God, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer: grant them your peace; let perpetual light shine upon them.

Lois Kikta
Jacqueline Stefanski
Caryl Szwajka
Walter Bronson
Robert Stockhoff
Pauline Rusnak
Emil Rusnak
John Lowry
Margaret Mateski
Rodolfo Campo
Sally VanCura
Howard W. Baldwin
Jacklynne Nowakowski
Joyce Pawlicki
Lynne M. Svehla
Clarence Howell
Daisy Homer
Lorraine A. Stephenson
Jerome Cierniak
Robyn Rauch
Joseph Edward Randall
Leonard Mordis
Sam Bovino
Steven Caragher

Jesse Landeros
Donald Tusek
Carol Orseske
Robert Hilton Ward
David Craven
Fred Pausche
Charles Bach
Nina Schmidt
Eleanor Swiglo
Daniel Chorney
Steven Worrell
John Snow
Mary Ann Clark
Erwin Burton
Nancy Billo
James R. Schouten
Robert P. Noonan
Ronald Rodi, Sr.
Mary Belczak
Sharon Allard
Henry J. Russo
Joseph P. Bolduc
Valentine Claus
Angela DeVries

Anthony Glowicki
Mary Ann Lang
Patricia McDonnell
Ruth Bumblauskas
Elizabeth Mayhall
Darlene Hammer
John W. Spitzer
Arnoldo Salerno
Salvatore Madonia
Roberto Carvajal
Marguerite Parenteau
Eugene Burkauskas
Timothy O'Neil
Richard A. Mayer
Richard McQuaid
Helen Schmanski
Joseph Miller
Joyce Gavin
Kaneidra Everson
Ann Burdi
Evelyn Smith-Hammond
Robert M. Padula
Daniel T. Vucinic

Those who have received the Rite of Christian Burial from St. Mary of Gostyn Church this past year.
St. Mary of Gostyn’s St. Vincent de Paul Society
2017 Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

Adopt-A-Family is a Christmas outreach program for needy families. For more than 27 years, this program has provided Christmas gifts and dinner for 100+ families. Typically, we have about 50 families from the Downers Grove area and 50 families from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Joliet. If you wish to participate, your family purchases a new Christmas gift valued at $20-25 for each member of a needy family. Each needy family provides a ‘wish’ list to St. Vincent de Paul. You also provide all the food necessary to prepare Christmas dinner (or grocery gift cards for one meal).

This is a wonderful experience that you and your family and friends can be involved with during the coming Christmas season. We welcome extended families, school groups, religious education classes, scout troops, office groups, neighborhoods, and others to participate.

How to Get Involved

Fill out the form below and place it in the red baskets located at each church entrance. On the form, indicate the needy family size (1 to 10 or more) you would like to adopt.

Schedule

Sign-up: Nov. 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26 or until all families are adopted
Gift Drop-off: Saturday, Dec 16, 2016, from 8-10AM at SMG parking lot

Questions? Please call Cathy at 630-241-3447 or email at ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net

2017 Adopt-A-Family Sign-Up

Name ________________________________________________________________
If applicable, please identify the group you represent ______________________________
Street address __________________________________________________________
Town ___________________________ Zip ________
Home/cell Phone: (______)____________________________
Email: ______________________________________________
Size of Family Wanted (circle number): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Can you help with the program or delivery on December 16? Yes No Maybe

Drop your completed form in any of the red baskets located at each church entrance.
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Last week we heard about the Pharisees trying to trick Jesus about taxes, coins, and allegiance to Rome. In this week’s Gospel reading, the Pharisees are trying to trick Jesus again! The Pharisees did not like Jesus, and they wanted to trick him into saying something that would make his followers dislike him too. This time they decided to try to trick him by asking him questions about Scripture and the Ten Commandments. They asked, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" The law they’re referring to is Scripture, which the Jewish people followed. Now, all of the people there knew that the Ten Commandments were given to Moses, and that Moses never ranked any commandments more or less important. God never said that one commandment was best, second best, and so on. God had given the Ten Commandments to Moses, and the people knew that all of the commandments were equally important to God and the community.

