Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2
All are invited to celebrate our

Valentine Gala

When:  February 10, 2018 at 6:00pm

Where:  Esplanade Lakes, Downers Grove

Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction and the Drawing for the Grand Prize for the Lucky in Love Raffle

Registration is now open at : www.Stmarygostyn.org

Check or cash payments can be dropped off at the Rectory.

$100 per person, tables of 10 for $1000

Proceeds for this event go to our School Operating Budget, our Endowment Fund and our Athletics Department
Epiphany means revelation, appearance, or manifestation. It comes from the Greek *epiphaneia* (appearance), and refers to the truth that God was revealed to the world in the person of Jesus Christ. Today's feast is called the Epiphany because Jesus was "revealed" to the wise men through the "appearance" of a star.

The universal significance of the Epiphany derives from the fact that the wise men represent all nations. Christ came to bring salvation to the whole world, Gentiles and Jews alike. The wise men are our ancestors in the faith. God appears to us, as to them, in the person of Jesus.

The Epiphany was foreshadowed by the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading: "Arise, shine; for your light has come...Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn...A multitude of camels shall cover you...all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord" (Is 60:1-6). The responsorial echoes: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" (Ps 72). In the second reading, Paul proclaims: "the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph 3:6). In the gospel, we join the wise men and find the child with Mary his mother (Mt 2:1-12). We, too, bow before Jesus and offer him our gifts.

The gifts brought by the wise men are signs that reveal the glory of Jesus. Gold is for a king. Jesus is the King of kings (Rev 19:16). Frankincense, with its sweet perfume, is offered by priests to adore God. Jesus is our "great high priest who has passed through the heavens," (Heb 4:14) and he is as well the God we worship (Jn 20:28). Myrrh is an aromatic resin used for embalming. Jesus died to redeem us from sin. He was laid in a tomb, swathed with burial cloths in a mixture of myrrh and aloes (Jn 19:39-40). The Epiphany, therefore, reveals Jesus as King, Priest, Savior, and God.

This observance of Epiphany is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's self-revelation in Jesus. We should ask ourselves: Is Jesus really the King and center of my life? When I worship at Mass, am I conscious that Christ the Priest is present in the worshipping community, in the priest who ministers, in the proclamation of sacred Scripture, in the prayer of the Church, and most especially in the Eucharist? At Mass do I worship Jesus as my God? (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1373). Do I realize that Jesus is our Savior, offering us grace and hope of eternal happiness?

It is only when we allow Jesus to reveal himself to us, when we consider who Jesus is and how our everyday decisions must be centered on him, that we can put our lives in order. We exist because we received life through Jesus. We find meaning and hope through Jesus. At the end of our days on earth, we will be judged by Jesus. When we truly know Jesus, we grow in our love for him as a King who became our brother, as a Priest who joins our worship to his, as a Savior who gives new life, as our Lord and God. When we grow in knowledge and love of Jesus, we will want to reveal him to others. "From this loving knowledge of Christ springs the desire to proclaim him, to 'evangelize,' and to lead others to the 'yes' of faith in Jesus Christ" (CCC, #429). By example and by sharing, we will seek to bring Jesus to family, friends, and acquaintances.

So the Epiphany means not only that Jesus is revealed to us, but also that we must reveal him to others. The wise men left everything to find the One manifested by a star. They embarked on a difficult journey. Nothing was more important to them than finding the Savior worthy of their gifts. As a result, they have revealed Jesus to countless generations. Their desire to know the Savior, their love for him expressed in their gifts, has been an Epiphany to the ages!

We, too, are invited to experience the Epiphany of Jesus, and to be "epiphanies" of his presence. Today, we pray for the grace to seek Jesus wholeheartedly and to share knowledge and love of him with others, so that, like the wise men, we may be rewarded with the vision of Jesus at the end of our journey.
A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 12/31/2017 $26,132.68
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 16-17) $29,000.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $768,500.00
Christmas Goal to Date $110,000.00
Total Goals to Date $878,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $761,315.82
Christmas Collections to Date $92,287.27
Total Collections to Date $853,603.09

Total (Short of) Goals to Date $(24,896.91)

Other Collections
Solemnity of Mary $2,536.00

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

Stewardship

Children’s Sunday Envelopes

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of December, we received 210 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $552.40. This money along with the money raised in November will go to a children’s charity chosen by our School and RE students quarterly.

