St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
August 12, 2018

19th
Sunday in Ordinary Time

“This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:50
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

We cannot guarantee a race t-shirt if registration is after 8/17!

Parish Picnic
Aug. 26th
1:00 - 5:00 PM
Church Parking Lot

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 good donations will be gladly accepted!

Parish Picnic
50/50
Split the Pot Raffle
Drawing will be held at the Picnic. Winner need not be present.

Prayer

Saving God,
Each time I gather
with my brothers and sisters,
I believe you are among us.
Allow me to recognize their suffering and needs and entrust them to your love.

THY KINGDOM COME!

Each time I hear your word proclaimed,
I know you speak to my heart.
Allow me to take my doubts and faults and submit them to your healing grace.

THY KINGDOM COME!

Each time I share in the bread and wine of the Eucharist, I embrace Jesus’ presence.
Allow me to remember his absence from our world.

THY KINGDOM COME!

Marilynn Gustin
The Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be mindful that part of our life together in the Eucharist means being kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving, just as Christ has forgiven us. What can we do this week to show our kindness, compassion and forgiving attitude toward others in our family of faith? How can we be even better stewards of our faith community as, what St. Paul refers to as “Imitators of God?”

Children’s Sunday Envelopes

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of July, we received 38 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $59.97. This money along with the money raised in previous months will go to a children’s charity chosen by our School and RE students quarterly.

As part of the campaign, we also asked the children to commit to sharing their time and talents in their unique ways. Some of what they told us they did is as follows….

- Donated school supplies to military families
- Helped at Feed My Starving Children
- Made blankets for children in hospitals
- Played the ukelele for my Grandma
- Helped Mom bring in the groceries
- Let someone have the last piece of cake
- Cleaned the beach at my Grandpa’s lake house
- Gave my Mom breakfast in bed
- Helped to clean the house

Protecting God’s Children Workshop

Out of concern for the safety and well-being of children, every diocesan parish, school or religious education employee or volunteer 18 years and older who is involved with minors on a regular, recurring basis and those who may have an opportunity to be alone with children during parish, school or religious education sponsored events, are required to attend a VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children workshop. Of all the safe environment programs available, Protecting God’s Children was selected for the Joliet Diocese. It was determined to be the best possible program primarily because it is comprehensive, professional and appealing.

SMG will host a PGC Workshop on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place (lower level of church). Registration is done online by going to www.Virtus.org. The viewing of other PGC Workshops in the immediate area is also accessible online. If you have previously taken a PGC Workshop, you do not need to take it again. Please refer any questions to Deacon Bob at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
**BOOK DISCUSSION:**
Read It then Discuss It!

An itsy-bitsy book packed with spiritual insights, C.S. Lewis’ *The Great Divorce* cracks open imaginative insights on heaven and hell.

Two discussion times:
Thursday, August 30, after 8:00 Mass in the GP
Sunday, Sept. 9 at 7:00PM.

All are welcome to either discussion.

Sign up at www.stmarygostyn.org
Faith Formation Book Discussions tab.
Questions? kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

**RECENT NEWS: St. Mary’s CAFÉ**
**Be transformed** through an intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Mass* will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of Christian life.

Thursday Mornings
9:00 AM in the GP

www.stmarygostyn.org Faith
Formation-Adult-Women’s CAFÉ Bible Study tab
Questions- kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS**

**Monday, August 20th Confirmation Retreat**
8:30am to 4:30pm

- Opening Packets for registered families are available for pick up at the Parish Center.
- RE Registration is ongoing for all parish families.
- We are still in need of Catechists for all sessions. Please consider sharing you talents with the children of our Parish.
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018
6:15 AM - Richard Mielcarek

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
6:15 AM - Marion Rose Palczynski
8:00 AM - Joseph Kowalkowski req. Family
6:00 PM - Intention of the Priest

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 - ASSUMPTION OF MARY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
6:15 AM - Helen Duncan req. Krystozek Family
8:00 AM - Jack Kieskowski req. Bill & LeAnne Brown
7:00 PM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Lucado Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018
8:00 AM - Patricia Zubcic req. Carol & Robert Hirschtick

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018
6:15 AM - Robert Troost req. Family
8:00 AM - Virginia Shepler req. Jim & June Burke
    Phyllis McKee req. McManus Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018
8:00 AM - James Tully req. Sanderson Family
4:30 PM - Carlo & Maria Miriani req. Jan Miriani

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018
8:00 AM - Gene Zidek req. Mike & Jim and Family
    Howard & Norma Wolf req. Steve & Rosie Wolf
10:00 AM - Bernice J. Seweryn req. Jean & Ron Diaz
12:00 PM - Hugh & Maureen Toner—In celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary
    Kay Selfridge
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).
Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading - Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).
Gospel - Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:41-51).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
    Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez Tz 1:1-2; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Come meet our new Youth Minister, Claire Simeo.
Saturday, August 18th
After the 4:30 PM Mass in the Underground

Sunday, August 19th
After the 8 & 10 AM Masses in the Gathering Place
After the Noon & 6PM Masses in the Underground

Light refreshments will be served.

** PLEASE NOTE **
Wednesday, August 15th
Parish Offices will open at 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 16th
Parish Offices will open at 11:00 AM
**Altar Flowers**

The beautiful arrangement of roses on the altar this weekend were donated by
**The Tyszkowski Family**
in honor of
**Mary the Mother of God**
in thanksgiving for favors granted.

