Ascension of the Lord
Dianne Czopek, along with her Grand-daughter Hannah, crowned Mary at the noon Mass last Sunday. Dianne and her husband Frank have been parishioners for over 40 years. They have co-chaired Art & Environment for over 20 years and they were the first presidents of the Home and School Association. Dianne has truly been the heart of the school for over 30 years and does many behind the scene jobs for the parish as well. She has a great devotion to our Mother.
The Ascension of the Lord

Years ago, a newspaper asked its readers to participate in a query about truth. People were to write in (this was before e-mail!) their answer to the question: “What is truth?” Over the following weeks, answers began to come in, covering a wide variety of philosophical and scientific definitions, famous quotes, and several humorous and cynical homespun takes on this big question. Now, even though this all took place in secular Scandinavian culture, I was surprised that seemingly no “obviously Christian” answers were submitted (in spite of it barely crossing my mind to do so myself!). Then, one day, there it was, short and succinct: “Jesus says: ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.’” It was submitted by my friend, Peter!

Seeing this little quote amidst all the other statements made the passage from the gospel reading about the Way, Truth and Life very clear to me. It stated our belief that “your word is truth,” but also that this insight — and whoever adheres to it — is strangely distanced and detached from the people, thoughts, and perspectives surrounding us every day. “I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world.” Reading this quote from John’s Gospel in a secular newspaper made it so clear to me that, at one and the same time, it said everything about truth and yet, to “the world,” it said very little — if anything — about truth.

We are looking for different things. It is not the truth of propositions and philosophy we seek, but truth as the source of holiness; in other words, we seek not only to know the truth (which forever will be mystery to us, even in a resurrected life) but to live in the truth. To be “sanctified in truth” (in Greek, the basic meaning of sanctity is “different” or “separate”) means that the one sanctified is set apart for a special task and equipped with the qualities needed to carry it out.

In baptism we are all sanctified by the Holy Spirit: forever marked by “the Word of Truth” to be “the word of truth” in the world. In a very simple way, my friend Peter had caught this. Convinced by the mystery of truth, he submitted his entry to the newspaper while I merely wondered whether anybody would do so, even whether there would be much point in doing so. His entry was a “word of truth” to me.

Hans Christoffersen

Something to think about

It has already been 17 years since we celebrated the Jubilee Year of 2000. At that time, Pope John Paul II called the Church to an attitude of joy in God’s forgiveness of sins and the conversion of humanity. “She cannot cross the threshold of the new millennium without encouraging her children to purify themselves, through repentance. . . . Acknowledging the weaknesses of the past is an act of honesty and courage which helps us to strengthen our faith, which alerts us to face today’s temptations and challenges and prepares us to meet them.”

Hans Christoffersen
Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
MOTHER’S DAY

The founder of Mother’s Day was a woman by the name of Anna M. Jarvis. Concerned about the negative treatment of mothers by their adult children, she initiated a letter-writing campaign in hopes of starting a special Mothers Day observance. The first Mother’s Day celebration was actually a church service held in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908.

Today, Mother's Day is a popular occasion, warm and joyful in spirit. Flowers and gifts are often the order of the day; and greetings are sent not only to one's mother, but often to any care-giving, nurturing woman who merits the accolades of motherhood.

-too young for confessions-

My son is expected to make his first confession soon. He seems too young to have sinned in any serious way. What is the point of making a child anxious about such things?

“Confession,” as part of the sacrament of reconciliation, is not meant to make anyone anxious. Its purpose is just the opposite. Reconciliation provides us the opportunity to reflect on our failures toward God and other people, to express sorrow for those failures, and to be assured of God’s forgiveness for them.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in assuming that young children are unaware of wrongdoing and the need to say “I'm sorry.” Even very young children can be deliberately mean, cruel, or selfish.

