Jesus said, “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:14
In 1962, when Lutheran Bob Jurish considered joining the Catholic faith of his fiancée, Ginger, he met with her parish priest for a series of 14 one-hour sessions of instruction. Such one-on-one private instruction of candidates (those already baptized in the Christian faith) and catechumens (never baptized) was the norm prior to the Second Vatican Council. This was very different from the practice in the early centuries of the Church, when the instruction and formation of new believers comprised several distinct steps with a communal, public dimension.

Vatican II called for a restoration of the catechumenate process. In 1972, the Vatican promulgated the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, and, in 1982, the U.S. Bishops approved national statutes and a plan for implementation.

St. Mary’s started participating in RCIA as part of a cluster of local parishes as early as 1981. Sister Valerie Kulbacki, SSJ, TOSF, joined parish staff in 1982; RCIA was under her direction for 16 years. Although several staff members—ordained (currently Fr. Shaun Cieslik) or lay—have served as coordinator, a team of St. Mary’s parishioners has gathered to welcome inquirers and assist with the gatherings for reflection on the Scriptures (“breaking open the Word”) and instruction on the tenets of the Catholic faith. At one time, these were two separate meetings during the week; now there is a single two-hour meeting on Sunday mornings, beginning with the Liturgy of the Word at 8:00 Mass.

Although the time frame for the process of full initiation or reception varies according to the individual’s faith journey and local practice, at St. Mary’s the formal process begins with meetings for the inquirer in September. During the Rite of Acceptance (at St. Mary’s, the first Sunday of Advent), the inquirer stands in front of the assembled community and states that s/he wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church; s/he is now a catechumen. Catechumens and candidates meet weekly, growing in their understanding and faith. The next step is the request for Baptism in the Rite of Election, presided over by the bishop at St. Raymond’s Cathedral in Joliet on the first Sunday of Lent. The days of Lent are the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, with special rites for the elect taking place during the Sunday Mass (the Scrutinies) with the community’s promise to pray for them. Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) takes place at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Candidates, already baptized, make a formal profession of faith. The newly-initiated Catholics continue to meet for several weeks during the Easter season for further formation and catechesis (called Mystagogy).

Bob Jurish, now part of the RCIA team, remarks that the instruction of new converts has become “so much more in-depth in terms of material…a better introduction to what the Church is all about, what faith is all about.” When the program started at St. Mary’s, the publication Catholic Update (Franciscan Press) was a regular resource to supplement oral presentation of primary tenets of the Catholic faith. Current resources are Workbook for Lectors (Liturgy Training Publications) to guide “breaking open the Word” of the Sunday lectionary readings; and the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (US Council of Catholic Bishops).

Bob terms the team “an extraordinary group”; team member Juliette Matthews agrees that the various gifts of the members—researching and teaching content material, leading prayer, and sharing personal reflections—enrich the process for all. Some of the team are certified catechists; for instance, Tim Meaney and Harry Torres spent 2000-2001 participating in a multi-diocesan program, culminating in a 30-page paper on RCIA. Several team members expressed appreciation for Fr. Shaun’s enthusiasm, support, and trust in the team. Jim Massura, also a veteran team member, describes the reason for his long participation in RCIA: “Our Catholic faith is very important to me. One of the great tasks given to us by Jesus is to be an evangelizer…[I am] ready to respond to typical secular or non-Catholic objections [to Catholic beliefs]…I enjoy being on the journey with others, to grow in our faith.”

Pray for our catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. Consider inviting a friend or relative to participate in the next inquiry sessions later this year. Is God calling you to share your faith as an RCIA team member?

Third Sunday of Lent

Some of the best surprises of life come when we least expect them. Especially meaningful are actions and words that let us know someone cares for us: a warm embrace when we really need some comfort, a chance for peace and quiet amidst a tension-filled day, a reconciliation among bickering friends of siblings.

Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman in this week’s Gospel is one of those special, unexpected moments. His disciples were astonished that Jesus, a Jew, would speak with a Samaritan. (Jews and Samaritans did not get along.) Jesus did not care about tradition and custom. What mattered, he told the woman, was God’s gift of living water—the water of salvation that quenches all thirsts.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God provides each of us with grace and peace. Even when we fail, are angry, or question our faith, we can always reconcile our relationship with God. “But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

FAITH SHARING

♦ Take time to come together as a family and cherish your relationships. Plan a “litany of thanksgiving” recognizing contributions of each family member. Each person takes a turn mentioning each member, and listing a special trait for each. For example: “I am thankful for Mom’s... (e.g., hard work, support when I’m down, willingness to drive me to ball practice). I am thankful for my brother’s... (e.g., inspiration, help with the chores, smiling personality).” Continue until each person has honored everyone in the family. End with a spontaneous prayer thanking God for the intimacy of family relationships.

♦ Spend time with your feelings this week. Examine the feelings you experience. When are you angry? What makes you happy? Where do you find peace? What confuses you? When do you feel secure? Remember, feelings are neither right nor wrong. They are personal reactions to the people and things around us. How can you change negative feelings into positive feelings? How does your attitude affect your feelings? Ask for God’s help where you think you need it.

♦ If you get angry this week, transform that anger into some positive action: sweep the walks, clean the closets, run errands, run, play basketball, wash the car. Remember we are not required to be slaves to our feelings.

WATER

Water hollows the rock not by its strength but by its constant falling. The life of grace, which water symbolizes, is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. If we open ourselves to the Spirit’s flow, we cannot help but to have our hearts hollowed to become a resting place for God’s love. We will be filled with hope and can never be disappointed.

During this Lenten season we must heed God’s voice and open our hearts, so that the Lord’s constant call might wear away our hardness, allowing us an Easter of joy and peace.
### Stewardship

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

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*Please remember St. Mary of Gostyn when estate planning.*

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**Stations of the Cross**

- **Wednesday afternoon with the School children - All are invited**
  - 1:45 PM in the church
  - March 22
  - April 5 & 12

**Reconciliation**

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

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

**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

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**Children’s Choir**

**Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**

Any child in grades 3-8, in School, or Religious Education is invited to join the Parish Children’s Choir to sing for Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 16th.

The Children’s Choir rehearsals are:

- **Thursday, March 23rd & April 6th from 5:45-6:45 PM in church**
- **And Monday, April 10th, 5:45-7:00 PM**

The children do not need to fill out a form, simply email Mr. Bisaillon or Ms. Reusz and come to the practice.

- Ms. Reusz [hreusz@gmail.com](mailto:hreusz@gmail.com)
- Mr. Bisaillon [sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org)

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Jesus’ longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She’s not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?
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 20, 2017
6:15 AM - David Craven req. Bob & Ginger Jurish
          Thaddeus Raczka req. Bubula Family
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
6:15 AM - Alex Bermudez req. Joven Family
          6:00 PM - Larry Pecka Jr. req. Eleanor Pecka
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
          8:00 AM - Christa Lenski req. Family
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
          8:00 AM - Roy Bellio req. Mary Schramm
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017
6:15 AM - Dr. Charles Helms req. Bob & Ginger Jurish
          8:00 AM - Dr. Robert Rudesill req. Sanderson Family
          Living Intention for Nancy Betz Torres req. Family
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017
8:00 AM - Loretta Ocwieja req. Holmes Family
          Rosemary Hanson req. Family
          4:30 PM - Marvin Pienta req. Laura Williams
          John Lowry req. Adam Walsh Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017
8:00 AM - Cory Walgren req. Cathy Cosgrove
          10:00 AM - Annemarie Gunther req. William Gunther
          Maria Lemoncello req Jana Heyer
          12:00 PM - People of the Parish
          6:00 PM - Joyce Pawlicki req. Friends in TOPS #IL395

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).
Psalm - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading - God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).
Gospel - Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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! Lifetouch photo session on-line scheduling ends on the Monday, the 20th. To register, please see the parish website or go to http://tinyurl.com/SMGphotos

Volunteers are also still needed; to volunteer go to: http://tinyurl.com/zxux4dm
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 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 25th & Sunday, March 26th

