Parish Mission

Vince Ambrosetti

Awaken Our Hearts

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Schedule of Events

**Sunday, October 15th**
Family Concert
“Awaken Our Hearts”
at Divine Savior Church 7pm

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

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

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

*Enkindling the faith of our families through song, Word, ritual, story and prayer.*
As the holidays are fast approaching, St. Mary’s would like to support the Military serving in combat zones around the world. Our troops are in harm’s way and we would like to show them that although they are away from home, they are not forgotten.

St. Mary’s will be having a Military Collection Drive before all the Masses on Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd. There will be collection bins at the Church entrances to place your donations.

At this time, holiday boxes are being packed and additional items are needed to fill the stockings. We will deliver the items to Operation Support Our Troops America, where the items will be packed and shipped. For questions, please call Cindy at (630) 209-5431.

Please note that we cannot accept glass items, sizes larger than listed, or expired items.

Thank You for helping us support our troops!

**Items Needed**

- Peanut Butter (16 oz or less – plastic only)
- Fruit snacks/Rollups (indiv. Packs)
- Slim Jims/Jerky Sticks (indiv. Wrapped)
- Trail Mix (indiv. Packs)
- Licorice/ Twizzlers (indiv. Wrapped)
- Individual Hot Chocolate Packets
- Granola Bars / Breakfast Bars
- Small unbreakable Christmas ornaments
- Ziploc Bags - Snack size & Gallon Size (without the slider)
- Rice Krispie Bars
- Gum
- Individual packs of cookies
- Starlight Mints/Lifesavers
- Chocolate Candy Bars
- Non-Chocolate Candy (Skittles, Starburst)
- Tootsie Rolls
- Puzzle/Sudoku Books

Visit [www.osotamerica.org](http://www.osotamerica.org) for more items needed.

We always need letters to our troops, from every age (Dear Military Person).

If you can’t write a letter, draw a picture!
“Many are called but few are chosen.” It is with those words that Jesus closes His teaching found in today’s Gospel from the Book of Matthew. It is in effect the closing of the Parable of the Wedding Feast. Jesus is trying to explain to us what the Kingdom of Heaven will be like. We could just as easily change the word “called” to “invited.” We may hear the call, but the challenge is responding to it.

It is no coincidence (it never is) that the First Reading from Isaiah also refers to a feast similar to the Wedding Feast in the Gospel. Isaiah opens with, “On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” This is clearly a victory banquet, and whether we believe that it all begins with a banquet or not, the point is that Jesus speaks of this banquet and He is really looking forward to it. He said to His disciples at the Last Supper, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s Kingdom (Matthew 26:29). In this, Jesus spoke of His longing expectation for the day when He would take communion with His people at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Jesus is excited about this event; are we?

It is difficult to imagine that moment for us. We have waited for Jesus. He has saved us. God may sometimes seem distant to us, but the Lord’s ways are always best. Our salvation is from Christ, and so there is everything to be glad and rejoice in it! We can praise God for these blessings right now.

The Gospel from Matthew is referenced in the opening of this reflection. It is what is called the Parable of the Wedding Feast. We might say that this has to do with judgment, the judgment we each will receive. There are two possible responses to God’s call to stewardship and discipleship. We can be indifferent toward it, a challenge for many, or we can oppose it, another common response. Jesus’ point is that it does not matter. Either response results in judgment by God.

Whether we choose to ignore God’s invitation, or whether we choose to completely reject it, the result is the same. All are invited to the Feast. It is God Who makes us fit, not us. Jesus may have been speaking directly to the sin-hardened hearts of the leaders, but He is also speaking to us. The choice is ours. We can follow Him or we can follow our perspective of what is real. He is the Way.

Gospel Connection

It’s a strange little parable today, but we shouldn’t get caught up in the problematic details that exist in it. Rather, we should pay attention to the big picture. We are invited to the feast: the kingdom of heaven. And we have to be ready to respond when that invitation comes. We can dispose ourselves to be open to the Lord by taking time for prayer, by learning more about our faith, by reading the Scriptures, and by practicing works of charity. These things help to align us to God’s will and prepare us for the invitation to the feast that will come.
Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

SEPTEMBER 2017 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 361 Individuals within 144 Families. So far, this year we have fed 2,638 Individuals within 1,090 Families.

WE ARE EXTREMELY SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS

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.

Pantry item most in need is Spaghetti Sauce.

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 donation from Jim and Lois Murawski in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Received a huge bag of sweet corn (over 100ears) from Jim/Nancy Sadowski.
4. Received four large boxes of food from SUBURBANITE BOWL plus a nice cash donation from their summer food pantry program.

