Peter asked, “Lord, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?”

Matthew 18:21
We would like to invite any individuals interested in finding out more about PADS to join us in the Gathering Place after Mass on Sunday, September 24 for fellowship and information about volunteering. We began our 32nd season of service to the homeless on Friday, September 8. There are six teams of St. Mary’s PADS volunteers with each team volunteering once every 7 weeks – for a total of 5 times during the season which runs from September through May.

There are shifts to accommodate any schedule – from early Friday evening (5 – 6 p.m.) for set-up, evening (hosting 5:30 to 11 p.m. and dinner 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.), overnight monitor shifts (11 p.m. – 3 a.m. & 3 – 7 a.m.), and early Saturday morning for breakfast (5:30 – 7 a.m.) and clean-up (6:30 – 7:30 a.m.). We also need volunteers who prepare and drop off lunches to give to guests on Saturday morning as they leave. Making these brown bag lunches is a great task for families with children to do together at home.

This year we are also seeking one or two people who could pick up linens at Good Samaritan Hospital and deliver them to the Gathering Place (St. Mary’s basement) every week. This can be done any time between Monday and Friday noon, making it a very flexible time commitment of about an hour a week.

Help is always welcome for both set-up and clean-up. No need to call ahead, just come and help out. These two shifts are also “family-friendly” and a wonderful way to volunteer as a family. Now is a good time for 7th and 8th grade students who are in Confirmation preparations to join a team for their Parish Christian Service Requirements. Chances are that you know a parishioner who is involved in PADS as there are over 300 St. Mary’s volunteers. For more information, call one of the team captains listed below or email stmaryspads@gmail.com.

Team 1 – Mary Stapleton (630/220-1001)
Team 2 – Molly Walsh (630/280-9722)
Team 3 – Jan Miriani (630/212-4649)
Team 4 – Rob Sloyan (630/430-1218)
Team 5 – Becky Connery (630/696-1513)
Team 8 – Amy Boone (630/434-0999)

Note: Team 7 is staffed by a support group from Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove.
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to the forgiveness of sins. Jesus challenges us to offer unconditional forgiveness to those who sin against us and are repentant, just as God unconditionally forgives us when we repent.

In the Gospel reading for today we hear Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant. This is one of many parables of Jesus recorded only in the Gospel of Matthew. Other parables of Jesus unique to Matthew include the parable of the weeds among the wheat (13:24-30), the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (20:1-16), and the parable of the ten virgins (25:1-13). We hear all these parables during the current liturgical year.

Scholars assert that Matthew included these specific parables of Jesus in his Gospel because the point of the parable spoke to his Jewish Christian community to whom he was writing. In the case of today’s parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus speaks to the importance of forgiving without limit. In answering Peter’s original question, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus offers a parable that speaks to God’s unlimited mercy toward us and the challenge for us to treat each other in the same manner. Jesus draws upon the often harsh social relationships and arrangements between the wealthy and the poor that was a common experience for rural Palestinian Jews. With Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant, Matthew was able to instruct his own community on the importance (and the warning) of being a community of faith that was countercultural to the norms of their day. One concrete way for us to live out this call of living and dying for Christ is in the act of forgiving each other.

Your are invited to join us

in celebrating Deacon Al Aqurkis 20th Anniversary of Ordination as Deacon Deacon Bob Miciunas 10 Anniversary of Ordination as Deacon Sunday, September 24, 2017 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. Reception following each Mass in the Gather Place.
Our special thanks and congratulations to
Knights of Columbus,
St. Mary of Gostyn Council 16062
For hosting our Parish Picnic this year.
It was a perfect day with lots of fun!

A HUGE THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS EVENT HAPPEN:

- All the Parishioners who attended
- Father Jim, Father Shawn and the Parish Staff
- The wonderful bakers for the great desserts
- CASI (Chili Appreciation Society Int’l), John Gastaldello
- Rick Sparke, Bean Bag Game Set Up
- Rock Academy, with Mark and Beth Durbin’s help, for music
  - Boy Scout Troop 89 for Gaga Pit Game
- Ed and Sue Belsan for our soda donation
- And to all the Parish Ministries and Organizations at the Picnic.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Today’s Gospel reading continues Jesus’ instructions on being good stewards of others - the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.
Service to Self

When Linda Fondren’s sister died in 2006, at the age of fifty-four, she was 4’11” tall and weighed 260 pounds. Although Fondren admits it was cancer that killed her sister Mary, it was obesity that restricted her life and caused her to confess at the end of her life, “Linda, I wish I had lived my life more for myself.”