Before children experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, they should be able to distinguish between deliberate and accidental actions (breaking a plate may be an accident; breaking it over your sister’s head is probably deliberate). They should also be able to express their faults in their own words, and they should have some understanding that their sins affect their relationship with God, who loves them unconditionally but is hurt by their wrong decisions and actions. In general, children are able to fulfill these conditions between the ages of seven and eight. If a child’s moral awareness develops more slowly, parents can request that the reception of the sacrament be postponed.

Rev. Paul J. Coury, C.Ss.R.

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MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018
6:15 AM - Ken Krusz req. Bostwick Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018
6:15 AM - Ron Pellegrini req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Mike & Mary Signer
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Debra Ineich req. Jack & Anne Himpler
Margery R. Longo req. Ron & Mary Buchler
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
8:00 AM - Dick Johnson req. Tim Johnson Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
4:30 PM - Antoinette Venziano & Anastasia Guertler req. Family
Mary Rendek req. Twardzik Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Bruce & Moira Barker
Eduardo Alvisse req. Nora Alvisse
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
12:00 PM - Thelma & Alvin Matthei req. Family
For All Mothers Living & Deceased
6:00 PM - Deceased Members of the Markauskas Family req. Amy & Vito Markas
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

New Job Opportunities!

Are you looking for a part time job? Do you have facilities maintenance talents that you would be willing to share with our School and Church?

We have a 25 hour Facilities Maintenance Job open as of July 1.

We are also searching for a full time Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep.

Please check our website at StMaryGostyn.org to view detailed job descriptions and how to apply.

Lord, Bless our Mothers!
ALTAR FLOWERS
The floral arrangement enhancing the altar for Mother’s Day was donated in loving memory of AVA ELIZABETH DURKIN by her parents KELLY AND SEAN PATRICK DURKIN. Ava was born into Life and Eternal Life on March 2, 2011.

A Warm Welcome
We welcome: David & Samantha Borkowski who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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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.

Blood Drive
Sunday, May 27th
7:30 am - 1:30 pm - Gathering Place

To schedule your appointment, please visit https://donateblood.lifesource.org/, Login (new donor, existing donor), find your drive from the scroll down list or type in 861C in Group Code by bottom of page, Select time slot
Many medications, Diabetes, Tattoos and cancer survivors are acceptable!
Free Cholesterol Screening and Free Blood Typing!
Prepare For Your Donation -Eat Well - Stay Hydrated - Bring ID
Participating donors at this drive receive a limited edition patriotic T-shirt, while supplies last.
Plus, a donation will be made to Operation Support Our Troops on behalf of each donor.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
It’s time again for the Box Tops for Education™ program at SMG. Thanks to everyone’s help in February, the school will soon be receiving a check for $285.80!

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, 5/18/18.

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

JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL CARE TEAM FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The After School Care program at St. Mary of Gostyn is looking for caring and nurturing individuals to become monitors for our program next school year.

Hours are 2:00 pm-6:00 pm at $16.00/hour

Please contact the school office at (630) 968-6155 or send an email to Mary Toth at mtoth@stmarygostyn.org by Monday, May 14th.
Thank you!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella  
Gabriella Beirne  
Tom Brown  
Jean Dahm  
Dennis Finn  
Rion Goyette  
Bobby Johnson  
Kenny Kern  
Barbara McCammond  
Andrea Mutton  
Cynthia Petro  
Yoshe Snider  
Hugh Toner  
Linda Hillsman  
George Hejny  
Sue McCowan  
Nicholas T. Almeida  
Abby Beranek  
Felicia Bubula  
Frank Davis  
Jaclyn Golly  
Gen Hadamik  
Donna Karlinski  
Doreen Lehner  
Spencer Mehr  
Baby Jackson Ruggiero  
Dennis Stefka  
Mark Trout  
Grant Bahr  
Shirley Pollacheck  
John Sommer  

Lois Bach  
Kathy Berg  
Ann Clark  
Jessica Davy  
Becca Gorman  
Robert Hayes  
Joseph Karlinski  
Robert Lehner  
Dolores Mendoza  
Daniel Oliver  
Char Ryan  
Joey Stefka  
Audrey Waechtler  
Paul Mintautus  
Andrea Hoover  
Bob Earley  

