Mary, our Mother, comfort and strengthen all mothers.
As our 125th Anniversary year comes to a close, what a wonderful way to celebrate with the Crowning of our Blessed Mother this past week by the Stadtler family. Diana, Kerigan and Grace crowned Mary as part of our noon Mass, while some of second grade children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday looked on.
To passersby, the old woman sitting on the porch swing looked bored. Who could imagine doing nothing all day, all summer long—just sitting there, humming old tunes and staring out into the street? A neighbor who sometimes took the time to talk with the woman knew otherwise. Inside this wrinkled, old body was great wisdom and serenity, the kind that only age imparts. "I never worry," the old lady volunteered one day, "because God is my savior."

"But, how can you be so sure?" the visitor inquired.

"Because I have faith."

The woman had no fancy explanations or sermons. She had confidence because she had faith. The concept sounds so simple, yet in reality it is a challenge. Our faith is tested by everyday demands. One woman's faith was tested when she lost a husband in Vietnam and a son in a cycle crash. A family's faith was on the line when their toddler died after surgery. An athlete's faith underwent scrutiny when his future was dulled by a diving accident. In many small and profound ways, our faith is tested.

But we truly do have cause to celebrate. We have the confidence of knowing God will see us through all trials. It is not financial success or worldly power that matters in God's eyes. God looks for signs that we steadfastly strive to follow Jesus' path.

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FAITH SHARING

Examine the Apostles' Creed together as a family. What do we, as Catholic Christians really believe? Go through each line and discuss its impact on your lives.

*When do I lose confidence in myself? In my faith? In others?*

*How can my faith be more alive and visible? From my personal experience, how would I compare power and strength? Am I powerful? Strong? Is my family?
In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others’ needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected.

How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17

Believe it or not, you have an estate. In fact, nearly everyone does. Your estate is comprised of everything you own—your car, home, other real estate, checking and savings accounts, investments, life insurance, furniture, personal possessions. No matter how large or how modest, everyone has an estate and something in common—you can’t take it with you when you die.

When that happens—and it is a “when” and not an “if”—you probably want to control how those things are given to the people or organizations you care most about. To ensure your wishes are carried out, you need to provide instructions stating whom you want to receive something of yours, what you want them to receive, and when they are to receive it. You will, of course, want this to happen with the least amount paid in taxes, legal fees, and court costs.

Need some preliminary help in figuring out what steps to take? Then join us this Wednesday, May 17, as we are holding an Estate Planning seminar in the Gathering Place beginning at 6:00 p.m. It will last approximately 90 minutes, including allotting time for questions and answers. Our presenter will be Eileen Fitzgerald, a local attorney who has her office in Downers Grove and, who concentrates in Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, and Probate.

Topics to be covered include:

- Planning for now and in the future. Reviewing the need for core estate planning documents.
- What happens if you or your spouse goes to a nursing home? A review of spousal impoverishments and other Medicaid rules

There is still an opportunity to sign up if you plan on attending. Simply send your RSVP to Frank Glowaty at 630-737-9621. Light refreshments will also be served.
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017
6:15 AM - Barbara Starshak req. Matt & Kay Selfridge
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Marlene Spohn req. Gene Bender
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017
6:15 AM - For the Catholic Priests in Downers Grove req. Robert Gordon
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Alice Malicay-Rivera req. Lourdes Malicay
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017
6:15 AM - Dave Craven req. Mary Calistro
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Charles Bach req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
6:15 AM - Lil Kluses req. Jim Dressel
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Mary Mc Conoughy req. Jim & Barb Holmes
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017
6:15 AM - Dick Johnson req. Tim Johnson
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Mary Jane Cahill req. Joyce Duffy
Charles Bach req. Lois Bach & Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017
8:00 AM - Wallace Englehart req. Sanderson Family
John Fitzgerald req. Noreen Fitzgerald & Joanie Kilbride
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
Wedding:
2:00 PM - Jill Kilkenny & Philip Wieczorek
4:30 PM - Raymond & Barbara Heye req. Family
Eduardo Alvisse req. Nora Alvisse
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017
8:00 AM - Miss Francesca Campione req. Michela Campione
Joan & Ray Lederman req. Lederman Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
10:00 AM - Annemarie Gunther req. William Gunther
Edwin & Lillian Szmurlo req. Paruszkiewicz Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
12:00 PM - Alvin & Thelma Matthei req. Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
6:00 PM - People of the Parish
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

Prayer for the Sick
through the Intercession of St. Peregrine
Graciously hear the prayers which we offer to you O God.
We present our petitions through St. Peregrine, your beloved servant and patron of those suffering from cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening diseases.
Grant that the sick may receive help in all their needs through the intercession of St. Peregrine, whose life was so pleasing to you.
Hear us in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Peregrine, Pray for us!
O Mary, health of the sick, Pray for us!

