What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Matthew 10:27

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Trusting In God’s Love

Security is comforting. We like to know our friends are there when we need them. We are at ease when we go home knowing there is food in the cupboard. Having a schedule helps us face the day with a plan. The ultimate security, however, is knowing that God’s love is ever-present for us.

When we are afraid, God knows our fears. When we are lonely, God is our friend. When we struggle, God offers support. God asks nothing but our love and faithfulness in return. Even though our paths may be rocky at times, God reassures us that we will have the strength to persevere. We need only trust.

In the first reading this week, Jeremiah, in spite of troubles, placed his complete trust in God; he turned to God to restore order in the midst of turmoil. Likewise we can trust God to help us through the good times and the bad in school, at work, in relationships, in leisure activities, and in personal affairs. As followers of Jesus, we can be secure in the knowledge that God watches over us and will someday welcome us into the kingdom of heaven with open arms.

Faith Sharing

Have fun trusting members of your family. Take turns blindfolding one person in the family. Have another person lead the blindfolded person around the house or on a walk. The person who can’t see must trust his or her guide. The guide must be faithful and provide support and direction for the blindfolded person. What does this activity show you about trust?

When do I find it difficult to trust God?
How does it feel to trust others?
To be trusted?
Where in my life can I be more trusting?
Have more faith?

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

Dear God I seek Your mercy.
Be not angry with me because of my sins,
my transgressions of virtue, my faults.
I know I have failed Your graces;
accept my sorrow for these offenses.
Renew my response to You, my bond with You.
Let me be cleansed by the penances of my life.
Give me the strength to be firm in my resolve
no more to offend You.
Give me Your assurance of grace in my life
that I may respond to Your will and goodness.
Let the mantle of Your justice protect
and encourage me all my life.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION

O God, I feel the kindness of Your forgiveness.
I know the blessing of Your mercy,
I am aglow with renewed strength.
All my days I will bless Your Name,
profess Your goodness,
respond to Your will and graces
that Your glory may everywhere be known.
Amen.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world. Pope Francis calls to us that efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter and justice, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people.

Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world, to help victims of war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations. Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the collection this year.

For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet
Jesus minces no words with his disciples: If we acknowledge Jesus publicly, Jesus will remember us before God, our Father. If we deny Jesus, he will forget us. It is very rare that a Christian will denounce Jesus publicly. But we can deny Jesus in more subtle ways. There are many people who conveniently forget all about Jesus Christ and the work of his Kingdom in their daily lives, in moments of weakness, spiritual immaturity or when times get tough. Good stewards strengthen their confession of Christ by praying and attending Mass regularly, examining their lives and going to confession frequently, and reminding themselves daily that Christ resides in them. Take a look at your own daily life. Do you acknowledge Christ before others? How often do you remind yourself that Jesus lives in you?

You are invited to share your time and talent...

The Parish Finance and Administration Commission (PFAC) is looking for two individuals who would like to serve in a financial advisory capacity to our Pastor, Business Manager, and Operations Director. PFAC serves the following functions: (i) monitoring the ongoing financial status of the Parish; (ii) reviewing the annual budget; and (iii) providing input and advice related to the financial and administrative matters of the Parish. The Commission is made up of members at large and representatives from the Parish Council and School Advisory Body. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the months of October, January, March, May and August. The term begins in October 2017 and usually lasts for three years.

Please consider this stewardship calling. It is a great way to meet highly involved fellow parishioners as well as gain a better understanding of our Parish gifts. You are welcome to attend our meeting on August 22, 2017 at 7 pm in the School Learning Resource Center if you are interested. For more information, please contact Shannon Signer Landry at: shannon.signer.landry@towerswatson.com.

From the ashes
a fire shall be woken...

Coming to Downers Grove
October 2017

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Why don’t we offer the sign of peace at the beginning of Mass?

I attended a Mass recently at which the priest moved the sign of peace to the beginning of Mass. Then after the Lord’s Prayer, he skipped it. Is it OK to do that?

Thank you for your question about the sign of peace. I think it is a very misunderstood element of the Mass. If the priest was motivated to move it to the beginning, perhaps the confusion lies in the sign itself—the handshake. In our culture, we usually shake hands when we are meeting someone. It is a social convention.

When we do it at Mass, it is hard to shake (pardon the pun) the sense that we are greeting each other in a social way. But that is not the meaning or purpose of the sign of peace. It is situated where it is, after the Lord’s Prayer and before the reception of Communion, to remind us of a deeper meaning of Communion. Let me explain what I mean.

For many, the Latin Mass (before Vatican II) was a private devotion. We prayed private prayers from prayer books while Mass was going on. It was not unusual for people to go to confession during Mass. After Communion we each quietly gave thanks to Christ who had become the guest of our soul.

