"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28
Religious Education News

2017 - 2018

Religious Education Opening

Packets Available July 15

St. Mary of Gostyn Religious Education Registration is currently closed. All families who have registered prior to July 1 are asked to pick up your opening packet of information next weekend, July 15 & 16 after all Masses. If not, they will be available at the Religious Education office the following week. The packet will include the following:

- Session Assignments
- Tuition Statement
- Family Handbook
- Updated RE Calendar
- Confirmation Retreat Sign Up
- Other important information

For those of you who have not registered by this time, Phase III will be open to you beginning Monday, July 17. Please complete your paperwork and drop it off at the Parish Center on Prairie. Paperwork is available at the parish website: www.stmarygostyn.org and at the Parish Center office. Please call with any questions or concerns: 630-960-3565.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT TEAM MEETING

Adults have volunteered the past few weeks to be part of our Confirmation Retreat Team on Monday, August 21, here on the Parish Grounds. If you are interested please call Mary Jane at 630-960-3565 ext. 219 for more information. The team (not students) will be gathering for a meeting on

Tuesday, July 18
at 6:30 pm
In the Large Conference Room

We will be discussing the adult participation we need, the retreat agenda. We are looking for small group leaders, witness speakers, kitchen help, etc. Please feel free to come!

Save the Date

Confirmation Retreat
Monday, August 21st
For all incoming 8th graders
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Does the Holy Spirit dwell within you? If you are a baptized and confirmed Catholic the answer is a resounding “yes.” However, a better question might be “Is the Holy Spirit alive within you?” We are all gifted with the Holy Spirit, but how we respond to that gift varies immensely from one person to another.

St. Paul says as much in the Second Reading from his letter to the Romans. Paul says, “Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, (He) will give life to your mortal bodies also.” This produces a number of other questions for us as Catholics.

Given that the Spirit is within us, but does the Spirit guide us to Jesus? Are we prepared to be more like Jesus? Are we willing to be His disciple? And especially, Is the Spirit working in our hearts? It is there for each of us, to strengthen us and fortify us and to be with us always. However, we have to accept and embrace that fact. Living a life of stewardship is one of the ways we can do that. As our Bishops have told us in their pastoral letter on stewardship, “Stewardship is how you respond to Jesus’ call to discipleship and holiness.”

It is a challenge for sure, but it is within the grasp and the capability of each of us. We may have to work at it, but if we trust in God it is most definitely possible.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recognizing the Messiah

It is not difficult to imagine the skepticism that existed when people in Jesus’ day heard that he was the Messiah. All we have to do is think of a great person making that proclamation today. Our human nature would cause us to wonder. We would want proof. We would seek out justification that this person is, in fact, the Son of God. During Jesus’ time, many rejected him because he did not fit their image of the Messiah.

In this week’s Gospel, Jesus thanks God for those who can accept who He is and what He teaches without “proof.” In their humility, the little people - the sick, the tax collectors, and the sinners - were able to simply accept Jesus as a gift from God. Even though we now know and understand historical accounts of Jesus’ life, we still must strive to follow Christ’s wisdom and to hear the gentleness and compassion he brings down through the ages. Two thousand years later, we continue to enjoy the refreshment and peace Christ brought.

- Do I find comfort in the Messiah’s gentle love?
- How can I be more like Jesus?
- Where do I see the Messiah?
One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today’s Gospel reading: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we sometimes take a vacation. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ’s peace as we grapple with the complex issues of life deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.

Stewardship

Due to the early production date of this bulletin, the July 2nd collection was not yet available.

MEMORIAL GIVING CARDS

Attending wake services can be a very stressful time for all parties concerned. As visitors, we generally try and buoy the emotions of the family that lost a loved one by sharing stories, experiences, and anecdotes about how much the deceased had touched our life. We genuinely celebrate the impact the departed made in the success of the organizations they worked at or participated in. You want to be comforting, but words fail. You want a remembrance that is lasting, but flowers wilt.

Often times, funeral announcements will convey family wishes that, in lieu of sending flowers, those inclined to such a gesture be given the opportunity to support a cause near and dear to the heart of the person who has gone on to his/her eternal reward. Examples include the American Cancer Society, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or a local Hospice organization. In addition, families often designate a school or parish to receive such funds.

We are pleased to announce that if you choose to honor a loved one to whom St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School has been major influences in their life, our local funeral homes now have cards available to carry out those wishes. We have met with officials from Adams, Winterfield, & Sullivan, Toon, Hallowell & James, Modell, and Knollcrest Funeral Homes. All you need to do when making arrangements for a loved one is tell them you prefer St. Mary’s Parish or School be the recipient of monetary expressions of grief.

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.
In some ways, the sixth century was a lot like the twentieth. People were afraid of strangers. The rich didn't speak to the poor. People within the same social class competed with one another for status by showing off their wealth and possessions. Benedict taught people a way to use prayer and Christlike attitudes to get over their fear and mistrust of each other.

Benedict was born to a noble family of northern Italy. The Roman Empire was breaking apart. Invading tribes from beyond its borders had been taking over the land and looting cities. Many people lived with no thought of the future. In those years people who wanted to be close to God often gave up on society altogether. They would find an isolated place and spend the rest of their lives there. So for several years Benedict became a hermit. He lived in a cave on a high cliff that was almost impossible to get to. Over time people heard about Benedict and many came to join him. Around the year 530, Benedict founded a monastery called Monte Cassino. Everyone in the community lived under one roof. To help them, Benedict wrote a common-sense guide called the Rule of Life. It divided the day into times of prayer, study, work and rest. St. Scholastica (February 11), Benedict's sister, settled nearby and formed the first community of women to use Benedict's rule.