“She did not know that she could do both,” Fondren said in a CNN.com article by Leslie Askew. “You can be of service to people...but you must take care of yourself or you will have a limited amount of energy to spend on others. Not caring for oneself can cause carelessness and inappropriate behavior such as excessive eating instead of exercise, and inhaling fast food rather than sitting down to nutritious meals.

Fondren decided her sister’s life would not be in vain and challenged her state of Mississippi, named the fattest state in the USA six years in a row, to get healthy. With 34.4% of Mississippi’s population reported as obese by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, she founded Shape Up Sisters, an all female workout facility, remembering how her sister had been too embarrassed to attend exercise classes with men.

In October 2009 Fondren initiated Shape Up Vicksburg, drawing up to two hundred people weekly to nutrition classes and walking clubs. Her gym is open to all women every Saturday and all the activities are free, something she feels is critical to the people she tries hardest to reach.

Though we may forgive others seventy-seven times, often we do not forgive ourselves, suffering the ravages of guilt. Each person has been given a precious life worth caring about and caring for. Only then can it assist in nurturing and caring for others. Not only are we called upon to forgive our brother and sister, but also the relative we see in the mirror.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Living As Missionary Disciples

This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday this Sunday, September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme is "Living as Missionary Disciples."

We acknowledge, bless and thank those in our Community who have come forward as catechists at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Thank You to all those who serve as Catechists in our School, Religious Education Program, Rite of Christian Initiation Program, and Youth and Adult Education.

Gospel Image

How often have you told someone, “Don’t worry about it”? Maybe a friend borrowed a little of your money, a neighbor promised to return a favor, a client forgot an appointment, or a colleague offered an apology for some ungenerous remark. Regardless of the situation and how it affected us, when we say, “Don’t worry about it,” we’re not only freeing the other from a sense of indebtedness and guilt; we’re also clearing the way for a shared vision of more important things. To say, “Don’t worry about it,” then, is really to say, “Let’s get on with it.”
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
6:15 AM - Salvatore Madonia req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Lee & Matt Baker

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
6:15 AM - Deceased Members of Venziano, Belline & Guertler Families req. Family
8:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Mary Schramm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
6:15 AM - Bernard Chudzik
8:00 AM - Val Claus req. Sherry & Paul Rittgarn
Angela DeVries req. Frank & Dianne Czopek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
6:15 AM - Mary Ann Holzhall req. Romenesco Family
8:00 AM - Rosemary Hanson req. Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017
6:15 AM - Michael Morley
8:00 AM - Ed & Helen Chadorowski req. Jerry Kolpa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
8:00 AM - Kathleen Shea req. Holmes Family
4:30 PM - Richard Bonk req. Loretta Wies
Leonard Lipinski req. Gene & Blanca Adams & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Nancy Placek req. Bava Family
Charlotte Kovack req. Roger & Judy Kovack
12:00 PM - Chloe Olson Strocchia req. McCready Family
6:00 PM - Joseph Massura req. Yahirso Family

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).
Psalm - The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).
Second Reading - Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).
Gospel - Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
**NOW HIRING**

We are currently in the process of hiring:

* Marketing Director (Part-time)
* Parish Youth Minister (Part-time)

For a complete job descriptions visit our homepage at www.stmarygostyn.org/ About Us/Employment Opportunities

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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:

- Veda Grace Alfano, daughter of Matthew & Melissa Alfano
- Mason Allen Hyde, son of Ryan & Michelle Hyde
- Emmett William Kosich, son of Michael & Jennifer Kosich
- Matthew Jake Malicay, son of Michael & Jean Malicay

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**GRIEF SUPPORT TEAM**

....“And Jesus wept” John 11:35

Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.

If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.

Grief Support Group starts meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Tuesday starting September 19th for six weeks.

Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 960-3565 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.

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**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 from the Parish Center office during business hours.

For those who are not eligible for a free copy: you may purchase a copy of the directory for $20 at the rectory office during business hours. Cash or check accepted.

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**Planned Giving**

Estate planning is for everyone.

It is not just for “retired” people, although people do tend to think about it more as they get older. Unfortunately, we can’t successfully predict how long we will live, and illness and accidents happen to people of all ages.

Estate planning is not just for “the wealthy,” either, although people who have built some wealth do often think more about how to preserve it. Good estate planning often means more to families with modest assets, because they can afford to lose the least.

