O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Psalm 63:2
In the past two weeks, we have talked about Stewardship, first with Fr. Shaun addressing Prayer and then last week with heads of several ministries talking about opportunities for Service and Outreach. This weekend Fr. Jim will speak on Sacrificial Giving at all Masses.

We pay taxes each year because of the services that our local, state, and federal governments provide us. Even though we may gripe at what is demanded of us, feel that there is often waste, or that our return is disproportionate to what we pay in, we do so because of the common good and because we are loyal citizens of our great country.

Giving back to God by supporting our parish should not evoke those same selfish feelings. From the beginning of time, God has given us the gifts of life and His unconditional love. One day He saw fit to give the first fruits of love for us, the sacrificial gift of his only son, Jesus. Jesus gave his own life for us on the cross and set an example for us of giving unconditionally and of sacrificing so that others might live.

The starting point for Sacrificial Giving is the basic principle of Christian stewardship—that everything we have is a gift from God. In gratitude for God’s generosity, we dedicate a portion of these gifts—our time, talent, and money—to furthering God’s Kingdom.

Planning our weekly offertory gift enables us to give of the first fruits rather than some amount left over after “more important” obligations have been satisfied. The planning process itself can be a spiritual exercise, focusing our attention on our values and priorities.

People may ask ‘How much should they give?’ This question will have as many answers as St. Mary’s has parishioners. Each one of us will only find our answer after deliberate time spent in prayer considering the precious gifts our loving God has provided by His grace. We have been asked to give sacrificially. A sacrifice for one member of our faith community may not be possible for another. Likewise, one family’s sacrifice may be easily exceeded by another family. Our gift amounts will vary, but the important thing is that the sacrifice be given by a willing heart. This giving should be above and beyond what our offering has been for the past several years.

Your Sacrificial Giving pledge isn’t your tax return. It is your return to God of a proportion of the gifts God has given you, which you choose to share with your parish and other charities. Your decision about your level of giving should be one which makes sense and truly reflects your gratefulness to God for the gifts you have received.

It’s often said that “People make the time and find the money for what they value most.” We must challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to value God above all else. This belief will lead us to put our faith in action by finding the time and money to promote God’s priorities because we have made them our priorities as well.

In the pew is a Sharing our Gifts pledge card. After prayerful consideration, please indicate what your level of Offertory giving will be going forward.
Smart Shoppers Shop Early

When it comes to Christmas shopping, there are people on the extreme ends of the preparation spectrum. Some people are constantly on the lookout for the best gift to give someone. On December 26, they’re back at it, and by the time the next Christmas rolls around, they are able to enjoy the holiday because they’ve finished their shopping ahead of time and purchased for their loved ones well-thought-out gifts.

Then there are the procrastinators. They may know that the leaves have changed, the weather has gotten cooler, Santa has entered Herald Square at the Macy’s parade, the radio stations have changed formats to all Christmas music, and the Hallmark Channel has begun its relentless presentation of sappy holiday movies. They see these signs of the times, but nonetheless, come Christmas Eve, they are scrambling to get whatever gifts they can find for the people on their list.

Probably, most people fall somewhere between those two extremes and agree that it’s better not to wait until the last minute. There doesn’t seem to be any good excuse for procrastination: The date of Christmas doesn’t change from year to year. Even though we say so a lot, it does not in fact come earlier and earlier every year. It’s always December 25.

Some folks enjoy the thrill of waiting until the last minute for everything! They like the hustle and bustle at the mall on Christmas Eve. When doing schoolwork or facing some deadline at their jobs, procrastinators swear that they work better under pressure. There’s a common misconception when it comes to procrastinating, however: the mistaken assumption that there will always be enough time.

The truth is that none of us has any idea how much time we have to do anything. We don’t know if we’ll live to see this afternoon, let alone tomorrow. But under the assumption that there’s plenty of time, some of us put off the things we ought to do right away: reconciling with someone with whom we’ve had a falling-out; telling people that we love them and appreciate them; going on a trip we’ve wanted to do for years; and so on.

In the parable today, Jesus calls us to stay awake because his return will come at a time we cannot know. Practicing the means of grace will keep us ready, and our metaphorical lamps full of oil, no matter when Jesus returns.
Dear Parishioners,

Water testing for lead in schools and municipalities have made national and local headlines in the past couple years. In January 2017, Public Act 099-0922 was passed, requiring that by the year’s end (Dec. 2017) Illinois schools complete water testing at all sites built before Jan. 1, 1987. A second phase requires testing in all buildings built between Jan. 2, 1987 and Jan. 1, 2000, which must be completed by Dec. 31, 2018.

