From the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5
Throughout its history, St. Mary of Gostyn parish and its members have maintained a strong commitment to adult faith formation and the belief that formation continues far beyond Confirmation. St. Mary’s Adult Faith Formation Program provides diverse opportunities for members to grow in their faith and develop spiritually, both individually and in community. While attending Sunday mass and being nourished by the Word and the Eucharist are essential to continued spiritual growth, these alone are not enough. Below are some of the opportunities provided by the St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Adult Faith Formation program:

**St. Mary’s Café:** St. Mary’s CAFE features a unique style of study which engages the mind, heart and imagination, through reading, reflection and discussion. The CAFE is right for those who are new to Bible Study or avid Bible students. Discover the powerful, personal truth of God’s Word with practical inspiration for daily living. **Evening Bible Study:** open to all adult parishioners and takes place on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Underground. During Lent, the opportunity to attend Mass at 6:00pm is offered, followed by Reconciliation and “Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance.” This Lenten program will help you to explore your calling as a member of Christ’s church. **Women’s Morning Bible Study:** open to all women and takes place on Thursdays, at 9:00am in the Gathering Place. Child care is available (by request). This Bible study provides Catholic contemplation in a relaxed and welcoming environment with other women of the parish. The **Small Christian Community** group gathers to discuss the Sunday readings and explore scripture and current events. 1:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**Book Discussion Groups** are open to all parishioners. There are two groups; the **Morning Book Discussion Group** meets the first Wednesday of every month in the large conference room from 9:30-11:00am while the **Evening Group** meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Parish Library from 7:00-8:30pm. Please see the bulletin for details.

**CRHP - Christ Renews His Parish** is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process which brings together members of the parish in Christ. CRHP has a clear focus on the Gospel and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life through scripture study, prayer, the sacraments, and fellowship with members of the parish community. Two weekends are offered per year, 1 for men & 1 for women. **Special Events:** Many different events are offered throughout the year; below is a partial listing.

**All-Parish Missions:** Missions have been a part of St. Mary’s faith formation program at least as far back as the 1980s. Currently, Parish Missions generally run for 3 consecutive evenings and are held annually in the fall, usually October. Topics vary, but all provide engaging and lively speakers, who inspire, educate and encourage all on their individual spiritual journeys. Kelly Johnson, Director of Faith Formation at St. Mary’s for the past 13 years states “Parish missions are an opportunity to re-focus and re-invigorate our faith, which is why we have ours in October. As kids and family begin school, the weather is changing; it is a good time to reflect and renew our faith.”

**Nourish Caregivers Community.** Workshops focus on practical advice, providing guides and spiritual tools to nourish family caregivers caring for an ill or aging loved one. Deb Kelsey-Davis, RN, lay minister, certified in gerontology, and a family caregiver is our moderator. Speaking from her personal experiences, Deb shares insights, stories and tools to aide others with this modern-day concern of caring for the caregiver. Monthly meetings every third Thursday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center Living Room, connect people going through similar experiences of caring for a loved one. The gatherings allow caregivers to move forward in a purposeful way, refreshing and re-empowering their journey.

**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick within the Mass:** Held throughout the year, these Masses are moving and powerful events which change lives.

**Prayer Groups/Rosary Groups:** Our Rosary group meets at 6:30 pm in the Church on Mondays. The Prayer Group meets at 6:30 PM in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Feast of Divine Mercy is the Sunday after Easter; this year April 23. Instituted by Blessed Saint John Paul II, it is the one day when the floodgates of mercy are open wide and graces pour forth. Our service includes an afternoon of prayers, song, benediction and adoration, and confessions. It’s an opportunity to wipe clean the slate from the sins through the mercy of our Lord.

Sources: The St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Website, interview with Kelly Johnson; unless otherwise indicated, photos by J. Snider
Second Sunday of Lent

In today’s first reading, we hear the famous call of Abram. At seventy-five years of age, he answered “yes” without knowing what he said “yes” to. Before that “yes,” he did not know much about the God who called; yet, trusting the one who called and believing the call, and as a result of that “yes,” he learned about God, himself, and others.

This is the essence of faith: to be convinced of the reliability of God without any knowledge of where the journey takes us. In one way or another, the call to “go forth” comes to each one of us.