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

Join us for a fun evening of friendly competition...
TRIVIA, GAMES, & PRIZES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Contact Kelly Durkin (durkin1995@yahoo.com)

Saturday, October 21, 2017
St. Mary of Gostyn School Gym – 440 Prairie, Downers Grove
Doors open at 6:30pm. Game starts promptly at 7:30pm
Register at www.stmarygostyn.org

$25 per person - $50 per couple - $200 per table
*Team/Tables are groups of 8. You may NOT combine tables to make a larger group*
*If you do not have enough players to fill a table, no problem, send in your registration and we'll sit you with a fun group*
There will be opportunities to play other games, bring some Extra Cash! Games are fun, don’t cost a ton and prizes are big!

TABLE THEME COMPETITION
Come up with a theme, decorate your table and yourselves – best table wins and gets bragging rights.

Food & Drink
Groups provide their own food. You may bring anything, such as appetizers, sandwiches, desserts, etc. (NO DRINKS)
There will be a full CASH BAR to purchase your favorite beverages

Register by October 14!

Questions??? Contact Kelly Durkin – durkin1995@yahoo.com – 630-327-0631
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella
Abby Beranek
Tom Brown
Frank Davis
Mark Gowgiew
Robert Hayes
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Rob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Ashley Woltman
Helen Capuano
Gertrude Butzen
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
Frank Scola
Erinn Henes
Shirley Nolan
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
Florence Scola
Shirley Nolan
Jean Dahm
Anna Bandur
Frances Boland
Margaret Corbett
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Joseph Karlinski
Virginia Mates
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Tom Salansky
Joan Taggioni
Audrey Waechtler
William Stagner
Tina Pua
George Drobney Sr.
Gabriella Beirne
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
Becca Gorman
Hope Hathaway
Kenny Kern
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Mary Ann Papievis
Kay Selfridge
Sharon Talliero
Loretta Wies
John Hopper
Matt Selfridge
Terry Frederick

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Helen Schmanski

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
Timothy Randazzo
Christopher Randazzo

MAKE ST. MARY OF GOSTYN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip__________________________________________________
Email address___________________________________________________
Phone Number: ______________________________ (circle one: cell Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: http://www.stmarygostyn.org/?page=ParishRegistration

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The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God. “The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life” (National Directory for Catechesis [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 17).

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?
In 1935, the Vatican published On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church’s teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. For the first few years after Catechetical Sunday was established, national catechetical congresses were held in conjunction with the celebration. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB’s Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. When the Committee on Catechesis, now named the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis, was named by the Conference as a standing Committee, it continued to publish Catechetical Sunday materials each year. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

What Does the Word “Catechetical” Mean?
The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word “catechism” for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church’s teachings. The root word, “catechesis,” is from a Greek word meaning “to echo, or resound.” Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church’s teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Volunteer Help Still 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:
- Grade 5
  Wednesday 4:30 -5:35 pm
Other opportunities are available for Aides, Hall Monitors, etc. Please pray about how God wants you to respond.

Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.
- Sept 20/21 6th Grade Bible Blessing
- Oct. 4 & 5 Living Rosary during Sessions
- Oct. 11/12 No RE or Confirm. Sessions
- Oct. 12 5th Grade Parent Meeting

October—The Month of the Rosary
Because October is the month of the Rosary, the focus for our RE Session the week of October 4 & 5 will be a Living Rosary. We invite all parish members to join us as the children form an outline of a Rosary and pray it together in the Church. We will pray at all three sessions: Wednesday at 4:35 pm and 6:35 pm. As well as Thursday at 4:30 pm.

Parents and all will make it so much more meaningful if we pray together. Please join us.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word.
Our search for potential volunteers has brought a couple of people forward. Please open up your heart to our little ones so we can offer this marvelous ministry not only to the children but to the parents as well. Contact Mary Jane at: 630-960-3565 ext. 219, or mjwahl@stmarygostyn.org.
Parish Mission

Vince Ambrosetti

Awaken Our Hearts

Enkindling the faith of our families through an event of song, Word, ritual, story and prayer.

October 16-18

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 Wednesday of every month
Sept. 20th
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Living Room
All are welcome.

More information:
johnson@stmarygostyn.org or
www.stmarygostyn.org
Ministries-Adult Faith Formation-Nourish tab

The ONE topic ONE night
Speaker Series aims to provide our parish community a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

One topic. One night. One faith.

September 19 at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: Celibacy & the Priesthood

Homosexuality. Same-sex marriage. Euthanasia. Transgender rights.