St. Mary of Gostyn complied with the new Illinois law and contracted with Weaver Consultants Group, an environmental health company, to undertake the testing of the entire school and parish campus during this first phase. This was completed on September 20, 2017. 56 water samples were collected. We had three areas that called for an action plan due to very low levels of lead, levels that are not at a threshold to cause health concerns.

As a result of these findings, two action plans have been put into place.

- In our LRC and Kindergarten kitchen areas, a routine water flushing program will be conducted daily by a member of the staffs in those areas (LRC and Kindergarten). This will ensure that any standing water is flushed through the system to rid any accumulated lead in the pipeline.
- The water cooler in the PC will have more frequent replacements of the water filter (quarterly vs. annually) to prevent any build up in that unit.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Terri O’Dekirk at todekirk@stmarygostyn.org. Be assured that we will take all actions necessary to protect our students’ and parishioners’ health and will continue to update you with any new information as it becomes available.

Fr. Joe Schmalz

SECOND COLLECTION NOVEMBER 21-22

The national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will take place the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 21-22. The theme of this year’s collection is “CCHD: Working on the Margins.”

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus told his disciples, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame." This is the mission of CCHD (Lk. 14.15-24). CCHD carries out Jesus’ mission of mercy. For over 40 years, CCHD has been the national anti-poverty program of the USCCB working to break the cycle of poverty in the United States and educate on poverty and its causes. Twenty-five percent of funds collected in this collection remain in the Diocese of Joliet and are issued through grants to support local anti-poverty projects.

You will find an envelope in your bi-monthly mailing for this second collection next week.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Other Collections

| All Saints Day | $4,265.08 |

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent. The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent maids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than they had expected. And the wait was long. Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences. Good stewards heed Jesus’ warning: Be prepared to wait for the Lord’s return. Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait? Will the “flames” of passion for the Lord endure? What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out?
Vocation Awareness Week
November 5th to 11th, 2017

THE FAMILY

Yes! It starts in your family. A vocation is a personal calling, a mission, a purpose... more than a career. The Christian Vocation is our holy call to follow Christ and is answered in Marriage, Single life, Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life (Sister, Brother, or Missionary.)

All Christian vocations can lead to heaven!

What can I do?

1. Parents: Pray often that each of your children will hear God’s true vocation for them.
2. Parents: Talk about your vocation and tell your children that you will support them the entire way if they feel the call to explore religious life.
3. Parishioners: Tell someone that they would make a great priest, deacon, sister, brother, mother or father one day and pray for them. (How will they know?)

If you are feeling a call to religious life, pray about it daily, and contact Fr. Shaun or Fr. Jim.

Lord Jesus, guide me to my true vocation. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord
Thank You for teaching me to be generous as You have been generous with me.
Thank You for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from You and that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared.
Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help.
Remind me that my world, my parish, needs Good Samaritans to heal the wounds of our times.
Make me a gift to others in Your name.
Amen.

Want to build a culture of vocations at SMG? Contact Fr. Shaun to join our vocation team.

“Sacrifice, surrender, and suffering are not a popular topic nowadays. Our culture makes us believe that we can have it all...that with the right technology all pain and problems can be overcome. This is not my attitude toward sacrifice. I know that it is impossible to relieve the world's suffering unless God's people are willing to surrender to God, to make sacrifices, and to suffer along with the poor. From the beginning of time, the human heart has felt the need to offer God a sacrifice.”

~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
6:15 AM - Tom & Sue’s 52nd Wedding Anniversary req. Sue Gowgiel
8:00 AM - Celso Vicera req. Manuel & Lourdes Malicay
Living Intention for Jen Claus req. Rita Blaney

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017
6:15 AM - Ron Stephan
8:00 AM - Loretta Ocwieja req. Holmes Family
Rose Marie Schmitt req. Frank Schmitt, husband

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017
6:15 AM - Wendy Toufexis req. Esther Byrne
8:00 AM - Marvin Ronaldson req. Family
Angela DeVries req. Ron & Mary Buchler

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017
6:15 AM - Cecelia Abt
8:00 AM - Catherine Wilson req. Jean Deddo, daughter

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017
6:15 AM - Holy Face of God req. Harrington Family
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Jerry Kolpa

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017
8:00 AM - Shannon & Signer Families req. Mike & Mary Signer
4:30 PM - Edward Wies req. Loretta Wies
Richard Wies req. Loretta Wies

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017
8:00 AM - Patricia Wojtach req. Rita Blaney
Samuel & Mary Easterly req. Family
10:00 AM - Nancy Billo req. Cousins
12:00 PM - Czeslaw Gnyla & Jan Rabiasz req. Family
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).
Psalm - My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading - Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).
Gospel - Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

The Body of Christ AMEN!
ALTAR FLOWERS

This week’s flowers were donated by the RONALDSON FAMILY in remembrance of MARVIN RONALDSON on the 11th anniversary of his going home to be with the Lord.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, November 16 Parish Center 7:00 PM
The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

A love story that takes place before WWI that reaches beyond a small English village.

