A leper came to Jesus and begged him: “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately.

Mark 1:40-42
The women of CRHP #33 cordially invite you for a weekend of reflection and relaxation.

Saturday, February 24-25, 2018
9:00 AM
St. Mary of Gostyn Church
Gathering Place

RSVP to Carolina Menapace
cmenapace@gmail.com or 732.670.4099
Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

There are some examples of “plastic surgery” from ancient India and renaissance Italy, but the obsessive concern with how we look is a very recent phenomenon. Cosmetic surgery, designed to improve the appearance of an individual, was almost unknown before World War II. Now, the amount of money spent on cosmetic surgery in the western world has skyrocketed to rival the amount spent on the poor and marginalized in our midst. Hollywood and Madison Avenue convey to us that happiness, success, and the “meaning of life” are all tied in with looking young and beautiful. Our culture is brimming with powerful ideals of perfection that easily become norms—norms that impact us all, even if very few of us could ever hope to achieve them.

Why are we so obsessed with achieving this so-called “norm”? We all want to fit in, to a greater or lesser extent. To be excluded or treated as an outsider is to have lost! Our appearance can be the most obvious and immediate obstacle to feeling included.

Leprosy, at the time of Jesus, encompassed a variety of unknown skin diseases that made some individuals abnormal, unclean, and unacceptable and, therefore, outsiders. We don’t use the word leprosy much anymore, nor do we have many unexplained skin diseases, but has that fact decreased the number of outsiders and pariahs in our midst? Are we any more enlightened as to why we fear and ostracize those who do not look like or live according to the “accepted norms” of cleanliness and in-ness?

Relying on beauty, cleanliness, and normalcy to see us through life and gain us secure entry into a sanitized life in God will fail because it is impossible. We do indeed need a surgeon, but not a cosmetic one. The early Church sometimes used an image of Christ as a divine surgeon who sees and works on “a beauty more than skin-deep” in each of us. He invites us not to pretend that we are other than we are, nor to repress that which we truly are, but to let him touch and cure our ills.

Where do we go when blemishes and age no longer be hidden? To the margins of society, trying to stay out of people’s way? Where do I go? Am I human enough to admit my “leprosy” and call out: “If you choose, you can make me clean”?

Hans Christoffersen

Let us always remember, Lord, that if we spend more time being concerned about others, we’ll have less time to worry about ourselves.

From Our Family Prayer Book by Renee Bartkowski
The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus’ time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark’s Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ’s stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be “unclean” or not worthy of our time or attention?
Our Valentine Gala was a huge success!!!

Special thanks to our Gala Chair Christina Zycinski and our Raffle Chair Suzanne Mraz

We couldn’t have done it without the help of our Gala Committee:

Carolann Allis  Sonny Dibble  Peggy O’Flaherty
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Mary Ellen Cooney  Purcell Foundation
Sara and Mike Schimmel  Annie and Kevin Delano

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**  
6:15 AM - Elizabeth Hanley  
8:00 AM - Alex Jaskula Family req. Bob & Rose Jaskula

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017**  
6:15 AM - Betty Buchko req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis  
8:00 AM - Larry O’Brien req. Mike & Mary Signer

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017**  
6:15 AM - Frank Knowski req. Lucy Wilczynski  
8:00 AM - Sal Madonia req. Cantlin Family  
Tina Pua req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller  
12:00 PM - Liturgy of the Word Service  
4:30 PM - Fr. John Guiney  
7:00 PM - Kay Selfridge req. Family

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017**  
6:15 AM - Myra Savage req. Sanderson Family  
8:00 AM - Carmen Oviedo req. Mike & Mary Signer

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017**  
6:15 AM - Felipe Billote req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas  
8:00 AM - George L. Metzger req. Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017**  
8:00 AM - Charles Belano req. Pat & Ray Mehler  
4:30 PM - Tim O’Neil req. Charles & Donna Golly

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017**  
8:00 AM - People of the Parish  
10:00 AM - Marie DeBruin req. Billie DeBruin  
12:00 PM - Gertrude Butzen req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas  
John Benton req. McGrath Family  
6:00 PM - Val Claus req. Lucado Family

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading - The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).  
Psalm - I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).  
Second Reading - Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).  
Gospel - The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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[Image of Paczki Sunday Social]

**Paczki Sunday Social this weekend!**  
Please join us in the Gathering Place after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses this weekend for our traditional Paczki Sunday Social. Please come and enjoy a Paczki or donut hole, a cup of coffee and great fellowship with others.

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**Renew your spirit at the Lord’s table**
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:

Timothy & Laura Basco
Joseph & Margaret Mazza
Tim & Maggie Sullivan

who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend’s flowers on the altar were donated by

THE SADRUKULA FAMILY

in remembrance of

FREDDIE SADRUKULA

on the 5th anniversary of his entrance into God’s Heavenly Kingdom.

