17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” - Jn 6:12
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)

For more information or to register:
www.stmarygostyn.org

Parish Picnic
August 26th
1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

St. Mary of Gostyn and the Knights of Columbus invite you to the annual parish picnic. Join us on this fun filled day as you enjoy complimentary food, drinks, Live Music and games! Baked goods donations will be gladly accepted.

Kids Games * Bingo * Dunk Tank
Bean Bag Tournament * Split the Pot
and so much more!
Today’s readings give us more than the usual chance to consider a miracle. We are talking here about events that cannot be explained by common sense and certainly not by science. The events are fully supernatural in origin, an act of God’s intervention in the world he loves.

Elisha was a great prophet in the Northern Kingdom of Israel some 800 years before Jesus was born. He was a crusader against the moral and religious laxity of his time. As a holy man, Elisha stayed close to Yahweh and therefore, he was privileged to be a vehicle of God’s power to work numerous miracles. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves we hear about in the first reading today is rather unceremonious and even matter of fact in its brevity. A famine has been in the land and now that it has subsided, the first fruits harvested are to be offered in thanks to the Lord. Elisha relies on the Lord’s power to produce a miracle and instructs the servants to feed the people. Not only are all fed, but there is some left over.

Each of the four Gospels contains a miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. To be sure, there was a physical hunger in the vast crowd that followed Jesus. However, what appears to be even more pressing was the spiritual hunger of the people. The people were following Jesus because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. The actions of Jesus – the forgiveness of sins, the healings, the casting out of demons – were all spiritual acts that had a profound effect on the everyday life of those who followed Jesus. Certainly, the people had physical needs; however, they had spiritual needs that only Jesus could satisfy.

How in touch are we with spiritual needs and desires, our own and those of our world? Too often our culture lures us to dismiss or cover over our spiritual needs and entices us instead to pursue money, status or power. However, deep spiritual longings have brought us to this Eucharistic celebration. The rich traditions, rituals, movements and words of our liturgy unite us and allow the miraculous power of God to be made manifest. These realities satisfy our deepest longings just as assuredly as the miracle performed by Jesus satisfied the large crowd that followed him.

What is more, as in the miracle in the Gospel, there are plenty of leftovers that we will take from our gathering. One leftover is grace. Grace, the presence of the Holy Spirit, will continue to feed us throughout the week. Grace opens our hearts to touch others with the abundant love we have received from our Lord. Another leftover is thanksgiving. We gather to give thanks, and Jesus feeds us through the Scriptures and with his body and blood making us more thankful people. As thankful people, we are moved to tend to the spiritual and temporal needs of others.

Our God is a God of miracles and abundance. He satisfies our spiritual longings so that we can better serve our brothers and sisters. We have been blessed with the miraculous gift of faith and abundant reserves of grace and thanksgiving sufficient to meet our deepest hungers and the hungers of our world.

Everything that one turns in the direction of God is prayer.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have - exercising good stewardship - releases God’s power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and our other resources in his name?

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Collection 7/22/2018 $21,961.05
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00
Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $118,000.00
Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $105,651.97
Total (Under) Goals to Date ( $12,348.03)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Dear Parents,

My name is Claire Simeo, and I am the new Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish. I recently graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a degree in Theology and Catechetics, and I am excited to share my faith with the parishioners here – especially the youth! This is an invitation for you to encourage your children to become involved in the youth ministry program and events here at SMG.

First of all, I want to assure you that I am here for the teens of the parish (and any other teens who want to come!). Secondly, and not less importantly, I am here to support you and your families. We all know that the adolescent years can be tough, and teens are doing a lot of questioning, trying to figure out who they are, and transitioning in general. I am here to help you in your role of handing on the faith to your children, and working through those changes as they try to discover who they are. I want to work with you and your high schooler(s) and plug them into the resources they need to thrive!