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

Altar Flowers

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St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ October 2017 Report

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 328 Individuals within 138 Families. So far, this year we have fed 2,966 Individuals within 1228 Families.

WE ARE EXTREMELY SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS

Our Society is looking for new members. If interested call 630 969 1063, leave word with LeAnne or the St Vincent hotline and we will contact you.

1. Need help with the sorting of food for Chicago homeless shelters.
2. Assist with home visits for our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters.

Item most in need is Spaghetti Sauce.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s or Fresh Thyme; please thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Thanks to Jim/Lois Murawski for their large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Thanks to Mike Reeg for coordinating a huge donation of food and beverage left over from the “Ron Santo walk/run for Juvenile Diabetes”.
4. Thankyou St Mary’s 3rd graders for your large donation.

Thanks to Ron/Linda Cuchna for making a large donation to our food pantry.

October Adage: Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it’s called golf.

Don’t forget Amazon Shoppers! You can donate to St. Mary’s SVDP Conference at no cost to you by going to smile.amazon.com and selecting St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary of Gostyn. A percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to SVDP with every Amazon order you place. Thank you for your support!

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. We are open every Wednesday from 8:00am until 11:00am unless Wednesday falls on a holiday then we open on the preceding Tuesday.

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
Huge thanks to this year’s Trivia Night Committee Chairs

Kelly and Sean Durkin
Job Well Done!

Wednesday, November 15th
2:30-5:00pm

Thursday, November 16th
2:30-5:00pm

Sunday, November 19th
during Sunday Masses 9:00am-12:00pm

Monday, November 20th
during Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:30pm

If you are out of town or can't make it to our Book Fair, you can also help support our school library by shopping on-line. All orders ship free to school!

http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmaryofgostynschool

Students Raised $400 for Tuition Assistance

St. Mary's students participated in a Diocese wide event called "Move Your Feet". They contributed $1.00 (or more) and walked around the block encompassing the School with the faculty, our Principal Mr. Tiritilli and Father Shaun. The proceeds from this event will help students in the Diocese who need tuition assistance.

This is a great example of our Children's commitment to helping those in need.

Thank You!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Donna Holas
Donald Jilek, brother of Raymond Jilek
Fr. John Kenny, CSP, brother of our former Pastor, Fr. Don Kenny

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  Bob Lang
Zachary Frana  Timothy Randazzo  Christopher Randazzo  Kyle Ng

We give thanks to God for the safe return of Josh Cruz.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, November 18th and Sunday, November 19th

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

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.
- November 23 & 24: No RE or Confirmation Sessions. Happy Thanksgiving.
- November 29 & 30: RE and Confirmation Sessions

2nd Grade Families
How is your work coming along in your First Reconciliation Chapters

Page 10 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 30th at 7:00pm  
Speaker: Father Shaun  
Topic: What the Church teaches on Same-Sex Attraction

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.

November 15th  
7:00 pm Parish Center  
Drop in - all are welcome

For more information, please contact our Parish Center 630.960.3565.
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

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Our Stewardship Campaign began two weeks ago with a focus on prayer. Fr. Shaun spoke at each parish Mass about the power of prayer and asked everyone in the congregation to fill out the card in the pew and reflect how they would re-direct their prayer life.

Our parish is blessed to have had over 500 people respond to Father’s invitation and we, again today, share some of the things your fellow parishioners will do to enhance their prayer commitment.

Your fellow parishioners have pledged to pray for:

...making time for what is truly important in my life and focusing on these issues.

...children living in poverty, that medical care be available for all, and an end to racism.

...families who are raising children in these difficult times.

...my ability to focus less on myself and my needs and more on the thoughts, feelings and situations of others whether they be strangers or friends.

...the Holy Spirit to fill out Confirmation candidates and their sponsors with love.

...kindness and patience in my work and actions and to develop an attitude of gratitude.

...recognition and appreciation that all of my family’s gifts come from God.

...having more compassion for others and not let my hectic schedule prevent me from helping more.