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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  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beirne  Abby Beranek
Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Bill Brown  Tom Brown  Felicia Bubula
Dan Chorney  Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  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  Eliza Skipworth  Yosie Snider  Joey Stefka  Joan Tagglionia
Sharon Tallericco  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton  Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman
Ken Norman  Louise Shipinski  Jim Donovan  Jennifer Snider  Geri Cieck
Bernie Chudzik  Louis Brondy  Michael Hearne  Eleanor Swiglo  Brett Lauten
Terri Corbett  Gertrude Butzen  Luella Eisenhammer  Ann Smith  Mary Beth Garafolo
Heather Moss  Jerome Kawka  Karen Olszewka  Tom Mendoza  Rose Verona
Joanna Shilt  Peggy Davis  Mary Ann Etzkorn  Peggy Davis  Judith Lynn Abella
Fr. John Bosco Panakal  Sharon Allard  Gregory Bogdanski  Richard Capuano

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Charles Bach  brother of Loretta Wies
Al DePalma, brother-in-law of Cathy Drobney
Richard Bonk, brother of Loretta Wies

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

Easter Memorial Flowers

The celebration of Easter is an experience of Life. We remember the New Life Christ gave us once He rose from the dead. This feast is remembered for fifty days. From Easter to Pentecost, we gather as Easter people celebrating Christ’s resurrection.

During this time we will have the church decorated with plants and flowers. This is an excellent opportunity to remember deceased family members and friends. You may fill out this form, place it in an envelope marked “Easter Memorial Flowers,” and put it in the collection basket. We will continue to publish the list of memorials in the parish bulletin.

Your name: ____________________________________________________________

(please print clearly)

In Memory of: __________________________________________________________
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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
BREAKING BREAD SERVICE
All children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their parents are invited to St. Mary of Gostyn annual Breaking Bread Service
Plan to come at your assigned time either on
Tuesday, April 4 at 6:45 pm or
Wednesday, April 5 at 6:45 pm

March ~ April
RE Calendar Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- March 20  Living Stations of the Cross led by the youth of St. Mary. This is wonderful opportunity for family prayer. 7 pm
- March 21  Lenten Tuesday Mass 6 pm
- March 22  Lenten Reconciliation for RE
- March 23  Lenten Reconciliation for RE
- March 28  Lenten Tuesday Mass 6 pm
- March 29 & 30  No RE—Spring Break
- April 3  Phase I of 2017-18 Registration Opens for currently 2016-17 families
- April 4  Tuesday Lenten Mass 6 pm
- April 4 (6:45 pm) 1st Communion Breaking Bread
- April 5 (6:30 pm) 1st Communion Breaking Bread
- April 5 & 6  No 2nd Grade RE Classes

Come for FAITH And FUN!

Open to all children entering grades 1-12

Youth Entering Grades 7-12
Begins on Sunday, June 11
7-9 pm ~ $15

Youth Entering Grades 1-6
Begins on Monday, June 12
9 am—2:30 pm ~ $45

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

stmarygostyn.org
Living Stations of the Cross & Simple Soup Supper

Tomorrow, March 20
7:00pm in Church

Presented by the Youth Ministry

Living Stations are an experiential family Lenten practice. Prayers and reflection in an engaging meditation, even for young children and families. Only Evening Stations offered this year. Followed by Simple Soup Supper in the Gathering Place - soup donated by Jam-n-Jelly Café on Lemont Rd.

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

Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

FEBRUARY 2017 REPORT

Thank You, St Mary’s, for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 264 Individuals within 117 Families. This year we provided food for 530 Individuals within 233 Families. We are using space at Eagle Storage to sort food for our outreach Ministry that makes four trips into Chicago inner city shelters helping feed those less fortunate. The Chicago shelters are provided food by St Mary’s, St Joseph’s parish and Trader Joe’s. All food sent to Chicago is driven by expiration date or surplus inventory and have no cost impact on our pantries.

Items most in need are: Canned Fruit or Soup (no chicken noodle please).

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Ultra Foods, or Fresh Thyme please thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Thankyou Jim/Lois Murawski for your large donation in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Thankyou St Mary’s 3rd graders for your large donation of canned goods.
4. Thanks to our Guardian Angel for the large donations of canned goods and paper products.

