St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
July 15, 2018

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7
Save the Date!
12th Annual St. Mary of Gostyn 5K Run

Saturday, August 25, 2018

5 K Run/Walk at 8:00 am
1 Mile Youth Race at 9:15 am
(14 & younger)

Registration will open in July at:
www.stmarygostyn.org

Invite your friends and family.

Want to help? Volunteer or Sponsor our Event.
For information, email Patty Sashin at: patricia_sashin@yahoo.com or
Terri O’Dekirk at: todekirk@stmarygostyn.org
Who believes these words of Paul? Do we actually agree that we have been chosen by God to receive all of Christ's spiritual blessings, even holiness of life and complete love? Take a moment right now. Look inside. Do you believe these words are meant for you, in your familiar everyday life?

If this fullness of life is God's choice and will for you, how do you respond? Do you make an effort to live as if this were already the truth of your life? Here's a checklist:

- how do I receive God's spiritual blessings and love in my family life? (Be specific!)
- how do I experience holiness and blessings at work?
- how do I find completeness of love in my church community?
- how do I express holiness among my friends and relatives?
- how do I receive God's blessings in casual contacts, like grocery lines, the mechanic's waiting room, or the doctor's office?

If we believe that we have been chosen for blessings by the Lord God, we have a great-hearted trust in life. Every moment, life will give us what we need to become like Christ, because God desires that blessing for us. We know that God is always aware of us and our needs, our pleasures, the state of our hearts.

On the other hand, if we doubt that we are chosen for blessings, then living can be pretty desperate.

This is important: Our choice of beliefs is ours to make!

**PRAYER**

Loving God, my life is filled with so many good things, with challenges at work, with opportunities at home, with possibilities to learn and grow.

I thank you for the gifts I have received and ask you for the wisdom to manage them.

Help me resist the temptation to pile on more and more good things until what I truly love is lost from sight.

Give me the courage to throw out the things I do not need, so that I may in time uncover my own true self and my deepest happiness which is you.

Amen.

_Marilynn Gustin_
Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. In June St Mary’s provided food for 262 Individuals within 108 Families. So far this year we have fed 1785 Individuals within 727 Families.

St Mary of Gostyn and St Joseph’s in Downers Grove continue to support five Chicago inner city Shelters that are in desperate need; providing over 500 meals each day for our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters. All this is done without impacting what we distribute at our pantries in Downers Grove.

Most needed item is canned fruit.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY
1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s or Fresh Thyme, Thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large donation of food from Jim & Lois Murawski in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Thank you for those single item donations, every can helps.
4. Received a large donation from Ron/Linda Cuchna.

June Proverb: The greatest gift a father can give his children is to love their mother.

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

Thank you St Mary’s from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry which is open from 8:00 until 11:00am every Wednesday. Please note we expanded pantry hours to 8am thru 11am.
The prophet Amos and the twelve special disciples of Jesus had a great deal in common. Their experience of the divine was such that their lives were radically changed. Jesus’ instructions to the Twelve portrayed their itinerant ministry as an extension of Jesus’ own work. The Book of Amos also shows that disciples of the prophet carried on his prophetic mission.

Amos and the Twelve witnessed to the experience of being sent. The Lord was the force behind Amos’ mission (see Am 7:15). Similarly, Mark stated that Jesus “called the twelve and began to send them out....” Their mission was thus rooted in Jesus’ personal decision (see Mk 3:13). Sending “two by two” probably reflects the biblical view that the testimony of only one witness was insufficient (see Dt 19:15).

Amos and the Twelve were empowered to carry out their missions. For Amos, this empowerment was seen in the expression: “Now...hear the word of the Lord.” God had empowered Amos to speak out against the sins of Israel. Mark affirmed that Jesus gave the Twelve authority over the unclean spirits. Hence they were intimately associated with Jesus’ own power over evil spirits (see Mk 1:22,27;2:10). This empowerment extended the ministry of Jesus (see Mk 6:12-13).

