Be not afraid.

Respect Life Sunday
Parish Mission

Vince Ambrosetti
Awaken Our Hearts
Enkindling the faith of our families through song, Word, ritual, story and prayer.

October 14-18

Parish Mission Schedule of Events

Sat Oct 14th
Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Day
“Energizing the Parish Family”
Registration required see website

At Masses:
Saturday, Oct 14th 4:30pm
Sunday, Oct 15th All Morning Masses

Sun Oct 15th
Family Concert
“Awaken Our Hearts”
at Divine Savior Church 7pm

Monday, Oct 16th
“Coming into the Presence of God”
7pm in the Church
Fellowship following in the Gathering Place

Tuesday, Oct 17th
“Resting in the Presence of God Through Forgiveness, and Healing”
7pm in the Church
Fellowship following in the Gathering Place

Wednesday, Oct 18th
“Becoming the Presence of God from Table to Word”
7pm in the Church
Fellowship following in the Gathering Place

IGNITE THE FLAME
Internationally acclaimed artist Vince Ambrosetti leads a powerful worship experience, and, though 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! Fellowship and refreshments following each evening.

SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

More information at
Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org
or www.stmarygostyn.org
Faith Formation - Parish Mission tab
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The context for today’s Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers’ tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today’s Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that “actions speak louder than words” and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father’s will.

Jesus’ conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John’s message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Convocation of Priests

This week, Fr. Jim and Fr.. Shaun will be attending the bi-annual Convocation of Priests of the Diocese of Joliet. The theme of the Convocation is “Ministry to Catholic Youth and Young Adults (Millennials).” Blase Cardinal Cupich from the Archdiocese of Chicago will be the keynote speaker on Monday evening. Presenters Dr. Bryan Froehle and Mr. Robert Feduccia will address the group throughout the week, and a small group discussion will take place on Thursday with young adults from the diocese. Please pray for our priests during this week of prayer and discernment. Thank You.

Respect Life Month is observed every October by the church in the United States, beginning with Respect Life Sunday, which takes place this year Oct. 1. The theme for this year is “Be Not Afraid.”

BLESSING OF AN UNBORN CHILD

God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven.

Lord, who have brought to this woman the wondrous joy of motherhood, grant her comfort in all anxiety and make her determined to lead her child along the ways of salvation.

Lord of the ages, who have singled out this man to know the grace and pride of fatherhood, grant him courage in this new responsibility, and make him an example of justice and truth for this child.

In Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R/. Amen.
Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today’s second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul’s appeal to imitating Christ’s humility can enhance your relationships.
Story for Today

To Bosnia and Beyond

Two brothers watching TV in Argyll, Scotland—a less than dramatic call to life changing service. Yet the 1992 broadcast that Magnus and Fergus MacFarlane-Barrow viewed included horrendous images of Bosnian refugee camps.

Shocked, the two salmon farmers, who visited Bosnia as teenagers, wanted to help. They took a week off and began collecting supplies. Everything collected—food, medicine, blankets, clothes—was loaded up and driven to Bosnia. While away, more donations were delivered and Magnus remembers being deeply moved by the “overwhelming generosity.” It inspired him to embark on a mission.

After much prayer, he quit his job, sold his home, and dedicated himself to helping those in need. As reported by CNN.com, he not only returned to Bosnia twenty-two times but, while in Malawi in 2002, he met a local teenager, who showed him his home. “The mother of the family was dying of AIDS. She was lying on her bare mud floor, and she had her six children around her. I started talking to her oldest child [who said] ‘I’d like to have enough food to eat. I’d like to go to school one day.’"

The incident inspired the program he runs today—Mary’s Meals, named after the Virgin Mary—providing free daily meals to four hundred thousand children around the world, including twelve thousand Haitian children. When the Haiti earthquake hit three years ago, the group’s mission expanded even further, to rebuilding schools, feeding elderly Haitians, and providing medicine. MacFarlane-Barrow says that although his Christian faith motivates him, “We are very careful to never link feeding and faith. We serve those who are in need...period.”

Magnus came to God’s work simply by doing it, “looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others” (Phil 2:4). What he says he learned in the process is “that every small act of kindness does make a difference.”

Dr. Constance M. Popp

Coming in November: A Recommitment to Stewardship

Autumn brings a burst of new life that makes September feel almost like spring. Our Parish is preparing for a Mission, centered upon Sacred Music (Awaken our Hearts—Oct. 14 to 18), We are praying the Mission at weekend and school Masses.

We are also preparing for our Stewardship Renewal in November (All Good Gifts surround us – are sent from Heaven Above— on Oct. 28/29 (Stewardship of Prayer), Nov. 4/5 (Stewardship of Service) and Nov. 11/12 (Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving). We will recommit ourselves to the Call to Stewardship.

For the Christian stewards, fall brings a renewed sense of commitment. We make our commitment of time and resources to our parish during November. Stewardship and ministry sign-ups bring a sense of excitement to parish weekends, reminding us of the good work to be done – filling us with hope and enthusiasm for our Church.

