23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!” - Mk 7:33b-34
Many thanks to all who helped make our Golf Outing a huge success!

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- Twin Lakes Golf
Don't you love stories of Jesus' healings? We all have imagined how wonderful it would be if Jesus healed us so our health would be perfect. And it still happens. People are sometimes physically healed through their faith in the Lord.

In the gospels, however, as well as in other Scripture stories of healings, physical wellness is never an end in itself. Such stories always point beyond the physical to that which is much more important: to wholeness of soul, wholeness of the inward person.

In the old movie, The Robe, one of the characters is a paralyzed woman who was not physically healed by Jesus. She had been bitter and angry, isolating herself from her village, full of self-pity. Jesus changed her into a radiant woman who sang beautifully of her love for the Lord and her delight in life. She could not walk, but her heart was free and joyful.

It is more rare for a life to be truly healed than for a body to become well. It is easy to focus on physical well-being. What about our inner life? Isn't it more important?

When Yahweh wanted to lead the Israelites home from exile, it was not only a physical return that was envisioned. It was a return to relationship with the Lord in their hearts and their habits. When Jesus healed, it was surely an act of compassion, but what if the embittered had remained so? What use is a healthy body if the soul, the inner person, is sick?

*Marilynn Gustin*

We are most happy that you responded to Jesus' invitation to be a part of his family, gathering together to seek that peace which only he can give to our lives.

If you are visiting with us, please come back again.

*If you are new to the area, you can ask questions or register at the Faith Network Desk in the Narthex—on the Prairie Street entrance to Church!*
St. James teaches that those who are perceived to be poor in the eyes of society are the ones who have been chosen to inherit the Kingdom of God. Indeed, we are saved because of our poverty and redeemed out of our need, not because of our material wealth or achievements that the world finds praiseworthy. St. James also suggests that we are stewards of others, especially the poor and it is how we respond to the poor and needy that will define our relationship with the Lord. Can you identify the poverty, whether spiritual or material, that is in your own life? How can that “poverty” be redeemed? As stewards of others, how do we respond to the poverty that exists right in our own parish?

Children’s Sunday Envelopes

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of August, we received 29 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $30.05. This money along with the money raised in previous months will go to a children’s charity chosen by our School and Religious Education 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:

- Helped take care of my Grandma’s dog
- Played with my baby sister
- Brought in groceries
- Put my dirty clothes in the hamper
- Emptied the dishwasher

The summer months have taken a toll on the Children’s collections. Please contact the school or Religious Education offices if you would like a box of envelopes.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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EXPLORE

LIFE . FAITH . MEANING .

WHAT: ALPHA STARTS WITH A MEAL - A FREE DINNER - THEN A PRESENTATION, FOLLOWED BY GREAT DISCUSSION.

WHO: ALPHA IS FOR ANYONE WHO’S CURIOUS.

OVER THE COURSE OF THE TEN-WEEKS, THE TALKS ARE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE CONVERSATION AND EXPLORE THE BASIC QUESTIONS OF LIFE AND OUR FAITH IN A FRIENDLY, OPEN AND INFORMAL ENVIRONMENT. NO QUESTION IS OUT OF BOUNDS AND YOU ARE FREE TO DISCUSS AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU WISH.

WHEN: BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 6:00 PM

WHERE: IN THE GATHERING PLACE

HOW: RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY
WWW.STMARYGOSTYN.ORG/ALPHA/

Questions? Claire at csmeo@stmarygostyn.org or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
6:15 AM - Kay Selfridge req. Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
6:15 AM - Frank Ehrhardt
8:00 AM - Helen Duncan req. Kryztozek Family
        Sunitha Luke req. Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
6:15 AM - Ronald Bacastow
8:00 AM - Elizabeth Hacker req. Raymond Hacker

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
8:00 AM - Daniel Talbot req. Kathy Ranft

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018
6:15 AM - Doris L. Hastings
8:00 AM - Ralph Anthony Swartz req. Vickie & Larry Swartz

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
8:00 AM - Jospeh J. Corrigan req. CRHP #5 - Women
4:30 PM - Edward Wies req. Loretta Wies
        Kaneidra Everson req. Margie Kersten

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
8:00 AM - Gene Zidek req. Mary Pilney & Family
10:00 AM - Brian T. Marks req. Karen & Emil Mudra
        Jack Luka req. Aument Family
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - Frank Bava req. Ron & Mary Buchler

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).
Psalm - Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading - Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).
Gospel - Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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, September 15th and Sunday, September 16th

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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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**Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – AUGUST 2018 REPORT**

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 357 Individuals within 136 Families. So far, this year we have fed 2,364 Individuals within 960 Families. We hope everybody had a pleasant summer. Welcome back St Mary’s school children. This summer was one of the most difficult due to working in extreme heat and humidity at Eagle Storage and Warehouse.

We purchased $356.83 totaling 1,061 pounds of food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank this month.

**Pantry item most needed is paper towels.**

**FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS**

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s or Fresh Thyme thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. A special thank you to those who drop off food every week. We don’t know you by name but you have been a tremendous support in our food pantry.
4. Received a large food donation from Ron/Linda Cuchna.

August Adage: Half our trouble comes of wanting to have or own way, and the other half is due to failure to face the facts.

**Don’t forget Amazon Shoppers!** You can donate to St. Mary’s SVDP Conference at no cost to you by going [smile.amazon.com](http://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 do without your support, and God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardship are most welcome at our Food Pantry. The pantry is open every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00am.