It is hard for us to believe that God speaks to us as once Abram, Peter, James, and John were spoken to. It is overwhelming to realize how important we all are in the eyes of God. It frightens us, because we don’t think we’re worthy of it, or that it is somehow selfish to think of ourselves in that way. The spiritual masters tell us it is the other way around: accepting that God speaks to us is the first reason for any true humility of mind and body in the realization of what God wishes to do in and through us. Without this realization, we may never be ready or willing to “go forth.” The willingness to do so, time and again, however, is necessary if we wish to experience any transfiguration in our lives—to become holy.

The purpose of any vocation is to become transfigured, not because we deserve it—Abraham himself was a liar (Gen 20:10)—but because God wills it (2 Tim 1:9). To be transfigured, as Peter found out, is not to hold on to a religious experience as much as to be courageous in the ongoing struggle and attempt to live a life worthy of Jesus, who calls us “to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins” (Lk 1:76-77). It is in doing this that we learn who God is, who we are, what Church is...we’re all called to “go forth.”

Prayer

Jesus:
Some of us have experienced deep moments of your presence but have had little time to distill their meaning.
Some of us have for so long followed the routine of daily service that it is difficult to remember when your Spirit has last touched our hearts.
As we come together in Christian community, let our strengths and weaknesses interact.
Let the energy of those elated by your love rouse the faith of those who have forgotten the vision.
Let the wisdom of those who have borne the trials and blessings of a lifetime provide a foundation for those who are new.
Together let us grow as your body.
Together let our weaknesses be our strength.
Amen.

Something to think about

In Something Beautiful for God, Malcolm Muggeridge describes the impact that Mother Teresa had on an audience of people. He wrote: "Every face . . . was rapt, hanging on her words, not because of the words . . . but because of her. Some quality came across over and above the words . . . penetrating every mind and heart."

What came across? What held the people in rapt attention? How does it relate to Jesus' transfiguration?
Please Participate!

Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Thank you for participating in our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend on February 25-26. If you have not yet made your contribution to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the Diocese. You can participate by returning your Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelope to our parish, by going online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or by mailing in your gift.

Our parish goal is $129,946. 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.

In today’s second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter what your listeners happen to be?
IT’S LENTEN SEASON! JOIN US AGAIN AT ST. MARY OF GOSTYN FOR OUR FOURTH YEAR OF….

Spring Baskets

Thanks to your generosity in 2016, Baskets were given to 100 children in need! That was a great accomplishment! Since this ministry had been so well received, we would like help 90 children this year.

In 2017, St. Mary of Gostyn, along with Catholic Charities, is adopting 90 children in need to provide essentials this Lenten Season. Typically, children will need a shirt, shorts, pants or shorts, socks/shoes, underwear and a toy or two for the summer.

This will be a wonderful experience. Please consider helping a child in need by providing a Spring Basket. Thank you for your consideration.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Fill out the form below and place it in one of the “Spring Baskets Name Collection Boxes” located at each church entrance. You may also contact Amy Laverty at 630-796-5567 or at springbaskets@yahoo.com for more information.

SCHEDULE
Basket Drop off Date: Sunday, April 2nd, 2017
Location: Amy Laverty’s house at 1016 Palmer Street, DG or Danielle Heyer’s house at 6562 Davane Lane, DG

2017 SPRING BASKET ADOPT-A-CHILD SIGN UP

Please provide the following information:
Your Name: ______________________________________________________
Your Address: _____________________________________________________
Your phone number: _____________________________________________
Your email address: _____________________________________________
The number of children for which you want to provide a Spring Basket: _______
We will contact you to provide information about the child that you will be adopting.
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Karl Norbeck req. St. Mary of Gostyn Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
6:15 AM - McNicholas & Gallagher Families req. Calistro Family
8:00 PM - Intention of the Priest

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017
8:00 AM - Penny Bieda req. Lucado Family
Lorraine Clark req. Lucy Wilczynski

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017
8:00 AM - William Doherty req. Jean & Tim McJoynt
Emily Adamowicz req. Helene Mayer

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017
8:00 AM - Michael Lally req. Anne & Larry Huene
4:30 PM - Nancy Babich req. Peter Babich & Family
Nick Martini req. Carmela Martini

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017
8:00 AM - Edward Michaels req. Lucado Family
Joseph Kmiec req. Wolf & Kmiec Families
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Rodolfo Campo req. Adam Walsh Family
6:00 PM - Florita Bohan req. Corbett Family

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading - The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)
Psalm - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).
Second Reading - God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8-10).
Gospel - Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
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.

