As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9
Thank You to all who made this year’s Golf Outing a real hit!

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- Keith Brown
- Alex Mendez
- Andy Carlson
- John Rohrich
- Kevin Casey
- John Ruskusky
- Mark Clifford
- Bill Tierney
- Tony Daniels

**Volunteers**
- Chris Walsh
- Jasmine Glover
- Annie Mendez
- Karen Crowe
- Kate Fremgen
- Kim Ruskusky
- Valerie Bava
- Kristi Shaw
- Mark Testin
- Rick Jeschke
- Erika Rohrich
- Krista Sobkowiak
- Dino Colucci
- Frank Glowaty
- Al Weinheimer
- Rohrich Family
Congratulations Deacon Al on 20 years of Ordination to the Deaconate

Date of Ordination:
September 13, 1997

Ordained by:
Bishop Joseph Imesch

Where:
Cathedral of St. Raymond

Class Size:
26 men ordained

Volunteer Chaplain for the Downers Grove Police Department

Congratulations Deacon Bob on 10 years of Ordination to the Deaconate

Date of Ordination:
August 25, 2007

Ordained by:
Bishop J. Peter Sartain

Where:
Cathedral of St. Raymond

Class Size:
25 men ordained

Master of Ceremonies
From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: “I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?” We also use the age-old expression “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when we need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

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**Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry - August 2017 Report**

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 303 Individuals within 121 Families. So far, this year we have fed 2,277 Individuals within 946 Families. We hope everybody had a pleasant summer. Welcome back St Mary’s school children. This summer was one of the most difficult due to working in extreme heat and humidity. The good news is we now have air conditioning in our food pantry.

Our Society is looking for new members. If you would like to take part in providing assistance to our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters please call 630 969 1063, leave word with LeAnne or the St Vincent hot line and we will contact you. Your commitment can be as much or as little as you can provide. We meet every other Saturday in the parish center from 9am-10:30. You are welcome to attend a meeting to obtain additional information.

Recognition: We were blessed having three High School students (Dan Testin, Charlie Romenosko) and Patrick Enochs help us in our outreach ministry serving five homeless shelters in Chicago this summer. Rather than sleep in during their summer break these three young men did a yeoman’s job for us. Thank you, Dan, Charlie and Patrick.

Pantry item most needed is canned fruit.

**Friends of the Pantry Donations**

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s or Fresh Thyme thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. A special thank you to those who drop off food every week. We don’t know you by name but you have been a tremendous support in our food pantry.
4. Received a large food donation from the Jones Family.

**August Adage:** Letting the cat out of the bag is much easier than putting it back.

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul, we could not accomplish all we do without your support, and God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardship are most welcome at our Food Pantry. The pantry is open every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00am.

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**Stewardship**

**A Call to Stewardship**

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kingdom of heaven is unlike any other kingdom on earth.

Today’s Gospel is a parable of the Kingdom and, once again, it helps confirm that the Kingdom of heaven is truly something else. The concept of the Kingdom of heaven is the second most frequently mentioned idea in the New Testament. It occurs one hundred forty-eight times. Only the word for selfless love – agape – appears more often.

When we say that a person is something else we usually mean that he or she is admirably out of the ordinary. In that sense, there is nothing in our experience like the Kingdom of heaven, as Jesus describes it. When people asked Jesus questions about the Kingdom of heaven, whether they were honest questions of hypocritical ones, he would respond by saying, Let me tell you a story...or The kingdom is like...

Ultimately, Jesus would explain that the Kingdom is a place where the last becomes the first and the first last, where the exalted are humbled and the humble are exalted, where the one who is at the top has to be the servant of the rest. The Kingdom might also be portrayed like a net that has good fish and spoiled fish in it, or a field that has wheat mixed in with weeds, or where sheep and goats live together.

All the Lord’s parables about the Kingdom end up with the assurance that a day of reckoning is going to come when the Kingdom is fully realized. When that time comes, it will clearly be a Kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace. It will be a Kingdom of justice, love and peace.

In the first reading today, Isaiah tells us why the Kingdom of heaven is something else. It is because my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. So, likewise, the Gospel parable says that God’s generosity exceeds his justice. Everyone in the parable receives a reward that is just – and generous, besides.

We need to remember what the parable of the laborers in the vineyard teaches. It is not about labor policy. No explanation is offered for paying the same amount of money to the workers who started at dawn and the ones who started one hour before quitting time. This is a parable of the Kingdom of heaven, and it teaches that eternal salvation is a gift from God. It is not owed to us and is not earned by us.

God enriches whomever he wishes, and our response to such generosity is aptly worded in today’s Psalm, Great is the Lord and highly praised... The Lord is gracious and merciful... The Lord is good to all..

