Jesus said to the Pharisees,

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21
Awaken Our Hearts!

Renewed and invigorated, from our mission this past week, we go forth. We thank God for the many gifts and blessings we have each received, and, in gratitude, we then turn to bless others.

- Join a ministry - there’s more than 60 active ones!
- Read the Bible, or join a study or a prayer group.
- Listen to a Catholic speaker
- Check out FORMED.org - speakers, studies, movies
- **One Topic One Night** - delve deeper into pertinent topics relating to our faith - Nov. 7th speaker topic: *Why Women Cannot be Priests*

Watch the bulletin - come on Sunday. Exciting things are happening in our parish - be a part of it!

Thank you to the many people and ministries that helped with the mission this week. Your generosity and stewardship helped make for a grace-filled week. Thank you for living the Gospel message - it’s not about us, but rather about putting the Word into action.
I would like to thank Vince Ambrosetti, our Mission Director, and his assistants Bob and Nancy for this past week’s inspiring and motivating Parish Mission: “Awaken Our Hearts”.

A Special Thanks to Joe and Judy Cosenza who proposed inviting Vince to our Parish and generously underwriting the entire cost of the Mission. To the Mission Committee headed by Kelly Johnson, Steve Bisaillon, Deacon Bob, Fr. Shaun, and the entire staff of St. Mary’s, pastoral and rectory staffs as well. We have much to reflect upon as we continue our journey of faith, both as individuals and a parish community, coming into the presence of God through Forgiveness and Healing, and becoming the Presence of God from Table to Word to the World.

Thank You to all who attended these Sacred Days.

**Coming in November:**
**A Recommitment to Stewardship**

We are also preparing for our Stewardship Renewal, beginning next weekend: *(All Good Gifts around 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.

You will be receiving a letter in the mail from me this coming week, asking you to prayerfully consider joining us in this Stewardship Commitment.

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Clockwatching is a miserable pastime, yet sadly people all over the world are in jobs where they often do just that. It really has nothing to do with the job. Corporate presidents can fall into the wretchedness of clockwatching just as easily as a loose-leaf filer at the local law library.

It’s all about attitude and point of view. If you are dissatisfied with your work and wish you could be somewhere else, you are a prime candidate for clockwatching. If you’re distracted by personal problems—or personal bliss—it’s easy to fall into counting the seconds before you can bolt and get on with the rest of your life: Workers in the first throes of love, new parents, or anyone with a sick loved one at home are notorious clock-watchers.

Occasional clockwatching is not remarkable, but when it becomes a day-in, day-out habit, it’s time to consider your options. Staring hypnotically at the passage of each second is no way to live. It is certainly not what God had in mind for us when he breathed life into us.

Clockwatching in a different form is what the Pharisees are doing in today’s gospel and what each of us does in our judgment of others. We try to count and measure every element of God’s law until we loose the spirit and faith behind it. Instead of measuring hurts and perceived injustices day in and day out, why not spend your time in labors of love.

–Patrice J. Tuohy

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In today’s Gospel we hear proclaimed a profound teaching by Jesus on stewardship. What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward’s support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel.

SAINT MARY APPALACHIA MINISTRY ~ CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Once again Saint Mary Appalachia Outreach Ministry will be furnishing Christmas gifts for the children of McCreary County, Kentucky. Names will be available in the Narthex before and after the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, October 28th & Sunday, October 29th after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses. You may choose your child’s name at this time. If you cannot make it on this day and would like a name, or would like more information, please call Deacon Al at (630)960-3565 ext. 221 or Nancy Babel (630)852-2692

The gift of NEW CLOTHING will be:

* Pair of jeans
* Socks
* Underwear
* Winter hat
* Shirt or sweat shirt

For some of the children this may be the only Christmas gift they receive. Gifts will be collected in the narthex on Saturday, November 18th from 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM and Sunday, November 19th from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM. It has been through your generosity for the past thirty two years, that we have been able to provide thousands of Christmas gifts to the children of McCreary County. This year we will have 195 names.