September Adage: Some husbands know all the answers. They’ve been listening for years.

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.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

There are certain Bible verses Christian stewards have memorized. One of them is in Saint Paul’s letter to the Philippians found in today’s second reading—"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (4:13). Most people define themselves either by their problems or their possibilities. Fearful people wake up each morning ensnared by their problems. Christian stewards wake up reflecting on their possibilities with confidence and hope. Some stewardship reflection questions for the week: What challenges do you back away from because you doubt that you are up to them? What would you attempt tomorrow if you were sure God would help you?
I recently visited with the pastoral council of a local parish. It was the first meeting of the season for the council, and the first meeting for newly appointed members. I was asked to provide a brief introduction to stewardship.

After prayer, I asked the group “when I say the word ‘stewardship’ what first comes to mind?” This particular group’s sharing was insightful: God asks us to care for all that we are and all that is; stewardship is about sharing what we have; it is a faith-response to Christ; stewardship is about using well something that is really God’s. It was heartening to hear such understanding from this council, and encouraging that I have heard similar responses from many groups in the past few years. No longer, it seems, is “money” the first thing that comes to everyone’s mind when they hear the word “stewardship.”

This increase in understanding is the result of the hard work, dedication, and leadership of many: bishops, clergy and lay leaders. It is borne of consistent efforts to teach stewardship as a way of life. And just as stewardship itself is an expression of discipleship, applied in the daily circumstances of our lives, forming people as stewards requires us to continue to spread the message throughout the year.

Like the pastoral council with whom I met, we recognize that all we are and all we have truly are God’s. Our time together to learn, explore and grow as steward is a way of stewarding well our talents, knowledge, time, and friendship, as people who are committed to Christ’s sacrificial way. Let us take this moment to re-dedicate ourselves as stewards, trusting in the providence of our good and gracious God in whose image we are created.

Stewardship reflections by Leisa Anslinger for parish stewardship leaders.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for October

Heavenly Father,

As we observe Respect Life Month, we are especially mindful of the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose life, ministry, death and resurrection serve to witness Your immeasurable love for us all.

May Christ lead us to be good stewards of our brothers and sisters, and to realize that all lives we bring to Him are sacred and deserve to be looked upon in Your image and likeness.

Strengthen those who devote their lives to nurturing the most vulnerable, including the sick, the aged, children and those yet to be born.

Let their witness give us the courage and resolve to proclaim the Gospel of Life to all whom we encounter.

And send your Holy Spirit upon us to give us the wisdom and resolve to be servants of humankind, living icons of Christ, the servant of us all.

We ask all this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
6:15 AM - John Benton
8:00 AM - Kathleen Shea req. Pardo Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017
6:15 AM - Linda Romenesko req. Romenesko Family
8:00 AM - Val Claus req. Drobney Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017
6:15 AM - Loretta Barrett
8:00 AM - Patricia O’Donnell req. Frank & Dianne Czopek
Sal Madonia req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
6:15 AM - Jack Luka
8:00 AM - Dr. Harold Lindahl Jr. req. Candy’s Book Club Friends

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017
6:15 AM - George Estrada req. Joe Panico
8:00 AM - Joan Arif req. Beatrice Vlasick

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017
8:00 AM - Marge Parenteau req. Mike & Mary Signer
4:30 PM - Thomas & Ruth Quinn req. Thomas Quinn Jr.
Ron Rodi req. Ron & Mary Buchler

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Nancy Rodgers
10:00 AM - Tom GowgIEL req. Sue GowgIEL
Robert Noonan req. Corbett Family
12:00 PM - Czeslaw Gnyla & Jan Rabiasz req. Family
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).
Psalm - I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).
Second Reading - God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).
Gospel - I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

*Please Note*
There will be a Baptism at the 4:30 PM Mass next Saturday.
Around the Parish

ALTAR FLOWERS
The lovely Stargazer and Blue Delphinium arrangement this week on the altar was donated by
KONRAD & GAIL MISKOWICZ-RETZ
as they celebrate their
18TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Thank you and Congratulations!

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE
AT ST. MARY’S

St Vincent DePaul is sponsoring flu shots for the folks that come to the St Mary’s or St Joseph Food Pantry. We also extend an invitation to our Seniors who attend the Luncheon on the same day. Walgreens will be providing Flu and Pneumonia shots from 8:30 until 11.00am on NOVEMBER 1st. The shots will be administered in the Gathering Place. Anyone from the parish is welcome to get one or both shots during this scheduled time. Walgreens will accept Medicare, Medicaid, or any insurance. If you have no insurance and cannot afford the shot; the shot will be free.