Jesus knew this, too. He also knew that the Pharisees were trying to trick him into saying something wrong. He knew that the Pharisees wanted him to point to one commandment to be most important. If he did that, the Pharisees would then tell Jesus and his followers that Jesus didn’t think the other commandments were important, and that would have been considered terribly sinful.

But Jesus again could not be tricked. Jesus said that all of the Ten Commandments could be summed up in two commandments. Jesus believed all the commandments were important, and the Pharisees could not trick him and cause a scandal. Jesus explained that the commandments were all about how to love God, and this was the greatest commandment; and second, how to love each other. So if we follow those two things, we will actually be following all of the commandments given to Moses—all ten of them—equally and well. Loving God and loving each other are the most basic parts of behaving like a good Christian.

Congratulations on receiving the Rite of Acolyte

Steve DeSitter of our parish was instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte on October 21, 2017 at St. Isidore Church, Bloomingdale, IL by Bishop Joseph Siegel.

The Ministry of Acolyte assists the deacon and ministers to the priest. His duty is to attend to the service of the altar and to assist as needed in the celebration of the Mass. He may also distribute Holy Communion as an auxiliary minister at the Eucharistic liturgy and to the sick. An acolyte may be entrusted with publicly exposing the Blessed Sacrament for adoration but not with giving benediction. The ministry is conferred by the bishop according to liturgical rites.

Bishop Siegel prayed over the new acolytes:

God of mercy,
through your only Son
you entrusted the bread of life to your Church.
Bless + our brothers
who have been chosen for the ministry of acolyte.
Grant that they may be faithful
in the service of your altar
and in giving to others the bread of life;
may they grow always in faith and love,
and so build up your Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congratulations Steve, wife Therese and daughter Amanda!
There is one word or command that summarizes today’s Gospel: Love. For Jesus there is no distinction between these two commands of loving God and neighbor. One naturally flows from the other. In fact, for Jesus, these commands constitute a way of life for Christian stewards; a unique approach to life and to their relationship with others. Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come into contact: family members, friends, people we don’t like, strangers and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. Love is always for doing well and helping others grow closer to the Lord. What are ways in which we might do better at following Christ’s love command?

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
- Underwear
- Shirt or sweat shirt
- Socks
- Winter hat

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.

NOW HIRING

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 CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 10/22/2017 $ 28,993.73
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 17-18) $29,000.00
Sunday Goal to Date $493,000.00
Sunday Collections to Date $464,917.55
Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($28,082.45)
Other Collection
World Missions $4,743.45

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

PARISHPAY TRANSITIONS TO LPi’s - WESHARE

In February 2017, Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPi) acquired YapStone’s ParishPay, our automated online giving program. As part of the acquisition, on October 12, 2017, all ParishPay accounts transitioned to LPi’s WeShare online giving service, the largest electronic-giving provider serving the Catholic Church. All recurring and one-time donations will continue as scheduled. Donors must authenticate their account and email address to receive WeShare emails or to make any changes to their account. If you don’t use email or previously have had changes and updates handled through the rectory, you may continue with that process.

Please start by going to the old ParishPay website, www.parishpay.com, or the link on our website under Support Us – ParishPay. You will open to the St. Mary of Gostyn home page with three green boxes: 1) I’ve used ParishPay – select this box to verify your existing account; 2) I’ve already verified my account – go to my account; or 3) This is my first online donation – start giving.

To verify your account, you will have to go through a one-time validation requiring:

- Your ParishPay user name
- The last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used with ParishPay

And ONE of the following two options:

- Your email address, or
- A collection name and the specific amount donated within the last six months

Please contact Val Bava at the rectory, 630-737-9624, or the WeShare customer service team for assistance at WeShare@4lpi.com or 800-950-9952 and select Option 1.

Thank you for your patience as we make this transition.

OUR COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

Beginning this weekend, we are reflecting at Mass on Committing ourselves to Stewardship, the theme: All Good Gifts surround us – are sent from Heaven Above. Today, Fr. Shaun is speaking at all the Masses on the Stewardship of Prayer. We begin our Stewardship Commitment by the Call to Prayer for our parish.

