16th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32
Celebrate with
St. Mary of Gostyn
Save these dates

August 21, 2018
Ice Cream Social
SMG School Play Lot
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

August 25, 2018
St. Mary of Gostyn 5 K and 1 Mile Runs
SMG Campus

August 26, 2018
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Picnic
SMG Parking Lot

September 7, 2018
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Golf Outing
Village Greens Golf Course

February 9, 2019
St. Mary of Gostyn Big Event
Dinner Dance and Auction
Esplanade Lakes
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of our busy lives, remember that God has his own plans for us.

Plans. All of us are familiar with plans. There are family plans, school plans, plans at work, travel plans, game plans and all sorts of other plans. Our days are lived out with plans in mind. Even our fun times are planned – sometimes over-planned.

In today’s Gospel, we heard about the Apostles who had been out preaching and had come back to Jesus to report about all they had been doing. The apostles rejoined Jesus, Saint Mark reports, and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. They obviously needed a break, so Jesus decided it was time to get away and get some rest. We all can identify with that, can’t we?

It must have been a lovely scene. They all get into a fishing boat and begin rowing out across the lake, the boat gliding along the smooth waters with only the sound of the oars dipping in the water and perhaps a screeching gull or two swooping overhead. Peace at last, along with the prospect of finding a quiet place on the other side where they could unpack their food, sit and talk, and quietly have time to share stories and listen to what Jesus had to say.

But then as they approached the opposite shore, they saw a large crowd and heard the noisy voices of people. You can imagine how those Apostles felt. No doubt they were more than annoyed. Their plans were being disrupted. Life is like that, isn’t it? Our best-laid plans, and our cherished moments, are too often stolen from us.

How do we react when our plans are either interrupted or completely disrupted? How do we react when people get in the way of our goals? Do we get resentful and make life miserable for those around us? Do we lash out at those around us?

When you stop and think about it, Jesus endured many setbacks in his earthly life, and turned these moments into blessings for all. He answered a lawyer’s tricky question by giving us the wonderful story of the Prodigal Son. On the cross, dying in agony, he asked his Father to forgive those who had nailed him to that cross. Here, in today’s Gospel account, he got out of the boat even though he was weary and needed a break, waded into the crowd, and then gave them beautiful lessons and teachings about life. Saint Mark reports: So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. He did not send them on their way. Instead he gave them his tender and caring love.

We must remember that God’s agenda and our own agenda might not be the same. God, after all, has his plans for us, and when they come to bear in our lives we might have to make some adjustments to our own plans. After all, where is it written that we are entitled to live an easier and more problem-free life than Jesus? Where is it written that our plans are never to be changed?

God is a God of surprises, just as he is a God who gives us unplanned opportunities to show what we’re made of and respond to him in patience and humility, and with love.

We all have plans. At the same time we must remember that God has his, too. It’s best to go along with his plans.
HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ST. MARY OF GOSTYN IN YOUR WILL?

The Greatest Generation is disappearing. Younger donors attend Mass less often, and give differently or not at all. As a result, gifts provided through wills and trusts are destined to become an essential art of the church.

We hope that you will consider including St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School in your estate or financial plans and help sustain the mission of each for generations to come.

The simplest way to make a planned gift is by naming St. Mary of Gostyn in your will. A bequest is a meaningful way to support our work without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime.

Your attorney can include it when you prepare or revise your will or you can add a codicil at any time.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

Jesus invites the disciples to come away and rest for a while. The crowds were so great that Jesus and the disciples did not even have an opportunity to eat. As they climbed into a boat to go to a deserted place, the crowds followed on foot, arriving before the boat. Jesus looked upon them, and his heart was moved with pity because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus and the disciples have ministered tirelessly. When they attempt to find rest, they end up placing their own privations aside to take care of the needs of others.

We have all had an experience of being tired and needing a moment to rest, but because of the demands of those around us, we put aside caring for ourselves and offer care and comfort to others. Let us pray this week for all those who act as shepherds, for the caregivers; may they find the rest necessary for them to continue their ministry.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 7/15/2018 $32,995.55
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00
Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $88,500.00
Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $83,690.92
Total (Under) Goals to Date ($4,809.08)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

In today’s second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Christ is creating a new world order: one that brings about relationships based on love, peace, reconciliation, hope and unity. As a Eucharistic community, we are stewards of Christ’s new creation. How are we promoting peace and reconciliation in our own lives? How are we showing love for our neighbors? What are we doing to encourage unity and understanding among those with whom we gather around the Lord’s Table each week?
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

Register for classes this fall at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Darien!

Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet

Here’s your chance to find out about our excellent diocesan Bible school right here at this parish.

The Biblical Institute offers in-depth study of the Bible, from the Catholic point of view, presented by trained and experienced Catholic teachers.

For information, go to: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo and click on Biblical Institute
Or call: 815-221-6147.

