Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 8th, 2018
Devotion begins at 1:30 p.m. with option for Confession
Service begins at 2:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Liturgy:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Praises of Mercy
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Veneration of Image
Benediction

The Church, through the Power of the Keys given to St. Peter and his successors, gives us the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for the removal of all punishment due to sin already forgiven. To obtain such a great gift, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace:

♦ Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
♦ Have sacramentally confessed their sins within the last twenty days;
♦ Receive the Holy Eucharist;
♦ Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, our Holy Father.

This indulgence may be gained only once a day and it may be for oneself or a deceased relative or friend. Why not take advantage of so great a gift of God’s mercy and love? It takes so little effort and carries so great a reward.
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

For us in the northern hemisphere, Easter Sunday always finds us ripe and eager to get out of the house and into the yard, the park, the woods, and the fields to soak up the evidence of new life in buds and sprouts all around us. We long to see nature once again filling up “winter emptiness” with warmth, fresh smells, and lively colors.

We long for it because it has been missing. Would we pay very much attention if it were always there? Constant stimulation tends to dull us, and then bore us about as much as “watching the grass grow.” Rarely do we go out to find emptiness; we find it in and where everything seems lost, in experiences characterized by absence, silence, and non-being, feelings that John and Peter were filled with when the women told them of the empty tomb. A message of emptiness entered their emptiness and made them run—perplexed, yet expectant—to the soundlessness of a compelling absence.

A theme in the letters of Saint Ignatius of Antioch (d. 107) is that Christ was raised in the silence of God. Silence, with its apparent emptiness, is the place where God chooses to display the creative impact on the world. Only in true and deep silence are we moved to attend to genuine conversation; only in such attention to reality do we leave behind any preconceived notions about what to expect, say, hear, reach, gain, and believe.

Liturgically, we have become accustomed to “getting all of Easter” on Easter Sunday, and then letting it gradually slip so that when we get three weeks into the Easter season we wonder why the pastor still talks about it. But please note that the reading from John’s gospel on Easter Sunday doesn’t give us the full story on the meaning of Easter; Easter is fifty days of gradually realizing the mystery of Christ’s mission and return to the glory he had “before the foundation of the world” (Jn 17:24).

Emptiness needs to be embraced if we ever hope to understand the resounding mysteries of being born, suffering, dying, and being raised. Why? Because these mysteries are hidden from the wise and intelligent; they are “God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory” (1 Cor 2:7). They are mysteries “hidden from the princes of this world, revealed only through love” (Saint Ignatius). The evidence of new life buds in empty tombs and sprouts in the soundlessness of a compelling absence.

— Hans Christoffersen

Prayer

Giver of life,
in the death of Jesus,you reveal the Risen Christ.
In the fear of the disciples,you spark a proclamation of faith.
Renew within us the promise of baptism.
Immerse us in the death of Christ,that against relentless destruction,against disdain for the value and beauty of life,your living Word will prevail,over and over again.
As we drown in the waters of baptism,help us recognize your saving life and carry that life to those on the borders of death,over and over, forever and ever.

Amen.
St. Mary’s Congratulates its newest members and those who completed their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil!

The following individuals received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation:

Hailey Hessler  Edward Dzambasi  Thomas Saxton

The following baptized Catholics received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation:

Brian Merkal  Desiree Weber  Donna Hessler

The following baptized Catholic received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Eric Lovitsch

The following individuals received the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ethan Helander  Isla Helander

The following baptized Christians were received into full Communion with Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation:

Kristin Fruy  Todd Ashley  Elizabeth Helander  Chris Helander  Krystal Lovitsch

Be assured of our continuing prayers for you!

Stewardship  Due to the early production date of this bulletin, the March 25th collection was not yet available.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Collection 3/18/2018 $31,602.41
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 17/18) $29,000.00

Goals to Date
- Sunday Goal to Date $1,087,500.00
- Christmas Goal to Date $110,000.00
- Total Goals to Date $1,197,500.00

Collections to Date
- Sunday Collections to Date $1,092,308.89
- Christmas Collections to Date $114,772.27
- Total Collections to Date $1,207,081.16
- Total Over Goals to Date $9,581.16

2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Goal $131,400
Amount Paid $142,983
Amount Pledged $93,000
Balance Due $49,084
Donor Count 371
2018 Rebate $0

2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 3/18/2018

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Spiritual Housecleaning is Good Stewardship

Spring housecleaning used to be a solemn ritual in many families. Dedicated homemakers took down heavy winter drapes and replaced them with summer’s lighter fabric. Bedding was washed and aired on backyard clotheslines, storm windows lined up against the house for a thorough wash. This time of year, our grandmothers removed and cleaned everything from cupboards and closets.