February Notice: A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Thank You, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. Pantry hours are from 8:00-1100am every Wednesday unless Wednesday falls on a holiday.
Over the next several Sundays, our RCIA Catechumens will be celebrating the Lenten Scrutinies. It is the primary way that the Church assists the catechumens (now called the “Elect” – those who are to be baptized and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation) in the conversion process during Lent. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue. To scrutinize something means to examine it closely. The parish community does not scrutinize the catechumens; the catechumens scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize and heal them.

All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, so we join with the elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts.

Taking seriously the dynamic of scrutiny and conversion gives us a richer perspective of Lent “giving up.” What we are to give up more than anything else is sin, which is to say we are to give up whatever keeps us from living out our baptismal promises fully. Along with the elect we all need to approach the season of Lent asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live the gospel values that Jesus taught us. Our journey through these forty days should be a movement ever closer to Christ and to the way of life he has exemplified for us.

The first scrutiny, celebrated today at the 8:00 AM Mass, uses the story of the Samaritan woman to highlight the reality of sin in its individual dimension. The narrative of John 4 dominates the liturgy of the word, not only by its length, but also by the sheer power of its images and messages. The universal story of faith is compressed into the space of moments, as the woman challenges, probes, questions and finally yields to the presence of the Holy One. That which she thought she knew and that which she sought, have been turned upside down and inside out. Her radical conversion is portrayed in terms that invite the hearer into a similar process. Conversion, in this perspective, is coming to know and accept Jesus the Christ – personally, deeply, totally.

Please continue to pray for our Elect and our Candidates, as they move ever closer to the Easter Vigil and full communion into the Catholic Church.
EASTER TRIDUUM VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT
APRIL 13 - APRIL 16, 2017

Catholic men between 18 and 45 years old are invited to a vocation retreat to be held at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, during the Easter Triduum: from Holy Thursday, April 13 (4:00 PM) through Easter Sunday, April 16 (1:00 PM). Join the monks for prayer, work and meals as they prepare for and celebrate these holy days. This is an opportunity to share the way of life of the monks and prayerfully to consider whether God is calling you to the Benedictine way of life. Attendance is free, but space is limited. Please contact Fr. James Flint at vocations@procopius.org to reserve a spot.

GATHERED IN MY NAME:
ECUMENISM IN THE WORLD CHURCH

The Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology at DePaul University would like to invite you to our conference this coming April 28 - 30 in Chicago. The conference is free of charge and commemorates the 500th anniversary of Reformation. Speakers from countries as diverse as India, Nigeria, Brazil, Chile and Sri Lanka will meet on DePaul’s campus to discuss the lingering repercussions of the Reformation in the global South - Asia, Africa and Latin America - as well as the efforts there to bridge ecclesial divides. Call 773-325-4159 for more information.

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY WITH
PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS SUNDAY
MARCH 19TH 7:00 P.M.

We continue to gather monthly to pray for peace in our world, for reconciliation among Christians, and for an end to all that divides the human race.

Christians throughout the world are in the midst of the great Lenten journey of conversion and renewal. We pray as a community of believers in the presence of the Source of all compassion and mercy, trusting that these forty days of intensified prayer, fasting, and charity will unite us ever more closely to Christ and to his people.

One of the practices on Fridays in Taizé is to conclude with Prayer around the Cross. Though we do not gather on Fridays, the Lenten Season is a fitting time for us to enter into this deeply moving prayer. And so, our prayer will conclude with Prayer around the Cross. This is a time for all of us to come forward to the Cross, and be allowed to spend some time laying before Christ the burdens within our hearts; the burdens of our families, friends, and community; and of course, the heavy burdens of the world.
This Week

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<td>Mass</td>
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<td>Catechist Formation</td>
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<td>Legion of Mary</td>
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<td>Prayer Group</td>
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<td>Grief Support Group</td>
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<td>Finance &amp; Admin. Comm.</td>
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<td>6:00 PM Choir</td>
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<td>1:15 PM</td>
<td>Small Christian Communities</td>
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<td>KC Fish Fry</td>
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While we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
— Romans 5:8
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.