I know you all have busy schedules, especially during the school-year, and some of you may be thinking: “my child (ren) already go to a catholic school”, or “we are already too committed, so why youth group?” Having high schoolers involved in youth ministry is an excellent thing… I know it was pivotal in my own life and in the lives of many of my friends.

Since our Catholic faith and relationship with Jesus Christ are the most important aspects of our lives, it is crucial to be plugged into a place where these can grow and flourish. In youth ministry, we are investing in the present AND the future of the Church, as well as society. The high-schoolers of today will be the parish & Church leaders, world leaders, parents, priests, and future of tomorrow.

Additionally, studies have shown that adolescents whose faith is reinforced both by parents, AND a Youth Ministry program are much more likely to remain invested in their faith throughout their adult lives. This is essential to building up the future of our Church and our world – Let’s do this together!

We will be meeting weekly on Sunday nights starting September 9th from 7-9PM in the Underground @SMG, and will have a variety of topics, fun events, and service opportunities. Please encourage your teen(s) to come to our kickoff event on Sept. 9th for games, pizza, and more!

Please let me know how I can work with & serve you and your families, or if you are interested in getting involved. Check out our youth ministry webpage and be sure to follow us on Social Media: https://stmarygostyn.org/blog/dbd-ministries/youth-young-adult-ministry/

In Christ,

Claire Simeo

Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).
Psalm - The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).
Second Reading - Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).
Gospel - Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
**Baptism**

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

- **Elizabeth Ann Hagle**, daughter of Jesse & Natalie Hagle
- **Vincent Anthony Hall**, son of Nicholas & Mia Hall
- **Gwendolyn Elise Perino**, daughter of Michael & Beth Perino

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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 4th and Sunday, August 5th**

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

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

Judith Abella
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Jean Dahm
John Duffy
Rion Goyette
Katie Main Hwan
Verine Kavanagh
Virginia Mates
Kate Moss
Mary Ann Papievis
Tom Salansky
Joan Tagglionia
Ashley Woltman
Bob Caron
Convalle Family
Nicholas T. Almeida
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Frank Davis
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Bobby Johnson
Kenny Kern
Eddie Mayerik
James Murawski
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Sharon Tallerico
Fr. John Hornicak
Fronni Nini
Jerry Papievis
Lois Bach
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jessica Davy
Becca Gorman
Robert Hayes
Donna Karlinski
Doreen Lehner
Barbara McCammond
Andrea Mutton
Cynthia Petro
Yoshie Snider
Hugh Toner
Kelly Walters
Marge Knapp
Anna Bandur
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Jim Donovan
Mark Gowgiel
Erinn Hennes
Joseph Karlinski
Robert Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Ken Norman
Baby Jackson Ruggiero
Dennis Stefka
Mark Trout
Joyce Truby
Daniel Pintozzi
Logan Bannon
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
George Drobney
Diane Goyette
Theresa Herman
Peter Kavanagh
Michelle Maloney
Dolores Mendoza
Daniel Oliver
Char Ryan
Joey Stefka
Audrey Waechtl
Diane Schwartz
Richard Drobney

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Fr. Tom Sularz
Gerry Volk

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 630/969-1063, 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).
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?

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.

This month’s topic: End of Life-Planning for and Navigating Decisions

Medical advances bring new and complex questions for family caregivers and their loved one.

Our Catholic faith offers a long tradition of teaching to help guide us through these multifaceted issues to respond in light of our faith and the hope of our eternal reward in Christ.

Be nourished.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com

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.

Wednesday, August 8th
7:00 pm
Parish Center Library

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

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

**Tuesday / 31**
- 6:30 PM Legion of Mary
- Small Conf. Rm.
- Chapel
- 6:30 PM Prayer Group

**Wednesday / 1**
- 6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Church

**Thursday / 2**
- 1:15 PM Small Christian Communities
- Living Room
- 7:00 PM Baptism Prep.
- Large Conf. Rm.

**Friday / 3**

**Saturday / 4**

**Sunday / 5**
- 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](http://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.