Today, with most adults working outside the home, and schedules filled to overflowing, cleaning can sometimes be more piecemeal, catch-as-catch-can.

Nevertheless, this season often brings out the latent spring housecleaner in all of us. Who hasn’t taken notice, suddenly, of late afternoon’s brilliant sunshine highlighting windows streaked with winter’s grime, or spotted a previously hidden layer of dust peeking out from beneath the stove on a sunsplashed morning? The growing light and warmth makes us instinctively want to get busy.

In a sense, that’s what Lent was all about. For many of us, Ash Wednesday was deep in the heart of a cold and snow-packed winter. But as we journeyed through the season, we saw glimmers of a far-off spring, even as we dug out from the latest storm. Light returned, and Lent reminded Christian stewards of our yearning to clean the house of our interior lives - our souls. Gradually, we saw illuminated the cobwebs in our own hearts.

Times of silence, prayer, fasting and giving move us with gratitude into the beautiful liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Yet, sometimes a nagging feeling troubles us. Did our efforts match our Ash Wednesday resolve? Did we do “enough”? If you’re troubled by this question, take heart. After all, if you thought your Lent was perfect, you might be like the Pharisee Jesus spoke of in his parable of the “Pharisee and the Tax Collector” – smug and self-satisfied. “I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity . . .” (Luke 18:11). Instead, we come before the Lord at a glorious Easter liturgy like the tax collector “. . .be merciful to me a sinner.” The Christian steward spends a lifetime asking, “How can I do more?” As light streams through our windows and chases away the shadows, let the Light of Christ continue to illuminate the dark spots in your own spiritual life, but rejoice in the forgiving God who has conquered all darkness for us.

Reflection

The good news of Easter is that Jesus has triumphed over sin and evil—and so will we if we open our hearts to his Easter power. The good news of Easter is that every Good Friday in our lives can be turned into an Easter Sunday. The good news of Easter is that nothing can defeat us anymore—not pain, not sorrow, not even death. The good news of Easter is that Jesus wants to work a miracle in our lives if we will but open our hearts to his Easter power.

Dear Parishioners,

The cause of our happiness and joy at Easter is the fact that Jesus has not only died for us, but has risen from the dead, a sure sign of the truth of His message of God's Love and forgiveness.

The new life which Jesus has won for us should be lived not only among ourselves as we worship in Church, but each day with everyone we meet - our family members, our friends and even strangers.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Shaun, the Deacons, and staff of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, it is our prayer that this inspiring and hope-filled feast of Easter will renew our dedication to living as followers of the Risen Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. James A. Schwab
Rev. James A. Schwab, Pastor
Rev. Shaun Cieslik, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Al Agurkis
Deacon Bob Miciunas
Staff of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018
6:15 AM - James Mulvena req. Sanderson Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
6:15 AM - Mary Janetka req. Mary Lou & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018
8:00 AM - Jennifer Selinsky req. Ron & Mary Buchler
          Kaneidra Everson req. Adam Walsh Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018
8:00 PM - Rita Phillips req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller
          Andrew Mogni req. Gene & Blanca Adams & Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018
8:00 AM - Michael Qualtier Jr.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018
8:00 AM - Charles Belano req. Pat & Ray Mehler
          4:30 PM - Judy Pevitts req. Joan Whitebread

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018
8:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Family
          10:00 AM - People of the Parish
          12:00 PM - Mary Healy Bartecki req. Frank & Dianne Czopek
          6:00 PM - Mary Lou Penninger req. Barb & Jim Holmes

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
Second Reading - Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
Gospel - Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab; Mk 16:9-15
**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS FOR APRIL.**

On **Monday, April 9, 2018** beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place, we will be working on creating new lap throws for our homebound parishioners. We have depleted our inventory of lap throws and we need your help to make more lap throws. We need lap throws throughout the year as our deacons will take them to our parishioners. If you need a pattern or some yarn to create a throw, we will have yarn and simple patterns available at the meeting.

Also, at this meeting, we will be starting to cut up sheets into strips which we then roll into bandages. We have a little device that rolls the strips up quickly and efficiently. If this is something that you would like to do, please come to the meeting. We can also send you home with a sheet and the device. These bandages are used overseas.

We could use more lap throws if you can knit or crochet. Please consider making a lap throw for us. This is a great way to use up all the all your extra yarn. It needs to be approximately either 36” by 36” or 36” by 40”. It can be any pattern. Any questions please call Kay Papineau at 630-963-4617. If you can’t help this month, please look in the bulletin for our April meeting.

Thank you helping the Medical Missions to help the homebound with a lap throw and overseas missionaries with bandages.

