Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

- Jn 6:53-55
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. Available after all Masses August 18-19 & August 25-26.

$5
5-20
$5

GET YOUR FOURSOME READY!!

♦ Great opportunities to help with sponsorship, donations and volunteering.
♦ Register Early—this EVENT WILL SELL OUT
♦ Registration NOW OPEN—visit www.stmarygostyn.org or contact:
  ♦ Bill Tierney at btierney@barnhartcrane.com or
  ♦ Robert Keith Brown at rkeith.brown@gsa.gov

SAINT MARY OF GOSTYN

16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Village Greens Golf Course
75th & Lemont Road, Woodridge

AMAZING Raffle Prizes including Golf Getaways, Sports Tickets, Dining Packages, and more!

$20,000 GRAND PRIZE
On Camera Hole

NEW THIS YEAR

FUN NEW EVENING GAMES
EXPANDED DINING AREA
Gregory of Nyssa, a deep yet understandable early mystical writer, said that the Book of Proverbs is the best text for beginners in the spiritual life. Today’s first reading shows us why.

Do you know for sure the best way to live? The question must be on everyone’s mind, because self-help books are selling as never before. In Proverbs, "wisdom" is personified as a woman. She calls out, inviting all who need better understanding to come to her table.

Proverbs is quite different from modern books on the subject, but most of its teaching is applicable today. If we lived as Proverbs suggests, we would be balanced, secure, rooted in understanding, light of heart, and wise. (Wisdom is not common among us, right?)

The reason Lady Wisdom’s call remains open is that too many people assume they know how to live. They live by their emotions. They live by their reactions. They have little clarity about what is genuinely important to them, and even less about how to attain it.

Proverbs reminds us that we need wisdom to live our daily lives well. From this book, we learn that Lady Wisdom is close to God. She will lead us to God by means of our own daily growth. She is a gift of God to those who long for her and seek her sincerely.

Knowing wisdom and applying it every day will give us a full heart. Then indeed we will give thanks to God always and for everything, as Saint Paul urges us to do.

Marilynn Gustin

On Saturday, August 25th at 11:00 am, Bishop Daniel Conlon will ordain 25 men to the Order of Deacon at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. On that day, parishioner Steve De Sitter will complete his five years of formation and be ordained to the Order of Deacon, serving at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish. This Mass will be ticket only because of the number of deacons being ordained, their families, and friends attending.

Our parish will Celebrate Steve’s ordination at the 10:00 AM Mass on August 26. Deacon Steve will be preaching. A reception will follow in the Gathering Place. Steve will also be honored at the Parish Picnic from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM that day.

Please pray for him as he begins his Ministry of Word and Service at St. Mary of Gostyn.
Jesus announces that he is the “living bread.” And we understand that the Eucharist is the center of our life in faith: in our families, parish, local church and throughout the world. We are the stewards of Christ’s life in the Eucharist. We are called to put the Eucharist into action. How do we do that? St. Paul enjoins us to be always grateful, to worship, to try to understand the will of the Lord and to watch carefully how we live. What are some of the ways we can put the Eucharist into action this week?

**Be transformed!** As Catholics we attend the Mass every Sunday - we stand or kneel at the right times - but what do we really know about it? **Come see!** Walk through the Mass and see how we encounter Christ in a most intimate and privileged way. Join us in this new Bishop Barron study on The Mass. **Even if you’ve never participated before, you’ll be glad you did!**

All Women of the Parish are welcome! Thursday Mornings- 9:00am. Beginning Sept 6th. In the Gathering Place. More info & to pre-register: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation-tab.

**BOOK DISCUSSION:**
Read It then Discuss It!

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

**Stewardship**

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

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### St. Mary of Gostyn School Faculty and Staff

#### 2018 - 2019

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MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Thomas & Ruth Quinn req. Thomas P. Quinn, Jr.
         Richard Mayer req. Florence Mayer
10:30 PM - Oak Trace - Viola Weise req. Billie DeBruin

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Living Intention for John Sommer req. Harrington Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018
8:00 AM - Rosemary Hanson req. Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - In Thanksgiving req. Jim & Rita Regis
          Robert McMahon req. Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018
8:00 AM - Erwin Burton req. Burton Family
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
8:00 AM - Michael Kummerer req. Stephanie Signer Lear
          Clara & Jacques Christiaens, In celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary
10:00 AM - Griffin Connell req. Butney Family
12:00 PM - Margaret Lally req. Lally Family
          Frank Bava req. Frank & Dianne Czopek
6:00 PM - Jim Donovan req. Michele Freese

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table
          (Proverbs 9:1-6).
Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading - Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).
Gospel - I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69
**Altar Flowers**

The two beautiful arrangements on the altar this weekend were donated by **The Family of Robert J. McMahon** in remembrance of his entrance into heaven 15 years ago on August 24th and by **Hugh & Maureen Toner** in celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary. They will be renewing their wedding vows at the 12:00 Noon Mass.