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MEDITATION MOMENT

General "Gus" Pagonis began by shining shoes in his dad’s restaurant. He said. "My father taught me to ask the customer if I had done a good job and to re-shine the shoes if the customer wasn’t satisfied.” In the Gulf War General Pagonis directed all troops and supplies. Business Week called his work “the largest logistical operation in history.” For example, General Pagonis’s work involved deploying and returning 500,000 troops, processing 12,500 aircraft, and serving 122 million meals. The story of "Gus” Pagonis and the parable invite us to ask:

How willing am I to begin at the bottom and work up?

Why am I more willing to work for an earthly reward than an eternal reward?
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017
6:15 AM - Heather Goforth req. Sanderson Family
8:00 AM - Loretta Owieja req. Holmes Family
Mary & Joseph Kowalkowski req. Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
6:15 AM - Michael Fitzpatrick req. Calisto Family
8:00 AM - Charles Bach and Jermaine & Edward Bach
req. Lois Bach & Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
6:15 AM - Gary Roosevelt Sisler
8:00 AM - Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society req. SVdP
Marilyn Zubak

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017
6:15 AM - Carl Sholeen req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Fr. Angelo Biancalana MCCJ req. 8:00 AM Friends

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017
6:15 AM - Ralph & Rose Calisto, in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary req. Calisto Family
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Drobney Family
Ron Rodi req. Pat Murphy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
8:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller
4:30 PM - Mary Beechy req. Chuck & Donna Golly

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Mary Schramm
Robert Noonan req. Frank & Dianne Czopek
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Czeslaw Gnyla & Jan Rabiasz req. Family
6:00 PM - Peter Cakuls req. Thomas & Evelyn Gianos

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading - Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).
Psalm - The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).
Second Reading - Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).
Gospel - The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abegfn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dt 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32
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 until September 25th.

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.
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
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Jessica Davy
Diane Goyette
Bobby Johnson
Robert Lehner
Dolores Mendoza
Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Cynthia Petro
Yoshie Snider
Mark Trout
William Stagner
Tina Pua
George Drobney Sr.

Nicholas T. Almeida
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jim Donovan
Rion Goyette
Donna Karlinski
Diane Main
Kate Moss
Ken Norman
Char Ryan
Joey Stefka
Laine Van Houton
John Hopper
Matt Selfridge
Terry Frederick

Lois Bach
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Joseph Karlinski
Virginia Mates
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Tom Salansky
Joan Tagglonia
Audrey Waechtler
Helen Capuano
Gertrude Butzen
Tim Meaney

Anna Bandur
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
Becca Gorman
Hope Hathaway
Kenny Kern
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Mary Ann Papievis
Kay Selfridge
Sharon Tallerico
Loretta Wies
Erinn Henes
Shirley Nolan
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Frank Davis
Mark Gowgiel
Robert Hayes
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Rob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Ashley Wolfman
Shirley Nolan
Jean Dahm

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Loretta Barret, mother of Jean McGrath
Ann Burdi, mother of Anne Marie Juscik
Joyce Gavin, mother of Erin Eckdahl
Jack Luka, father of John Luka Jr.
Joseph Miller
Ann Wells, sister of Louise Shipinski

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

Planned Giving

WHAT IS ESTATE PLANNING

Believe it or not, you have an estate. In fact, nearly everyone does. Your estate is comprised of everything you own—your car, home, other real estate, checking and savings accounts, investments, life insurance policies, paintings, personal possessions. No matter how large or how modest, everyone has an estate and something in common—you can’t take it with you when you die.

When that happens—and it is a “when” and not an “if”—you probably want to control how those things are given to the people or organizations you care most about. To ensure your wishes are carried out, you need to provide instructions stating whom you want to receive something of yours, what you want them to receive, and when they are to receive it. You will, of course, want this to happen with the least amount paid in taxes, legal fees, and court costs.

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

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
- Oct. 14 -18  Parish Mission
- Oct. 18 & 19  No RE of Confirmation Sessions at school building. Families attend 1 mission night as RE Class
- Oct. 25 & 26  RE & Confirmation Resume.

Question of the Week

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Spend some time on the way home or during prayer time to discuss these questions:

- **Theme:** It is never too late to enter the reign of God.
- **Breaking Open the Word**
  
  - **Step One:** Listen to the Word of God.
  - **Step Two:** Look into your life.

- **Question for Children:** How do you experience God being generous to you? Through your family, friends, school, or parish?
- **Question for Youth:**
  This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say “Yes” to God?
- **Question for Adults:** Using Jesus’ parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

- Children want to hear the Word of God
- Children want to attend Mass
- Children are precious to God

This living ministry is such an awesome experience for our children. They hear the readings in words they understand. They sing or recite the psalm with their peers. They pray together for the parish, their families, and each other.

Our search for potential volunteers has brought a couple of people forward. We could still use more! 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.

