HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7
The Polish founders of St. Mary of Gostyn may have participated in many of the following traditions from Poland during Holy Week—Wielki Tydzień, (known in Polish as the “Great Week”), and Easter.

In the past, Palm Sunday (Niedziela Palmowa) was called Niedziela Kwietna (Floral Sunday), because bouquets of wildflowers, pussy willows, raspberry branches and evergreens were blessed in churches, rather than real, subtropical palms, which were not always available. Bazie or Kotki are the pussy willow branches cut several weeks ahead and placed in water so they sprout their fuzzy, little buds by Palm Sunday. According to one old folk custom, swelling one of the buds was said to ensure health all year. Many Polish regions still craft a special floral stick in lieu of, or addition to, the palms. These are also blessed and carried in procession, like palms. These floral “palms,” look different depending on the region but they are usually made of willow or buxus branches decorated with colorful dried flowers and/or feathers. In some Polish cities there are competitions for the tallest or the most beautiful palm. The highest of them can reach over 98 feet and the most popular contests are organized in the towns of Lyse and Lipnica Murowana. Palms are also woven into the shape of a cross, flower or grape cluster. The weavings would then decorate holy pictures, sacred statues, window sills, door jambs and photos of deceased loved ones.

On Holy Wednesday (Wielka Sroda), youngsters enjoyed hurling an effigy of Judas (Topienie Judasza), from the church steeple. It was then dragged through the village, pounded with sticks and stones and what was left of it was drowned in a nearby pond or river.

On Holy Thursday (Wielki Czwartek) at Christmas, involves first cracking the eggs by first making two little holes in the fresh egg. Then the content of the egg is removed; later, they are cut with a tiny knife or a drill into beautiful lacy patterns.

On Holy Saturday (Wielka Sobota), baskets full of Easter food are taken to church and are blessed (święconka). The food will not be touched until Easter morning.

Easter Sunday (Niedziela Wielkanocna) Polish families celebrate their traditional Easter breakfast and eat all the food that was blessed the day before. Before the Easter Breakfast begins, Polish families share Easter eggs with each other wishing their relatives all the best. Sharing eggs, which is pretty similar to sharing holy bread (oplatek) at Christmas, involves first cracking the eggs against your relatives’ eggs. Whose ever egg is the most cracked, is considered the most unlucky. Then you bite off (or cut off, if you’re slightly more posh) your relatives’ eggs and give them Easter wishes. After breakfast many families give gifts.

Easter celebrations end in Poland on Easter Monday (Poniedziałek Wielkanocny / Lany Poniedziałek) after the Mass commemorating the Last Supper of Our Lord, it is customary to perform the “Seven Churches” Visitation. The faithful make a pilgrimage to seven different local churches, at which Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues until late into the night.

The decoration of Easter Eggs (Pisanki), is also popular in Poland. There are many ways of decorating eggs depending on the region. One of them called kraszanki is made by colouring eggs and scraping different patterns onto them. Kraszanki, which are the most common and the least laborious, are made by boiling eggs in coloured water. Oklejanki are done by pasting dried flowers, cloth or coloured paper onto the eggs. Azurki are made by first making two little holes in the fresh egg. Then the content of the egg is removed; later, they are cut with a tiny knife or a drill into beautiful lacy patterns.

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One of the most powerful films in recent years is *Dead Man Walking*. In director Tim Robbins’ adaptation of the book by Sister of St. Joseph Helen Pragean, Susan Sarandon portrays Sister Helen, who works among the poor in Louisiana. Sister Helen isn’t looking for a crusade — a friend asks her to correspond with a condemned murderer named Matthew Poncelet, eerily played by Sean Penn. Poncelet is an unrepentant, slimy, racist lowlife who insists that, although he was there the night two teenagers were raped and murdered, he didn’t kill anyone.

The more Sister Helen is repelled by Poncelet, the more she is determined to help him. As she becomes committed to reaching Poncelet’s soul, she finds herself alienating others: The black children she works with at Hope House wonder why she will have anything to do with this white supremacist; the grieving parents of Poncelet’s victims despise her for comforting this animal.

Sister Helen is not always sure of herself and finds herself torn between Poncelet’s approaching execution by lethal injection and the turmoil and grief of the parents of his victims. What keeps her going is her tough faith: “I’m just trying to follow the example of Jesus, who said every person is worth more than his worst act.”