**Baptism**

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

- Ethan James Daly, Son of Sean & Helen Ruopp
- Aubrey Elizabeth Leyba, Daughter of Desiderio & Erin Leyba
- Morgan Elizabeth VanHowe, Daughter of Jeff & Amy VanHowe
- Carson Jonathan White, Son of Jonathan & Dana White

**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 your talents with the children of our Parish.

**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.

**Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th**

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella  
Gabriella Beirne  
Tom Brown  
Jean Dahm  
John Duffy  
Rion Goyette  
Bobby Johnson  
Kenny Kern  
Barbara McCammond  
Andrea Mutton  
Cynthia Petro  
Yosieh Snider  
Hugh Toner  
Bob Caron  
Convalle Family  
Oscar Manzano  
Nicholas T. Almeida  
Abby Beranek  
Felicia Bubula  
Frank Davis  
Dennis Finn  
Gen Hadamik  
Donna Karlinski  
Spencer Mehr  
Ken Norman  
Baby Jackson Ruggiero  
Dennis Stefka  
Mark Trout  
Fronn Nini  
Jerry Papievis  
Shari, Jodi & Alexis Brown  
Lois Bach  
Kathy Berg  
Ann Clark  
Jessica Davy  
Becca Gorman  
Erinn Henes  
Joseph Karlinski  
Robert Lehner  
Dolores Mendoza  
Daniel Oliver  
Char Ryan  
Joey Stefka  
Audrey Waechtler  
Marge Knapp  
Stephanie Rodriguez  
Anna Bandur  
Sharon Binter  
Margaret Corbett  
Jim Donovan  
Mark Gowgiel  
Theresa Herman  
Peter Kavanagh  
Michelle Maloney  
Kate Moss  
Mary Ann Papievis  
Tom Salansky  
Joan Taglioni  
Ashley Woltem  
Daniel Pintozi  
Vernon Stevens  
Logan Bannon  
Bill Brown  
Helen Czulak  
George Drobney  
Diane Goyette  
Katie Main Hwan  
Verine Kavanagh  
Eddie Mayerik  
James Murawski  
Eleanor Pecka  
Eliza Skipworth  
Sharon Tallierco  
Diane Schwartz  
Richard Drobney  
Antoinette Ambrosino

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Joseph M. Sisco, brother of Augie Sisco
Virginia Mates, mother of Valerie Bava

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  
Zachary Frana  
Timothy Randazzo  
Kyle Ng  
Christopher Randazzo  
Joe McSweeney

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 .
COME JOIN US!

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF!

Sunday, Sept. 9th
7-9 PM in the Underground

PIZZA, GAMES, AND MORE!

WE WILL BE MEETING EVERY SUNDAY (7-9PM)
QUESTIONS? CONTACT CLAIRE SMEO
  e 630-969-1063 EXT. 256, OR
CSMEO@STMARYGOSTYN.ORG

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society:
- **630-969-1068**

### This Week

#### Monday / 20
- **8:30 AM** 8th Gr. Confirmation Retreat  GP/PC/UG/SCR
- **3:00 PM** Volleyball  Gym
- **6:30 PM** Rosary  Church
- **7:00 PM** Catechism Course  Gathering Pl. A

#### Tuesday / 21
- **3:00 PM** Volleyball  Gym
- **5:00 PM** HSA Ice Cream Social  Corner Lot
- **6:30 PM** Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
- **6:30 PM** Prayer Group  Chapel

#### Wednesday / 22
- **9:00 AM** Welcome Back Coffee  Gathering Place
- **3:00 PM** Volleyball  Gym
- **6:30 PM** 6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- **6:30 PM** RE Parent Mtg.  Gathering Place
- **7:00 PM** Finance & Admin. Cmte.  L.R.C.
- **7:00 PM** PADS Team Mtg.  Large Conf. Rm.

#### Thursday / 23
- **1:15 PM** Small Christian Communities  Living Room
- **3:00 PM** Volleyball  Gym
- **7:00 PM** Festival Choir Rehearsal  Church

#### Friday / 24
- **3:00 PM** Volleyball  Gym

#### Saturday / 25
- **7:00 AM** 5K Walk/Run  East Pkg. Lot
- **9:00 AM** St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
- **9:00 AM** Volleyball  Gym
- **6:00 PM** Volleyball  Gym

#### Sunday / 26
- **1:00 PM** Parish Picnic  PL/GP
- **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.

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.