Lord,
Bless our Mothers!
ALTAR FLOWERS
The Mother’s Day floral arrangement in front of the altar was donated in loving memory of AVA ELIZABETH DURKIN on the 6th anniversary of her birth and rebirth into new life March 2, 2011 by her parents KELLY AND SEAN DURKIN.

ATTENTION ALL SMG 8TH GRADE ALTAR SERVERS
On the weekend of May 20/21, our 8th Grade Altar Servers will be recognized at the Mass they are attending. Our Servers will receive a blessing and a token of our appreciation for their dedicated service to St Mary of Gostyn parish. May God bless them in their future ministries.

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Anthony Michael Andros,
son of Britt & Katherine Andros
Adrian Michael Gago,
son of Krzystof & Shannon Gago
Benjamin Walter Neumann,
son of Brian & Katherine Neumann
Isla James Olczyk,
daughter of Steve & Sarah Olczyk
Ellie Henriette Patera,
daughter of Christopher & Dana Patera
Gabriella Ann Mollie Shelton,
daughter of Robert & Amanda Shelton

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, May 18 Parish Center 7:00 PM
Every Fifteen Minutes by Lisa Scottoline
A psychiatrist is the target of a sociopath that plunges him into a maelstrom.
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.

Blood Drive
Sunday, May 28th
7:30 am - 1:00 pm - Gathering Place
To schedule your appointment, please call LifeSource at 877-543-3768 or www.lifesource.org and use code 861C.
Participating donors at this drive receive a limited edition patriotic t-shirt, while supplies last!
Plus, for each donation made, $1 will be given to Operation Support Our Troops.
Appointments Preferred. Walk-ins Welcome! Free Cholesterol Screening and Free Blood Typing!
Prepare For Your Donation -Eat Well - Stay Hydrated - Bring Picture ID

LIFETOUCH PHOTOS ARE IN!
If you did not opt to purchase a photo package, this is the last weekend to pick up your free 8X10 in the passageway/Hallway of the Apostles after all Masses.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR FREE?
If you buy anything from Amazon.com you can help St. Mary’s St. Vincent DePaul Conference with every order at no cost to you. Just log onto Smile.Amazon.com instead of Amazon.com and select “St. Vincent De Paul-St. Mary of Gostyn” as the organization you want to support and Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to us for every dollar you spend. Please help us to help those in need throughout Downers Grove.
A periodic update on SMG School Alumni

"Where Are They Now?"

We love hearing from our school alumni! This feature, which periodically runs on the school page of the parish bulletin, includes photos, facts and stories about our alumni. Have something to share? Please email your alumni news to todzicki@stmarygostyn.org or choate@stmarygostyn.org. Alumni: Please bookmark the alumni page on SMG’s website (http://fsiowell.com/smgalumni/) to ensure you receive the latest news from your alma mater.

SMG School Alumnae Win High School Awards
St. Mary of Gostyn’s School Class of 2013 is graduating from high school this spring! Here are some statistics about this class of 53 students, based on information we’ve received to date:

ACADEMICS

2017 Illinois State Scholars
Only 10% of high school seniors statewide receive this honor which is based on exemplary grade point averages and composite ACT or SAT scores.

23 students from SMG’s class of 2013 earned this distinction. That’s 43% of the class!

2017 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students
These students are in the top 5% of the more than 1.5 million students nationwide who took the PSAT test.

2 students from SMG’s class of 2013 earned this honor.

National Honor Society
22 students from SMG’s class of 2013 were members of their high school’s National Honor Society (NHS) chapter in their sophomore, junior or senior years. That’s 42% of the class! Students are invited to participate in NHS based on four pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. Each school’s chapter sets eligibility guidelines based on these standards and a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Other Awards
1 student was in the top 2% for academics at Downers Grove South High School
1 student is part of the $100,000 Scholarship Club at Montini High School. (The club includes students who have received $100,000+ in academic scholarship offers during their college decision making process.)
1 student is Vice President of the NHS Club at Downers Grove North High School.
4 students are Academic All-Stars at Montini High School.