Funeral Information
Our parishioners asked for an easy and quick way to find out about funerals that are being held at St. Mary of Gostyn. You asked—and we found a way!

You can now receive a quick email whenever a funeral is scheduled. The email will include all pertinent information: who the service is for, time of the funeral, and any other details the family has asked us to share with friends and family within the parish. To register, go to https://tinyurl.com/SMGFuneral

125th Anniversary Directory
Don’t miss out! The absolutely, final round of Lifetouch Photo Sessions will be held on 27 March-1 April. To sign up on-line, please visit the parish website or go directly to http://tinyurl.com/SMGphotos

We are also looking for volunteers to host the photo sessions. RE students (with an adult) are welcome! To sign-up, please go to: http://tinyurl.com/zxux4dm

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 Parish Center during normal business hours Monday through Friday (8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm) or Monday through Thursday (5:30pm - 7:30pm).

Ministry Schedule for Saturday, March 18th & Sunday, March 19th

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Sending your children to Catholic school may seem out of reach for some families. In reality, a bit of research can uncover scholarships and financial tools that will make Catholic education more affordable than many parents and grandparents realize.

Barbara Ruta, a parishioner at St. Mary of Gostyn parish, who is also an agent for New York Life Insurance Company, has ideas for parents looking for ways to finance a Catholic school education. “I’m a foreign-born citizen who emigrated from Guatemala at age five,” said Ruta. “A Catholic education was a big part of my upbringing, even with my parents’ modest income. Nowadays, parents plan their child’s education very early, and they need to prepare for the expense.”

Ruta helps clients develop sound financial strategies. “I have an organic connection with other young families, including other Latino families,” added Ruta. “They can utilize permanent life insurance as a means to accumulate funds to plan for a Catholic education. The cash value in such policies accumulates on a tax-deferred basis, it can be accessed income tax-free, and the cash value* in a policy is not countable when determining financial aid eligibility for the child. Additional money can be put into such policies and grows via a different receptacle. These funds create additional guaranteed cash value and additional guaranteed death benefit, as well as earn dividends.” (*Editor’s note: Cash value can be accessed by partial surrenders, which reduces the cash value and death benefit.)

The emphasis on Catholic values, the supportive environment for children, and the committed staff and parents at SMG have provided terrific benefits for Ruta’s family. “Using permanent Life Insurance to fund a Catholic education is a safe choice,” said Ruta. “New York Life provided participating policy owners with a record dividend payout last year, despite years of record low interest rates. We have a superior diversified business strategy successfully executed by our incredible investment management firm.” To discuss financial planning opportunities with Barbara Ruta, contact her at (630) 408-3161, or at bruta@ft.newyorklife.com.

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
- Nancy Steinbacher
- Jennifer Snider
- Eleanor Swiglo
- Luella Eisenhammer
- Jerome Kawka
- Peggy Davis
- Lois Bach
- Sharon Binter
- Margaret Corbett
- Becca Gorman
- Darlene Hammer
- Ken Krupp
- Eddie Mayerik
- Andrea Mutton
- Eleanor Pecka
- Yoshie Snider
- Laine Van Houton
- Tom Dehner
- Geri Cieck
- Brett Lauten
- Ann Smith
- Karen Olszowka
- Mary Ann Etzkorn
- Anna Bandur
- Bill Brown
- Helen Czulak
- Mark Gowgiew
- Bobby Johnson
- Mary Ann Lang
- Spencer Mehr
- Bob Noonan
- Cynthia Petro
- Joey Stefka
- Loretta Wies
- Ken Norman
- Bernie Chudzik
- Charles Bach
- Mary Beth Garafolo
- Tom Mendoza
- Gabriella Beirne
- Tom Brown
- Frank Davis
- Diane Brown
- Donna Karlinski
- Doreen Lehner
- Dolores Mendoza
- Rob Noonan
- Char Ryan
- Joanna Taggionia
- Ashley Woltman
- Louise Shipinski
- Lois Brondy
- Terri Corbett
- Al DePalma
- Rose Verona
- Abby Beranek
- Felicia Bubula
- Jessica Davy
- Rion Goyette
- Joseph Karlinski
- Robert Lehner
- Kate Moss
- Fr. Ernie Norbeck
- Kay Selfridge
- Sharon Tallerico
- Dan Chorney
- Jim Donovan
- Michael Hearne
- Gertrude Butzen
- Heather Moss
- Joanna Shilt