Today, the Mass is celebrated communally. It is still true that I receive Jesus at Communion, but so does the person sitting in the pew behind me. Whether I know that person or not, we share a very strong and intimate connection through Christ. Sharing the sign of peace just after we say the Lord’s Prayer reminds us that we have the same Father, and it reinforces the truth that we all are one at this Eucharist. It is not the time to ask our neighbor about the family or to leave the pew and greet everyone in the church. It is enough to realize that the people near us, even if we don’t know their names, are not strangers to us because we are connected through Christ. The sign of peace challenges us to recognize those connections.

Father William J. Parker, C.Ss.R.

Great Stewards of the Church: Saints Peter and Paul

This month we highlight two of the great stewards of our faith, Saints Peter and Paul, commemorated on June 29. The two apostles are celebrated together as the founders of the early Church of Rome.

St. Peter held a preeminent status among Jesus’ disciples. He was very close to Jesus and is the apostle Jesus designated as the “rock” upon which his Church would be built. Even St. Paul acknowledged St. Peter as the pillar of the Church in Jerusalem. The Gospel of St. Luke describes Jesus commissioning St. Peter as the head of the disciples. In the first of his letters contained in the New Testament, St. Peter penned the stewardship reflection placed so prominently in the United States Bishops’ pastoral letter on Christian stewardship: “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt. 4:10).

The two apostles are celebrated together as the founders of the early Church of Rome.

Thinkers throughout the ages acknowledge St. Paul as a genius and his success as a missionary was unmatched. He was a highly educated Jew and interpreted his conversion experience on the road to Damascus as Christ’s personal call to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. He established Christian communities around the eastern Mediterranean, is noted for three great missionary journeys and wrote letters to various communities. St. Paul believed that exercising good stewardship over the gift of the Risen Christ was fundamental to eternal life.

How Saints Peter and Paul actually exercised stewardship over the Church in Rome is lost to history, but our faith tradition affirms that they jointly founded the Church of Rome, exercised a special authority over it and established its apostolic succession; a succession of bishops and popes that continues to this day.
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017
6:15 AM - Patricia D. Skippet req. Lucy Wilczynski
   For All Fathers Living and Deceased
8:00 AM - Irv Pfeiffer req. Ryan & Megan Sullivan
   For All Fathers Living and Deceased
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017
6:15 AM - Tom Forst req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Joseph A. Kowalkowski req. Wife
   Robert Troost req. Troost Family
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017
6:15 AM - Deacon Paul Brachle
8:00 AM - Harold Schramm req. Family
   Eugene Mayer req. Helene Mayer
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017
6:15 AM - In celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of
   Robert & Aleena Troost req. Charlotte Sholeen
8:00 AM - Joseph Hadamik req. Hadamik Family
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017
6:15 AM - Jim Unger req. Ploskonka Family
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan Sr. req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller
4:30 PM - Carl Hagele req. Theresa Pevitts
   John Lowry req. Yahiro Family
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Jim & Diane Massura
   Dorothy Fello req. Dianne & Frank Czopek
10:00 AM - Charles Bach req. Lois Bach & Family
12:00 PM - Richard Bonk req. Loretta Wies
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).
Psalm - Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).
Second Reading - The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).
Gospel - All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father
   (Matthew 10:26-33).

DO not be AFRAID

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
   Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Are you celebrating an anniversary or special occasion? Would you like to memorialize a loved one?

Why not consider donating flowers to enhance our altar during Ordinary Time? Please call Pat Noonan, 964-4529, at least 2-3 weeks prior to your special event so an acknowledgement can be placed in the bulletin.

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**PHASE II OF RE REGISTRATION**

**Closes June 30**

**All Parish Families Welcome!**

St. Mary of Gostyn offers an active program for the Religious Education of our children entering Grades P4—8 and is open to all parish children.

Does it feel like just yesterday when you baptized your child? Maybe it’s always been on your mind to prepare your son or daughter for the other Sacraments of Initiation but time has slipped away. No matter what your situation, we have a program built to serve your family.

We want to welcome you into our midst.

Find registration information at the parish website: www.stmarygostyn.org or stop by the Parish Center at 445 Prairie for more information. Please call the RE office if you have any questions or concerns!

630-960-3565 ext. 219 for Mary Jane.

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**MASS BOOK 2018**

The 2018 Mass Book will open on Wednesday, June 28

Requests for masses will be accepted in person, beginning at 8:30 AM at the Rectory on June 28.

Just a reminder: no intentions will be accepted for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter Mother’s Day or Father’s Day

Intentions will be accepted for Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day

Only 5 masses per family will be accepted at one time. The offering is $10 per mass

Intentions will only be accepted at the Rectory during regular Summer office hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

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**Children’s Garden Sunday Social TODAY!!!**

Join the Garden Committee in the Children’s Garden on **SUNDAY, JUNE 25th** after the 8am and 10am mass. Children can plant a vegetable or flower in one of the raised beds and sign up to water it throughout the summer. Coffee and lemonade will be served. No special tools or clothes required. The Children’s Garden is located at the far East end of the church parking lot. Any questions please contact Nicole Gibson at nicoleannegibson@gmail.com or Hilary Denk at j.denk@comcast.net. See you in the garden!