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**St. Mary Book Group**

**Wednesday, April 11**  
Parish Center  
9:30 AM  
**Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance**

A deeply moving memoir of a family and culture in crisis - poor white Americans.

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, April 19**  
Parish Center  
7:00 PM  
**Warrior of the People by Joe Starita**

The first Native American woman doctor, daughter of a Lakota Chief, and the plight of her people.

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.

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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!
Real-Life Wonder Speaks to SMG Third Grade Class

A huge thank you to our amazing speaker, Peter Dankelson, from Pete’s Diary! Recently, our 3rd graders read the book, Wonder by R.J. Palacio. Peter spent the afternoon with our 3rd grade class and is an ambassador for Children’s Craniofacial Association (CCAkids.org). Peter was born ten weeks premature with extensive birth defects, resulting in a diagnosis of Goldenhar Syndrome.

Because of his life experiences, Peter deeply relates to the book Wonder, about a boy with a facial difference. Peter speaks with students after they read the book, comparing his real-life story to the fictional character in Wonder. Since 2012, Peter has promoted #ChooseKIND at schools around the country and connected with over 20,000 students. He is the recipient of the 2016 Teen Advocacy Champion of Hope Award by Global Genes Alliance (GlobalGenes.org).

Pete’s Diary champions kindness toward people of all abilities through on-site presentations, live video conferences, and social media and strongly believes in:

1. kindness is something anyone can give at anytime, anywhere,
2. being different is cool,
3. embracing your own story is empowering,
4. education about medical conditions encourages acceptance, and
5. laughter is a universal connector.

Peter is truly amazing, and we were so blessed to have him share his experience with us. The 3rd grade class were immensely intrigued by his story and had many questions after his hour long presentation ~ it’s no Wonder he is loved by so, so many!

To find out more about Peter and his organization, please visit www.petesdiary.com.

School Advisory Body (SAB) Seeks New Members

The School Advisory Board (SAB) is seeking new members to serve on the board starting Fall 2018. The SAB provides advice and assistance to the pastor and principal on a variety of issues including school policy, strategic planning, public relations, budgeting, endowment development, fundraising, athletics, marketing, and development.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30pm in the Learning Resource Center for an evening of information. If you have any questions or would like to nominate a candidate, please contact Bill Myers at wmyers1978@yahoo.com
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella  Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Logan Bannon
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  George Drobney
Dennis Finn  Becca Gorman  Mark Gowgiel  Diane Goyette  Rion Goyette
Gen Hadamik  Robert Hayes  Erinn Henes  Katie Main Hwan  Bobby Johnson
Donna Karlinski  Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  Doreen Lehner  Robert Lehner
Virginia Mates  Eddie Mayerik  Ken Norman  Dolores Mendoza  Kate Moss
James Murawski  Andrea Mutton  Char Ryan  Daniel Oliver  Mary Ann Papievis
Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro  Joan Tagglonia  Tom Salansky  Eliza Skipworth
Yoshie Snider  Joey Stefka  Audrey Waechtler  Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner
Mark Trout  Laine Van Houton  Baby Jackson Ruggiero  Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman
Barbara McCammond  Adam Frankel  Peter Kavanagh  Verine Kavanagh  Dominic DiFoggi

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:
Edward Dethke
Hermima Lopez, mother of Irene Lopez Larucci
Robert Ziebell, son of Loretta Snell

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
Joe McSweeney

MAKE ST. MARY OF GOSTYN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________________
City, State, Zip_________________________________________________
Email address___________________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________  (circle one: cell  Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: http://www.stmarygostyn.org/?page=ParishRegistration
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
June 9-15, 2018

Sign up your kids!

2018 Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp
Hosted by Parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet

Register Now!
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ttjoliet/

- Week-long camps available June & July 2018
- Grades 1-6 (day); Grades 7-12 (evening)
- Taught by faith-filled college students and seminarians
- Kids celebrate the beauty of our Catholic Faith and have FUN!
- Cost only $35 youth, $15 teens, family maximum $80
Adult Faith Formation

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, in town or at a distance.

Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

Discover blessings in caring for another.

April 11th
7:00pm
Parish Center Living Room

More information: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org or www.stmarygosyn.org Faith Formation - Nourish tab.

April topic:
Roles in Caregiving And Decisions We Face

Caregiving is doing God’s work. As we are able to embrace this concept, we are able to move with joy and fulfillment in all the tasks and responsibilities associated with caring for another. We become the hands and feet for our Lord to our loved one.

Be nourished.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com

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FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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.

April 12th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: Forming a Catholic Conscience

one holy catholic apostolic church

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

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.

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Bring Her into your home for one week.
- Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
- Invite family, neighbors, or friends.
- Receive Her into your home and witness the many blessings and graces that She brings.