What Sister Helen tries to do is bring a shred of humanity and decency to this horrific situation. And she does. Her unrelenting compassion and dedication to Poncelet’s cause — despite his arrogance and hatred — wins him over enough, in the last moments before his execution, to admit his complicity in the murders. In doing so, Poncelet experiences some peace, some dignity, and asks forgiveness of the families before his death. The families of his victims begin to find a closure more consoling than hatred and revenge.

Redemption is hard, demanding, painful work. But in realizing our need for redemption and reconciliation, we can be reborn. Like Sister Helen, we can bring the hope and victory of this Easter morning into every season off life; like Poncelet we can experience reconciliation and peace in our lives by simply being humble enough to realize our need for such peace. The empty tomb is a clear, unambiguous sign of God’s love for his people; a promise that for every Good Friday of our lives there will be an Easter Sunday of newness and transformation; God’s assurance that, not matter how far we remove ourselves from his love, God will always welcome us back.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

St. Paul tells us that if Christ be not risen from the dead, our faith is in vain. That is the effect the empty tomb had on John — “he saw and he believed.” It was the Resurrection that sealed the faith of the Apostles, and it is the Resurrection that seals our own faith.

We pray that you and your family have a Happy Easter and a Blessed Easter Season of New Life!

Fr. Jim Schwab, Pastor
Fr. Shaun Cieslik, Parochial Vicar
Deacons and Staff of St. Mary of Gostyn

**Thank You**

A special word of Thanks to all those who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations an expression of Faith and Life. The celebrants, deacons, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, ushers, musicians, cantors and choirs at our liturgies; Art and Environment members who help decorate the church for our services; everyone who made it all possible. Thank You.
The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ’s joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ’s forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia!

Stewardship

Due to the early production date of this bulletin, the April 9th collection was not available.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Please remember St. Mary of Gostyn when estate planning.
Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 23, 2017
2:30 - 4:00 PM

Divine Mercy Liturgy:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 2:30 PM
Praises of Mercy
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Veneration of Image
Benediction

Confessions:
Sunday from 2:30 - 4:00 PM

The Church, through the Power of the Keys given to St. Peter and his successors, gives us the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for the removal of all punishment due to sin already forgiven. To obtain such a great gift, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace:

♦ Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
♦ Have sacramentally confessed their sins;
♦ Receive the Holy Eucharist;
♦ Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, our Holy Father.

This indulgence may be gained only once a day and it may be for oneself or a deceased relative or friend. Why not take advantage of so great a gift of God’s mercy and love. It takes so little effort and carries so great a reward.
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017
6:15 AM - Raymond Pangan req. Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
6:15 AM - John Maher req. Sanderson Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017
6:15 AM - Gene Zidek req. Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Nancy Rodgers

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017
8:00 AM - Tom Mlyniec req. Joyce Duffy

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017
8:00 AM - Fr. Anthanasius Lovrencic, OFM
4:30 PM - Charles Miriani req. Jan Miriani
John Lowry req. Kilbride Family
Deacon Larry Pecka req. Eleanor Pecka

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Joyce Pawlicki req. Dolores Ronaldson
12:00 PM - Helene Sullivan req. Maurer Family
Florita Bohan req. Steve & Julie Doyle
6:00 PM - Marlene Spohn req. Gene Bender

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
Second Reading - All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or Christ our Passover is
sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
ARE YOU READY?

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2017 SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 23RD FROM 7:30AM UNTIL 2:00PM.
WHERE: EAST SIDE OF THE CHURCH PARKING LOT NEAR FAIRVIEW AVE

Through your donations many of our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters are provided clothing and household items at little or no cost. We accept all clothing, household items, linens, blankets, books in good condition, toys, knick-knacks, throw pillows, Glassware, Cookware, computers and shoes.

ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT OUR CLOTHING DRIVES:

No Infant equipment (strollers, cribs, car seats, high chairs, etc.)
No Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Editions, or Magazines.
No Sporting Goods (Bowling Balls, Ski’s, Exercise Equipment, Tents, or Sleeping Bags.
No Items containing mold, mildew, or that smell musty.
No Clothes hangers.
No Bed pillows, mattress’s or mattress covers.
No Blinds or drapery rods unless new in box

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, LARGE PLASTIC BAGS FOR USE IN THE CLOTHING DRIVE WILL BE PLACED AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES

FOR LARGE ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE, PLEASE CALL FOR A HOME PICK UP AT 630-231-4658

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, April 20 Parish Center 7:00 PM

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

A book that discusses how to end our lives with dignity and grace and changes your perspective on what it means to be alive.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the St. Mary’s selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Social Sunday next weekend!

Please join us in the Gathering Place for Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses this weekend. We encourage all new parishioners to join us.