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**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
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beime  Abby Beranek
Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Frances Boland  Bill Brown  Tom Brown
Felicia Bubula  Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  Helen Czulak  Frank Davis
Jessica Davy  Dennis Finn  Becca Gorman  Mark Gowgiel  Diane Davis
Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Darlene Hammer  Robert Hayes  Bobby Johnson
Donna Karlinski  Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  Mary Ann Lang  Doreen Lehner
Robert Lehner  Diane Main  Virginia Mates  Eddie Mayerik  Spencer Mehr
Dolores Mendoza  Kate Moss  James Murawski  Andrea Mutton  Rob Noonan
Fr. Ernie Norbeck  Ken Norman  Daniel Oliver  Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro
Char Ryan  Tom Salansky  Kay Selfridge  Eliza Skipworth  Yoshie Snider
Joey Stefka  Joan Tagglionia  Sharon Tallierco  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton
Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman  Bernie Doucette  Bertha Bohanone  George Durante
Jerome Kawka  Anthony Acosta  Robert Brown  Rosa Hudson  Mary Ann Papievis
Sal Madonia  Art Stadler  Doris Hanlon-Kenny  Audrey Waechtler  Frankie Colonna
George Young  Vince Tonissen  Eileen Steed  Peggy Davis  John Rossi

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Fr. Angelo Biancalana, MCCJ
Joseph P. Bolduc
Valentine Claus, husband of Marilyn Claus & father of Matt Claus
Cecile Grant, sister of Rob Hudson
Ken Krupp
Joseph A. Massura, father of Jim Massura

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

A New Beginning

Practical and pastoral support for those desiring a new beginning after loss through divorce.

~ Are you seeking information about the annulment process? ~

To learn more about “A New Beginning—Annulment Support Ministry” join us for an Information Night, along with refreshments, on Thursday, June 29, 2017, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place.

If you are interested in attending, please R.S.V.P. to Diaconate candidate Steve DeSitter at contactanewbeginning@gmail.com. Please indicate how many will attend. You may leave your first name only if you would like. Please feel free to pass this information on to someone you know who may be interested.

We welcome all who would like to learn more about annulments and the annulment process.
Join us for a family-friendly, 9-mile bike ride along the Illinois Prairie Path on Saturday, July 15th. The ride begins at 10 a.m. at Hoffman Park in Glen Ellyn and turns around at Prairie Path Cycles in Winfield. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The bike shop has also offered to do minor repairs and adjustments for participating riders at no charge. Suggested donation is $10 per person or $20 per family.

All donations will support Biking for Babies, a national organization that partners with local pregnancy centers to raise awareness and provide support for the work that they do to support pregnant women and their families. Our local partner is Waterleaf, a pregnancy medical clinic and education and resource center with locations in Aurora and Bolingbrook.

For more information, please contact Christine Kania at christine.kania@gmail.com or 630-532-7813.

Widowed?
Wondering: How long it takes before things begin to look better? How to move forward with your life?

Then consider attending one of the retreat/workshops being held this Summer for widowed men & women.

July 1 & 2 - St. Julie’s - Tinley Park
July 22 & 23 - Holy Family - Inverness
August 12 & 13 - Mary Queen – Elmhurst

Ph: Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 1-708-354-7211
Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
www.joyfulagain.org (short video on website)

The course will take runners and walkers through scenic streets of Wheaton and back to DuPagePads for a celebration and Kids Corner.

The 5K and 10K run is chip-timed and the course is USATF/CARA certified.

Register by midnight, July 14th and you will be entered in a drawing for two Blackhawks Convention passes on July 21-23 at the Hilton Hotel in Chicago!

Be one of the first to visit our brand new website at http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com and see how others have taken small steps forward. See and hear the videos for divorced or widowed experiences.

Our rotating schedule includes discussing the book “Suddenly Single,” a speaker night, or a social evening. We also offer a social event on Saturdays for those who have been to the Tuesday meeting. Come see if we can be a part of your future.

Come and See - Vocation Discernment Retreat
July 28 - July 30, 2017
An opportunity for Catholic men between the ages 18 to 45 years to discern how God is calling them while participating in the monastic life at St. Procopius Abbey. During the retreat, presentations are given about the Benedictine monastic life and there are opportunities for discussions and questions, silent prayer, reading and reflection.

Contact Fr. James Flint for more information or to reserve a spot at vocations@procopius.org
This Week

Monday / 26
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church

Tuesday / 27
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel

Wednesday / 28
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church

Thursday / 29
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
6:30 PM  Annulment Support Ministry  Gathering Place

Friday / 30

Saturday / 1
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 2
4:30 PM  6:00 PM 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](http://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.