St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

Graced with Faith

Blessed with Freedom
Totus Tuus 2017

What a great week we had.

Thank you for your help, support, and prayers!
God's Messengers

As Christ's messengers, we need to be open and accepting of other messengers of the Good News. Messengers both speak and listen. Through our words and deeds, we live our faith. In the process we need to be aware of messages that may come our way, because when we least expect it, a messenger may appear in our lives. It may be the angry customer on the other end of the phone. That person may need a listening ear, an understanding heart. The messenger could be a sick relative needing our care, bringing us the opportunity to serve. The messenger could be a concert pianist delivering a solo performance and much joy at the local school. Both messages and messengers are present in many ways in our lives.

At times we may get discouraged that our messages aren't heard. Jesus tells us not to despair. God is with us on every mission, and encourages all people to treat one another with hospitality and care. Jesus promises that anyone who treats one of his followers with kindness will be blessed. However, we cannot give up even when we don't receive the respect or hospitality we expect. Being a Christian is not always easy.

FAITH SHARING

Independence Day is this week. Watch TV specials about the holiday or listen to the radio together. What messages do you hear about freedoms? How can you celebrate those freedoms?

Plan one concrete way in which you can be open to God's messengers this summer. Could you help out at a local food bank or clothing line? Could you volunteer at a nursing home? How could you be more available to other messengers?

- How do I spread God's Word?
- Am I open to God's messages?
- No matter the messenger?
- What message do I hope to leave with those whom I meet each day?
“Today’s Gospel highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus’ name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God’s love.”


The above summary of today’s gospel speaks so true to me as a member of the staff of Saint Mary of Gostyn Parish. The hospitality that has been extended to me has been second to none, which helps immensely in any type of transition situation.

Today’s readings also reflect on discipleship—our commitment and relationship with Christ. Discipleship is something that should not be taken lightly—as our relationship with Christ can be very personal and private. It is in these moments where I have been open to prayer and discernment.

Through that call and discernment, I have felt a call to return to parish ministry outside of the realm of Operations and Buildings. Effective July 17, 2017, I will transition to Director of Parish Ministries at Ascension of our Lord Parish in Oakbrook Terrace. I will remain at St. Mary’s through some time in August on a part-time basis to finish a few projects that I have already in progress.

Father Jim has been very supported of my decision to return to a position in ministry and for that I am very grateful. Details on a transition will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Next week’s bulletin will include an update on our summer projects.

In Thanksgiving,

Vince Zaprzal
Operations Director

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 6/25/2017
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 16-17)

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date
Christmas Goal to Date
Easter Goal to Date
Total Goals to Date

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date
Christmas Collections to Date
Easter Collections to Date
Total Collections to Date
Total (Short of) Goals to Date

Other Collections
Peter’s Pence

In today’s Gospel, Jesus minces no words: “whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” Few of us will be called to die the way Jesus did. But to be his disciple means having the willingness to lay down our lives with him and for him. Exercising good stewardship of the Gospel requires taking up one’s cross daily and following Jesus. There will be dying to do on our way to the Father. It could be unfair treatment, health problems, fatigue, frustration at work, failed relationships, loneliness or sadness. If we, like Jesus, encounter and accept suffering, we will bring the hope of the cross to others. There is no cross the Lord’s love cannot transcend. In your reflections this week, consider how your cross, no matter how heavy, might become an instrument of hope and Christ’s love.

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
St. Thomas, apostle

July 3, 1996

Thomas was probably born in Galilee, in the first century. The gospels don't say what he did for a living or how Jesus invited him to become a disciple. Glimpses of Thomas in the Gospel of John show a man who liked to believe the worst so that he would never be disappointed.

One example of this occurred after Jesus' friend Lazarus died. Jesus decided to go into Judea, even though the authorities there were threatening to arrest him. This frightened the apostles. Possibly their lives would be in danger, too. But Thomas said to the others, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

The Gospel of John doesn't explain why Thomas was the only disciple not there when the risen Christ first appeared to the others. Later, when they told him what had happened, Thomas said he would never believe their story unless he saw and touched Jesus' wounds. A week later, Jesus graciously offered Thomas peace. He made it clear that he knew and understood Thomas's doubt. Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God!"

There are various ideas about where Thomas preached after the descent of the Holy Spirit. One tradition says that he did his mission work in India. To this day a group of people living along the Malabar Coast call themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." Records show that this community is very old. They claim that their ancestors were baptized by St. Thomas himself.

