ignatius 2  Nazareth 1

100% of SMG students were accepted at the school of their choice!!!

Of the 32 students whose scores are known:
- 99th percentile: 6 students (19%)
- 90th percentile or above: 15 students (47%)
- 80th percentile or above: 23 students (72%)

Over the course of 4 years, our SMG students will have earned $50,000 in scholarship money from Montini Catholic High School!

Benefits Your Child Will Receive at SMG...

- Award winning Preschool program
- Individualized/Differentiated Instruction & Classes
- Supplemental Reading & Math Resource Programs
- Progress monitoring systems to track student growth
- Student Clubs & No-Cut Athletics
- STEM Programs
- Social Work Services
- Special Classes – Technology, Spanish, Physical Education/Health, Art, Band,
- Student-to-Student Tutoring
- Faith Buddies
- Student & Classroom Service Opportunities
- Daily After School Care until 6pm

Call us at (630) 968-6155 to schedule a personalized tour!

We, the St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic School Community, are rooted in faith, empowered by knowledge, and inspired to serve. The faculty, staff, and parents form a unique partnership in carrying out this mission of teaching the message of Jesus by celebrating meaningful liturgies, providing opportunities for service within the community, and passing on the beliefs and traditions of our faith.
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Kenny Kern
Diane Main
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Amber Randall
Louise Shipinski
Lois Brondy
Terri Corbett
Al DePalma

Lois Bach
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Becca Gorman
Darlene Hammer
Ken Krupp
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Eleanor Pecka
Yoshie Snider
Laine Van Houton
Fr. Robert Coleman
Jim Donovan
Michael Hearne
Gertrude Butzen

Anna Bandur
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
Mark Gowgiel
Bobby Johnson
Mary Ann Lang
Spencer Mehr
Bob Noonan
Cynthia Petro
Joey Stefka
Loretta Wies
Nancy Steinbacher
Jennifer Snider
Eleanor Swiglo
Luella Eisenhammer

Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Frank Davis
Diane Goyette
Donna Karlinski
Doreen Lehner
Dolores Mendoza
Rob Noonan
Char Ryan
Joan Taggionia
Ashley Wolfmian
Tom Dehner
Geri Cieck
Brett Lauten
Ann Smith

Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Jessica Davy
Rion Goyette
Joseph Karlinski
Robert Lehrer
Kate Moss
Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Kay Selfridge
Sharon Tallerico
Dan Chorney
Ken Norman
Bernie Chudzik
Charles Bach
Mary Beth Garafolo

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
David Craven
David Keima

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

Bob Lang
Zachary Frana

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound

Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings?
If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/960-1063, ext 244.
A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.
First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home/Hospital Visitation

Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.
(please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
Religious Education

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

- March 7-28  6:00 pm Parish Lenten Tuesday Mass followed by Reconciliation
- March 8  6:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal
- March 8 & 9  No Confirmation Classes
- March 11  1:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation
- March 13  Religious Education New Registration Information Meeting. All families looking to register for 2017-18 sessions should attend.
- March 15 & 16  Last Confirmation Session for all newly Confirmed 8th grader RE students

First Week of Lent
Encounter Innovation

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Totus Tuus
Catholic Summer Camp
Is Coming to St. Mary
June 10—16
Check the website for more info.
stmarygostyn.org

Youth Entering Grades 7-12  Youth Entering Grades K-6
Begins on Sunday, June 11  Begins on Monday, June 12
7-9 pm ~ $15 9 am - 2:30 pm ~ $45

Come for FAITH And FUN!
Open to all parish children entering grades K-12

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.
Where will your Lenten Journey take you?

Tuesday Evenings at St. Mary’s

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance.
Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts we as Christians are given. Unwrap the great inheritance that awaits you as a fully adopted child in the family of God. Enrich your faith, and see how to live it out. For, God’s great love can transform your daily life, if you allow it. Explore your calling as a member of Christ’s Church and grow in fellowship as a parish.
8 weeks. Led by Rick Sparke.

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

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

Mayslake Ministries Presents:
St. Mary of Gostyn Women’s Evening of Renewal

Faith and Fitness: Trusting God’s Plan

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.

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.

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
R.C.I.A.

This Sunday, our parish community will send our Catechumens, Dana Cox and Jolene Manuyag to the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet for the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election is often designated as the “turning point” in the whole catechumenate. These individuals publicly declare their desire to receive the Sacraments. Their Godparents, on behalf of the parish community, declare them ready to do so.

The six weeks preceding the Easter Vigil are especially significant for our Catechumens. Their long preparation for reception into the Catholic Church will be realized at the Easter Vigil, when they will be formally received into our Catholic Christian community, through the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

We ask that you pray for them in the final steps of their journey.

LIFE CHANGING.

Solid Catholic Teaching for High School Teens

Unpacking Sunday Mass in a way teens can relate, making the Liturgy come alive.

