Jesus said, “I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 16:18
Thank you to our Chairperson: Christine Collins

Also thanks to our Co-chairs: Patty Sashin and Sonny Dibble

Kudos to those who helped the day of (sorry if we missed any names):

- Meg Neil
- Desiree Weber
- Kim Ruskuvsky
- Laurie McAleenan
- Annie Mendez
- Kelly Warner
- Danielle Heyer
- Christina Zycinski
- Camille and Josh Palasz
- Annie Delano
- Nicole Colucci
- Jeschke Family
- Sarah Gliotto

- Doreen Sloyan
- Lisa Giangrande
- Natlie Parrillo
- Nancy Perrino-Nolan
- John Martin
- Bob Adams
- Suzanne Mraz
- Katie Skala
- Janet Anderson
- Ella Ellis
- Lucy Fernandez
- Nora Casey
- Sam and Amy Ruddy

- Morgan Lally
- Maddalena Palkoner
- Mia Banaszak
- Daniel Sexton
- John Yahiro
- Moira Jermak
- Mike Budzinski
- Buco Family
- Eileen D’Amico
- Molly Ericson
- Anne Doyle
- Jennifer Russotiesi

- Emily Labno
- Pam Mysliwiec
- Julie Devine
- Kristin Myers
- Peter Sashin
- Greg Collins
- Susan Moran
- Jennifer Slevin
- Mary Toth
- Erin Reed
- Kwak Family
- Joe Johnson
- Bukovsky Family
- Maureen Flavin
In spite of the attitudes he sometimes demonstrates, at heart St. Paul was a humble man. He was especially deferential when he considered the power and grace of God. Today’s Second Reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans reveals the awe with which Paul holds God: “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!” As Paul reflects on the Lord, Paul is a bit overwhelmed. Humility does not come easily to many people, but living a stewardship way of life is a modest and unassuming way to approach life. At the basis of this is the acceptance and admittance that we are not in charge. God is. There are so many ways that Christ was humble — throughout Holy Scripture it is clear that the Lord felt His focus should be on His Father’s will, not His own. More than once Jesus said in these words or words that meant the same thing: “I come to serve, not to be served.”

The First Reading from Isaiah reveals the man Shebna to us. This is a bit unique in the Book of Isaiah because Isaiah did not normally deal with individuals, but this is a lesson in humility. Shebna was an officer in the court of King Hezekiah. Shebna’s major weakness was pride, excessive pride, something that many of us may suffer with as well. Shebna was actually the household treasurer, sort of a steward.

The main point of this prophecy of Isaiah is that Shebna will lose his position and authority and be replaced by another man Eliakim. Eliakim was known to be a servant of the Lord, faithful and trustworthy, and humble. This passage is a reminder to each of us that God is in control of everything. Recognizing that our lives need to be God-centered and we are here to serve is important to each of us.

In addition to his wonder at God’s wisdom and knowledge, St. Paul speaks to the same control of God on our lives found in the reading from Isaiah. There are many key messages in this brief reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, but look at his closing: “For from him and through him and for him are all things.” You may have heard the statement “You cannot out-give God.” That is the point of everything coming from Him and through Him and for Him. God has a plan for each of us. We may have our own plans, but they can never be as accurate or important as God’s plan for us. That in itself is humbling.

Even if we have our own plan, we could not make it happen without God’s help. We lack God’s wisdom and knowledge. Accepting that and turning to the Lord through prayer and commitment will allow us to fulfill God’s desire for us — that is to be His disciple. All we do needs to be for Him. That is what Christ did, and what the Lord meant when He said, “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but to do the will of Him Who sent me.” Our role is to seek what it is God wants from us, and then to try to fulfill that in our lives. It is not nearly as complicated as it may seem.

In the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew Jesus poses a question to His Apostles: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Of course, using the phrase the Son of Man He is referring to Himself. Jesus did not ask this because of any unawareness on His part. He is not conducting a poll. He asks His followers this because He wants them to know Who He is.

Each of us in our own way answers this question every day. Our answer is found in what we do and what we believe. If we truly believe that Jesus is Who He says He is, it should affect the way we live. Our lives should humbly make every effort to emulate Him. Peter has been known to say the wrong thing at the wrong time, but in this instance when Jesus makes it clear that He wants to know who the Apostles think He is, Peter answers definitively (and correctly) “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus is pleased that His disciples are coming to know Who He is in truth. He commends Peter, but then He respectfully says, “to tell no one that He is the Christ.” We do not receive that same admonition; our roles are to spread the Good News and as disciples of the Lord live our lives in such a way that it is clear Who He is.
Saint Paul reminds us in today’s second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God’s own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God.

Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.
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 - Café Morning tab.

Pope Francis called Relativism the “spiritual poverty of our time”, an age where preference and tolerance has replaced morality. Many people find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of the reactions they will receive if they say something is right or wrong. Who am I to Judge? helps us understand relativism and offers practical tools to talk about moral truth with greater conviction, clarity and compassion.