Anna Bandur  
Sharon Binter  
Margaret Corbett  
Jim Donovan  
Mark Gowgiel  
Erinn Henes  
Peter Kavanagh  
Virginia Mates  
Kate Moss  
Mary Ann Papievis  
Tom Salansky  
Joan Tagglionia  
Loretta Wies  
Baby Fiona Kent  
Theresa Herman  
Stephanie Houllahan  

Logan Bannon  
Bill Brown  
Helen Czulak  
George Drobney  
Diane Goyette  
Katie Main Hwan  
Verine Kavanagh  
Eddie Mayerik  
James Murawski  
Eleanor Pecka  
Eliza Skipworth  
Sharon Tallerico  
Ashley Wolman  
Baby Sofia Kent  
Michelle Maloney  
Fr. John Hornicak

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of  
Frank Bava, father of Mike Bava  
Helen Duncan

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  
Christopher Fountain  
Timothy Randazzo  
Michael Martel  
Nathan Kijowski  
Kyle Ng  
Natalya Brechlin  
Bob Lang  
Christopher Randazzo  
John Svoboda  
Zachary Frana  
Joe McSweeney

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).
St. Mary of Gostyn

Totus Tuus
Teachers Arrive June 9
Teen Program Starts June 10

Sign up your kids!

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

Register Now!
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ttjoliet/

Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.
- Phase I RE Registration NOW OPEN for all returning families
- May 15: Catechist Appreciation Dinner
- May 21: RE Registration Open for all Parish Children entering K-8 Grade
- June 10–15: Totus Tuus Camp
- June 29: Phase II RE Registration Ends.
- July 21 & 22: Opening Packets available with Session Assignments inside!

Why Children’s Liturgy of the Word?

- Young children will come to know Jesus and appreciate the Scriptures more when hearing the Word at their age level.
- The reflection on the Readings is directed to the children.
- Family materials are given to the children to live out the Word at home.
- Parents have the opportunity to fully concentrate on the Readings and Homily.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is looking to train new volunteers for the fall. St. Mary offers CLOW at our 8 am and 10 am Masses most Sundays during the school year. We welcome all adults and teenagers to consider serving this ministry on a rotating basis.

We are also in need of a leader! Nicole has served this ministry for a long time and Kathleen before her. Remember to thank them as they move on to other ministries.

Is the Holy Spirit Calling You?

2018–2019
Phase I RE Registration
Now Open for all returning families

If you have not received your registration packet in the mail, please contact the RE Office
College Bound? Decision Done? Let us know about it...

Heading off to college? Stay connected! Many university campuses have a Newman Center or Campus Ministry. St Mary’s and the Diocese of Joliet partnered with Newman Connection to register graduates as they head off to college. A easy, no cost resource connects high school graduates with Catholic Campus Ministries at universities and colleges across the US. Campus ministers then reach out to incoming students from our parish inviting them to social and faith based events that build relationships and nurture faith. The only registration information needed is student’s name and college choice.

Register www.stmarygostyn.org - college bound tab. Or contact Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org.

Teachings of the Catholic Church
Caring for People at the End of Life

Certainly there is a moral obligation to care for oneself and to allow oneself to be cared for, but this duty must take account of concrete circumstances. It needs to be determined whether the means of treatment available are objectively proportionate to the prospects for improvement. To forego extraordinary or disproportionate means is not the equivalent of suicide or euthanasia; it rather expresses acceptance of the human condition in the face of death.

Saint John Paul II Gospel of Life 65

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Honoring OUR Students

Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord.

Colossians 3:23

Catholic Health Association (CHA). Teachings of the Catholic Church: Caring for People at the End of Life.
Why is financial planning so important?

Simple. Without a financial plan, it's hard to know whether you're sinking or swimming when it comes to your finances. If you aren't tracking your cash flow, your debt could be growing without you even realizing it.

Without a financial plan, you don't know where your money is going, much less how you can make adjustments if you want to set new financial goals. Even people with financial plans often pick numbers out of the air based on what they think it should be or what they want it to be, rather than looking at prior spending.