Both Amos and the Twelve were emissaries who sought acceptance of God’s message. Amos did not receive such acceptance. Indeed, this prophet from the southern kingdom of Judah was told to abandon his ministry in the northern kingdom of Israel. The Twelve were to be dependent upon the hospitality of those to whom they ministered. Mark implied that the Twelve could expect such hospitality, however, because the people would respond positively to their message.

Both Amos and the Twelve expressed dire warnings for the non-acceptance of their missions. Amos informed Amaziah that his wife would become a prostitute, his children be murdered, and he himself die in an alien land (see Am 7:17). Jesus sternly admonished the Twelve to leave those places where they were not welcome, even to “shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” Shaking the dust from the feet was a symbolic action that Jews performed upon returning to the Holy Land, because foreign dust must not contaminate Jewish soil (see Acts 13:51).

Amos and the Twelve can impact our own ministries, which flow from our baptism. Through that sacrament, we acknowledge that God sends us and we realize we are empowered to exercise our missions. We may anticipate acceptance of our message, but we must also reckon with non-acceptance, which in turn should evoke stern warnings. We have much in common with Amos and the Twelve.

JOHN F. CRAGHAN

**Choices**

There can be no love without choice. How would you like it if someone said he loved you because he had to, because he feared the pains of hell? Spare me such a friend, O Lord! "Spare Me such a friend, O human!"

Philip St. Romain, The “Logic” of Happiness
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018
6:15 AM - Catherine Briatico req. Lucille Biondi
          Robert P. Noonan & Robert K. Noonan req. Family

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018
6:15 AM - Steven McGovern req. Julie Leclercq
          8:00 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Chuck, Donna & Jaclyn Golly

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018
6:15 AM - Charles & Helen Was req. Lois Bach & Family
          8:00 AM - Sal Madonia req. Graczyk Family

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018
8:00 AM - Frank Bava req. Aument Family

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018
6:15 AM - Florence Alberico
          8:00 AM - John Panek req. Bob & Rose Jaskula

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018
8:00 AM - Robert Oliver req. Charlene Oliver
          Jack Byrne req. Byrne Family
          4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018
8:00 AM - Gene Zidek req. JoAnn & Family
          Ed Main req. Mike & Mary Signer
          10:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Family
          12:00 PM - Maribeth Gillies req. Grandma & Grandpa Cudzillo
          6:00 PM - Michael Kummerer req. Miriam Baker

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).
Psalm - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading - The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).
Gospel - Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Prayer for the Sick through the Intercession of St. Peregrine
Graciously hear the prayers which we offer to you O God.
We present our petitions through St. Peregrine, your beloved servant and patron of those suffering from cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening diseases.
Grant that the sick may receive help in all their needs through the intercession of St. Peregrine, whose life was so pleasing to you.
Hear us in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.
St. Peregrine, Pray for us!
O Mary, health of the sick, Pray for us!
Presider Schedule for Saturday, July 21st and Sunday, July 22nd

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

Altar Flowers

Our lovely floral arrangement on the altar this weekend was donated in remembrance of Eleanor Kolpa who entered into eternal life 15 years ago by Rita & Michael Derry

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
- Nicholas Furio
- Matthew & Lana McKenna
- Terry & Carol McGlinchey
- Irene Stange
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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 Knolcrest 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.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:
- Ronald Bacastow
- Michael Durkin, brother of Cathy Drobney
- Jean Gierlach
- Daniel Glover, father of Jasmine Glover
- Jane Hoon
- John Jang, father of Colleen Kramnic
- William J. Riemer
- Steven A. Rostan
- Anthony Scrima

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:

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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).
A CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Who Makes a Good Catechist?

• A person of faith who wants to share it.
• Someone willing to work with children, or middle schoolers.
• An adult age 18 and up.
• Any adult still passionate about his/her faith.
• A man or a woman.
• A person willing to follow a catechist guide with easy lesson plans.

Can you see yourself in this description. So many times we think we have to rely on the parents of the children in the program. Did you know that a vast amount of our catechists are not parents from our RE families? Many are parents, but not all.

Consider how you can participate. It’s all about sharing what you have been given by someone else. Training is available and encouraged. We’re praying for you to consider this opportunity.