Two ways to join in this study
Both Begin September 12th

View at home. Log onto FORMED.org with parish code 8PQ4J3.
Join the discussion, Tuesday 8:00 pm in the Underground.

Do it all at St Mary’s!
Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Underground.

More info: www.stmarygostyn.org or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017
6:15 AM - Carl Sholeen req. Charlotte Sholeen
8:00 AM - Ronald Rodi Sr. req. Drobney Family
Joseph Bolduc req. Jim & Barb Holmes

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017
6:15 AM - James Madsen
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. John & Jan Dvorak

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017
6:15 AM - Kevin J. Klawitter req. Mr. & Mrs. Rickerd
8:00 AM - Ed & Mae Klinger req. Rita Blaney
Sal Madonia req. Frank & Dianne Czopek

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017
6:15 AM - Rosa Hudson
8:00 AM - Ted & Eleanor Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017
6:15 AM - Emma Verdun req. Tim Johnson Family
8:00 AM - Dr. & Mrs. John LaCognata req. Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017
8:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Pat & Larry Burnside
4:30 PM - Stephanie & Alexander Nowakowski req. Stanley & Wayne

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Pat & Bob Noonan
10:00 AM - Erwin Burton req. Jean Jascot
Ron Rodi req. Adam Walsh & Family
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - Living Intention for Jim Donovan req. Mary Donovan

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).
Psalm - Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).
Second Reading - How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Isaac Angel Avila, son of Manuel & Rosie Avila
Michael Theodore Blair, son of Kyle & Elaine Blair
Blake William Mraz, son of Gene & Suzanne Mraz
Hudson Gary Sisler, son of Preston & Jessica Sisler

ALTAR FLOWERS
This week’s altar floral arrangement was donated by Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas in celebration of Deacon Bob’s 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDIINATION Congratulations!

Planned Giving
Too many people don’t plan.
Individuals put off estate planning because they think they don’t own enough, they’re not old enough, they’re busy, think they have plenty of time, they’re confused and don’t know who can help them, or they just don’t want to think it.
Then, when something happens to them, their families have to pick up the pieces.

When making or reviewing your will, please remember to include St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Endowment Fund in your plans.

The 125th Anniversary Directories are in!
If you had your portrait taken, or submitted a photo for inclusion in the directory, you will be able to pick up your free copy after each mass this weekend and the weekend of September 9/10. Directories will be available in the passageway/Hallway of the Apostles.

For those who are not eligible for a free copy: you may purchase/order a copy of the directory for $20. You may purchase/order a copy at the sign-up table (adjacent to the distribution tables) during these weekends.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with distribution of the directories. Please go to: http://tinyurl.com/ycn2vbwx or contact Jen Snider (sniderjl1993@gmail.com or 630 926-4188) to volunteer.

St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, September 13          Parish Center          9:30 AM          The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
At the 1936 Olympics in Germany, a rowing crew from the University of Washington beat the odds and win the gold medal.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, September 21          Parish Center          7:00 PM          Coming Home by Rosamunde Pilcher
In 1935, a girl is left behind at a British boarding school when her mother and sister join her father in Singapore.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the St. Mary’s Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella  
Abby Beranek  
Tom Brown  
Frank Davis  
Mark Gowgiel  
Robert Hayes  
Doreen Lehner  
Spencer Mehr  
Rob Noonan  
Eleanor Pecka  
Eliza Skipworth  
Hugh Toner  
Ashley Woltman  
Glen Davis  
Florence Scola  
Shirley Nolan  
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  
Leslie Heinz  
Linda Hillsman  
William Stagner  
Tina Pua  
Lois Bach  
Sharon Binter  
Ann Clark  
Jim Donovan  
Rion Goyette  
Donna Karlinski  
Diane Main  
Kate Moss  
Ken Norman  
Char Ryan  
Joey Stefka  
Laine Van Houton  
Terry Frederick  
Rob Hudson  
John Hopper  
Matt Selfridge  
Anna Bandur  
Frances Boland  
Margaret Corbett  
Dennis Finn  
Gen Hadamik  
Joseph Karlinski  
Virginia Mates  
James Murawski  
Daniel Oliver  
Tom Salansky  
Joan Taglioni  
Audrey Waechtler  
Frankie Colonna  
Cindy Hudson  
Helen Capuano  
Gabriella Beirne  
Bill Brown  
Helen Czulak  
Becca Gorman  
Hope Hathaway  
Kenny Kern  
Eddie Mayerik  
Andrea Mutton  
Mary Ann Papievis  
Kay Selfridge  
Sharon Tallerico  
Loretta Wies  
Katie Main Hwan  
Frank Scola  
Erinn Henes

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of

Richard Mayer
Timothy O’Neil, brother-in-law of Kathy Clemens
Gary Roosevelt Sisler, father of Preston Sisler

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

Presider Schedule for Saturday, September 2nd and Sunday, September 3rd

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

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**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.

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**NOW HIRING**

We are currently in the process of hiring a new Youth Minister.

For a complete job description visit our homepage at www.stmarygostyn.org
“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

— Matthew 16:19
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.