We are currently in the process of hiring a new Youth Minister.
For a complete job description, please contact Fr. Shaun.
First Honors 3.5-3.9

8th Grade
Samuel Albian
Amelia Carlson
Elizabeth Dombrowski
Connor Farrell
Jackson Flynn
Cole Fulton
Brendan Gaughan
Alison Gedraitis
Maria Hagan
Collin Lally
David Nelson
Luke Nolan
Clare O'Connell
Anika Oplanic
Emma Parney
Reagan Rodenhustel
John Sebben
Robert Sloyan
Roy Southworth
Hope Tschosik
SaraJayne Weidner

7th Grade
Josie Bieda
Bridget Callaghan
Isabela Corcoran
Mick Flannery
Ned Kalata
Emily Labno
John Martin
David Sobkowiak
Emily Sparke
Lucas Tschosik
Dominic Ullmer

6th Grade
Madeline Casey
Nora Casey
Benjamin Farrell
Christopher Fry
Mary Catherine Gaughan
Wilson Kramnic
Luke Leahy
Jenna Moser
Liadan O'Flaherty
Maddalena Palkoner
Amanda Quealy
Sam Ruddy

Congratulations to the 44 middle school students who earned First Honors!
Watch for more honor roll names in next week’s bulletin.

Second Trimester Honor Roll

Congratulations to our Basketball Teams
St. Mary’s basketball teams did a terrific job this year! The following teams finished in the top two in their respective leagues:

5th Grade Girls A - 1st
5th Grade Girls B - 1st
5th Grade Boys - 2nd
5th Grade Girls B2 - 2nd
6th Grade Girls B2 - 2nd
6th Grade Boys B - 1st

7th Grade Girls - 1st
7th Grade Boys A - 1st
7th Grade Boys B - 1st
8th Grade Girls A - 2nd
8th Grade Boys B1 - 1st

Development Board Seeks New Members

• Interested in helping us find ways (and means) to support all of the activities our parish and school sponsor?
• Interested in interacting with community businesses and organizations to solicit their help for our parish and school?
• Interested in supporting our parish and school’s ability to attract new members and students?
• Do you have great ideas on how to drive a culture of volunteerism in a Catholic environment?
• Are you an alum looking for a way to help other alum get involved in what SMG is offering for students today?
• Do you have an interest in helping raise funds for our school and/or parish?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the SMG Development Board may be a great volunteer opportunity for you. We have openings for the 2017/18 fiscal year that begins in September 2017.

For more information please contact Terri O’Dekirk at 630-737-9621 or todekirk@stmarygostyn.org. We also invite you to join us at our meeting on May 16, 2017.
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Sharon Allard  Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beirne
Abby Beranek  Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Bill Brown  Tom Brown
Felicia Bubula  Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  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  Yoshie Snider  Joey Stefka  Joan Tagglionia
Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton  Loretta Wies  Ashley Wortman
Heather Moss  Jerome Kawka  Karen Olszowka  Tom Mendoza  Rose Verona
Joanna Shilt  Peggy Davis  Mary Ann Etzkorn  Peggy Davis  Judith Lynn Abella
Fr. John Bosco Panakal  Tom Dehner  Ken Norman  Barbara Cirko  Rosalie Dombrowski
Frances Boland  Kenneth Convalle  Jean Matuszak

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Daniel Chorney

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

Make St. Mary of Gostyn your Spiritual Home!

If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip__________________________________________________
Email address___________________________________________________
Phone Number: ________________________________ (circle one: cell  Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: http://www.stmarygostyn.org/?page=ParishRegistration

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EASTER SUNDAY
ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. And we commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at RE this week, or in the Parish Center Office.

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation

Check out the parish website for more information

New Registration System for 2017-18 Season

Phase I for current families only!

April - May
RE Calendar Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- April 19 & 20: RE Sessions resume
- April 20: 8th Grade Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training. 4:30 pm
- April 26 & 27: RE sessions meet
- April 30: Phase I Registration Ends
- May 1: Phase II Registration Begins
- May 3 & 4: RE sessions meet. No 2nd grade.
- May 6: First Holy Communion 10:30 am and 2:00 pm

Total Tuus Catholic Summer Camp
Is Coming to St. Mary
June 10—16
Incoming Grades 1-12
Check the website for more info.
stmarygostyn.org

Youth Entering Grades 7-12
Youth Entering Grades 1-6
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 children entering grades 1-12

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**Interested in a Ministry? Want to become more involved in parish life?**

We would love to hear from you!

Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!
You’re invited to find strength and serenity at Nourish. Led by moderator Deb Kelsey Davis, RN, lay minister, and certified in gerontology, gatherings include practical approaches, useful tools and shared experiences all with a Christ-centered view. Empower yourself at Nourish—and begin to thrive again—so you advance in a positive way throughout your caregiver journey.

More information: www.stmarygostyn.org Adult Faith Programs tab, or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org.

Know someone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, whether in town or at a distance? Nourish monthly meetings lends support.
Every Third Thursday
April 20
7:00 pm Parish Center

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Bring Her into your home for one week.
- Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
- Invite family, neighbors, or friends.
- Receive Her into your home and witness the many blessings and graces that She brings.

We will bring Our Lady to your home from Saturday to Saturday and provide the Rosary materials. Please call Diana @ (630) 971-1026 and reserve your week with Our Lady.
TRIBUTOSAURUS BECOMES JOURNEY
A Concert Benefitting SEASPSAR
Thursday, April 27, 7:00 PM
Tivoli Theatre, Downers Grove
VIP Ticket: $60  General Admission $40
Power pop melodies galore, screaming guitar solos, iconic keyboards parts, and super sized background vocals are the order of the day as Tributosaurus takes on one of the great hit machines of 80's rock - Journey For more information call 630-960-7600

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.

MARY’S WOMEN’S MOTHER’S DAY TEA
DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2017 TIME: Noon-2:00 pm
(Optional Rosary 11:30am)
LOCATION: Hilton Doubletree, Downers Grove COST: $25 per person

WE are Mary’s Women.
Mary’s yes serves as an inspiration to all of us, as mothers and daughters, aunts and grandmothers, friends and sisters on the journey. We are Mary’s women! Join us for afternoon of High Tea as we explore the ways that we can celebrate the women in our life.

Women who have lost their mothers are invited to bring a photo of their mom for our table of Remembrance.

Please register online at mayslakeministries.org or call our offices at 630.852.9000 to register. Last day to register is May 2.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
PART-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION
Saints Peter and Paul Parish is looking for a part-time buildings and grounds maintenance worker. This position is responsible for maintaining the parish buildings and grounds, perform tasks related to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, security, environmental, safety, and custodial of approximately 7 buildings.

Please submit resumes to: fpartipilo@sspeterandpaul.net

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS MASS AND CEREMONY
Attention ALL Scouts – Male and Female. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Religious Recognition Ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill. The event is free and open to ALL Scouts (male or female). No pre-registration is needed. For more information, visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘Events’ from the main page.

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday, April 29th
St. Michael Catholic Church
310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL
www.stmichaelcommunity.org

The Healing Mass at 10:00 a.m. will incorporate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Mass. The Mass and Sacrament is for those who:

♦ Have a surgery planned for a serious illness
♦ Living with a chronic illness or disability
♦ Struggling with a mental health issue
♦ Elderly in a weakened state of health

SERRA CLUB DINNER
The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, April 17, 2017 at St. Michael’s Parish in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

Guest speaker at the dinner, Tim Botka, serves as President of Fishers of Men (FOM). Tim has a 25 year successful track with Primerica where he serves as Regional Vice President. Tim connected with Fishers of Men in 2008 and quickly began to invest his leadership and people skills into the Fishers of Men organization Tim is dedicated to equipping men throughout the Joliet Diocese and beyond to be Godly husbands, fathers and positive influences in the communities where they work and serve. Tim and his family are active members of St. Raymond Nonatus Parish in Joliet where Tim leads a weekly men’s group and teaches Religious Education.

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

Monday / 17

Tuesday / 18

6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
6:30 PM  Buildings & Grounds  Parish Library
7:00 PM  Development  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 19

2:30 PM  Girl Scouts Grp. C  Gathering Place
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School
5:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/LR/Chapel
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church

Thursday / 20

9:00 AM  Morning Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:00 PM  School Musical  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/LR
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Parish Library
7:00 PM  Caregiver Community  Living Room

Friday / 21

5:00 PM  School Musical  Gym
5:00 PM  PADs  Gathering Place

Saturday / 22

12:00 AM  PADs  Gathering Place
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM  School Musical  Gym
2:00 PM  H.S.A.  Gym

Sunday / 23

8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Place C
8:00 AM  Fellowship  Gath. Pl. A & B
10:00 AM  RCIA for Children  Parish Library
10:00 AM  Baptism  Church
12:00 PM  School Chess Tour.  School/Gym
4:30 PM  6:00 Choir  Church
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.