The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45–46
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.
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus presents us with more parables in today’s Gospel from St. Matthew. He opens the first one with “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

According to most biblical scholars and theologians who study and draw conclusions on Jesus’ teachings, in this particular parable, and those which follow, the field is the world. The man who values the treasure is not any of us because we do not have anything with which to purchase this treasure. The Man Who gave all to buy this field was Jesus Himself.

And it is with joy that He gives all to buy the field, to save the world and each of us. What makes the treasure so wonderful that the Lord would give all, His very life? Each of us. In other words, each of you! Jesus gave everything to redeem the whole world to preserve a treasure it contains. He gave all because we His people are the treasure.

Do we understand that? Do we consider that every time we approach the gift of the Eucharist? We should. St. Paul may have put it best in his letter to the Romans: “You are loved more than you will ever know, by someone who died to know you.” (Romans 5:8).

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for July

Gracious God,

You sent your Son to proclaim the Good News, inspire us in faith and show us the way to be good stewards of Your mercy.

In this month of July dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, grant us the wisdom to recognize that through his gift of the Eucharist there is but one cup of covenant and communion.

Give us the courage to magnify your presence in word and deed.

And through your Spirit teach us to live, no longer for ourselves, but in Christ Jesus who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.
A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young king Solomon in today’s first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God’s people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that can adversely affect the lives of others. Do we exercise good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Do we share our compassionate hearts with others?
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St. Mary of Gostyn
Parish Code: 8PQ4J3
Liturgy

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2017
6:15 AM - Robert Noonan req. Esther Byrne
   Leo Kilbride req. Kilbride Family
   Douglas R. Adams req. Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017
6:15 AM - Living Intention for Karen Kelly req. John Massarello

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017
6:15 AM - Joe Calistro req. Calistro Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017
8:00 AM - Robert Oliver req. Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017
8:00 AM - Charles Bach req. Lois Bach & Family
   Joseph Massure req. Kay Papineau

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017
8:00 AM - Ronald Rodi req. Peggy Davis
   David Craven req. Matt & Kay Selfridge
4:30 PM - Betty Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa
   Living Intention for Scott Achtel req. Loretta Wies

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017
8:00 AM - Frank Kluzek req. Friends & Family
   Corey Walgren req. Cathy Cosgrove
10:00 AM - Leon Paruszakiewicz req. Melody Leone
12:00 PM - Joe & Norel Leto - In celebration of their Wedding Anniversary
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE
IN MASS SCHEDULE
NO 8:00 AM Mass
Monday, July 31st, Tuesday, August 1st and Wednesday, August 2nd.
NO 6:15 AM Mass
Thursday, August 3rd and Friday, August 4th.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Next Saturday, August 5th, during the 8:00 AM Mass, we will administer the
Sacrament of the Sick to those who are in need.
*Please Note*
There will be a Baptism at the noon Mass on Sunday, August 6th

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).
Psalm - Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).
Second Reading - All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).
Gospel - The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
**Baptism**

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

- Everly June Mitchell, daughter of Andrew & Melanie Mitchell
- Greyson Joseph Schroeder, son of Paul & Jenell Schroeder

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**Planned Giving**

“For we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it.” 1 Timothy 6:7

It is only while we are alive that we can determine who will receive our world possessions when we are gone. When planning our Will we first think of caring for our family and those we leave behind. Please consider how much St. Mary of Gostyn Parish is party of your family.

You can leave a legacy of your faith by including our parish endowment fund in your Will. You can leave a percent of your estate, a dollar amount, or specific assets to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Endowment Fund.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend’s floral arrangement was donated by **THE DOWNERS GROVE KIWANIS CLUB** as a Thank You to Saint Mary of Gostyn Church for all it does for the community.