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Mary Lou Kennedy

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

Living Stations of the Cross

& Simple Soup Supper

March 20 at 7:00pm in the Church

Presented by the Youth Ministry. Living Stations are an experiential family Lenten practice. Prayers & Reflections, even for young children. Only Evening Stations offered this year.

More info: kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry tab Living Stations

March 12, 2017
There’s A Change Coming to RE
COME AND HEAR ALL ABOUT IT

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

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.

To keep you better informed, please attend this informational meeting on Monday at 6:30 PM.

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

CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARY OF GOSTYN PARISH
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Gabriel Abbas
Elyse Adams
Samuel Albion
Christopher Allen
John Ambrose
Ann Bieda
Benjamin Bogdanski
Gavin Bohan
Trevor Bolisay
Renee Boone
Kaitlin Boyle
Emma Budnik
Emily Budzynski
Amelia Carlson
Stephen Carlson
Margaret Casey
Matthys Cieplak
Michael Coleman
Ian Coyle
Carson Diehl
Sofia Drover
Elizabeth Dombrowski
Matthew Dvorak
Connor Farrell

Eden Fernandez
Charles Ferris
Julia Fisher
Michael Flavin
Jackson Flynn
Cole Fulton
Brendan Gaughan
Alison Gedraitis
Parker Glynn
Jack Goddard
Claire Gorey
Gavin Greeney
Matea Greeney
Justin Griesbaum
Maria Hagan
Aidan Hall
Benjamin Hallberg
Sean Halloran
Courtney Harrington
Logan Henderson
Ethan Henry
James Hubeny
Reese Isaacson
Evan Jacques
Andrew Janowiak
Quinn Kavanaugh
Timothy Koch
Alexander Kozarits
Diana Kwak
Collin Lally
Alyssa Launi
Tara Liszka
William Lloyd
Domenick Locascio
Michael Lopez-Larucci
Nicholas Majchrowicz
Abigail Manak
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Patrick Martens
MacKenzie McGuire
Alexandra Meyers
Emmet Morgan
Connor Mostacci
Katharine Murray
Joseph Musial
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David Nelson
Julia Niemiec
Luke Nolan
Eamonn O’Connell
Patrick O’Connor
Anika Oplanic
Brian Parilla
Emma Parney
Erin Peters
Cooper Petersen
Ethan Petro
Dianna Phifer
Lauren Phillip
Andrew Pitts
Trevor Radde
Riley Reed
Rachel Rios
Charlotte Risden
Reagan Rodenbostel
Grace Rodi
Jack Rodi
Matthew Rowley
Aine Schuh
John Sebben
Sicily Shaw
Chloe Sheppard
Olivia Shirk
Robert Sloyan
Margaret Snyder
Roy Southworth
Matthew Spencer
Amy Spritz
Quintin Stadler
Meghan Stapleton
Madeline Sutton
Ashleigh Szydlowski
Hazel Tan
Ty Thiessen
Hope Tschosik
Lucas Utterback
Ava Valente
Ryan Varsolona
Henry Vlk
Alexa Wall
Brendan Wall
Jackson Walsh
Sara Jayne Weidner
Megan Wikowsky
Kaitlyn Wurster
Alise Yunez
Giustina Zindle

Saturday
March 11
2017
Bishop R. Daniel Conlon

THIRD WEEK OF LENT
ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.
**WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS?**

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of Joliet. From catechetical teaching sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games and skits - your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their Faith!

Totus Tuus seeks to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of Her.

**TOTALLY YOURS**

Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning “totally yours,” was the motto of St. John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary*, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary. It also expresses our effort to give all that we have to every young person we encounter.

