Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

Matthew 14:28
Blessed in Tradition, Faith in Our Future

Dear Parishioner,

In July, you received a letter from me updating you with the progress of our Capital Campaign. We have heard from several of you since then and thank you for your commitment.

For those of you who have misplaced your letters and would still like to contribute in some way, please take time to fill in this form and send it to the address listed below. Again, I thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

Yours in Christ,

Father Jim

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In support of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, I/we intend to contribute the sum of

$_________________________ to the “Blessed in Tradition, Faith in Our Future” Campaign.

MY INVESTMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS BEGINNING JULY 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

  o  MONTHLY: Start Date ___________ End Date ___________ Amount $_______________
  o  ONE TIME GIFT: Date _______________________________ Amount $_______________

Payment Options

  o  We will make our Payments through Parish Pay
     ___ We will set up our payment plan through Parish Pay directly (www.parishpay.com)
     ___ We authorize the Parish to set-up through Parish Pay the amount indicated from the bank or credit card account that we checked below:

     Bank Account—attach a voided check to this form

     Credit/Debit Card (circle one): VISA  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

         Card #: __________________________  Expiration Date: ___________  CVC #: ___________

(Monthly pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the 15th of the month. Please notify the Parish Office one week prior if you need to make a change.)

  o  We will make our donation by check. Kindly send your donation to: St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson St., Downers Grove, IL 60515, Attn: Capital Campaign.

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged:

Name ________________________________
Address ___________________________ City __________________ State ____ Zip ________
Email _______________________________ Phone __________________

Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by your or your spouse’s employer.

Potential Matching Gift Amount: $_________________________ Matching Gift Company ___________________________

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________
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ASSUMPTION DAY BLESSING OF HARVEST: As Mary was “lifted up” into heaven, in some countries it is customary on this day to bless the Earth, sea, sky, and harvest and thank God for the blessings that come through them. In this spirit of blessing and offering, some churches place produce and flowers around an image of Mary. We also recall the words of Mary’s Magnificat: “The Lord has lifted up the lowly. The Lord has filled the hungry with good things.”

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

In Varieties of Human Experience, William James tells of a man who went for a walk one summer night, ending up on a hilltop. As the man stood gazing at the stars, something amazing happened. The nearest he could describe the experience was to say it was like music swelling up in his soul to the point that he thought he’d explode. Suddenly, he felt a mysterious presence. He said, “I could not any more have doubted that He was there than that I was there. Indeed, I felt myself to be, if possible, the less real of the two.” Then he went on to say that there entered his soul “the strongest faith and truest idea of God” he’d ever experienced.

What was the nearest I have ever come to experiencing something like this?

We carry within us the wonders we seek without.

THOMAS BROWNE
Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own "boat" to take on the impossible.

**Stewardship**

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

St. Mary of Gostyn and the Knights of Columbus invite you to the annual parish picnic.

Join us on this fun filled day as you enjoy complimentary food, drinks, Live Music and games!

Baked good donations will be gladly accepted!

Parish Picnic
Aug. 27th
1:00 - 5:00 PM
Church Parking Lot


Stewardship
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Go to www.FORMED.org.
Click the registration box for parishioners.
Type in St. Mary’s Parish Code: 8PQ4J3.
Set up your own user name and a password.
That’s it -- now you’re all set to use FORMED.org, anytime, anywhere simply by logging in.
Questions: kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent or spouse, in town or from afar. Find strength, joy, and holiness in your caregiver journey.

Third Thursday of every month August 17th 7:00 pm Parish Center Living Room

August Topic: More with Music: Where Words Fail, Music Speaks. All are welcome.

More information at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Ministries Nourish

JOIN US!

COME DISCOVER THE AMAZING STORY OF MARY

Come join us for an exciting program which paints the epic narrative of Mary’s life. This program does not just tell of her life in Scripture. It begins before the dawn of time, when she was only an eternal thought in the mind of God, and extends into today. Just as Christ lives on through His Church, Mary lives on as the Mother of the Church. In a battle between the Angel who said No, and the woman who said Yes, you will see your mother intervening at pivotal periods in history to draw us back to her Son. We invite you to join us even if you’ve never participated before. You’ll be glad you did!

All Women of the Parish are welcome!
Thursday Mornings - 9:00am
Beginning Sept 7 In the Gathering Place

Questions or to pre-register:
Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Ministries Adult Faith tab.

August 13, 2017
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017
6:15 AM - Angela Lynn DeVries req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Judy & Roger Kovac
6:00 PM - Bill Kiefer req. Kathy Ranft

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017
6:15 AM - Clare Nelson req. Sanderson Family
8:00 AM - Dave Craven req. John & Jan Dvorak
    Joseph P. Bolduc req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller
7:00 PM - Bernice DiCharia req. St. Vincent de Paul Society

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017
6:15 AM - Eleanor Villis req. Cynthia Villis
8:00 AM - Val Claus req. Mike & Mary Signer

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017
6:15 AM - In Thanksgiving req. Barbara Norman
8:00 AM - Ronald Rodi req. Bob & Donna Wiacek

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017
6:15 AM - Teddy Gerich req. Bostwick Family
8:00 AM - Florita Bohan req. Mahlke Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017
8:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas
4:30 PM - Richard Bonk req. Loretta Wies

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Richard Bonk req. Loretta Wies
    Margaret Lally req. Family
12:00 PM - Hugh & Maureen Toner in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
6:00 PM - Mary Belczak req. John Massarello

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).
Psalm - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading - From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).
Gospel - As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
    Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
**Planned Giving**

"Love never ends."

1 Corinthians 13:8

The love you have for St. Mary of Gostyn Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will or other estate plans. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to our parish come from growth and earnings.