If you are interested in volunteering, call 630.969-1063, ext. 220 or email religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

Why we have Children’s Liturgy?

• 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.

If you are interested in volunteering, call 630.969-1063, ext. 220 or email religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLING YOU TO HELP?

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!
**School News**

Below are just some of the many proud accomplishments and successes we have achieved TOGETHER as a school-home partnership! Please note that this is not intended to be a complete list of every accomplishment that we have achieved this year. Thank you to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff and parents for working hard to achieve these great things in our first year together!

**High School Placement Success!** - 62% of the class of 2018 tested at the 80th percentile or above on their Catholic High School Entrance Exams. We are proud of each and every one of our graduates and look forward to hearing the many successes they have at their new schools in the years to come.

**Giving Back to Others** - Focused on giving back to others and being good stewards of the resources provided to us by God, we gave back in several ways including:

- Raising over $2,200 for the American Red Cross through our all-school spiritwear days
- Lenten Service Project - Water with Blessings - During Lent, we came together as a community to raise enough funds to support 50 families in Haiti to have clean drinking water for the ongoing future

**Upgrades in School/Building Safety** - We made large-scale and palpable progress throughout our school-wide safety initiative. Some of the major successes in this area include:

- Training and certifying 100% of our school staff in the ALICE response
- Collaborating with the Downers Grove Police Department and installing 15 new school security cameras to monitor the interior and exterior parts of the school
- Installing a safety fence in our parking lot where our students play during recess
- Moving our school lunch procedure from a volunteer-supervised lunch occurring in the school classrooms to a school staff-supervised lunch in the Gathering Place
- Installing a new visitor management check system in our front office (this summer)

**First Ever All School (Sunday Mass)** - The purpose of this event was and is to celebrate mass as a school and parish family, alongside some of our parishioners. This year our students attended this special Sunday Mass in their school uniforms and helped lead the Mass. This was also the start of a new tradition at SMG!

**Increased Social/Emotional Support for Students** - In alignment with our school theme of “All Are Welcome”, we focused on developing and maintaining an inclusive environment, and asked students, parents and teachers to provide their partnership in achieving this goal. We increased our support for students through several new programs including:

- Increasing social work services from one day per week to two days per week.
- Introduced a new social/emotional learning curriculum (Second Step) to each classroom (preschool through eighth grade) at SMG!
- Partnered with the Downers Grove Township to implement the Peer Led Life Skills Program to our current 6th and 7th grade students
- Installed a brand new playground for our primary students in the corner lot area

**Expanded Our Resource Program** - We redesigned the structure of our resource program which allowed for Mrs. Fernandez and Mrs. Smith to transition from supporting students only in grades 1-4 to supporting students at all grade levels throughout SMG!

**Raised $228,000 to support SMG!** - Thank you to ALL who donated, helped volunteer, and/or attended any of our major fundraisers this year. We are extremely grateful for the resources raised at these events, as well as the friendships and fellowship that continue to grow and develop within our school and parish community.
Integration of 1:1 Technology Throughout SMG (Kindergarten - through 8th Grade) - 2017-2018 was the year that SMG obtained the distinction of 1:1 throughout our school! We also integrated a small amount of devices (iPads) to be available for the preschool program on an as-needed basis. While we believe in a maintaining a healthy balance of technology that enhances student learning, we are very proud to offer each child at SMG their own device for learning!

Student Musical: Lion King Jr. - This year our students performed the Lion King Jr. for sold out crowds at Montini Catholic High School. The performances, singing, dancing and production were incredible and representative of the extraordinary talents of our young men and women at SMG!

New Sports Teams and Athletic Championships! - We remain proud to have introduced Track & Field to SMG this year! Thank you to Mr. Mike Nolan and the entire athletics department and volunteers for helping to bring Track & Field to our SMG students, and for another successful season full of championships and student development! We are proud of all of our athletes for learning how to manage their time efficiently, and how to compete with class and respect for all.

Hot Lunch Weekly – Thank you to Mrs. Hubeny and the group of parent volunteers who helped implement a once per week hot lunch program for the students and staff of SMG! The new system was implemented with grace and efficiency, and the food was also great!