Biblical Institute Preview Night
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
August 29 (Wednesday)
7-8:30 p.m.
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018
6:15 AM - Daniel L. Glover req. Nick & Nadine Onesti

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018
6:15 AM - Joseph LaValle req. Sanderson Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018
8:00 AM - Robert Johnson req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
Michael Durkin

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018
8:00 AM - John Krzystofiak req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018
8:00 AM - Renee O’Neill req. Calistro Family
Brian Brown req. Aument Family

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018
8:00 AM - Jim & Margaret Shannon req. Mike & Mary Signer
4:30 PM - Harold Schramm req. Family

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Jim & Ann Mudra req. Karen & Emil Mudra
John Esposito req. Fran Belcastro
12:00 PM - Laine VanHoutan req. Kenah Family
6:00 PM - Jim Donovan req. Michele Freese

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).
Psalm - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading - In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).
Gospel - When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE
IN MASS SCHEDULE
NO 8:00 AM Mass
Monday, July 23rd, and
Tuesday, July 24th.
NO 6:15 AM Mass
Wednesday, July 25th,
Thursday, July 26th and
Friday, July 27th.
Presider Schedule for Saturday, July 28th and Sunday, July 29th

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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

The beautiful flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by JAMES & DIANE MASSURA in celebration of their 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. They will be renewing their vows at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Thank You and Congratulations!

Baptism

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

James Thomas Harrington, son of James Harrington & Nicole Mazzei
Emma Rose McClarey, daughter of Matthew & Brittany McClarey

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

Judith Abella      Nicholas T. Almeida      Lois Bach
Gabriella Beirne   Abby Beranek          Kathy Berg
Tom Brown          Frank Davis           Ann Clark
Jean Dahm          Dennis Finn           Jessica Davy
John Duffy          Gen Hadamik           Becca Gorman
Rion Goyette       Bobby Johnson         Robert Hayes
Katie Main Hwan    John Wuyte            Donna Karlinski
Verine Kavanagh    Ermanno John Mazzei  Doreen Lehner
Virginia Mates     Eddie Mayerik         Barbara McCammond
Kate Moss          James Murawski        Andrea Mutton
Mary Ann Papievis  Eleanor Pecka         Cynthia Petro
Tom Salansky       Eliza Skipworth       Yoshiie Snider
Joan Tagglonia     Sharon Tallerico      Hugh Toner
Ashley Woltman     F. John Hornicak      Kelly Walters
Bob Caron          Fronni Nini           Marge Knapp

Convalle Family

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Lorraine Burke
Ermanno John Mazzei, nephew of E.J. & Jennifer Mazzei
John Wuyte

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 Christopher Randazzo Zachary Frana
Timothy Randazzo    Kyle Ng            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 630/969-1063, 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).
HOPE FLOATS: AN EVENING CRUISE TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF JOLIET!

Join Catholic Charities’ Board of Young Professionals for a cruise along the Fox River on Saturday, August 18 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. The boat leaves from 2 North Avenue in St. Charles. Cost is $65 per ticket for an enchanting evening that includes gourmet food, beer, and wine. Tickets are available at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or 815-724-1140.

This event will directly benefit the mission of Catholic Charities to serve the neediest in our community. Questions, contact Julie at jmprimozic@gmail.com. For more information about Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES’ BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

The DuPage County Back to School Fair, coordinated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis High School (2130 Roosevelt Rd.) in Wheaton.

This annual summer event is a major county-wide effort to help families who are living on low-incomes access important services to begin the school year on a positive note. Children who attend the fair will receive free medical and dental services; vital information about local programs and services; and a new backpack with school supplies!

Parents must bring the following items to the fair:
• Proof of income
• Recent pay stubs, tax return or public aid card and LINC card together
• If you cannot provide this information, you must bring cash income verification (written letter from your employer, recent bank statements, or a note from a caseworker).
• Proof of address in DuPage County
• Photo I.D., driver’s license, or state I.D., and a recent utility bill or lease.
• Identification for children
• Birth certificate or medical card.

Volunteer opportunities are also available at this event! To volunteer, contact Joy Newburn at 630-495-8008 or jnewburn@cc-doj.org.

Please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org to learn more about Catholic Charities’ Back to School Fair.

“JOYFUL AGAIN” RETREAT FOR WIDOWS AND WIDowers

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

Dates/locations:
• July 21 & 22- Holy Family - Inverness
• August 11 & 12 - Mary Queen of Heaven – Elmhurst

For more information contact: Joyful Again! 708-354-7211 or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or see our website: www.joyfulagain.org
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This Week

Monday / 23
6:30 PM  Rosary Church
7:00 PM  Catechism Course Gathering Pl. A

Tuesday / 24
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group Chapel

Wednesday / 25
6:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday / 26
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities Living Room

Friday / 27

Saturday / 28
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday /29
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!

CHRIST is our PEACE

The LORD is my shepherd
there is nothing
I shall want.

In green pastures
he gives me rest.
Beside peaceful waters
he leads me
He refreshes my soul.
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.