This is the time when we reexamine and reconfirm our stewardship.

Why is this important?

Many of the prayers prayed by Catholics, including those of the Mass, have their roots in Hebrew worship. Recognizing this helps us be aware of the strong bond that unites the new People of God living today and the People of God of the Old Covenant.

The prayer of the Church is the prayer of a community, living and dead, who enjoys a special covenant relationship with God. In a very real sense, this relationship also includes the relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters.

In Eucharistic Prayer I the Church prays, “Look with favor on these offerings and accept them as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the bread and wine offered by your priest Meichisedech.”

Whenever the Church gathers for worship we are praying with the entire community of believers. Our prayer is that the promise first made to the chosen people of Israel and fulfilled in the New Covenant of Christ’s blood will extend to people throughout all the ends of the earth.
**Liturgy**

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** - When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalm** - Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** - Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** - Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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**PLEASE NOTE ~ CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE**

Due to Fr. Jim & Fr. Shaun attending the bi-annual Diocesan Priest Retreat, the following schedule will be in place.

**Monday, October 2nd**

6:15 AM Mass

**Communion Services will be held :**

**Tuesday, October 3rd**

6:15 AM Communion Service

No 8:00 AM Mass

**Wednesday, October 4th**

6:15 AM Communion Service

No 8:00 AM Mass

Living Rosary presented by the school.

**Thursday, October 5th**

No 6:15 AM Mass

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Friday, October 6th**

No 6:15 AM Mass

8:00 AM Communion Service

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**COLUMBUS DAY CLOSING**

The Rectory & Parish Center offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in observance of Columbus Day.
We are currently in the process of hiring a Parish Youth Minister (Part-time)
For a complete job description visit our homepage at www.stmarygostyn.org/About Us/Employment Opportunities

A Warm Welcome
We welcome:
Gregory & Belinda Harris
Jason & Michelle Hartwig
Erick & Caren Hernandez
Gregg & Deanna Kane
Larry & Mary Jo Lovitsch
Collin & Kate MacDonald
Zachary & Jenna Quinn
Kristina Rivera
Angelito Santos
Marc & Kelley Sease
Kevin & Lauren Snyder
Scott Tanaka
Katie & Tate Troelstrup
Vince & Noel Valente
Pete & Bryn Wildman
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Mia Elizabeth Bonk, daughter of Darren Bonk & Xena Hajbeh
Charlotte Grace Bruns, daughter of Daniel & Mallory Bruns
Noah Anthony Kuhlman, son of John & Karen Kuhlman
Sophia Elizabeth Santos, daughter of Angelito Santos & Kristina Rivera
Meghan Therese Zettinger, daughter of Daniel & Erin Zettinger

NOW HIRING
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Ministry to the Homebound
Fall Meeting
Wednesday, October 11th
7:00 PM
Location: Parish Center Chapel Meeting Room

Blessing of Pets
In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary Parish will have its annual Blessing of Pets this Sunday, October 1st, at 1:30 PM in the parking lot. All are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing.
SMG School Seeks Nominations for the 2018 NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award

For the past three years, we have been acknowledging the accomplishments of the graduates of St. Mary of Gostyn School. John Tolva ('86), Christine Vargas Kalal ('75), and RJ Starmann ('85) were the past recipients of this honor. The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) is the governing body of all Catholic schools and encourages schools to market the success of their graduates.

We are currently looking for candidates for this year’s award. Do you know an SMG school alum who should be considered for the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award? If so, please complete the short nomination form below and return it to the address on the form. We will honor this individual during a Catholic Schools Week Mass celebration in February 2018. Submit your nomination by November 20, 2017.

Thank you in advance for helping us find the 2018 NCEA Distinguished Graduate.

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NCEA Distinguished Graduate Nomination
St. Mary of Gostyn School
I would like to nominate the following SMG graduate and year: __________________________________________________________
High School graduate attended__________________________________________________________
College graduate attended and major ____________________________________________________________
I believe the aforementioned name is worthy of this honor because of what they have accomplished in their life, what they have given back to their community and/or how they have modeled Jesus in their life. Here are some examples of this….

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This information is being submitted by __________________________________________________________
If you need more information, I can be reached at ____________________________________________

Please return this form to:
Terri O’Dekirk, Development Director, todekirk@stmarygostyn.org or
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
444 Wilson St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
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
Shirley Nolan
Jean Dahm
Nicholas T. Almeida
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jim Donovan
Donna Karlinski
Diane Main
Kate Moss
Ken Norman
Char Ryan
Joey Stefi
Laine Van Houton
Tina Pua
George Drohney Sr.
Lois Bach
Sharon Brinter
Margaret Corbett
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Joseph Karlinski
Virginia Mates
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Tom Salansky
Joan Tagglonia
Audrey Waechtler
Matt Selfridge
Terry Frederick
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
Gertrude Butzen
Tim Meaney
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Frank Davis
Mark Gwoggels
Robert Hayes
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Rob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Ashley Wolfman
Shirley Nolan

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Kaneidra Everson, *wife of Jeff & mother of Giulia*

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

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound

Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings?
If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/960-1063, ext 244.
A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.
First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home/Hospital Visitation

Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.
(Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
Question of the Week

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Theme:
  It’s not enough to merely say you believe. You must also live your faith.