Let the Children Come To Me

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Parish Mission

Vince Ambrosetti

Awaken Our Hearts

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

October 14-18

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 kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love. Many find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of reactions they’ll receive if they say something is right or wrong. Who am I to Judge? offers practical tools to talk about moral truth with greater conviction, clarity and compassion.

Two ways to participate:

1. **View at home.** Log onto FORMED.org. Use parish code 8PQ4J3. Then join the discussion on Tuesdays 8:00 pm in the Underground.

OR

2. **Do it all at St Mary’s!** Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Underground.


Learning is a life-long and active process.

These titles and more available in the parking lot and Narthex entrance displays. CDs to go, or log onto FORMED.org, use parish code 8PQ4J3 for free e-books, movies, speakers -- lots of Catholic content -- available on any computer or mobile device. Try it today!

AWAKEN OUR HEARTS

Internationally acclaimed artist Vince Ambrosetti leads a powerful worship experience, and, through music, song and Scripture delivers a compelling and enduring message for the whole family. Come for the first and you won’t miss the next.

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RCIA

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 TODAY, Sunday, September 24th at the 8:00 AM Mass.

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

Presider Schedule for Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st

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

Interested in a Ministry? Want to become more involved in parish life?

We would love to hear from you!
Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop’s Mass with Persons with Disabilities

On Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

For Widowed Men & Women

There will be a retreat/workshop

- **October 28 & 29, 2017** - Batavia
- **November 11 & 12, 2017** - Lemont

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again. Incls. overnight and meals. Space limited – register early. Ph: Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 1-708-354-7211

Journey Support Group

from darkness to light

The purpose of the group is to aid those, who were never given a chance to see their loved one after their death. The meetings will include an open discussion & educational materials with a mentor, who experienced this type of ambiguous loss.

Regular grief support is offered on a weekly basis. Meeting days and times are flexible. For more information, call Marge O’Brien, St. Walter Church in Roselle at 630-894-5880 ext. 3014.

Tommy’s Kids - Teens for Teens - Begins October 5th

Helping children who have experienced the death of someone they love is one of the most difficult tasks a parent or other relative may ever face. Tommy’s Kids and Teens is available to assist you with that difficult task and to help your child/teen learn healthy ways of coping.

Tommy’s Kids and Teens is a 6 week grief support group for children ages 4 to 16 who have experienced a significant loss due to death. Children meet in age appropriate groups to participate in art, talk and expressive activities.

A support group for parents/caregivers meets at the same time the children are meeting. For more information, call Rosie Cohen at 630-856-6993

What's It Worth? Antiques!

Friday, October 5th at 2:00 PM

Caring transitions presents a fun, interactive event where attendees can learn what their own items - antiques, jewelry, and collectibles may be worth. No furniture please.

Villa St. Benedict - 5450 Subiaco Drive, Lisle

RSVP to 630-852-0345

Presentation on Redemptive Suffering

**Why, God? What will I do now?**

The Council of Catholic Nurses, Diocese of Joliet, invites you to Mass and a presentation by Fr. Edward Cronin, Pastor of St. Jane de Chantal Parish, Sister Maria-Paulina Sterling and Dr. Thomas Zabiega, to look at the treasure of redemptive suffering.

Explore the value of suffering and its mysterious purpose in the Providence of God. Be amazed at the abundance of grace obtained by the power of prayer with our suffering.

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at St. Joan of Arc Church, 820 Division Street, Lisle, IL 60532

8:15 AM Mass, followed by coffee and rolls

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Presentation

RN Contact Hours will be awarded. An application has been submitted to Ohio Nursing Association.

To register or more information, please contact Parish Nurse, Sandra Razka, at 630-353-4533 or srazka@sjalisle.org.

Cost: $10.00. (Add $5.00 for RN Contact hours)

Forty Days for Life Fall 2017 Campaign Runs from September 27 to November 5

40 Days for Life is a national movement that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in His plan for the end of abortion in America. Sign up online to be a visible and prayerful symbol against abortion. See www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove for more information or to sign up for an hour of prayer vigil at the Access Health Center at 1700 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

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.
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This Week

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<td>Girl Scout Troop #51979</td>
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<td>Band Sign-Up</td>
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<td>Tiny Toes Music</td>
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<td>Volleyball</td>
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<td>Legion of Mary</td>
<td>Small Conf. Rm.</td>
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<td>Buildings &amp; Grounds</td>
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<td>Prayer Group</td>
<td>Chapel</td>
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<td>Worship &amp; Spiritual Life</td>
<td>Large Conf. Rm.</td>
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<td>Evening Bible Study</td>
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<td>6:00 PM Choir</td>
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<td>Women’s Bible Study</td>
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<td>Small Christian Communities</td>
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<td>10:00 AM Choir</td>
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<td>Vocations Meeting</td>
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<td>1:00 PM</td>
<td>Volleyball</td>
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<td>Baptism</td>
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<td>6:00 Choir</td>
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Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
—Isaiah 55:7b
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.