We will bring Our Lady to your home from Saturday to Saturday and provide the Rosary materials. Please call Diana @ (630) 971-1026 and reserve your week with Our Lady.
CONFERENCE FOR THE DIVORCE AND WIDOWED
SET FOR APRIL 21’ 2018

Whether a loss of a spouse is through death or divorce, it is a painful process and often difficult life transition. The Office of Family Ministry is pleased to offer a day of encouragement and support for those who are divorced or widowed. The goal of this day is to help you learn ways to Rebuild and begin to move forward in your life. During the day there will be opportunities to give and receive support from others in transition as well as from our Single-Through-Loss Committee members.

Our speakers for the day are: Dr. Barb Jarvis-Pauls, Danette Perry and Dr. Mary Amore.

The conference day begins with a 8:30 a.m. check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00PM. The suggested donation is $35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register by April 11, 2018 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 by using the enclosed registration form, or online at http://conta.cc/2Aiybgf.

RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES
IN DuPage COUNTY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will benefit from The Human Race 5K run/fitness walk in Downers Grove. This fun event is on April 28th and starts at 9:00am at The Esplanade at Locust Point (1901 W. Butterfield Road). Register or donate online at dupagehumanrace.org and please choose “Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet” to receive your donations. Money raised will help fund vital programs to help the poor and vulnerable in DuPage County. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

“BEFORE THE FLOOD”
SHOWING AT CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH

Please accept the invitation of the Green Team at Christ the Servant parish to view, “Before the Flood,” a National Geographic video about environmental pollution and global climate change. The film will be presented on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22 2018 at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 for socializing and refreshments. The movie will be presented NO Charge, but free will offerings will be accepted. Families are welcome.

Christ the Servant is located at 8700 Havens Dr. Woodridge.

JOYFUL AGAIN!
PROGRAM FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

Are you widowed? Feeling stuck? Need something to get you “over the hump” and on to your new path in life? The Joyful Again program brings understanding and hope to help you in your life’s new journey.

What: Workshop/retreat for Widowed Men and Women
When: April 21 & 22, 2018
Where: Presence/ Resurrection Health Care-Holy Family Medical Center 100 N. River Rd. (at Golf Rd.) Des Plaines, IL 60016 (no overnight available)
Call: 708-354-7211 to register, or e-mail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

WATERLEAF WOMEN’S CENTER
SEEKING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Waterleaf Women’s Center, a center whose mission focus empowers women to choose life, is conducting a job search for Executive Director. The Executive Director provides leadership to a successful crisis pregnancy center in the Fox Valley area including management of full-time staff and volunteers in the areas of counseling, fundraising, quality control and oversight of facility expansion. The Executive Director works under the direction of the Board of Directors providing day to day direction of department directors as well as public relations within the community. The position requires complete fidelity to Catholic teaching in the area of sexual morality, the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family as well as formal education and experience in the areas of leadership and management. Bachelor of Arts is required as well as strong communication and interpersonal skills. Training and experience in the area of fundraising are desirable. The salary range for the position is $65,000 to $75,000 depending on experience and qualifications. If you would like to find out more about this full-time position, you may find our listing on Indeed.com or contact Fr. Thomas Milota at thomasamilota@hotmail.com or Diana Rossi at drossi3527@mac.com.
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**This Week**

**Monday / 2**
- 6:30 PM Rosary  Chapel

**Tuesday / 3**
- 9:30 AM Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
- 6:30 PM Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 PM Prayer Group  Chapel
- 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study  Underground

**Wednesday / 4**
- 11:00 AM Golden Agers  Gathering Place
- 4:30 PM Religious Education  School/Chapel
- 6:00 PM School Play Rehearsal  Gym
- 6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 6:30 PM Religious Education  Sch/Ch/GP
- 7:00 PM Evangelization Coomm.  Large Conf. Rm.

**Thursday / 5**
- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
- 1:15 AM Small Christian Communities  Living Room
- 4:30 PM Religious Education  Sch/Ch/ GP
- 7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 7:00 PM Baptism Prep.  Large Conf. Rm.
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus  Gathering Pl. A

**Friday / 6**
- 2:30 PM Junior Troop #51979  Gathering Place
- 5:00 PM PADS  Gathering Place

**Saturday / 7**
- 12:00 AM PADS  Gathering Place
- 9:00 AM School Play Rehearsal  Gym
- 9:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
- 10:00 AM First Comm. Retreat  GP/CH/UG

**Sunday / 8**
- 7:30 AM CRHP #24 - Men  Large Conf. Rm.
- 8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
- 8:30 AM Fellowship Sunday  Gathering Place
- 10:00 AM RCIC  Underground
- 4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 6:00 PM School Play Rehearsal  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.