As part of the campaign, we also asked the children to commit to sharing their time and talents in their unique ways. Some of what they told us they did is as follows:

- Shoveled my neighbor’s sidewalk
- Someone at the park was lonely so I played with them
- Helped make PADS sandwiches
- Cleaned the basement without being asked
- Helped my Mom feel better when she was sick
- Reached out to a friend who was alone
- Sharing my toy with a friend at after school care
- I donated coats
- I gave my next door neighbors a gift
- Donated toys at school
- Feed My Starving Children

Today’s Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life’s journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.
Stewardship in the New Year: Making Commitments to the Lord

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following examples:

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**Stewardship of Prayer**: Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family**: Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgiveness.

**Stewardship of Health**: Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions**: Resolve to possess a little more “lightly” this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

**Stewardship of the Parish Family**: Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish’s outreach or education and formation efforts. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish?

**Stewardship of Money**: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of Work**: Resolve to be faithful to our daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

**Stewardship of Mind**: Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to be more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible. Become even more familiar with Catholic social teaching.

**Stewardship of Neighbor**: Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

**Stewardship of the Poor**: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017
6:15 AM - Gerard Chouinard req. Massura Family
8:00 AM - Bernard Chudzik req. Steve & Mary Spencer
Toner, Buckley, Newton & Hadank Families req. Hugh & Maureen Toner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
6:15 AM - Mary Janetka req. JoAnn & Family
8:00 AM - Margaret McLean req. Rose Vitulis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017
6:15 AM - Michaelene Clauser
8:00 AM - Marilyn Zubak req. Nolan Family
Carl Sterr req. Adam Walsh Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017
6:15 AM - Gertrude Butzen req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Living Intention for Bill Brown & Brown Family req. Harrington Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017
6:15 AM - Cicily Horan req. Bostwick Family
8:00 AM - Mary Kowalkowski req. Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017
8:00 AM - Wendy Toufexis req. Mike & Mary Signer
4:30 PM - Clarence & Bernadette Smith req. Jan Miriani
Gertrude Butzen req. Bruce & Moira Barker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - William DeBruin req. Billie DeBruin
12:00 PM - Joan Giampa req. Janet Mullarkey
Toner Buckley, Newton & Hadank Families req. Hugh & Maureen Toner
6:00 PM - Jeanette Brandstedt req. Mark & Rita Thompson

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading - The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel - The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:18 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, January 10    Parish Center    9:30 AM    Shannon by Frank Delaney
In 1922, a WWI veteran journeys to Ireland to find his roots after witnessing corruption in the Diocese of Boston.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, January 18    Parish Center    7:00 PM    The All Girls Filling Station’s Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg
A daughter discovers a secret on her mother’s past when she runs her family’s filling station in the 1940’s.
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.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, January 13th and Sunday, January 14th

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

Reward yourself… and your family
Men’s C.R.H.P. weekend
Saturday-Sunday, Jan 27-28, 2018
Reserve Your Spot: 630-969-1063 (Rectory)
d_sheeran@yahoo.com – Dave Sheeran 630.442.4425

Women’s
SAVE THE DATE
The women of CRHP #33 hope that you will prayerfully consider joining them for CRHP #34 on the weekend of February 24th to 25th.
For information or to register, please contact Carolina Menapace at cmenapace@gmail.com.
A periodic update on SMG School Alumni

“Where Are They Now?”

We love hearing from our school alumni! This feature, which periodically runs on the school page of the parish bulletin, includes photos, facts and stories about our alumni. Have something to share? Please email your alumni news to todekirk@stmarygostyn.org

SMG Alumnus Andrew Stapleton Wins 2018 NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and St. Mary of Gostyn Parish and School congratulates Andrew Stapleton for winning the 2018 NCEA Distinguished Alumni Award!

Andy is a 1986 graduate of St. Mary’s. He attended Downers Grove South High and then went on to Iowa State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1995. He was awarded the Klinger Award for Outstanding Graduate in Construction Engineering.

Andy has worked for Mortenson since graduation and is currently a general manager in their Chicago office. He has been a part of or led many significant projects for Mortenson, including Seagate Technology semiconductor facility in Northern Ireland, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and notable projects in the Chicago area such as renovating the Great Hall in Union Station, the 23-story Lurie Children’s Hospital and the 40 Megawatt QTS Data Center.