Launched New School Website – Thank you to all who have helped get our new school website up and running! As we have taken the first step in creating the new website aimed at marketing our school, we will continue to grow and further develop and refine our website to represent SMG in the digital world.

New in 2018-2019!

Please note that this is not a complete list or a complete description of the new programs and improvements for next year. However, I wanted you to all be aware of these exciting improvements that we have been working hard on throughout the year.

Each one of these new programs/ideas for the 2018-2019 school year has been presented to and approved by our School Advisory Board. We are proud and excited for these new programs for the 2018-2019 school year! More details will follow over the course of the summer and at parent orientation nights.

New Staff & New Positions!

We are sad to announce that a few of our school staff members will be moving on to new experiences and will not be returning to St. Mary of Gostyn. We would like to thank Mrs. Fran Barbic (Preschool Instructional Assistant), Mrs. Sue Tustin (Aftercare) and Mrs. Pam Mysliwiec (Aftercare) for their years of dedication and service to our students and families at SMG. Each will be truly missed as they take the next step in their journeys. We wish them well in their future endeavors and will keep them each in our prayers.

We are very excited to announce the following staff updates for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Creation of Director of Marketing and Enrollment Position
  - The biggest challenge that our Catholic schools face today is the continuous issue of maintaining and growing enrollment. We realize that this is also a major area of focus for SMG as we look to not only maintain our current enrollment numbers but to grow our overall enrollment in the future! In order to achieve our vision, we are pleased to announce the creation of a new position at SMG beginning next year.

LaVonne Czech, our current Director of Marketing will become our new full-time Director of Marketing and Enrollment beginning July 1st, 2018. Mrs. Czech will continue to work on utilizing best practices for marketing our school to the community, as well as to assess our current methods of marketing our school. She will also assume the design and oversight of our student enrollment process, to which we will also begin implementing new and best practices at SMG. Because she will be working more directly with parents regarding the enrollment process, Mrs. Czech will also be moving offices from the Parish Center to the school office! A separate letter from Mrs. Czech will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

July 15, 2018
Office Makeover and Administrative Assistant Position – New Hours

This summer our office will undergo a cleaning and re-arranging of the space to create a professional, welcoming and efficient work space for our office team! This cleaning and “makeover” will begin shortly after the school year concludes and should be complete before the end of June.

One additional change in the school office configuration will be the new hours of the Administrative Assistant position. Beginning next year, the Administrative Assistant office hours will be from 7:30am – 12:30pm, Monday through Thursday. We are blessed to have Mrs. Czopek continue to serve the SMG community!

Creation of New Special Education Position – Resource Teacher/Interventionist

○ We welcome Mrs. Vicky Fernandez to this new position at SMG! Mrs. Fernandez will move from the Math Resource Position to the newly created Interventionist Position next year! In Mrs. Fernandez’s new role, she will continue to support students in the area of mathematics. She will also act as an advocate for students to ensure that we are providing research-based interventions to meet the needs of our students. In addition to working with students, Mrs. Fernandez will also oversee our Teacher Assistance Team, collaborate with classroom teachers to utilize best practices for instruction, and co-teach lessons as needed. We are blessed to be able to create this new position at SMG which will provide support for our students and teachers!

New Math Resource Teacher – Mrs. Emma Munoz

○ We are very pleased and excited that Mrs. Munoz will continue on as a teacher at SMG next year! Mrs. Munoz expressed interest in our Math Resource Teacher position and we are looking forward to her stepping into this important support role for our students.

New Middle School Math and Eighth Grade Homeroom Teacher – Mrs. Karen Porcelli

○ Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Karen Porcelli as the newest staff member and teacher at SMG! Mrs. Porcelli, will be our new Middle School Math and Eighth Grade Homeroom Teacher. Mrs. Porcelli brings a wealth of experiences and qualifications to SMG, including:
  ▪ Masters of Education from Loyola University
  ▪ Endorsements in Mathematics and Social Science
  ▪ Seven years’ experience teaching middle school math

A separate letter of introduction from Mrs. Porcelli will be shared in the coming weeks!