When making or reviewing your will, please remember to include St. Mary of Gostyn Parish endowment fund in your estate plans.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for additional members!**

Over the years, this committee has served many roles for our Parish and School. They are a group of people with diverse technical backgrounds, with expertise in many different fields. They meeting monthly to review the needs of the facilities on our campus. They make recommendations and assessments of maintenance, repair and replacement projects to help us continue to have our facilities up to date and safe for all of our constituents. They also have made recommendations to our administration throughout our Capital Campaign as each of these projects are in different phases.

We are looking to add one to two new members. We have an immediate need for someone with an Architect and/or a Builder background. Other areas of expertise would also be welcome. For more information, please contact Terri O’Dekirk at 630-737-9621 or todekirk@stmarygostyn.org.

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**SMG Garden Helpers Needed**

*Easy Work In A Blessed Place*

Once again this summer, we are growing vegetables for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and maintaining the lovely SMG Children’s Garden into the autumn months and need your help!

Please follow this link in Sign Up Genius to volunteer for about an hour during your chosen week to weed, water and harvest from the raised beds. [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0844ada82ea02-help](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0844ada82ea02-help)

Easy instructions will be emailed to you when you sign up.

Contact Nicole Gibson at nicoleangibson@gmail.com or Hilary Denk at j.denk@comcast.net with questions.

**Confirmation candidates welcome!**

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**Baptism**

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

Murphy William Roche, son of Patrick & Molly Roche

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**Volunteer Help Needed**

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve our parish as Religious Education Catechists again this year. We are still in need of more, and we hope you would consider helping. Men, think about this seriously. It’s so good for young people to see that it’s ok for men to have faith. Here is where we need catechists:

**Wednesday 4:30—5:35 pm**

- Grade 1
- Grade 2, 2 classrooms
- Grade 4
- Grade 5, 2 classrooms
- Grade 6
- Grade 7

**Wednesday 6:30—7:35 pm**

- Grade 1

Other opportunities are available for Aides, Hall Monitors, etc. Please pray about how God wants you to respond.

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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  
Mark Trout  
Jim Scales  
Leslie Heinz  
Linda Hillsman  
Lois Bach  
Sharon Binter  
Ann Clark  
Jim Donovan  
Donna Goyette  
Diane Goyette  
Kate Moss  
Ken Norman  
Char Ryan  
Joey Stefka  
Laine Van Houton  
Ann Smith  
Terry Frederick  
Rob Hudson  
Anna Bandur  
Frances Boland  
Margaret Corbett  
Dennis Finn  
Gen Hadamik  
Joseph Karlinski  
Virginia Mates  
James Murawski  
Daniel Oliver  
Tom Salansky  
Joan Tagglionia  
Audrey Waechtler  
Gertrude Arndt  
Frankie Colonna  
Cindy Hudson  
Gabriella Beime  
Bill Brown  
Helen Czulak  
Becca Gorman  
Hope Hathaway  
Kenny Kern  
Eddie Mayerik  
Andrea Mutton  
Mary Ann Papievis  
Kay Selfridge  
Sharon Tallerico  
Loretta Wies  
Mary Featherstone  
Katie Main Hwan  
Frank Scola  
Abby Beranek  
Tom Brown  
Frank Davis  
Mark Gwigieli  
Robert Hayes  
Doreen Lehner  
Spencer Mehr  
Rob Noonan  
Eleanor Pecka  
Eliza Skipworth  
Hugh Toner  
Ashley Woltman  
Vito Ursini  
Glen Davis  
Florence Scola

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Rosa Hudson, **sister-in-law of Rob & Cindy Hudson**
James Masden, **father of Lynne Kelliher**

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:

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
All are Welcome
Run with SMG!
The 11th Annual St. Mary of Gostyn 5K Run
Saturday, August 26, 2017

5K RUN/WALK    Start: 8:00 a.m.
Adult Registration: Pre-Race $30.00  Race Day $35.00**
1 MILE YOUTH RACE (14 & YOUNGER)    Start: 9:15 a.m.
Youth Registration: Pre-Race & Race Day $15.00

Register on line through August 18*

www.stmarygostyn.org

**Day of Race Registration: Cash or Check Only
beginning at 7:00 am.

*We cannot guarantee a race tee shirt if registration is after 8/18

ALL ARE WELCOME! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
How can you help? Volunteer or Sponsor our event. Get more information on our website:
www.stmarygostyn.org
For more information, please call:
Christine Collins: 312.286.7321 or christinecollins@yahoo.com
St. Mary of Gostyn
Catholic Church

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MRS. JENNIFER LISZKA, Religious Ed. Assistant

This Week

Monday / 14
8:00 AM  Volleyball Gym
9:00 PM  Uniform Exchange School
6:30 PM  Rosary Chapel

Tuesday / 15
8:00 AM  Volleyball Gym
9:00 AM  Uniform Exchange School
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group Chapel

Wednesday / 16
7:00 AM  School Gathering Pl.
8:00 PM  Volleyball Gym
9:00 AM  Uniform Exchange School
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir Church
6:30 PM  Buildings & Grounds Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts Gath. Place A

Thursday / 17
8:00 AM  Volleyball Gym
9:00 AM  Uniform Exchange School
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities Living Room
7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers Living Room

Friday / 18
8:00 AM  School Gym
9:00 AM  Uniform Exchange School
9:00 AM  School Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Volleyball Gym

Saturday / 19
9:00 AM  Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM  Volleyball Gym

Sunday / 20
1:00 PM  Volleyball Gym
1:30 PM  Baptism Church
4:30 PM  6:00 Choir Church

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.
— Psalm 85:12
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 (630/969-1063) for details.

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.