A sower went out to sow. Some seed fell on the path . . . some fell on rocky ground. . . . Some seed fell among thorns. . . . But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit.

Matthew 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8

July 16, 2017
Save the Date
Our 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk
and 1 Mile Youth Race
August 26, 2017

Registration for 5K is $30.00 pre-race
$35.00 day of race
Registration for Youth Race is $15.00
Online registration opens up on July 13, 2017

How can you help?
Consider being a sponsor for the event
and/or volunteering. Contact Christine Collins at:
christinecollins@yahoo.com for more information.
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Francis of Assisi found his calling by repairing chapels in the Umbrian valley. But it didn’t take him long to realize that to “repair my house” didn’t only have to do with brick and mortar—it meant living and proclaiming the Gospel among people, sharing their history and conditions with all one’s might. Francis learned much about how to “live the gospel” from today’s gospel reading.

He and his first brothers went out, two by two, with nothing for the journey—no food, no traveling bag, no coins in their purses, and no second tunic. They did this not in slavish imitation of the gospel text, but to be unencumbered to concentrate solely on what is essential. We have all experienced how a vacation was ruined because we brought along too many things that slowed us down or distracted us. Many concentrate on getting it all on video, but they end up missing being present to the moment and the actual experience. Many of us travel through life carrying opinions and grudges that slow us down, distract us, and prevent us from seeing the beauty and the love around us.

The early Franciscan community chose to live a simple life of poverty, not because poverty was very romantic or even worthy of emulation, but because it made them see more clearly how money and riches make human beings dependent, if not enslaved, distrustful of others, the cause of conflicts and wars. Money easily brings out the more competitive, egotistical, and antisocial parts of human nature; it can destroy our solidarity and communion with the creation of which we are a part.

Francis embraced all this because of the “assignment” he believed Jesus was giving him: To proclaim the peace of God that casts out the evils of division, of seeking power over others, of getting ahead of others, and to call people to turn away from such a way of life so as to look with trust at God’s goodness and life for—and in—each and every creature.

The ills of society are not much different today than they were at the time of Francis, or at the time of Jesus. The call of Christ hasn’t changed much either. To truly preach the Gospel is not to elaborate on words in a book; rather, it is the Gospel, as a living experience of the Spirit of Jesus, that has been poured out into the world. The credibility of the Gospel, according to Francis, depends on whether we give it flesh and integrity in the way we treat and deal with each other. Nothing but the peace of Christ can be the mortar that binds together the living stones with which the world is to be built.

Hans Christoffersen

Those who do not love their fellow beings live unfruitful lives.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

PRAYER

Jesus, my Messiah and Lord,
I possess so much more than you did
in your earthly ministry.
I do not beg for food or search for a place to sleep.
I travel in comfort and clothe myself
more for style than necessity.
Allow me to see in your poverty
a call to place my trust in God.
Allow me to recognize in your homelessness
an invitation to be thankful for what I possess.
Allow me to find in your lack of worldly power
a love for the weak and dispossessed among us.
Amen.
In today’s reading from the prophet Isaiah, there is a guarantee that the unleashing of God’s Word will bear much fruitfulness in the world. The Word of God will accomplish whatever God sends it forth to do. His Word is given to us as a gift to be nurtured, shared and made to “bear fruit.” The question is whether or not we are exercising good stewardship over God’s Word. Have we been “fruitful” with God’s Word? Have we unleashed God’s Word? Do we share God’s Word or do we leave that task to others?

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging or ailing parent, grandparent, or spouse, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides you with a faith perspective as well as practical and emotional supports, tools and shared experiences.

Every Third Thursday
July 20th
7:00 pm Parish Center
Drop in - all are welcome

Faith On Fire
Coming to Downers Grove
October 14 - 18

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Recently, it was announced that Vince Zaprzal, our Operations Director had accepted a position as Director of Parish Ministries at Ascension of our Lord Parish in Oakbrook Terrace effective July 17, 2017.

Vince had expressed to me the desire to return to a ministerial position in pastoral ministry, and I fully support that.

Thank you to Vince for his exceptional service to our parish for almost 2 years in getting us through the major projects of our capital campaign.

Terri O'Dekirk who currently serves as the part-time Director of Development will add some of Vince’s responsibilities moving forward and will move to full-time status as Parish Manager/Director of Development.

Terri is fully immersed in everything about St. Mary of Gostyn Parish and she will be a great asset to us moving forward. Terri’s years of management experience will serve SMG very well!

Thank you Terri!

Each year at this time, the Adrian Dominican Sisters (Michigan) celebrate the Jubilees or anniversaries of Sisters celebrating 25, 50, 60, 70, 75, and 80 years of religious life.

Join me in congratulating Sr. Loretta Glanz, OP, a parishioner of St. Mary of Gostyn who is celebrating her Diamond (60 years) of dedicated Religious Life.

Please pray for Sr. Loretta and all the Jubilarians whose lives represent 4,190 years of faithful service as Dominican Sisters! Ad Multos Annos!