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

All high school teens are welcome! In the Underground. 4:30 PM. www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry page
SERRA CLUB MONTHLY MASS, ROSARY & DINNER

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, March 13, 2017 at St Michael’s Parish in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass in the Church celebrated by Fr. Tony Taschetta. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

Guest speaker at the dinner, Sister Claire Vandborg, IBVM, taught in several Catholic grade schools before earning a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Studies from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She became RCIA Director at Immaculate Conception Church in Morris and now works directly for her community at Wheaton as Provincial Secretary, Office of Communications, and Director of Vocation Ministry. She is a member of the National Religious Vocations Conference, a professional association for vocation directors.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr: carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994

LENTEN PRESENTATION BY FATHER BILL CULLEN

St. Joseph Church 4801 Main St., Downers Grove
March 12, 19 & 26 † 10:00 am

HAVE WE LOST THE GOSPEL MESSAGE?
DOCTRINE AND DISCIPLINE IN THE CHURCH

The claim that our modern church has lost or cast aside the Gospel message of Jesus is heard more frequently in our time. Our Lenten presentation will examine this claim and the evidence to support or refute it.

Sunday, March 12 The Church of the Apostles
Sunday, March 19 The Development of Uniform Doctrine/ Discipline
Sunday, March 26 The Church of Our Times

VILLA ST. BENEDICT UPCOMING EVENTS

Emotional & Spiritual Wellness
Wednesday, March 15 | 1:30 pm
Dr. Genalin Niere-Metcalf is a clinical psychologist with a Masters degree in Spiritual Formation & Soul Care. She will be presenting spiritual practices proven to decrease stress, boost the immune system, and improve mental wellness.

Top 10 Tips to Downsize & Move
Thursday, March 30th | 1:30pm
Pat Cerny-Keplinger of Downsizing by Design, and Jina Boerman of Boerman Moving & Storage will share the top 10 tips to downsizing and moving with ease.

Ben Neiburger, JD CPA
Wednesday, April 12th | 1:30pm
Ben will present from his book “Brighter Skies”, a common sense guide to navigating a move to senior living, with 10 core principles to go by. Everyone will receive a copy!
Call 630-852-0345 to RSVP for any of these events.

DEDICATED CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATORS NEEDED

Openings are currently available for dedicated Catholic school teachers and administrators in many of the Diocese of Joliet’s 45 elementary schools. An applicant must hold a current Illinois Professional Educator License as well as a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college or university. In addition to current postings, the Catholic Schools Office anticipates 125 instructional and 2-3 administrative openings for the coming (2017-18) school year. Substitute teaching positions are also available. Please complete an online Frontline Applicant Tracking application at https://www.applitrack.com/dioceseofjoliet/onlineapp/ . Should you have questions, please contact Karen Udell, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Personnel at 815-221-6123.

VIEW THE MOVIE VOICELESS

All are invited to attend a viewing of the movie Voiceless, the story of a young reserved, war veteran who moves to Philadelphia to take a new ministry job and puts his life on the line to stand against an abortion clinic that moved across the street from the church.

View the movie at:
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL  60563
Saturday, March 18, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
(after the 4:30 Mass)
Free Will Offering - Popcorn and pizza provided!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6Y5zhHVKh8

ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY

FryDays-March
3, 10, 24, 31
5:30 - 8:00
Gym-Stanley Hall

Adults: $10.00
Seniors: $8.00
Children: $7.00

More information is available at the website: kotcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=16062

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This Week

Monday / 6
10:00 AM  Medical Missions Gathering Place
2:30 PM  School Musical Gathering Place
3:30 PM  Basketball Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts Gathering Place

Tuesday / 7
9:00 AM  Parent-Tot Classes Gathering Place
1:00 PM  School Church
3:30 PM  Basketball Gym
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group Chapel
6:45 PM  Reconciliation Church
7:00 PM  Grief Support Group Living Room
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study Underground
7:00 PM  Development Parish Library

Wednesday / 8
9:30 AM  Book Discussion Group Large Conf. Rm.
1:45 PM  Stations of the Cross Church
2:30 PM  Girl Scouts Grp. C Large Conf. Rm.
3:30 PM  Basketball Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education School/GP/CH
6:00 PM  Religious Education Sch/L.Rm/Ch/GP
6:00 PM  CRHP #32 - Women Underground
7:00 PM  Parish Council Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 9
9:00 AM  Morning Bible Study Gathering Place
1:00 PM  H.S.A. Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM  School Musical Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education Sch/L.Rm
5:30 PM  Basketball Gym
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Church
6:15 PM  Cub Scouts Underground
7:00 PM  Choir Church

Friday / 10
2:30 PM  School Musical Gathering Place
5:00 PM  PADS Parish Place
5:30 PM  Knights of Columbus Gym

Saturday / 11
12:00 AM  PADS Parish Library
8:30 AM  CRHP #17 - Women Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society Church/G.P.
1:00 PM  Confirmation

Sunday / 12
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
10:00 AM  RCIA for Children Par. Lib./UG
1:00 PM  Knights of Columbus Gym
4:00 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.