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Noah Phillip Atlas, son of Phillip & Kristin Atlas
Anthony Vincent Hernandez, son of Anthony & Julia Hernandez
Clara Ann Snyder, daughter of Kevin & Lauren Snyder

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
School News

We installed our 2017/18 Student Council Members at Mass on September 27.

Congratulations to this year’s Student Council Representatives and Officers

President - Gretchen Lucina
Vice President - Emily Labno
Secretary - Ned Kalata
Treasurer - Ben Romenesko

4th Grade
Charlotte LaBianco
Jack Rogers
Lynney Tarnow
Eliana McCauley

5th Grade
Gabi Slevin
Billy Tierney
Ruby Fernandez
Caroline Sobkowiak

6th Grade
Grace Babich
Mary Kate Casey
Abbie Dombrowski
Curtis Mysliwiec
Jennifer Lucina
Ella Reiser
Hugh Flannery
Rory O’Connor

7th Grade
Jimmy Almeida
Grace Tierney
Kaitlin Jeschke
Lucy Fernandez
Ava Bechstein
Maddie Casey
KiKi Gaughan
Amanda Quealy

8th Grade
Ben Romenesko
Bridget Callahan
Grace Nelson
Cillian O’Flaherty
Gretchen Lucina
Daniel Jones
Emily Labno
Ned Kalata

A wonderful tradition at our School is our 6th Grade Bible Mass in September. Each student is given their Bible in anticipation of their prep for Confirmation.

Picture submitted by Karen Crowe

Picture submitted by Krista Sobkowiak
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella          Abby Beranek          Felicia Bubula          Jessica Davy          Diane Gayette          Erinner Henes         Doreen Lehner          Spencer Mehr          Rob Noonan           Eleanor Pecka          Elizbath Skipworth      Hugh Toner          Ashley Woltman          Rita Lukowski
Nicholas T. Almeida          Kathy Berg          Ann Clark          Jim Donovan          Rion Gayette          Bobby Johnson         Robert Lehner          Dolores Mendoza         Fr. Ernie Norbeck        Cynthia Petro          Yoshie Snider          Mark Trout          Jean Dahm          Kathy Larson
Lois Bach                    Sharon Binter                Margaret Corbett            Dennis Finn                  Gen Hadamik                  Donna Karlinski            Diane Main                  Kate Moss                Ken Norman                 Char Ryan                Joey Stefka                 Laine Van Houton     George Drobnay Jr.           Jan Hofmaier
Anna Bandur                  Bill Brown                  Helen Czulak                  Becca Gorman                 Hope Hathaway                Joseph Karlinski            Virginia Mates            James Murawksi               Daniel Oliver           Tom Salanksy                  Joan Taglifonia          Audrey Waechtler            Terry Frederick
Gabriella Beirne           Tom Brown                    Frank Davis                  Mark Gowgiel                  Robert Hayes                 Kenny Kern                  Eddie Mayerik              Andrea Mutton                 Mary Ann Papievis      Kay Selfridge                  Sharon Tallerico          Loretta Wies                  Tim Meaney

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Gertrude Butzen, aunt of Carol Agurkus
Roger Glanz, brother of Sister Loretta Glanz
Wendy Toufexis, niece of Mary Signer

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).
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- **Oct. 14-18** Parish Mission—RE families, pick a night to attend as a family.
- **Oct. 18 & 19** No RE or Confirmation Sessions at school building. Families attend 1 mission night as RE Class.
- **Sunday Oct. 29** Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Afternoon of Reflection. 1 pm in Church
- **Oct. 25 & 26** RE & Confirmation Resume.
- **November 1** All Saints Day. Families attend the 5:30 pm Mass w/fair to follow.

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**Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Afternoon of Reflection.**

A reminder to all 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation Students and Sponsors. Sunday, October 29 will be our annual Afternoon of Reflection. Remind your sponsor to attend with you. If a sponsor cannot attend, bring a parent instead 1:00—2:30 pm in the Church.

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**All Saints Day**

On Wednesday, November 1, the Religious Education Students will come together to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation with the parish at 5:30 pm. Afterwards, all are invited to come to the Gathering Place to enjoy some festivities. Please join us.

- At the end of Mass the 3 & 4 graders will join in the Parade of Saints, dressed as your favorite Saint.
- In the Gathering Place:
  - K-2 Grade artwork will be on display at the "Saints Art Museum."
  - 5 & 6 Grade will entertain at "Saints on Stage."
  - 7 & 8 Grades will staff the "Fair" for the little ones with games, activities, etc.