...a mindset where I worry less and leave things in God’s hands.

...recognition of how much God has blessed me and how often I took those blessings for granted.
Around the Community

2017 JOLIET DIOCESE
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS
Father Paul Hottinger, Presider
Deacon Rich Rosco, Assisting
St. Margaret Mary Church
1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL 60540
Friday, November 17, 2017
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM
Mass 7:30 PM
For more information, please call Joey Rose at:
(630) 926-6576
For directions go to www.smmp.com/info/directions.html

TUESDAYS WITH THE SISTERS
The Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart invite you to
Tuesdays with the Sisters from 7:00-8:00pm. This year we have been exploring the Beatitudes of Pope Francis. On November 14th, we conclude with Invoking Mary, the Queen of All Saints. Pope Francis ended his sermon by inviting the faithful “to pray for the grace to accept the call to holiness with joy, and to strive to fulfill it in their daily lives”.
Benedictine core value: Humility/Obedience
Presenter: Cathy Lentz
Come to our front door 1910 Maple Ave, Lisle with the statue of the Sacred Heart.

GOT GENTLY USED OR NEW TOYS?
HOPE’S FRONT DOOR is currently collecting new and gently used toys to sell at our 9th annual toy sale, November 25-26. All toys will be sold at reduced cost to help our clients, clients of our community partner human service agencies and those in the community in need. The toys are generally priced from 50 cents to five dollars. The idea is to give clients a chance to provide items to their children during the holidays with a sense of ownership and dignity. Family members shop and select items their loved ones will enjoy. We also work with clients who cannot take part in the toy sale to access items for the holiday.

Please bring toy donations to the St. Scholastica Parish Office on M - Th; 8am - 8pm or F; 8am – noon at 7800 Janes Avenue, Woodridge or to the HOPE’S FRONT DOOR Office M, W, Th, F; 10am - 11:45am at 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. All toys can be delivered to the St. Scholastica Parish Office by Friday, November 24 at 1 pm. They are located at 7800 Janes Avenue in Woodridge. For questions about drop off or the sale please contact Jerry Christensen at stschleaconjerry@aol.com or Janell Robinson at janell.robinson@hopesfrontdoor.org.

Also, mark your calendars for #GivingTuesday, November 28th! For another opportunity to help area children go to www.hopesfrontdoor.org to learn how $47.70 can help area children access meals $47.70 and you could possibly win four Blackhawks tickets with parking pass!

THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF LA GRANGE PARK
ASK YOU TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CONGREGATION!
51st Annual Dinner Dance
Honoring
Rose Mary Ranallo
Saturday, November 25th, 2017
6:30 in the evening at Porretta’s Banquets
Chicago, Illinois
Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment & Dancing,
Cash Raffle, Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets
$75 Donation per Dinner Ticket
Please call 708.354.1999 for tickets or more information
All proceeds to benefit the work of the Comboni Missionaries, both in the Chicagoland area, and around the world.

SPIRITO SINGERS
Under the artistic direction of Molly Lindberg, Spirito! Singers will be performing their Christmas Concert, Making Spirits Bright, on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst, IL. Reserved seating tickets are $25.00 and can be purchased at www.spiritosingers.org or by calling 1-877-8WE-SING. Come out and enjoy the beautiful voices of over 230 Spirito! Singers. Spirito! Singers offers young singers between 5th - 12th grades the opportunity to learn and grow through exceptional vocal and musicianship training, discipline and performance.

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 8PQ43J for free e-books, movies, speakers -- lots of Catholic content -- available on any computer or mobile device. Try it today!
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This Week

Monday / 13
2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 14
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music  Underground
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Buildings & Grounds  Large Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  School Advisory Body  L.R.C.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 15
2:30 AM  Book Fair  L.R.C.
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Chapel
6:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Ch/GPl
7:00 PM  Nourish  Living Room
7:00 PM  CRHP #33 - Women  Underground

Thursday / 16
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
2:30 PM  Book Fair  L.R.C.
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Chapel/GP
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Cub Scouts  Underground
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Cyber Safety  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Living Room
7:00 PM  Vocations Meeting  Large Conf. Rm.

Friday / 17
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 18
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Father-Daughter Dance  Gym

Sunday / 19
7:00 AM  CRHP #24 - Men  Chapel
8:00 AM  Children’s Choir  Church
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  RCIA  Underground
9:00 AM  Book Fair  L.R.C.
10:00 AM  RCIC  Underground
1:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  6:00 Choir Rehearsal  Church
8:00 PM  Men’s Basketball  Gym
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, December 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.