Breaking Open the Word


Step One: Listen to the Word of God.

When you hear the story of the two sons, what about it touches your heart?

What image lingers in your memory from this reading?

- Step Two: Look into your life.
- Question for Children:
  How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?
- Question for Youth:
  Today’s parable reminds us that it isn’t what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?
- Question for Adults:
  How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

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.

- Oct. 4 & 5 Living Rosary during Sessions. All parishioners are invited.
- Oct. 11/12 No RE or Confirm. Sessions
- Oct. 12 5th Grade Parent Meeting. "Walking the Walk & Talking the Talk."
- Oct. 14 -18 Parish Mission—Pick a night
- 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.

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.
Eldercare: Answers to your Questions
Featuring Professionals from Senior Resource Providers

Join us as eldercare professionals share their expertise in helping families plan for the care of their loved one in the later stages of life. This evening is for both those who are caring for a loved one, as well as seniors with questions on managing their affairs.

Panel presentation from Senior Resource Providers includes professionals who specialize in seniors, including an elder law attorney, social worker, a medical and financial assistant, audiologist, and realtor transitioning seniors to a new home.

Gathering Place -- Thursday, Oct 26th -- 7:00 pm

For more information contact Kelly at 630-969-1063 x259, or kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org, or www.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. It’s not too late to join us.

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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**St. Mary Book Group**

*Wednesday, October 11*  
Parish Center  9:30 AM  
*Inspired by actual events, the story of three women during WWII.*

**SMG Evening Book Discussion**

*Thursday, October 19*  
Parish Center  7:00 PM  
*Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance*  
*A deeply moving memoir of his family and the culture in crisis—poor, white Americans.*

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the SMG Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
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.

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.

INVITATION TO CEF SOUNDS OF SACRED MUSIC, OCTOBER 10

You are cordially invited to the SOUNDS OF SACRED MUSIC on Tuesday, October 10 at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1920 Maple Ave, Lisle. The FREE concert will begin at 7:15 pm and last one hour featuring the talent of our school children: the Student Choir of St. Joseph, Lockport and Student Choir of Bishop McNamara Catholic School, Kankakee. Call the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) office today at 815-221-6127 to reserve your seats. Since 1996, the CEF has awarded nearly $21 million in scholarships and $450,000 in education ministry grants to schools and parishes in our diocese. Contact JLangenderfer@dioceseofjoliet.org at the CEF to learn more about planning your estate while supporting the ministry of Catholic education.

All Health Care Professionals are cordially invited to celebrate the White Mass with Bishop Joseph Siegel

Sunday, October 15th - 11:00 AM Mass
Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet

The White Mass celebrates “The Guardians and Servants of Human Life” Physicians, Nurses, Health Care Providers, Along with their families and friends

Please join us at 10:30 AM, as we pray the Rosary with special intentions for Health Care Professionals.

All are welcome to refreshments in the Commons following Mass. Blessed Medals for Health Care Professional and Caregivers will be available in the Commons. Please be sure to take a medal off the display table, even if you are not able to stay for refreshments.

*RSVP: Respect Life Ministry
(815) 221-6251 or prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org
*RSVP is suggested, but not required to attend.

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.

Traveling Feast Fundraiser

HOPE’S FRONT DOOR (HFD) will be hosting THE TRAVELING FEAST fundraiser on October 5, 2017. Guests will be tasting delectable food offerings from five downtown Westmont restaurants before traveling down the road to their next culinary destination. The money raised will be in support of the Financial Literacy Program – helping area residents gain financial self-sufficiency through baseline financial literacy including budgeting, savings and credit repair. Tickets can be purchased by calling Hopes Front Door (630.241.0187) or on the website www.hopesfrontdoor.org.
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This Week

Monday / 2
9:00 AM  Medical Missions  Gath. Pl. A & B
2:30 PM  Girl Scout Daisy Troop #55326  Gath. Place A
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 3
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music  Underground
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  School  Gathering Place
7:30 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 4
11:00 AM  Golden Agers  Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School, Chapel
6:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch., Chapel, GP
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Evangelization Committee  Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 5
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch., Chapel, GP
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir  Church
6:15 PM  Baptism Team Mtg.  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Baptism Prep. Class  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Knights of Columbus  Gathering Pl. A

Friday / 6
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 7
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 / 8
7:00 AM  CRHP #24 - Men  Chapel
7:30 AM  SVdP Clothing Drive  East Parking Lot
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
1:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
1:30 PM  Baptism  Church
4:30 PM  6:00 Choir  Church

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.
— Philippians 2:5
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.