For the Christian steward, 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, reminding us of the good work to be done – filling us with hope and enthusiasm for our Church.

Recently, you should have received a letter in the mail from me, asking you to prayerfully consider joining us in this Stewardship Commitment.
Liturgy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017
6:15 AM - Marjorie Schumacher req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017
6:15 AM - The Immaculate Heart of Mary req. Harrington Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 - All Saints Day
6:15 AM - Joseph Massura req. Family
8:00 AM - Frank Kluzek req. Friends & Family
   Angela DeVries req. Jim & Barb Holmes
5:30 PM - Dolores Molitor req. Family
7:00 PM - Michelle Trojanowski req. Konrad & Gail Miskowicz-Retz

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 - All Souls Day
8:00 AM - Thomas & Ruth Quinn req. Thomas Quinn Jr.
   Veronica & Chester Lisowski req. Charles & Lois Bach
7:00 PM - All Souls Mass of Remembrance

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017
8:00 AM - Betty Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
8:00 AM - All Guardian Angels & Priests req. Harrington Family
   Robert Noonan req. Rhea Corrigan
4:30 PM - Liberatto Sachetti req. Adam Walsh Family
   Maxine Benrud req. Paula Smith

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017
8:00 AM - Eileen Fitzgerald req. Noreen Fitzgerald & Joanie Kilbride
   David Craven req. Jerry Kolpa
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Sally Van Cura req. Yahiro Family
   6:00 PM - Lorraine Stephenson req. Brad Luecke

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).
Psalm - I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).
Second Reading - You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers
   (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).
Gospel - You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself
   (Matthew 22:34-40).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rs 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a,14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3;1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

~ PLEASE NOTE ~
CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 30th
6:15 AM Mass
No 8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, October 31st
6:15 AM Mass
No 8:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, November 1st
All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation
6:15 AM Mass
8:00 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass
7:00 PM Mass

Thursday, November 2nd
All Souls Day
No 6:15 AM Mass
8:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Mass

Friday, November 3rd
No 6:15 AM Mass
8:00 AM Mass
ALTAR FLOWERS
The beautiful flower arrangement on the altar this weekend was donated by KATHLEEN BRODIN & FAMILY
In remembrance of TIMOTHY BRODIN on the 5th Anniversary of his joining Our Lord in his peaceful kingdom.

Thank you

Medical Missions Meeting

Monday, November 6th
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
All women from the parish and their friends are welcome.
For additional information, call Clara at 630-971-1702.

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

Miya Ann Claggett,
daughter of Doug & Christine Claggett
Harper Eleanor Hartwig,
daughter of Jason & Michelle Hartwig
Andrew Joseph Hutchison,
son of Paul & Mary Hutchison
Jonathan Edward Hutchison,
son of Paul & Mary Hutchison

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.
Thank you for voting us **Best Preschool in the Western Suburbs**

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stmarygostyn.org
facebook.com/stmarygostyn
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Jessica Davy
Diane Gayette
Erinn Henes
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Rob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Ashley Wolfe
Steve Wolfram
Fr. John Ducaji
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
Tim Meaney
Ken VanderPloeg
Kenneth Twardzik
Lois Bach
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Dennis Finn
Gen Hamadik
Donna Karlinski
Diane Main
Kate Moss
Ken Norman
Char Ryan
Joey Stefka
Laine Van Houton
Rita Lukowski
Louise Clemens
Frank Colonna
Anna Bandur
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
Becca Gorman
Hope Hathaway
Joseph Karlinski
Virginia Mates
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Tom Salansky
Joan Taglioni
Audrey Waechtler
Kathy Larson
Joyce Truby
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
Jan Hofmaier
Vinny Miroglia

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Cecelia Abt, mother of Carol Yarmolich
Louise Clemens, sister of Sr. Loretta Glanz
Jim Smith, father of Susan Palczynski
Lester Torrey, father of Annie Mendez

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
John Svoboda
Bob Lang
Kyle Ng
Kevin Braasch
Christopher Fountain
Zachary Frana
Michael Martel
Nathan Kijowski
Timothy Randazzo
Natalya Brechlin
Josh Cruz
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).
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”

Our Fifth Graders Need You:
We have a 5th Grade class in our Session A, Wednesday 4:30 - 5:35 pm who are still in need of a catechist. We have advertised through email, in the bulleting, in person invitations, pulpit announcements and we still have not located an interested individual.