ATHLETICS

26 SMG Alumni participated in varsity sports at Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Benet Academy and Montini High School. One alumus was on the roster for the DuPage County all-area basketball team and the East Suburban Catholic Conference (ESCC) all-conference basketball team. Other awards and recognition received by our alumni include all-conference in cross country in junior year, 10th Place in ESCC individual event in track, Wendy’s High School Heisman Award Winner in senior year; and IHSA Achievement Awards.

5 SMG Alumni have been signed to play college level sports. They will be on sports teams at Washington University, Babson College, University of Illinois and Illinois State University.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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**In Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:

- Anthony Acosta
- Tom Dehner
- Josephine McManus

**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:

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**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).
# Presider Schedule for Saturday, May 20th & Sunday, May 21st

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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!
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

Employment Opportunity
We are currently in the process of hiring a new Youth Minister.
For a complete job description visit our homepage at www.stmarygostyn.org

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. Be empowered at Nourish—and begin to thrive again—so you advance in a positive way throughout your caregiver journey.

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 lend support.
Every Third Thursday
May 18
7:00 pm Parish Center
Drop in - all are welcome.

More information: www.stmarygostyn.org Adult Faith Programs tab, or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org.
**100th Anniversary of Apparition at Fatima**
(May 13, 1917-May 13, 2017)

Christ the Servant (8700 Havens Dr., Woodridge) families and friends will gather outdoors at Christ the Servant to pray for peace on the Anniversary of Fatima, Saturday, May 13 at 3:30 pm until approximately 4:15 pm. You may want to bring a lawn chair.

At Fatima, the Blessed Mother’s message was, “PRAY, PRAY, PRAY for World Peace”.

Questions? Please contact Rita Sisko at 630-985-4457 or rita_sisko@yahoo.com.

**Saint Monica Parent Support Group**
**Forming Now!**

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

Is your child abusing drugs or alcohol?
We are parents who have been there and understand your struggle. CONTACT saintmonicagroup@gmail.com for confidential information.

**Semi-Retired? Retired?**

**Open the Doors of Your Heart!**

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org/chicago.

**Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? You are not alone.**

Alzheimer's Association Support Group

Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Groups provide emotional, educational and social support for family and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias. Every Third Wednesday 3-4 pm Community Adult Day Center Room 108 (630) 968-1060 These support groups are intended for family caregivers of individuals in the middle to later stages of Alzheimer’s disease/other dementias.

For more information, call the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter at (800) 272-3900 or go to alz.org/Illinois and click on ‘Support Groups’

**SERRA Club Mass and Dinner**

**St. Michael’s, Wheaton on Monday, May 15th**

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, May 15, 2017 at St Michael’s Parish, 310 S. Wheaton in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

Guest speaker at the dinner, Fr. Show Reddy Allam, was born into a very traditional Catholic family in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. After doing philosophical ad theological in India, he was ordained and worked in the Diocese of Guntur for 10 years. Since Fr. Allam came to the USA at the invitation of Bishop Imesch in 2004, he has served in four parishes: Our Lady of Mercy in Aurora, Immaculate Conception in Elmhurst, Christ the Servant in Woodridge and Immaculate Conception in Braidwood. Recently, Father Allam was appointed pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Herscher.

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

**Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat**

Attention ALL Scouts – Male and Female.

The Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat / Campout for this year will be held starting on Friday, August 11th, at 5pm until Sunday, August 13th at 12pm. It will be held on the grounds of St. Mary’s church in Plano (901 N Center St). This retreat satisfies the retreat requirement needed for many of the Religious Recognitions. This year a special Ad Altare Dei Orientation class will be held at the Ros-a-Ree for those who pre-register for it and the class itself.

The event is open to ALL Scouts (male or female) who are entering the 6th grade or higher in the Fall. Registration beforehand is required. For more information and registration forms, visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘A-Z Directory’ from the main page and from there scroll down the left side menu and click on ‘Ros-a-Ree Retreat / Camp Out’.

**Annual Wedding Anniversary**

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Thirty-Ninth Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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This Week

Monday / 15
2:15 PM  Girl Scouts Grp. A  Large Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Band Concert  Gym

Tuesday / 16
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
5:45 PM  Catechist Appreciation Dinner  Gathering Place
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 / 17
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:00 PM  Investment Planning  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Gathering Pl. C
7:00 PM  CRHP #33 - Women  Underground

Thursday / 18
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
7:00 PM  Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Parish Library
7:00 PM  Caregiver Community  Parish Library

Friday / 19
7:00 AM  School  Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 20
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Jr. High Dance  Gym

Sunday / 21
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
2:00 PM  School Musical  Gathering Place
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.