ONE
话题
夜晚

为什么教士不能结婚？相对主义。为什么不能让女性成为教士？反堕胎。反堕胎。

婚前性行为。通奸。避孕。协助自杀。死刑。基因工程。

一个话题。一个夜晚。一个信仰。

SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

Catholic Artist of the Year, singer and songwriter Vince Ambrosetti is coming to St. Mary of Gostyn. These not to be missed family evenings are filled with storytelling, song and worship, appealing to children and adults alike.

More information and a complete schedule of events and topics at www.stmarygostyn.org Ministries - Adult Faith Formation - Parish Mission tab or contact Kelly at johnson@stmarygostyn.org
Are you interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who may be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith - a relative, a neighbor, a friend? If so, please call Fr. Shaun. We will be forming inquiry classes to answer questions about the Catholic faith. There is no obligation, we are just learning about what the Catholic church teaches, her history, and her traditions. This is a time to discern through inquiry and prayer as to whether or not you are being called to join the Catholic faith. The classes are open for three categories:

1. Those who have never been baptized.
2. Those who have been baptized but never completed their sacraments of initiation, namely Confirmation & Holy Communion.
3. Those who have been baptized in another religious tradition who now feel they are being called to the Catholic faith.

This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a journey that leads to the Easter sacraments of Initiation. There is no obligation. It is a time of learning and discernment. Our first inquiry session begins Sunday, September 24th at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Shaun  (630) 969-1063, ext. #212

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

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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.
Around the Community

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
Volunteers Needed
Catholic Communion Ministry
Good Samaritan Hospital – Downers Grove
Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz
Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@advocatehealth.com
Or 630-852-5347

30th Annual Bishop’s Mass with Persons with Disabilities
On Sunday October 8th at 12:00 Noon at Holy Family, Shorewood, Bishop Conlon and the diocesan community will celebrate the gifts and presence of members of the Diocese of Joliet living with disabilities. All persons with disabilities, their families, friends and supporters are invited to participate in the Mass and to stay for the luncheon that follows, provided by the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call Karen at 815-221-6147

Come and See - Vocation Discernment Retreat
OCTOBER 13-15, 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.

Attendance is free but space is limited. Contact Fr. James Flint for more information or to reserve a spot at vocations@procopius.org.

Free Employment Support Group
Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for an Employment Support Group on September 22 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at 3130 Finley Rd., Suite 320 in Downers Grove. Tony Patanella, a former human resources executive, will present on employment issues to help participants learn skills to help obtain jobs. Participants will learn tools and tips for job searches.

In this dynamic workshop, individuals will complete a skills inventory; work on job readiness; and explore their hard and soft skills; learn how to prepare for a career fair; and how to interview more effectively.

The workshop is open to all and is free of charge. For more info please contact Joy Newburn at 630-519-6547. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, please visit catholic-charitiesjoliet.org.

Healing in Mind, Body & Spirit: God’s Loving Desire for Us – A Women’s Silent Retreat
The Gospels are filled with stories of people flocking to Jesus for healing. This retreat invites you to reflect on the healing that God has already done in your life and to become open to those wounded places that are still in need of Jesus’ healing touch. The beautiful retreat setting and prayerful format includes presentations, music, and quiet reflection, providing an environment in which to "touch the hem of Jesus' garment."

Presented by: Christine Grano
Date: September 29- October 1, 2017
Times: 5pm Friday- Noon Sunday
Location: Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelin, IL
Cost: $295/ person.

For more information or to register, please visit our website mayslakeministries.org or call our offices at 630-852-9000.

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This Week

Monday / 18

7:30 AM  Band Fitting  Underground
8:00 AM  School  Gath. Place C
2:15 PM  Daisy Troop 55604  Gath. Place A
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 19

8:00 AM  School  Gath. Pl. C
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music  Underground
2:30 PM  Cheerleading  Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Buildings & Grounds Large Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  AFF Speaker Series  Gathering Place
7:30 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 20

3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School, Chapel L.R.C.
6:30 PM  Band Parent Info. Night  Sch., Chapel, GP
6:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch., Chapel, GP
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church
7:00 PM  CRHP #20 & 23 - Men  Underground
7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers  Living Room

Thursday / 21

9:00 am  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
2:30 PM  Gala Committee  Large Conf. Rm.
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch., Chapel, GP
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir  Church
6:30 PM  Cub Scouts  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Chapel

Friday / 22

3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 23

12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM  Volleyball  Gym
6:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym

Sunday / 24

8:00 AM  Children’s Choir  Church
1:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
4:30 PM  6:00 Choir  Church
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.