We just completed our 7th of 30 weeks of sessions, and we have yet to find a volunteer.

Please Pray for a Catechist

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 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.

Contact Mary Jane at: 630-960-3565 ext. 219
The ONE topic ONE night Speaker Series aims to provide our parish a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

One topic. One night. One faith.

November 7th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: Why women cannot be priests

Registration is easy! Go to www.FORMED.org. Click the registration box for parishioners. Type in St. Mary’s Parish Code: 8PQ4J3. Set up your own user name and a password. That’s it -- now you're all set to use FORMED.org, anytime, anywhere simply by logging in. Questions: kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

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Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging or ailing parent, grandparent, or spouse, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides you with a faith perspective as well as practical and emotional supports, tools and shared experiences.

November Topic: Coping With The Holidays

The holiday season brings its own set of challenges and expectations, placing additional burdens on the family caregiver. Together we will explore ways to care and cope with the anxiety and stress of the holidays, so as to find the blessings and gifts of this holy season.

More information: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org

Faith Formation- Nourish tab.

Nourish - For Caregivers

Coping With The Holidays

November Topic: Coping With The Holidays

Every Third Wednesday
November 15th
7:00 pm Parish Center
Drop in - all are welcome
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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Interested in a Ministry?
Want to become more involved in parish life?
We would love to hear from you!

Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!
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.

Thanksgiving Chef’s Table  
Thursday, November 9 at 2:00 PM

You’re invited to experience a Villa St. Benedict Thanksgiving. Sample our holiday cuisine, visit with residents and staff, and explore our lovely community. Call Villa St. Benedict at 630-852-0345 to RSVP.

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.

Memorial Giving Cards

Attending wake services can be a very stressful time for all parties concerned. As visitors, we generally try and buoy the emotions of the family that lost a loved one by sharing stories, experiences, and anecdotes about how much the deceased had touched our life. We genuinely celebrate the impact the departed made in the success of the organizations they worked at or participated in. You want to be comforting, but words fail. You want a remembrance that is lasting, but flowers wilt.

Often times, funeral announcements will convey family wishes that, in lieu of sending flowers, those inclined to such a gesture be given the opportunity to support a cause near and dear to the heart of the person who has gone on to his/her eternal reward. Examples include the American Cancer Society, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or a local Hospice organization. In addition, families often designate a school or parish to receive such funds.

We are pleased to announce that if you choose to honor a loved one to whom St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School has been major influences in their life, our local funeral homes now have cards available to carry out those wishes. We have met with officials from Adams, Winterfield, & Sullivan, Toon, Hallowell & James, Modell, and Knollcrest Funeral Homes. All you need to do when making arrangements for a loved one is tell them you prefer St. Mary’s Parish or School be the recipient of monetary expressions of grief.
This Week

Monday / 30
3:00 PM Basketball
6:30 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Athletics Cmte. Mtg.
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday / 31
9:30 AM Tiny Toes Music
3:00 PM Basketball
6:30 PM Legion of Mary
6:30 PM Prayer Group
7:30 PM Evening Bible Study

Wednesday / 1
8:30 AM SVdPaul Flu Clinic
11:00 AM Golden Agers
3:00 PM Basketball
7:30 PM Evangelization

Thursday / 2
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities
3:00 PM Basketball
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Baptism Class
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus
8:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

Friday / 3
3:00 PM Basketball
5:00 PM PADS

Saturday / 4
12:00 AM PADS
8:00 AM Basketball
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday / 5
7:00 AM CRHP #24 - Men
7:30 AM Boy Scs. Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word
8:00 AM RCIA
10:00 AM RCIC
2:00 PM Basketball
4:30 PM 6:00 Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Volleyball Awards Banquet
8:00 PM Men’s Basketball

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”
— Matthew 22:37
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.