School Receives Tuition Assistance Grant from CEF

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has awarded $6,100 this year to St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic School in support of our students who have qualified for financial assistance. The CEF provides scholarship awards each year to qualified grade school and high school students who apply and we join CEF in sincere thanks to parishioners and donors who support the CEF Scholarship Program. The application timeframe for next school year will be January through March 2018. This year the CEF Scholarship Campaign is helping to provide $2,130,297 in scholarships to 1,648 students. Since 1996, nearly $21 million in financial aid has been distributed to over 15,000 grade school and high school students. Contact the CEF Office at 815-221-6127, JLangenderfer@dioceseofjoliet.org or www.CEFJoliet.org - to offer your pledge of support for the Scholarship Campaign or ask about planning your estate while supporting your school directly or the ministry of Catholic education.
In this World Mission Sunday, we have the wonderful opportunity to contemplate the meaning of faith in our own lives – and our own role in spreading our belief in Christ. St. Paul, the great missionary of the early Church, valued the members of the Body of Christ, and wanted them to appreciate each other in our Savior. “We give thanks to God always for all of you...unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.... For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 5). Paul and the other Apostles and disciples transformed the world through their far-flung journeys to preach the Good News. Today we must realize that we are still a missionary Church. The ministry, passion and death of Jesus were not just ancient historical events. Through His resurrection, Christ saved us from the consequences of sin and death. Our Lord lives as truly now as He did two thousand years ago. And it is up to us to share our faith through prayer, example and support for the Missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. A day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission!

Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org.

Chat – Pray – Give this World Mission Sunday.

Saturday, October 28, is the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude. St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of our Savior. St. Jude was one of the 12 apostles of Jesus. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62 and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. In his New Testament letter, Jude stresses that we should persevere in an environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as our forefathers in the Christian faith had done before us. He is known as the Patron Saint of Desperate Cases and is invoked by many for assistance.

St. Simon was surnamed the Zealot for his rigid adherence to Jewish law and to the Canaanite law. He was one of the original followers of Christ. Western tradition is that he preached in Egypt, and went to Persia with St. Jude, where both suffered martyrdom.

Answering the right question

It may seem that Jesus is non-responsive to the questions that come his way. But the truth is that he is responsive to the question beneath the question. There's an ancient story of the man who came to a wise man to complain that his wife didn't appreciate him.

The wise man instructed him to go home and listen to whatever his wife said. The man returned, saying things were worse. “I’ve listened to everything she has said, but she still says I don’t appreciate her.” “Fine,” said the wise man. “Now go home and listen to everything she doesn’t say.”

Jesus does that kind of listening and frequently answers the questions His listeners didn’t even realize they were asking.
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The Lord said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).
Psalm - Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).
Second Reading - Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).
Gospel - Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s (Matthew 22:15-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
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

ALTAR FLOWERS
This week's floral arrangement was donated by Sara Hannibal in celebration of her husband John Hannibal's 80th Birthday.

St. Mary of Gostyn
“BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE”

We will be collecting baby bottles before all masses on Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th.

Waterleaf Women’s Center and the St. Mary’s Reverence for Life would like to thank you for your contributions!

Social Sunday this weekend!

Please join us in the Gathering Place for Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses this weekend. We encourage all new parishioners to join us.

Representatives from the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Cemeteries Ministry will be here with us in the gathering space after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am masses to discuss the new Holy Family Cemetery Mausoleum and Cremation Columbarium recently developed here in Downers Grove as well as to provide additional information on the Catholic Burial options the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Joliet has to offer.

Military Collection
Drive Today!