In these communities, everyone worked and no one kept personal possessions. This helped to prevent envy and pride. Benedict encouraged a spirit of generous forgiveness. This generosity was extended to strangers and the needy. Every visitor to the abbey was treated like Christ. No one was ever turned away. Hospitality is still a trademark of Benedictine communities around the world.

Benedict spent his life leading his monks, counseling visitors to the abbey and caring for the sick who lived nearby. When he died, he was buried with Scholastica at Monte Cassino.

Benedictine monks and nuns would later be given credit for preserving European civilization during the Middle Ages.

**Prayer For Our Military Men and Women in Military Service**

_O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask You protection for all our men and women in military service._

_Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil._

_Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril._

_Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without._

_Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice._

_Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all._

_Amen._
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017
6:15 AM - Cecile Grant
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Sue & George Hejny
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017
6:15 AM - Paul Borth req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Loretta Ocwieja req. Holmes Family
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017
6:15 AM - Henry J. Russo
8:00 AM - Virginia Schramer req. Burke Family
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017
6:15 AM - Ken Krupp
8:00 AM - Ron Rodi req. Mike & Mary Signer
Fr. Angelo Biancalana, MCCJ
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017
6:15 AM - Helene Sullivan req. Sanderson Family
8:00 AM - Bridget Drobney req. Mom & Dad
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017
8:00 AM - Catherine Briatico req. Friends & Family
4:30 PM - John Lowry req. Ploskonka Family
Wanda Mayer req. Helene Mayer
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Patricia Baize req. Kathy Ranft
Dan Chorney req. Dolores Ronaldson
12:00 PM - Jane Martini req. Carmela Martini
6:00 PM - Hilde Ploskonka req. Aument Family

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).
Psalm - I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).
Second Reading - The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).
Gospel - Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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!
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 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 and Business Manager. 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 Val Bava at vbava@stmarygostyn.org

Protecting God’s Children Session

St Mary of Gostyn will offer a Protecting God’s Children workshop on Tuesday July 25, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place (lower level). Any adult (18 or over) who works with minors in the school/parish setting must attend this workshop. If you have already attended a PGC workshop, you do not need to attend another. To register, please access www.dioceseofjoliet.org and navigate to the Protecting God’s Children website. For more information about the VIRTUS® PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN™ Program, see: http://www.virtus.org. You may also go directly there to register. Any further questions, please contact Deacon Bob at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beirne  Abby Beranek
Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Frances Boland  Bill Brown  Tom Brown
Felicia Bubula  Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  Helen Czulak  Frank Davis
Jessica Davy  Dennis Finn  Becca Gorman  Mark Goygeli  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  Andrea Mutter  Spencer Mehr  Dolores Mendoza
Kate Moss  James Murawski  Mary Ann Papievis  Eleanor Peck  Cynthia Petro
Ken Norman  Daniel Oliver  Kay Selfridge  Eliza Skipworth  Yoshi Snider
Char Ryan  Tom Salansky  Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton
Joey Stefka  Joan Tagglionia  Sal Madonia  Audrey Waechtler  Frankie Colonna
Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman  Eileen Steed  Peggy Davis  John Rossi
George Young  Vince Tonissen  Mark Trout  Patricia McDonnell  Patti Schmittgens
Judith Abella  Roger Burnside

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.

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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 Braash  Michael Martel  Natalya Brechlin
John Svoboda  Christopher Fountain  Nathan Kijowski  Josh Cruz
Bob Lang  Zachary Frana

Presider Schedule for Saturday, July 15th and Sunday, July 16th

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

**COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF THE HEART OF JESUS**

**MASS, MISSION EVENING & CELEBRATION**

**OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF**

**FR. DAVID BALTZ’S ORDINATION**

Comboni Missionaries from our missions throughout Africa will present a Mission Evening at the Comboni Mission Center in LaGrange Park. That night, Fr. Baltz will also share some stories from his time in Uganda and celebrate his ordination anniversary.

All are invited to celebrate with Fr. Baltz!

**July 21st – 6.00pm Mass**
The Comboni Mission Center
1615 E 31st Street LaGrange Park, IL 60526
708.354.1999

**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

**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!

**MAYS Lake Village Application Session**

Wednesday, July 19th for Center II, Annex II, Manor & Villas
9:00 - 12:00 noon
Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort
(corner of Midwest Road & 35th Street in Oak Brook)
Additional information is available at www.mayslake.com

**This Week**

**Monday / 10**
6:30 PM Rosary Church

**Tuesday / 11**
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel

**Wednesday / 12**
6:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Church
6:30 PM CRHP #33 - Women Underground

**Thursday / 13**
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room

**Friday / 14**

**Saturday / 15**
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.

**Sunday / 16**
4:30 PM 6:00 Choir Church

**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

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT BOWL FREE**

DONATE ONE CANNED FOOD ITEM OR DONATE $1.00 AND BOWL ONE GAME FOR FREE

**SUBURBANITE BOWL**

630.968.2200
201 W. Ogden Ave., Westmont, IL
suburbanitebowl.com

LIMIT ONE FREE GAME PER PERSON PER DAY

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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.