Check us out on the web!

www.stmarygostyn.org

Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

GRIEF SUPPORT TEAM

....“And Jesus wept” John 11:35

Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.

If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.

Grief Support Group starts meeting on Tuesday, February 13th, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Tuesday starting February 13th for six weeks.

Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 960-3565 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.

Pledge your gift to the CMAA!

This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

As Bishop Conlon shared in his homily today, God calls all of us be His partners in caring for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God’s work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the Diocese is able to when we all work together.

Our parish’s goal for the 2018 CMAA is $131,400. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to the parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support this year’s CMAA and complete an in-pew envelope today.
Why I Choose a Catholic School

Let this be the turning point for your child’s education. St. Mary of Gostyn School’s Catholic education provides insurance for your child’s future for a number of reasons.

Curriculum at St. Mary School is above average in accordance with state school standards. Due to this excellent foundation many students achieve ‘A’ or ‘B’ Honor Roll during their high school years.

High individual self-esteem is formed from having a close-knit community at St. Mary School.

Respect for life and its many blessings — young, old, self, environment, religious beliefs — is a value taught throughout our curriculum.

Inter-active sports play an important part at our school. Our goal is to have well-rounded children, to teach them competitiveness as well as good sportsmanship.

Spirituality is the most important gift we can give our children. A prayerful atmosphere and a sense of Christian family are found within the walls of our Catholic School.

Technology is important today more than ever, that is why our student each have a computer/tablet and teachers who are first rate in keeping up with all uses of technology systems.

St. Mary School has much to offer your children. The one Person who binds us together in every aspect of our school is plain to see. He is the working force within our walls—Jesus Christ!

INSURANCE FOR THE FUTURE!

All-School Mass

Join us as we celebrate on February 25th at 8:00 AM

Last year, we announced one of our goals for this year was to hold an All-School Mass on a Sunday. The original plan was for this special mass to be a part of Catholic Schools Week. Due to the complexity of Open House on 1/28 and the Diocesan appeal on 2/4, an alternative date had to be chosen. We have identified the date for this mass to be on Sunday, February 25th at the 8:00 mass.

All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this special All-School Mass. The purpose for this event is to celebrate mass as a school and parish family, alongside some of our parishioners. At this special mass, our students will be serving as greeters, readers, gift-bearers, reading the petitions, and singing in the choir as well.

Students will be asked to attend in their school uniform, as they will be recognized by Fr. Jim during mass. They will also be rewarded with a special out of uniform pass for attending mass in their school uniform.

Our goal for this mass is 100% attendance from all of our students, families and teachers. We look forward to celebrating with all of you during this special time!

After our all school Mass, we invite all parents and parishioners to visit the school gym for donuts and coffee. We will also have our Parent Ambassadors present to answer any questions any prospective families may have about our school.

Here is how you can continue to help our school:

1. Look for pink Box Tops on products & clip them.
2. Place all Box Tops in a labeled Ziploc bag or envelope and place in the brown basket (decorated with blue/yellow ribbons) located in the Narthex of the Church before Friday, 2/16/18.

For more information, visit www.BTFE.com or contact Anne Doyle at annedoyle1@yahoo.com.

It’s time again for the Box Tops for Education™ program at SMG. Thanks to everyone’s help, the school was issued a check for $487 in December!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Jean Dahm
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Donna Karinski
Virginia Mates
James Murawski
Mary Ann Papievis
Eliza Skipworth
Hugh Toner
Ashley Wolman
Breanna Deaton
Liam Langan
Nicholas T. Almeida
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Frank Davis
Becca Gorman
Robert Hayes
Joseph Karinski
Andrea Mutton
Eleanor Pecka
Yosie Snider
Mark Trout
John Sommer
Robert Hayes
Dick Dibble
Lois Bach
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jessica Davy
Mark Gowgiel
Erinn Henes
Kenny Kern
Spencer Mehr
Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Cynthia Petro
Joey Stefka
Laine Van Houton
Lou Hodges
Jaclyn Golly
Jodi Mark
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Georgette Racin
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Logan Bannon
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
George Drobney
Rion Goyette
Bobby Johnson
Robert Lehner
Kate Moss
Daniel Oliver
Tom Salansky
Sharon Tallerico
Loretta Wies
Robert Earley
Michael Durkin
Clara Christiaens

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Melvin Debs
Dr. Edmund Manzano, brother of Lourdes Malicay

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.

(Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- February 14 & 15: NO SESSIONS; Ash Wed.
- February 21: Regular Sessions with 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews
- February 22: Regular Sessions with 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews
- February 28: Regular Sessions with 6-8 Grade Lenten Reconciliation
- February 29: Regular Sessions with 6-8 Grade Lenten Reconciliation
- March 1 or before: Grade 8 Christian Living Journals due

Attention All Grade 8 Families

Christian Living Journals
Last year all then 7th grade students who are now 8th graders were given a Christian Living Journal to record your service opportunities as well as Holy Encounters. The due date for Grad 8 has arrived. All completed journals are due on or before:

March 1, 2018

Students should be prepared to discuss this during their Confirmation Interview.

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.

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Totus Tuus Save the Date!
June 9-15, 2018

Registration will be different this year. Watch for more information on registration on line. Please pray about serving our group of 8 teachers in your home for sleeping arrangements and/or meal preparation.

Foundations of Faith Formation Series
All adults of the parish are invited to the Foundations of Faith Series provided to parishes of the Diocese of Joliet. We have two remaining dates this year.

- Tuesday February 20, 2018 Topic: Creed II
- Tuesday April 17, 2018 Topic: Creed III
Feb 21st
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Living Room
February Topic:
The Spirituality of
Asking for and
Receiving Help
All are Welcome

Asking for help is often one of the most difficult things for us to do. Yet, it is in these times that we can see Christ at work in our lives. Learn to embrace the humility and strength of Christ as we explore the grace in asking for and receiving assistance.

www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation-Nourish tab

Register your family for this free gift:
www.stmarygostyn.formed.org
movies- e-books -documentaries -and more

Not registered for FORMED.org yet?
Don’t miss out on this free resource to help grow and deepen your faith.

Stop in the Apostles’ Hallway the first weekend of Lent, Feb. 17th & 18th after all the Masses for help setting up your account.
It’s fast and easy - we’re just making it even easier!
Then you’ll be all set to participate in our parish Lenten program: Journey with Joy - A Lenten Encounter with Mercy. Make this A Lent To Remember.
Presider Schedule for Saturday, February 17th and Sunday, February 18th

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

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, February 14  Parish Center  9:30 AM  The Aviator’s Wife by Melanie Benjamin
Anne Morrow, wife of Charles Lindbergh, a pilot, an author, adventurer and world traveler was viewed only as his wife.

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

SMG Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, February 15  Parish Center  7:00 PM  The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
The legacy of slavery and the dramatic escape of Cora from a Georgia plantation and her traumatic journey to freedom.

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LENTEN REGULATIONS REMINDER

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
Tap into the Spirit of Lent
Are you curious about how to travel the Lenten Journey in 2018? Then come join us in a relaxed and welcoming setting as we explore ways to enrich our lives during this Holy Season.

5157 Main St., Downers Grove

Place: Ballydoyle Irish Pub
Highlander Room
Times: 7:30 to 9pm, Wednesdays
2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21
Details: Appetizers provided
• No RSVP required
• ALL ARE WELCOME

Come join us—and bring a friend!

Here’s what one participant said:

“The L&L experience deepened my connection to the St. Mary’s community. Listening to and learning from Fr. Shaun in the informal Ballydoyle setting renewed my Lenten resolve and strengthened my relationships with fellow parishioners. Fun and formative.”

—Andy Crowe

"Those who have a true encounter with Christ find their lives filled with happiness.”

Pope Francis

Tuesday Evenings
Mass at 6:00 pm
followed by
Reconciliation at 6:45pm
followed by

FOUNDATIONS of FAITH
Speaker in the Gathering Place
February 20th.

An Encounter with Mercy
God of the Journey
Discussion in the Gathering Place
February 27th, March 6th, March 13th and March 20th.

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This Week

Monday / 12
2:15 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  
Gath. Pl. A
3:00 PM  Basketball  
Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  
Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  
Gathering Place

Tuesday / 13
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music Class  
Underground
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
7:00 PM  Grief Support Group  
Living Room

Wednesday / 14
9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion  
Living Room
3:00 PM  Basketball  
Gym
7:00 PM  Parish Council  
Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 PM  10AM Choir Rehearsal  
Church

Thursday / 15
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  
Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  
Living Room
3:00 PM  Basketball  
Gym
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
Church
7:00 PM  CRHP #33 - Women  
Underground
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  
Living Room
7:00 PM  Knights of Columbus  
Chapel
7:00 PM  Vocations Meeting  
Large Conf. Rm.

Friday / 16
1:30 PM  Stations of the Cross  
Church
3:00 PM  Basketball  
Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  
Gathering Place

Saturday / 17
12:00 AM  PADS  
Gathering Place
8:00 AM  Basketball  
Gym
3:00 PM  Play Auditions  
School
5:00 PM  Cub Scouts Pack 89  
Gathering Place

Sunday / 18
8:00 AM  RCIA  
Underground
1:00 PM  Basketball  
Church
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  
Chapel
8:00 PM  Men’s Basketball  
Gym

IMITATE CHRIST
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 call 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.