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**St. Mary Book Group**

**Wednesday, September 12**  Parish Center  9:30 AM  **The All-Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg**  
A southern belle discovers a secret her mother has kept hidden which changes her life.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

**SMG Evening Book Discussion**

**Thursday, September 20**  Parish Center  7:00 PM  **News of the World by Paulette Jiles**  
A former soldier is approached to take a 10 year old girl, who was held captive by Indians, back to her Aunt and Uncle.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
Thank you to all our amazing students, families, staff and volunteers that participated and helped organize our annual 5K! What a great turnout, and fun had by all!

**Update on Manna**

As we begin another exciting school year here at St. Mary’s we want to thank all of you for your past support of the Manna program. We have spent considerable time analyzing the large amount of volunteer hours required to run the program against the trend of declining profits over the last several years and have made the decision to discontinue the Manna program. Any credit accumulated from the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year will be distributed this fall. There is a small inventory of Downtown Downers Grove Dollars that is still available for purchase. Please contact the school office if you are interested. We thank the dedicated parishioners and school families for their support of the program over the years! Blessings to all!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella  Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Logan Bannon
Gabriella Beirne  Abby Beranek  Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Bill Brown
Tom Brown  Felicia Bubula  Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  Helen Czulak
Jean Dahm  Frank Davis  Jessica Davy  Jim Donovan  George Drobney
John Duffy  Dennis Finn  Becca Gorman  Mark Gowgiel  Diane Goyette
Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Erin Henes  Theresa Herman  Katie Main Hwan
Bobby Johnson  Donna Karlinski  Joseph Karlinski  Peter Kavanagh  Verine Kavanagh
Kenny Kern  Doreen Lehner  Robert Lehner  Michelle Maloney  Eddie Mayerik
Barbara McCammond  Spencer Mehr  Dolores Mendoza  Kate Moss  James Murawski
Andrea Mutton  Ken Norman  Daniel Oliver  Mary Ann Papievis  Eleanor Pecka
Cynthia Petro  Baby Jackson Ruggiero  Char Ryan  Tom Salansky  Eliza Skipworth
Yoschie Snider  Dennis Stefka  Joey Stefka  Joan Taglionia  Sharon Talliero
Hugh Toner  Mark Trout  Audrey Waechtler  Kelly Walters  Ashley Wolfman
Stephanie Rodriguez  Vernon Stevens  Antoinette Ambrosino  Oscar Manzano  John Rossi
Ray Young  Carol McGlinchey  Shari, Jodi & Alexis Brown  Jaclyn Golly  Jeanne Cinkus
Bob Earley

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Shirley Pollachek, aunt of Carol Agurkis
Kyle Mullins, son of Linda & William Mullins

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

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).

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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

Important Dates to Remember in September

- **September 10th** - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting at 6:30 PM in the church for all 2nd grade parents only.
- **September 12th & 13th** - First Day of R.E. Classes
- **September 19th & 20th** - 6th Grade Bible Blessing during class
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 SIMEO
@ 630-969-1063 EXT. 256, OR
CSIMEO@STMARYGOSTYN.ORG

@stmarygostynym  Youth Ministry SMG  @stmarygostynym
Are you interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who may be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith - a relative, a neighbor, a friend? If so, please call Fr. Shaun. We will be forming inquiry classes to answer questions about the Catholic faith. There is no obligation, we are just learning about what the Catholic church teaches, her history, and her traditions. This is a time to discern through inquiry and prayer as to whether or not you are being called to join the Catholic faith. The classes are open for three categories:

1. Those who have never been baptized.
2. Those who have been baptized but never completed their sacraments of initiation, namely Confirmation & Holy Communion.
3. Those who have been baptized in another religious tradition who now feel they are being called to the Catholic faith.

This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a journey that leads to the Easter sacraments of Initiation. There is no obligation. It is a time of learning and discernment. Our first inquiry session begins Sunday, September 23rd at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Shaun  (630) 969-1063, ext. #212

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**Nourish for Caregivers**

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, Sept 12th**
7:00 pm
Parish Center Living Room

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

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**September's Topic:**

**Staying Engaged; Keeping Them Engaged**

Faith is our response to a God who continually reaches out to us in love. Through Christ we find joy, even in challenging circumstances. Renewal and mindfulness bring us back on track as we care, with purpose and conviction, for our loved ones.

Be nourished.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com
Green Thumbs at Work!
The dog days of summer brought out several volunteers who helped clean up and plant in our Children’s Garden.

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, supervised by Nicole Gibson and Hilary Denk, worked for three days in hot, sunny weather to restore the planting beds and plant some new specimens in the garden.

Our thanks for all the hard messy work they all put into making this a beautiful retreat on our campus.
This Week

Monday / 10
7:00 AM  School - Band Fitting Underground
2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  Gym
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg. Church
6:30 PM  Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Rosary Chapel
7:00 PM  Catechism Course Fac. Lunch Rm.

Tuesday / 11
3:00 PM  Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM  Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  School Advisory Mtg. L.R.C.

Wednesday / 12
9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion Living Room
1:00 PM  H.S.A. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
3:00 PM  Religious Education School
6:00 PM  Choir Church
6:30 PM  Religious Education School/Ch
7:00 PM  School - Band Sign-Up L.R.C.
7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers Living Room

Thursday / 13
9:00 AM  Women's Bible Study Gathering Place
10:30 AM  School - H.S. Day Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM  Religious Education School
4:30 PM  Children's Choir Rehearsal Church
5:45 PM  Children's Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday / 14
2:30 PM  Girl Scouts Troop #50689  Gym
3:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 15
12:00 AM  PADS Gathering Place
9:00 AM  Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM  Volleyball Gym

Sunday / 16
8:00 AM  Children’s Liturgy of the Word  Pl. A & B
10:00 AM  RCIC Underground
1:00 PM  Volleyball Gym
1:30 PM  Baptism Church
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM  Volleyball Gym
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry Underground
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 6:00 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.