If you wish to congratulate Sister personally, you may send your card or note to:

Sr. Loretta Glanz, OP
St. Mary of Gostyn Church
444 Wilson St.
Downers Grove, IL 60515
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017
6:15 AM - Stephan Gunther req. Charlotte Sholeen
8:00 AM - Frank Kluzek req. Friends & Family
Joseph P. Bolduc req. Mike & Mary Signer

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017
6:15 AM - Lila Bozich req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Charles & Helen Was req. Charles & Lois Bach

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017
6:15 AM - Val Claus req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas
Joan Eischeid req. Liz, Mike & Madeleine O’Connell
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Bob & Ginger Jurish

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017
6:15 AM - Vincenza A. Iovino req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Annemarie Gunther req. William Gunther

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017
6:15 AM - Jack Byrne req. Byrne Family
8:00 AM - Robert Oliver req. Family

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017
8:00 AM - Tom Gowgiel req. Sue Gowgiel
Wedding:
2:00 PM - Kaitlyn DeMarco & Christopher Feisley
4:30 PM - Deceased Members of the Beales & Regis Families req. Family

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Barb & Jim Holmes
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Rosanne Witriechner req. Donna Skinner
6:00 PM - Mary Beechy req. Chuck & Donna Golly
Virginia Griffin req. Donna & Murray Skinner

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).
Psalm - The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).
Second Reading - We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).
Gospel - Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Matthew & Anna Boex
Francis Gardner
Ryan & Michelle Hyde
Michael & Jennifer Kosich
Kyle & Laura Lonzo
Andrew & Melanie Mitchell
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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](http://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](http://www.virtus.org). You may also go directly there to register. Any further questions, please contact Deacon Bob at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org.

Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

**JUNE 2017 REPORT**

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. In June St Mary’s provided food for 267 Individuals within 104 Families. So far this year we have fed 1705 Individuals within 714 Families.

St Mary of Gostyn and St Joseph’s in Downers Grove continue to support five Chicago inner city Shelters that are in desperate need; providing over 500 meals each day for our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters. All this is done without impacting what we distribute at our pantries in Downers Grove.

Most needed item is paper towels.

**FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY**

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Ultra Foods, or Fresh Thyme, Thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large donation of food from Jim & Lois Murawski in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Thank you for those single item donations, every can helps.

June Proverb: Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who’ll never find it out.

Thank you St Mary’s from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry which is open from 8:00 until 11:00am every Wednesday. Please note we expanded pantry hours to 8am thru 11am.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida                 Lois Bach
Kathy Berg                        Sharon Binter
Felicia Bubula                    Ann Clark
Jessica Davy                      Jim Donovan
Diane Goyette                    Rion Goyette
Bobby Johnson                    Donna Karlinski
Robert Lehner                    Diane Main
Dolores Mendoza                  Kate Moss
Fr. Ernie Norbeck                Ken Norman
Cynthia Petro                    Char Ryan
Yoshie Snider                    Joey Stefka
Laine Van Houton                  Loretta Wies
Vince Tonissen                    Eileen Steed
Roger Burnside                    Mark Trout
Ann Smith                        Gertrude Arndt
Anna Bandur                      Anna Boland
Margaret Corbett                 Dennis Finn
Joseph Karlinski                 Virginia Mates
Daniel Oliver                    Tom Salansky
Ioan Tagglossia                  Ashley Woltman
Patti Schmittgens                Mary Featherstone
Gabriella Beime
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
Becca Gorman
Darlene Hammer
Kenny Kern
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Mary Ann Papievis
Kay Selfridge
Sharon Tallerico
Sal Madonia
Hope Hathaway
Abby Beranek
Tom Brown
Frank Davis
Mark Gwogiel
Robert Hayes
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Rob Noonan
Eleanor Peck
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
George Young
Judith Abella
Jim Scales

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Ruth Bumblauskas
Patricia McDonnell, mother of Patti Romani
Aida Sambo, sister-in-law of Glicerio & Corazon Sambo

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 22nd and Sunday, July 23rd

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Congratulations to our parishioners who graduated from high school this spring! We wanted to highlight some of these students, their high school accomplishments, and their plans for the future. This is the first of a two-part series. Would you like to share information about your teen who recently graduated from high school? Please email your alumini news to todekirk@stmarygostyn.org.

Abigail Testin—DGN Class of ’17

Abby is a 2013 graduate of SMG School. She is well known in the community for her fondant cake decorating talent: she won the State Conference Gold Medal Family Career and Community Leaders of America Award for three years in high school as well as raised money to convert our school kitchen into a lab where she taught kitchen science as an after school course for grade schoolers, earning her a Girl Scout Gold Project Award her senior year. Upon graduation, Abby was awarded several academic scholarships which included the DG Jr. Woman’s Club Outstanding Senior Achievement, DG Education Association, District 99 Support Staff Memorial, DGN Parents’ Club, and FCCLA. She was the VP of NHS, President of Student Council, as well as part of the DGN All-Academic Team. She will be attending Illinois State University to study Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education.

Katharine Stapleton—DGS Class of ’17

Katie is a 2013 graduate of SMG School. She is often seen running around Downers Grove as she is training for either Cross Country or Track. This success has led her to signing a letter of intent to run for the University of Illinois cross country team next year as well as earning the Female Athlete of the Year award and Team MVP at DGS. Katie is a member of DGS’ All-Academic Team. She was recognized by Argonne Lab in 2016 for her Exemplary Student Research Project. She earned the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award in her senior year. You will also recognize her as a lector at Mass here at St. Mary’s.

Justin Enochs—Benet Academy Class of ’17

Justin also graduated from SMG School in 2013. At Benet Academy, he graduated with Honors as well as was named an Illinois State Scholar. He played four years of high school basketball and was selected by his classmates to be a part of Benet’s Senior Leadership Team. Outside of school, Justin was active in the Hinsdale Hospital Junior Board and has been a Eucharistic Minister here at St. Mary’s. Justin will be attending Notre Dame University in the fall.

Alex Luka—Montini Catholic Class of ’17

Alex graduated from SMG School in 2013. At Montini, he received the President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award, and Chicago Catholic League Academic All Conference for Baseball and Football. As VP of the Student Council, Alex was awarded the Silver Medal for Excellence in Student Government. Alex received the Pope Paul VI Award his senior year, given to one male and one female who best exemplifies the characteristics of Christian leadership. He is heading off to the business school at Babson College in Wellesley, MA in the fall where he is also continue to play baseball for the Beavers.
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
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.