Items Needed

- Peanut Butter (16 oz or less – plastic only)
- Gum
- Rice Krispie Bars
- Fruit snacks/Rollups (indiv. Packs)
- Slim Jims/Jerky Sticks (indiv. Wrapped)
- Individual packs of cookies
- Trail Mix (indiv. Packs)
- Starlight Mints/Lifesavers
- Chocolate Candy Bars
- Licorice/Twizzlers (indiv. Wrapped)
- Tootsie Rolls
- Ind. Hot Chocolate Packets
- Puzzle/Sudoku Books
- Non-Chocolate Candy (Skittles, Starburst)
- Granola Bars / Breakfast Bars
- Small unbreakable Christmas ornaments
- Ziploc Bags - Snack size & Gallon Size (w/o the slider)

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.

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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
Dear Parishioners,

With Gratitude, Thanksgiving, and Excitement I present to you the Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. Because of your commitment to our parish through Prayer, Service, and Financial Support, we were able to meet all our goals for the parish budget, the Capital Campaign, and begin to anticipate needs for the future.

For the first time in many, many years we were able to use funds from the past year to make extra payments on the principal on our parish debt, save funds for future capital repairs to our campus, plan greater security in our school and parish buildings, and anticipate long-term expansion of our physical needs.

Many people continue to serve in Liturgical and Service Ministries in our parish. I am especially proud of our newly Confirmed young people who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and in other ministries.

I am grateful to the great staff we have at St. Mary of Gostyn, who I have asked to take on more responsibilities, working collaboratively as a team. Their sacrifice and support strengthen us in our commitment to serve you.

All these efforts are possible because of you, the People of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish in your support of our parish in your Time, Talent, and Treasure. Together as Priests, Deacons, Staff, and Parishioners, we are making an impact on the life of our church and continue to further the Message of Christ in the World.

Thank You and God Bless You,

Rev. James A. Schwab
Pastor
# St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Stewardship Report

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* School column includes Elementary School, Preschool, After School Care, and Home School Association (HSA).

* Fundraisers are net of donations to School Endowment Fund, $70,000, Athletics, $10,000, and Tuition Assistance, $11,650.

* School programs include Hot Lunch, Athletics, and Fine Arts: Revenue $129,001 less expenses of $113,362.

* Loan principal payment of $100,000 to be repaid in September 2017.

* Of the Church net surplus, $9,737 is restricted to the Crisis Fund.

* Capital Campaign project expenses were more than current year donations, so deficit of ($37,547) is restricted to the Capital Campaign.

**Additional Information as of 06/30/2017**

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Thank you for being wonderful stewards by sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. Your generosity allows our parish to provide many diversified programs and services for all, rooted in faith, education, service and community. We had an excellent year from a fiscal perspective. Although the financial statement shows a modest surplus, we were able to repay $100,000 on our Diocesan loan and set up a reserve for future school improvements for the first time in many years.

- Our Sunday, Easter, Christmas and Holy Day collections ended the year $6,000 under budget, but were offset by a parishioner bequest of over $23,000, and $31,000 in Diocesan rebates thanks to your generous response to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.
- Combined with payroll savings from staffing changes, vendor contract re-negotiations, and a mild winter, the church ended the year with a $30,000 surplus after restricting the Crisis funds collected on Ash Wednesday.
- The Valentine Gala fundraiser, raffle, and Call for Cash earned over $194,000! Of this, $70,000 was deposited into the School Endowment Fund, $10,000 went to the Athletic Boosters, and $11,650 was collected for the Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund. Funds raised over budget will benefit the school’s safety and security initiatives planned for 2017/2018.
- Capital improvements included a new Church/Rectory/Parish Center security system, new tile in the rectory kitchen, upgrades to offices in the Parish Center, and a fence to be installed around the lower parking lot.
- As of June 30th, Capital Campaign pledges totaled over $1,071,000 with payments received of almost $942,000 from 536 parish households. The HVAC projects in the church, rectory and parish center were completed this summer with the exception of the Narthex A/C. We are waiting on Village approval to proceed with the project. The school and Learning Resource Center (LRC) air conditioning projects slotted for this summer were postponed due to bid/budget disparities. We are currently researching alternative ways to cool the school that are in line with original estimates.
- The July 2017 request by Fr. Jim to make a commitment or an additional commitment to the Capital Campaign has resulted in another $30,000 in pledges.

**BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2017/2018**

- Sunday collections are budgeted at $29,000 per week. Christmas and Holy Day collections remain about the same as 2016/2017 actuals, but Easter was budgeted for less due to the timing of Spring Break.
- The Religious Education program is budgeted for 500 students. Our search continues for a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator.
- School tuition increased 3% with projected enrollment of 355 K-8 students and 65 preschool students.
- Parish fundraisers are budgeted to raise $192,200, net of costs. $150,000 of the Valentine Gala fundraiser and Lucky in Love raffle will benefit the school’s operating budget and the Athletic Boosters. Other fundraisers include: Golf Outing; 5K race; Trivia Night; and Manna. Please consider participating in these fun, community building events.
- On the expense side, staff received an average 2% salary increase.
- This year the School is fortunate to have the Social Worker from Catholic Charities on site two days a week. Our Math and Reading Resource teachers will continue to provide extra support outside the classroom, some of which is funded by a generous benefactor.
- The 1:1 device initiative is expanding to all students. Students in Grades 5 - 8 each have a Samsung Chromebook and students in Grade 4 have a Microsoft Surface Tablet for school/home use. Students in Grades K-3 will each have an iPad for school use. Interactive white boards, LCD projectors, and document cameras are in all classrooms and complement our advanced technology program.
- The average cost to educate one child (K-8) in 2017/2018 is over $6,000 vs. the tuition rate of $4,466.
- The parish Investment in Education (subsidy) is budgeted at $411,000 for the school (18% of operating expenses and approximately $1,150 per student) and $114,569 for Religious Education and Youth Ministry.
Our anniversary year, “Blessed in Tradition- Faith in Our Future, Celebrating 125 Years,” was celebrated with a variety of activities that also allowed us to fulfill our mission.

* Opening Mass on June 12, 2016, celebrated by Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, and followed by a luncheon at Benedictine University
* A booth at Rotary Grove Fest with a Pope Francis cut out for pictures
* Parish Picnic, Community Service Day, and Parish Mission
* SMG School Alumni Reunion and Valentine Gala annual dinner dance and auction
* May crowning and reception
* Publication of a beautiful pictorial Parish Directory

We welcomed Fr. Shaun Cieslik as our new Parochial Vicar, Mr. Christopher Tiritilli as our new School Principal, and Mrs. Mary Jane Wahl as our new Director of Religious Education. Our education programs included:

* Almost 440 students in our School, Preschool through Grade 8
* About 410 students and 70 volunteers in our Religious Education Program
* Adult Faith Formation programs that provide our community with a platform to cultivate enriching ideas, appreciate learning, and grow in faith as a lifelong process.
  ♦ St. Mary’s CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Faith Education) offers morning and evening Bible Studies
  ♦ Nourish for Caregivers is a ministry that addresses the practical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families caring for a loved one in the framework of the Catholic faith

Growing in faith, worship, and prayer is a never-ending journey. Throughout the year we celebrated Liturgies and the following Sacraments with the help of our parishioners:

* 15 Wedding Celebrations
* 73 Infant Baptisms, 5 Adult Baptisms and 3 received into full Communion at the Easter Vigil, and 4 Professions of Faith
* 91 First Communions and 115 Confirmations
* 76 Funeral Masses/Services
* 183 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, of which 25 are new teen graduates
* 42 Lectors, including 7 that are new teen graduates
* 11 Homebound Ministers that visit parishioners unable to attend Mass and 8 Ministers who preside at Sunday Communion services at Oak Trace Retirement Community
* 70 Music Ministers, 80 Altar Servers, and 20 Ushers

We continue to serve and assist those less fortunate in our parish and throughout the community. This is a small sampling of our many ministries:

* PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) teams serve the homeless in our area from September to June
* St. Vincent de Paul Society operates our Food Pantry and gives financial assistance to struggling families
* The Knights of Columbus sponsor the Parish Picnic, St. Joseph’s Table, and Lenten fish fry’s
* Appalachia Outreach collects Christmas gifts and builds homes for families in McCreary County, Kentucky
* Medical Missions and Golden Aiers give seniors an opportunity to help others and socialize

We accomplished all this with 2,500 registered households and an estimated individual census of about 8,200. Thank you for your participation and support!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Judy Pevitts, *sister-in-law of Theresa Pevitts*

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 Braash  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.
(Also, please see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
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

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"

Foundations of Faith Series Continues:
Offered through our Religious Education Office, for catechist and volunteers, this course is open to ALL ADULTS of the Parish. This year we will study the Creed in a series of 3 mini courses.

Join us on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 pm in the GP
The Creed summarizes the most fundamental truths of our faith which have been handed down to us from Christ, in and through the Church. By beginning to unpack the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, this course helps participants continue to grow in understanding of both the Triune God of Love and the call to build the Kingdom of God.

Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

• 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.
• November 8 & 9 RE and Confirmation Sessions

Children’s Liturgy of the Word.
There is a volunteer position open 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 in 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.

Contact Mary Jane at: 630-960-3565 ext. 219
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.

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

All Welcome
Session 5

Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love.

In St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he reminds us that we are to “[speak] the truth in love”. This session will explore the goal of Engaging With Moral Relativism to share a beautiful message of hope and healing.

More info: www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation -Café Evening or Kelly at 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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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.

Grow Your Faith. Walk in Christ.
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!
**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.

**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?

**MAYS Lake MINISTRIES PRESENTS:**  
**MARY’S WOMEN FALL TEA**  
**UNDOING THE EVERY DAY KNOTS OF OUR LIVES**  
**WITH MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS**

*Presented by: Lauren Nelson*

Join us as we discover all the ways that Mary can help us to untangle the tripplings and trappings of our lives. Before the Holidays overtake us and ensnare us in tinsel and lights, find solace in Mary and the ways she patiently undoes all the knots we create, every day.  
*Tea and refreshments will be served.*

Date: October 28, 2017  
Time: 12pm-2pm  
Location: Double Tree Hotel, Downers Grove  
Cost: $25/ person  
Please register by calling our offices at 630-852-9000.

**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 / 23**
- 2:30 PM Junior Troop #51979 Gym
- 3:00 PM Volleyball Church
- 6:30 PM Rosary Gathering Place
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place

**Tuesday / 24**
- 9:30 AM Tiny Toes Music Underground
- 2:30 PM Junior Troop #50597 Gather. Pl. A
- 3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
- 6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 PM RE Catechist Meeting Gathering Place
- 6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel
- 7:00 PM CRHP #33 -Women Fac. Lunch Rm.
- 7:00 PM Finance & Administration Cmte L.R.C.
- 7:00 PM Grief Support Living Room
- 7:00 PM Worship & Spiritual Life Large Conf. Rm.
- 7:30 PM Evening Bible Study Underground

**Wednesday / 25**
- 3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
- 4:30 PM Religious Education School, Chapel
- 6:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Church
- 6:30 PM Religious Education Sch/Chapel/GP
- 7:30 PM Reverence for Life Chapel

**Thursday / 26**
- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study Gathering Place
- 1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
- 3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
- 4:30 PM Religious Education Sch/Chapel/GP
- 7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Church
- 7:00 PM Senior Resource Presentation Gathering Place

**Friday / 27**
- 3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
- 5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

**Saturday / 28**
- 12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
- 8:00 AM Basketball Gym

**Sunday / 29**
- 7:00 AM CRHP #24 - Men Chapel
- 8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
- 8:00 AM RCIA Underground
- 1:00 PM Basketball Gym
- 1:00 PM Sponsor Candidate Mtg. Gathering Place
- 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](http://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.