Outside of work, Andy serves on the Development Council for Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital and has been active in our parish and school. He has coached basketball, served as a School Advisory Board member, church lector, commentator and usher, revived the men’s Sunday night basketball program and co-developed new marketing material for the school.

Andy views his Catholic School education as an integral component of who he is today. His teachers instilled a discipline to work hard, a focus on community and a foundation of faith. As a basketball coach, Andy teaches that hard work and having fun go hand-in-hand. From his involvement in Habitat for Humanity in college to serving as a mentor in Big Brothers Big Sisters early in his professional career, he has always believed in giving back to the community. His advice to current SMG students: Understand that your journey in faith is lifelong. You will know success and failure throughout your life. Embrace each experience as it forms you and know that you walk with God along every step of the way.

We will celebrate Stapleton’s award at our Mass for Catholics School Week on January 31, 2018. The Distinguished Graduate Award is given annually by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to honor graduates of Catholic elementary schools who have made a significant contribution to the Catholic Church and American life. Past recipients are Mr. R J Starmann (SMG 1985) in 2017, Mrs. Christine Varga Kalal (SMG 1975) in 2016, and Mr. John Tolva (SMG 1986) in 2015.
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  Jean Dahm
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
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Katie Main Hwan  Minnie Lopez  George Drobney  Larry Lovitch  Greg Yearling
Frankie Colonna  Dennis Stefka  George B. Metzger  Tony Romazzatto  Martha Laughlin
Margaret Augustyniak  John Sommer  Lou Hodges

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of:
Fr. Larry Christensen
Fr. Ron Hart
Alice L. Jacobs, grandmother of Kelly Durkin
Christine Konopka
Frank Konopka
Doris Pausche
Dolores Powers

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:

Kevin Braasch  Michael Martel  Natalya Brechlin  John Svoboda
Christopher Fountain  Nathan Kijowski  Bob Lang  Zachary Frana
Timothy Randazzo  Kyle Ng  Christopher Randazzo  Richard Ciner

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.
(Permission also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.
- January 8—9 First Reconciliation
- January 10 & 11 RE and Confirmation Sessions resume
- January 22 & 23 Altar Server Training. 4:30—6:30 pm

Around the Corner: First Reconciliation
St. Mary will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation just before we return to RE Sessions.

January 8: 6:30 pm
Sacrament of First Reconciliation
for the following:
RE Wednesday @ 4:30
RE Wed. @ 6:30 pm

January 9: 6:30 pm
Sacrament of First Reconciliation
for the following:
School—both classes
RE Thursday @ 4:30
RE Track 1
Please be sure to have your Act of Contrition memorized as well.

It's Sacrament Season!
As you can see, January brings on what is lovingly called “Sacrament Season.” During the next few months, our Sacramental Students will be celebrating. Please remember to pray for all of them, their parents, catechists, and sponsors!
First Reconciliation January 8 & 9
Confirmation March 10
First Holy Communion May 5
Thank You! Know your prayers make a difference.

Confirmation 2018
St. Mary of Gostyn celebration of Confirmation this year will be held on

Saturday
March 10
1:00 pm
Fr. James Schwab Presiding
All are welcome to attend and celebrate with the Candidates and Families.

First Holy Communion Enrollment Mass/Meeting
February 6, 2018
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
In the Church
All Families of students in Grade 2 or in the RCIC Track program should plan to attend. Children will receive a blessing from their parents and we will have a short informational meeting following Mass.

Catechist and Adults Invited to
Foundations of Faith Formation Series
Tuesday February 20, 2018
Topic: Creed II
Tuesday April 17, 2018
Topic: Creed III
Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent or spouse, either in town or from afar. Find support in the caregiver journey.

Jan 17th
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Living Room
January Topic:
The Realities of Stress and Learning to Cope
All are welcome

www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation-Nourish tab

Wisdom

Gather, grow and gain wisdom with a vision towards happiness and well-being. All Women welcome!
Thursday Mornings 9:00
Beginning January 11
In the Gathering Place

Questions or to pre-register:
Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org
Faith Formation - Café Women Study tab

Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God

“Lord, teach us to pray...”
Prayer is an essential element to a vibrant faith life. Explore the secrets to opening our hearts to Scripture as a means to hear from God.
Prayer-Finding Intimacy with God strengthens our resolve to live in and through the deep love of God.

Begins Tues Jan 9th, 7:00pm in the Underground.
Info at: kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org
Faith Formation - Café Evening Study tab

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.
January 23rd at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: Relativism


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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.