As a service to our parishioners, we have invited Doug Towsey from Merrill Lynch to speak on the topic of Financial Planning. Mr. Towsey is a Professor of Finance and Economics at DePaul University and a Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch. He has more than 25 years of business and investment experience as a corporate business executive, professor and financial advisor. He holds a B.S. degree in Finance and Economics from Indiana University and a MBA in Finance and Management from Northwestern University Kellogg.

Mr. Towsey’s presentation will begin at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, May 16, in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be served and there will be Q&A session afterwards.

To reserve your seat, please call our parish Advancement Director, Frank Glowaty, at 630-737-9621.
Around the Community

St. Mary Appalachia Outreach Golf Outing Fundraiser

St. Mary Appalachia Outreach will be holding our golf outing fundraiser in Memory of Bernie Babel, on Friday, June 15 at Big Run Golf Course in Lemont, IL. The shotgun event begins at 9:00 AM. The cost for Golf and Dinner is $120.00; Golf only $100.00 and Dinner only $25.00. There will also be a silent auction and raffles. There is also an opportunity for hole sponsorship. For more information or to register, please contact:

Ben Babel: babelbb@comcast.net
Nancey Babel: 630-852-2692
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"JOYFUL AGAIN!"
Retreat/workshop for Widows & Widowers
June 23 & 24 St. Julie’s - Tinley Park
Feeling Stuck? Learn how to move from confusion to new hope. To register call Joyful Again! 708-354-7211 or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

**FUNDS ARE MATCHED WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ ANGEL FUND**

Each day at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet we assist individuals and families who need an angel - veterans who have lost their homes, single mothers who seek warm clothes for their children, and seniors who are forced to choose between paying rent and buying food. Thankfully, we have found someone who is so special and generous... that he is almost like an angel on earth. This anonymous donor wants to team up with you to continue to help our struggling neighbors. For every dollar you donate, our special angel will match it – up to $50,000.

Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn’t there to help.

Please send in a donation by May 31st. Make checks payable to:

Catholic Charities Angel Fund
16355 Weber Rd. Crest Hill, IL 60403

Donations can also be made at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140.

Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. Together we are doing God’s work – changing and saving lives! If you can’t send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and needy in your prayers.

Join us for the
Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession
Thursday, May 31st, 2018 – Following 6:00 pm Holy Mass
From Notre Dame Parish to St. Isaac Jogues

Notre Dame Catholic Church

St. Isaac Jogues

Come and be a true follower of Jesus and take part in this awe-inspiring, musical, festive, candlelight procession of praise and penantry, joining hundreds of Catholics alongside seminarians, priests, nuns in a powerful public witness, bringing Jesus to others out into the public square and letting Him transform our families, parish and communities. Enjoy an unforgettable mile-long stroll on a spring evening with families, friends and Jesus Himself from Notre Dame in Channahon Hills to St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm at Notre Dame Catholic Church by The Most Rev. Bishop R. Daniel Conlan among others. After the Procession will be Adoration, music, food, drinks, ice cream, and Christian fellowship at St. Isaac Jogues.

Check it out and sign up on the parish website: http://slj.net/

The Evangelization Outreach Committee of St. Isaac Jogues and Relevant Radio

Check us out on the web!
www.stmarygostyn.org
Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

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This Week

Monday / 14
8:00 AM  School  Gath. Place C
2:30 PM  Brownie Troop #55103  Gath. Place C
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #51979  Gath. Place A
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Band Concert  Gym
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 15
9:00 AM  School  Gath. Place C
10:45 AM  Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
5:30 PM  R.E. Catechist Mtg.  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel

Wednesday / 16
9:00 AM  School  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Financial Planning Seminar  Gath. Place A

Thursday / 17
1:15 AM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Book Discussion Group  Living Room

Friday / 18
4:00 PM  School: Play Cast Party  Gathering Place

Saturday / 19
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Jr. High Social  Gym

Sunday / 20
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
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 (630/969-1063) for further information.

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.