All are invited to simple refreshments at the "All Saints Café"

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word.**

Do you have young children (PK—Grade 1) coming to Mass with you? Are you a storyteller? Do you love the idea of children hearing the Word of God? There is a volunteer position open for you here at St. Mary. We need the help of adults with or without young children, to come forward for the ministry of Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

This ministry is offered on average three times a month. Children are escorted to the Gathering Place to hear the Word of God is language they can understand. Adult and teens help them reflect on the message, and then they return to the main Church in time for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We currently have a team of 4 adults who serve the 8 am and 10 am Masses on a rotating basis. The number of children who participate is large enough we could use two adults per session.

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.

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Questions: kjohnson@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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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd**

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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, 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.
40th ANNIVERSARY TO THE PRIESTHOOD
REVEREND THOMAS PAUL

On November 5, 1977, Rev. Thomas Paul was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Joliet. Father Paul served as pastor at St. Mary Gostyn from 1994 until 2006. Father is very grateful for the many memories that he has from all the communities that he has been part of. In a very special way, the people of St. Mary’s are very close to his heart. He would like to let all former parishioners know of his upcoming anniversary.

All are welcome to attend an Anniversary Mass on November 5, at 9:00 am at Immaculate Conception Chapel, 130 Arthur St., Elmhurst. A reception will follow in Plunkett Hall. No invitations are being issued. Father Tom looks forward to the opportunity to celebrate with former parishioners who have shared in the years of his priesthood. Most importantly, he would appreciate your prayers as he continues serving the Church.

FOR WIDOWED MEN AND 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

HOLY FAMILIES SEEKING REFUGE:
A CATHOLIC FRAME OF REFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION
Saturday, October 28th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Saint Joseph Church, Fitzgerald Hall

Join members of the Joliet Diocese Office of Human Dignity and our Parish Faith Formation Board as we explore this challenging pastoral and social issue through the lenses of scripture, the Church’s social teaching, the specific challenges faced by the immigrant community, and the resources available to them. How are we called as Catholic Christians to respond to these holy families who experience in our time the same perils experienced by the Holy Family?

AN INVITATION TO SERRA MASS AND DINNER

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, October 23, 2017 at St Michael’s Parish, 310 S Wheaton in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

Speaker at the Dinner, Tony Brandolino, as Chief Development Officer for the Diocese of Joliet, is responsible for the vision, strategy and implementation of all fundraising activities for the Diocese. An accomplished musician, Tony serves as Music Director for his parish church of St Jude in Joliet, is involved in his community and is Vice President of the American Italian Cultural Society.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr :carrgeo-jo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994

TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS

On Sunday, November 5, 2017 all families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. This beautiful liturgy will remember babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, other pregnancy losses or early childhood death. At 2:00 p.m., a special tree blessing ceremony for family members to commemorate these babies will precede the mass. Family members may wish to arrive at 1:30 pm to sign in and to gather in the chapel. A reception with light refreshments will be served immediately following. To register online, go to http://conta.cc/2f4CvXS or call 815-838-5334 by November 1. If you are not able to attend but would like your baby remembered, please call us.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOSTS FUNDRAISER

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is hosting “Playing for Miracles,” a fun and lively fundraiser on Friday, November 3 at The Carlisle (435 E. Butterfield Rd.) in Lombard. The event, sponsored by Hollywood Casino Aurora & Joliet, features open bar, gourmet dining stations, charitable gaming, and extraordinary prizes! It’s sure to be a great time! Tickets are $125 each and are available online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140. All funds raised will be directed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

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This Week

**Monday / 16**
- 2:15 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  Gathering Pl. A
- 3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
- 6:00 PM  Rosary  Church
- 7:00 PM  Parish Mission  Church

**Tuesday / 17**
- 9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music  Underground
- 3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
- 6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
- 7:00 PM  Parish Mission  Church

**Wednesday / 18**
- 3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
- 7:00 PM  Parish Mission  Church

**Thursday / 19**
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
- 1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
- 3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
- 5:45 PM  Children’s Choir  Church
- 6:30 PM  2nd Grade Sacrament Par. Mtg.  Gathering Place
- 7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir  Church
- 7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Living Room
- 7:00 PM  Vocations Meeting  Large Conf. Rm.

**Friday / 20**
- 3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
- 5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

**Saturday / 21**
- 12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
- 9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 PM  Trivia Night  Gym

**Sunday / 23**
- 7:00 AM  CRHP #24 - Men  Chapel
- 8:00 AM  Children’s Choir  Church
- 8:00 AM  Children’s Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Place C
- 8:00 AM  RCIA  Underground
- 1:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
- 4:30 PM  6:00 Choir  Church

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.  — Philippians 4:13
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.