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**Ignite the flame in Downers Grove**

**October 14 - 18**
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida  
Kathy Berg  
Felicia Bubula  
Jessica Davy  
Diane Goyette  
Bobby Johnson  
Robert Lehner  
Dolores Mendoza  
Fr. Ernie Norbeck  
Cynthia Petro  
Yoshie Snider  
Laine Van Houton  
Judith Abella  
Ann Smith  
Terry Frederick  
Lois Bach  
Sharon Binter  
Ann Clark  
Jim Donovan  
Donna Karlinski  
Diane Main  
Kate Moss  
Ken Norman  
Char Ryan  
Joey Stefka  
Audrey Waechtler  
Roger Burnside  
Gertrude Arndt  
Frankie Colonna  
Anna Bandur  
Frances Boland  
Margaret Corbett  
Dennis Finn  
Gen Hadamik  
Joseph Karlinski  
Virginia Mates  
James Murawski  
Daniel Oliver  
Tom Salansky  
Joan Tagglonia  
Loretta Wies  
Mark Trout  
Mary Featherstone  
Katie Main Hwan  
Gabriella Beime  
Bill Brown  
Helen Czulak  
Becca Gorman  
Hope Hathaway  
Kenny Kern  
Eddie Mayerik  
Andrea Mutton  
Mary Ann Papievis  
Kay Selfridge  
Sharon Tallerico  
Ashley Wolman  
Patti Schmittgens  
Vito Ursini  
Glen Davis  
Abby Beranek  
Bill Brown  
Frank Davis  
Mark Gwigli  
Robert Hayes  
Doreen Lehner  
Spencer Mehr  
Rob Noonan  
Eleanor Pecka  
Eliza Skipworth  
Hugh Toner  
John Rossi  
Jim Scales  
Leslie Heinz  
Linda Hillsman

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Ivan Buh, father of Mark Buh, grandfather of Ashley Buh
Salvatore “Sal” Madonia, father of Mary Toth
Arnoldo Salerno
John W. Spitzer

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  
John Svoboda  
Bob Lang  
Kevin Braasch  
Christopher Fountain  
Zachary Frana  
Michael Martel  
Nathan Kijowski  
Timothy Randazzo  
Natalya Brechlin  
Josh Cruz  
Christopher Randazzo

Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
How can I tell what my vocation is?

I come from a very strict Catholic family. My uncle is a priest, and I think my mother would like me to be a Sister. We are always going to church together and praying the rosary, which I like. How do I know if I am called to be a Sister?

Finding out what God wants us to do with our lives is one meaning of discernment. The first thing to do is ask the obvious questions: Am I able to do the work I will have to do? Am I able to learn what I will have to learn? Am I interested in the kind of lifestyle I will have to undertake?

These questions apply to all vocations, including married life, priesthood, and the single life. If only one vocation adequately answers all these questions, then your discernment is finished. If not, you must consider further questions and signs to help in your discernment. You should meet those who have the vocation you are thinking about and talk to them. People who live a vowed religious life can help you decide if God is calling you.

It is important to find the vocation meant for you, because that is your path to holiness. Above all, you must pray. When you ask God to reveal your vocation to you, God will respond. Prayer is really the most important part of discernment. Prayer is communicating with God, and God knows what we are called to do.

Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

Creator God,
you have formed and shaped us
as fragile earthen vessels;
you have breathed your own
Spirit of life in each human
person.

Deepen in us a respect and awe
for the precious gift of life,
and strengthen us to protect
and to treasure that gift,
especially in the most defenseless,
abused, and neglected
of your little ones.

We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MEDITATION MOMENT

There is an old poem that pokes fun at those who make a big show of what they do. It reads - tongue in cheek:

The catfish lays a thousand eggs.
The lowly hen lays one.
The hen will proudly cackle,
To tell us what she’s done.
We scorn the humble catfish,
While the lowly hen we prize;
Which only goes to show you —
It pays to advertise.

For Reflection . . .

Someone once said, “Humility isn’t thinking little of self” it isn’t thinking of self at all.”

To what extent do I tend to be overly fixated on my own little world?
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This Week

Monday / 31
3:00 PM  Volleyball     Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary         Church

Tuesday / 1
3:00 PM  Volleyball     Gym
6:30 PM  Music Ministry Church
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel

Wednesday / 2
3:00 PM  Volleyball     Gym
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Evangelization   Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 3
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM  Volleyball      Gym
7:00 PM  Baptism Prep.   Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Knights of Columbus Gathering Pl. A

Friday / 4
3:00 PM  Volleyball     Gym

Saturday / 5
9:00 AM  Volleyball      Gym
6:00 PM  Volleyball      Gym

Sunday / 6
1:00 PM  Volleyball     Gym
4:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church

All things work for good
for those who love God.
— Romans 8:28a
**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.