4th of July Prayer

Father God, Creator of heaven and earth—
You have made all the peoples of the earth for your pleasure,
You have appointed the nations of the world for your glory.
As a people who in faith have pledged allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ,
We pray today for the nation in which we dwell.
We pray you would grant us to be governed by good and wise leaders;
That we would be governed in such a manner that we may live in peace.
We pray you would give the people of our nation a hunger for righteousness and justice,
That your care for the widow, the orphan, the poor and the alien would be shown through us.
May we be a people of humility, generosity and compassion.
May the weakest among us—the unborn, the unfortunate and the elderly—
Be shown your justice and mercy.
We pray that we who are the followers of Jesus Christ and his peaceable kingdom,
Would be a peaceable people seeking to live in peace with one another.
We pray that hate and acrimony would give way to love and harmony.
We pray that the Church of Jesus Christ in our land would be found faithful.
We pray that we would be a faithful witness to the kingdom of God;
That the church in our nation would be a city set upon a hill;
That the church in our nation would faithfully model the way of salvation—
The way of following Jesus Christ.
We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
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MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017
6:15 AM - Janie Hennessy req. Shirley Gallagher
8:00 AM - Joseph A. Kowalkowski req. Wife
    Michael Toth req. Family

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017
9:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Mary Schramm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017
6:15 AM - Lillian Grams req. Family
8:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Toner, Buckley, Newton
    & Hadank Families req. Hugh & Maureen Toner
    Donna Otto req. Troost Family

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017
6:15 AM - For families in need of healing req. Robert Gordon
8:00 AM - Mary Therese Claus req. Family

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017
6:15 AM - Emma Verdun req. Tim Johnson Family
8:00 AM - Paul Borth Sr. req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017
8:00 AM - Lorraine Stephenson req. Brad Luecke
4:30 PM - John Lowry req. Aument Family

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017
8:00 AM - Corey Walgren req. Cathy Cosgrove
    David Craven req. Mike & Mary Signer
10:00 AM - Dan Chorney req. Moira & Bruce Barker and Family
12:00 PM - Jerry Griffin req. Donna, Patricia & Laurel Guerin
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).
Psalm - For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).
Second Reading - We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).
Gospel - Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
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.

MASS BOOK 2018
The 2018 Mass Book is NOW OPEN

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

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

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Reid Thomas Castro,
   son of Raymund & Colleen Castro
Sofia Emily Rabchuk,
   daughter of Ben & Francesca Rabchuk

LINE UP AND MARCH FOR LIFE
On Tuesday, July 4th, please join our parish families and march together proclaiming the founding of a nation that believes in the right of freedom for all.
   You are being called, will you answer the call?

Join St. Mary’s, St. Joseph’s, Holy Trinity and Divine Savior and all “Citizen’s for Life” embracing America’s motto for Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness for all citizens (pre-born, children, adolescents, adults and mature adults)
   Come join in the celebration of this country’s birthday!

Line up at Station #4 on the parade route (between Main & Highland in the DGN High School parking lot) by 12:30 PM. Bring your American flag and a smile!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beine  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 Goyette
Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Darlene Hammer  Robert Hayes  Bobby Johnson
Donna Karlinski  Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  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  Mary Ann Papievis  Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro
Char Ryan  Tom Salansky  Kay Sefride  Eliza Skipworth  Yoshie Snider
Joey Stefka  Joan Tagglionia  Sharon Tallero  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton
Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman  Mary Ann Papievis  Sal Madonia  Art Stadttler
Doris Hanlon-Kenny  Audrey Waechtler  Frankie Colonna  George Young  Vince Tonissen
Eileen Steed  Peggy Davis  John Rossi  Judith Abella  Roger Burnside
Mark Trout  Patricia McDonnell  Patti Schmittgens

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Angela DeVries, sister of Sharon Ryan
Anthony Glowicki
Mary Ann Lang, mother of Barbara Drobney

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

Presider Schedule for Saturday, July 8th and Sunday, July 9th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
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.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Wednesday July 19th | 2pm**

Bring the whole family to relax on the VSB lawn, listen to live music by the Trillium Quartet featuring bluegrass and Americana tunes, and pick your favorite ice-cream & toppings!

RSVP to this event by calling 630-852-0345
Villa St. Benedict, 5450 Subiaco Dr. Lisle, IL 60532
www.villastben.org

**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

**RUN HOME**

**September 16, 2017 at 8am**

703 West Liberty, Wheaton, IL

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!
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish is a welcoming, faith-sharing Christian community rooted in scripture and Catholic tradition.

We are called by God through the Holy Spirit to nurture and minister to the spiritual needs of all through prayer, liturgy, education and service.
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.