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**Baptism**

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

- **Eileen Madeline Oros**, daughter of John & Molly Oros
- **Jonathan Robert Troost**, son of Scott & Shannon Troost

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**St. Mary’s Baptism Host Ministry is looking for some new members.**

Members are asked to assist the celebrant at the group baptisms that are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month and to lead the Baptism Preparation class on the first Thursday evening of the month for parents. The class requires ministry hosts to lead a discussion about baptism and present a video that explains the meaning and the ceremonial parts of Baptism. Your commitment would only be **5 – 6 hours a year** split between either the group baptisms or the class; each would take is about an hour of your time. Currently the members helping assist at approximately at 4 baptisms a year and lead the class twice. Training and mentoring would be provided. It is a great way to serve your parish community. Please contact Rosie Wolf at 630-852-9087

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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 18th and Sunday, August 19th**

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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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**Have you remembered St. Mary of Gostyn in your will?**

Shark Tank doesn’t have a monopoly on people who have great ideas. Even with that disclaimer, however, it might be a challenge to come up with something greater than the Breathometer from season five that works with a smart phone to measure alcohol intake and also track oral health and hydration levels.

Looking for another great idea?

Why not schedule an appointment with your financial advisor to update your will. At the same time, tell him you want to leave a bequest to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish.

Such a great idea may not qualify you for the Inventor’s Hall of Fame, but your generosity will certainly be acknowledged and rewarded by our Heavenly Father.
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
Daniel Pintozzi
Vernon Stevens
Nicholas T. Almeida
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Frank Davis
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Bob Johnson
Eddie Mayerik
James Murawski
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Sharon Tallerico
Diane Schwartz
Richard Drobeny
Antoinette Ambrosino
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
Bob Caron
Convalle Family
Anna Bandur
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Jim Donovan
Mark Gogwiel
Erinn Hennes
Joseph Karlinski
Robert Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Ken Norman
Baby Jackson Ruggiero
Dennis Stefka
Mark Trout
Fronni Nini
Jerry Papievis
Logan Bannon
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
George Drobeny
Diane Goyette
Theresa Herman
Peter Kavanagh
Michelle Maloney
Dolores Mendoza
Daniel Oliver
Char Ryan
Joey Stefka
Audrey Waechtler
Marge Knapp
Stephanie Rodriguez-

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Rischard Mielcarek, brother of Heidi Farrell
Marion Rose Palczynski, niece of Phil & Susan Palczynski
Thomas Richter
Ronald Yelenosky

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).
This summer, as most priests, I witnessed many weddings. I am always struck by that part of the wedding ceremony where the bride takes a bouquet of flowers and lays them at the feet of the statue of Mary. This devotion is optional, yet most couples like to include the gesture in the celebration.

There is a common belief that Mary can help married couples. No where in Scripture does it say anything about Mary helping others in their marriages. This belief, and the resultant devotional practice, arose out of the fact that Mary is the mother of God. She holds the most extraordinary position of any human person who has ever existed. Because of this, we believe that Mary has received some "special" favors during her life on earth: she was conceived immaculately; she conceived Jesus by the Holy Spirit; and she was assumed body and soul into heaven after her death. We continue to believe that Mary can bestow special favors on us through her unique position in heaven.

It is true that the Bible does not describe Mary’s death or burial, but during the early centuries it was a common belief among Christians that Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven. This belief could have come from eyewitnesses who told others about it. The belief could have been based on the perception that the body of Mary, who bore in her womb the greatest Power in the universe, would never be allowed by God to be rotted or corrupted in any way.

In 1950, when Pope Pius XII declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be a matter of faith binding all Catholics (a dogma of the Church), he included in that doctrine the statement that Mary was "exalted by the Lord as Queen of all things." This image of Mary as "Queen of Heaven" is often depicted as scriptural, based upon chapter twelve of the Book of Revelation, where a woman is presented who is clothed in the sun with a crown of twelve stars. This could also be the basis for the early Christian's belief in Mary's Assumption that eventually became our present day dogma.

Certainly, in the hundreds of times that Mary has appeared over the centuries, she has always had a body. Mary’s body is glorified and immortal. Her body is not limited to space and time. In celebrating this Solemnity of the Assumption, we direct ourselves to hope that after we die we will also receive a body, like Mary’s. Our body will be glorified, immortal, not limited by space and time. This transformation is described in 1 Corinthians 15:42-44. Mary’s reality is our hope!

At the next wedding you attend, as you see the bride take her bouquet to the statue of Mary, remind yourself of this great woman. She is one of us, made special by God, both to aid us now and to remind us of what lies ahead.

Rev. Paul Coury, C.SS.R.
This Week

Monday / 13
9:00 AM  School Uniform Exchange  School
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Catechism Course  Gathering Pl. A

Tuesday / 14
9:00 AM  School Uniform Exchange  School
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Buildings & Grounds Cmte.  Large Conf Rm.
7:30 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Wednesday / 15
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym

Thursday / 16
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  Catechist Meeting  Gathering Place

Friday / 17
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym

Saturday / 18
9:00 AM  Volleyball  Gym
6:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym

Sunday / 19
1:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Volleyball  Gym
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, [www.stmarygostyn.org](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.

ROSAKY 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.