Preschool Instructional Assistant – Mrs. Carla Greaney

○ Mrs. Greaney will be making the move from Kindergarten Instructional Assistant to Preschool Instructional Assistant. We are again blessed that Mrs. Greaney will be continuing on as a SMG staff member and working together with Ms. Meier in our award-winning preschool program!

2018-2019 SMG School Theme: See, Stop, Serve!

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” – (Matthew 25:40 NABRE)

Service will be the universal and consistent theme for students and school community during the 2018-2019 school year. As like this year, parents, teachers and staff will be called to do their part in modeling and emphasizing the service theme for our students. We are currently working on new service projects and ideas to coincide with the new school theme. More details will be share with parents and students in August.

Positive Behavioral Intervention & Support (PBIS)

One of our major school goals this year has been to create a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system for implementation during the 2018-2019 school year.

“PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. The process focuses on improving a school’s ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn.”

http://www.pbis.org/family
Essentially, this system will define the essential student traits and behavioral characteristics that our SMG students should strive for and embody. Our teachers have been working collaboratively throughout the year on developing the 3 essential traits (below) that we will promote and incentivize throughout our school beginning next year.

S – Stay Safe
M – Model Christ
G – Give Our Best

We have also finalized the matrix of what each of these traits will look like in different aspects of our school such as the classrooms, lunchroom, bathrooms, hallways/staircases, busses, recess and in church.

The final step of this program is to design the system used to recognize and incentivize these desired traits. We are currently collecting student input on the incentives and will continue to inform parents as the plans solidify. We will of course have additional and detailed resources for parents available at the start of the school year in 2018-2019.

**STEM Improvements: 3D Printer Pilot Program & Device Upgrades**
In keeping with current trends in science, technology, engineering and math, we have purchased a 3D-Printer to be implemented in our middle school science, math and technology curriculum next year! The machine will come equipped with all of the necessary materials as well as curricular and instructional resources for our teachers to implement. We will pilot the 3D-Printer as a new and exciting addition to our current program. If we determine through student use that the machine is enhancing the learning of our students, we will look to expand our inventory in the years ahead. We will also share more details once a complete pilot plan is developed with the teachers.

**Technology: Chromebooks For Fourth Grade**
We will say goodbye to the Surface Tablets that were used in Grade 4 this year. During the 2018-2019 school year, our fourth grade students will each have a chromebook, which will allow for all students in grades four through eight to have and use a chromebook, while students in kindergarten through 3rd grade will have access to iPads. We will also continue our analysis of how we are using technology that truly enhances student learning.

**Continued Focus on Safety/Security: New Visitor Management System**
We will continue to focus on safety and security during the 2018-2019 school year.

1. The first step that will take place over the summer is the implementation of our new Raptor Visitor Check-In System. The Raptor system will be installed and in place for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. We will continue to update and inform parents and visitors regarding the new procedures for checking in when visiting SMG. Below is the link to the Raptor webpage if you are interested in learning more.
   https://raptortech.com/

2. We will also continue to collaborate with the Downers Grove Police Department to practice the implementation of the ALICE response if ever needed. Our school staff will take a re-certification test again in August.

   **ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate** and is a useful strategy for everyone: law enforcement, schools, universities, hospitals, businesses, and places of worship. It is also in line with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). More information can be found online at www.alicetraining.com.

3. We will also begin examining our entrances and exits, and identify how we can make some structural improvements to improve the safety of the doors throughout the building.
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This Week

**Monday / 16**
- 6:30 PM Rosary Church
- 7:00 PM Catechism Course Gathering Pl. A

**Tuesday / 17**
- 6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel

**Wednesday / 18**
- 6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
- 7:00 PM Town Hall Meeting Gathering Pl. A

**Thursday / 19**
- 1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room

**Friday / 20**

**Saturday / 21**

**Sunday / 22**
- 4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church

NEW PARISH PHONE SYSTEM

The Parish offices now have a new phone system. The previous Parish Center line of 630-960-3565 will no longer be in use. Please call us at 630-969-1063.

We would love to hear from you!
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.