**WHAT TO BRING**

**GR. 1-6**: Lunch, Snack, Water Bottle, Jump Rope, Ball, etc for Recess

**GR. 7-12**: Snack, Water Bottle

**CHECK IN**

8:45 am M-F in Gathering Place
6:50 pm S-TH in Gathering Place

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**DROP OFF**
Parish Center Office
Contact: RE Office
630-960-3565
Register Today ~ Bring a Friend

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Registration Forms in the Church Entrances or Call the Religious Education Office at 630-960-3565
Lent & Libations
Tap into the spirit of Lent

Are you curious about how to travel the Lenten Journey in 2017? Then come join your fellow parishioners in a relaxed and welcoming setting as we explore ways to enrich our lives during this Holy Season.

**Place:** Ballydoyle Irish Pub, Cathedral Room
**Times:** 7:30 to 9PM, Wednesdays, 3/15, 3/22
**Details:** Appetizers provided
No RSVP required
ALL ARE WELCOME

5157 Main St.
Downers Grove

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Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent or spouse. Find strength, joy, and holiness in your caregiver journey.

**Third Thursday**
**March 16th**
**7:00 pm**
Parish Center Living Room

Every day is a fresh start to trust God, find balance, and be Nourished

More information at www.stmarygostyn.org
Adult Faith tab or kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

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Where will your Lenten Journey take you?

Tuesday Evenings at St. Mary’s

Evening Mass at 6:00 pm
Reconciliation at 6:45 pm
Reflection at 7:00 pm

Info at www.stmarygostyn.org Adult Faith Evening Bible Study tab or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

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**LIFE CHANGING.**
**LIFE SAVING.**

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.

**Sunday, March 19th**

All high school teens are welcome!
In the Underground. 4:30 PM.
www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry page
CHRIST THE SERVANT IS PLEASED TO
WELCOME SUSAN CONROY ON MARCH 19.
Christ the Servant Parish
8700 Havens Dr, Woodridge, IL

On Sunday March 19th, guest speaker Susan Conroy will share her stories and experiences working alongside St. You are invited to join our parish family at 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 19th in welcoming Susan to Christ the Servant and learning more about her work with Mother Teresa, the Missionaries of Charity and their work serving the poor.

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
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This Week

| Monday / 13 | 7:00 AM  | School | Underground |
| 3:00 PM  | Basketball | Gym |
| 6:30 PM  | Rosary | Chapel |
| 6:30 PM  | Religious Education Mtg. | Church |
| 7:00 PM  | CRHP #4 - Women | Large Conf. Rm. |
| 7:00 PM  | Boy Scouts | Gathering Place |
| 7:15 PM  | Prayer Group | Living Room |
| Tuesday / 14 | 2:00 PM  | Girl Scouts Grp. B | Gath. Pl. A |
| 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 |
| 6:45 PM  | Reconciliation | Church |
| 7:00 PM  | Grief Support Group | Living Room |
| 7:00 PM  | Evening Bible Study | Underground |
| Wednesday / 15 | 9:00 AM  | Parent-Tot Class | Gathering Place |
| 1:45 PM  | Stations of the Cross | Church |
| 4:30 PM  | Religious Education | School/CH/Gym |
| 6:00 PM  | Religious Education | Sch/L.Rm/Ch |
| 6:30 PM  | 6:00 PM Choir | Church |
| 8:00 PM  | Basketball | Gym |
| Thursday / 16 | 9:00 AM  | Morning Bible Study | Parish Center |
| 1:15 PM  | Small Christian Communities | Living Room |
| 3:00 PM  | Religious Education | Gym |
| 4:30 PM  | Religious Education | Sch/L.Rm |
| 4:30 PM  | St. Joseph’s Table | Gathering Place |
| 5:45 PM  | Children’s Choir | Church |
| 6:00 PM  | Basketball | Gym |
| 7:00 PM  | Choir | Church |
| 7:00 PM  | Evening Bible Study | Parish Library |
| 7:00 PM  | Caregiver Community | Living Room |
| Friday / 17 | 9:30 AM  | Scrapbooking | Gathering Pl. A |
| 5:00 PM  | School Musical | Gathering Place |
| 5:00 PM  | PADS | Gathering Place |
| Saturday / 18 | 12:00 AM  | PADS | Gathering Place |
| 9:00 AM  | School Musical | Gym |
| 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 |
| 3:15 PM  | Youth Ministry | Church |
| 4:30 PM  | 6:00 PM Choir | Church |
| 4:30 PM  | Sunday Teen Study | Underground |
| 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.