St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
September 23, 2018

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37a
St. Mary of Gostyn PADS
Celebrating our 33rd year of service

Recruitment Sunday – September 30, 2018

After 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mass in the Gathering Place

We would like to invite any individuals interested in finding out more about PADS to join us in the Gathering Place after Mass on Sunday, September 30 for fellowship and information about volunteering. We began our 33rd season of service to the homeless on Friday, September 7. There are six teams of St. Mary’s PADS volunteers with each team volunteering once every 7 weeks – for a total of 5 times during the season which runs from September through May.

This season we are in desperate need of overnight monitors for both the 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. and the 3 – 7 a.m. shift. During this four-hour shift, a team of two people monitors the site to ensure safety for our guests. Please consider joining a team as a monitor. If you are unable to commit to a team, perhaps you could be a substitute monitor once or twice during the season (September to May).

Help is always welcome for set-up. No need to call ahead, just come and help out. This shift is “family-friendly” and a wonderful way to volunteer as a family. Now is a good time for 7th and 8th grade students who are in Confirmation preparation to join a team for their Parish Christian Service Requirements.

Chances are that you know a parishioner who is involved in PADS as there are over 300 St. Mary’s volunteers. For more information, call one of the team captains listed below or email stmaryspads@gmail.com.

Team 1 – Mary Stapleton (630/220-1001)
Team 2 – Molly Walsh (630/280-9722)
Team 3 – Jan Miriani (630/212-4649)
Team 4 – Rob Sloyan (630/430-1218)
Team 5 – Becky Connery (630/696-1513)
Team 8 – Amy Boone (630/434-0999)

Note: Team 7 is staffed by a support group from Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove.
FURTHER WORDS FROM BISHOP CONLON REGARDING THE CHILD ABUSE SCANDAL

I am aware that the child abuse scandal continues, understandably, to upset people. There are some signs of hope. The recent meeting of officers of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with the Pope and his calling for a general meeting of the presidents of all the bishops’ conferences to deal with the issue indicate a high level of concern.

People are looking for accountability. Sometimes it is hard to provide accountability for events that occurred years ago. The Illinois Attorney General’s recently announced inquiry into diocesan records, with which we have agreed to assist, may help. Meanwhile, we need to keep focused on our highest priorities of trying to bring healing to those who have been hurt and preventing future abuse.

As the chief shepherd of the Diocese of Joliet I am firmly committed to the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” and its “Essential Norms”, most especially the reporting of all allegations of child sexual abuse to the proper civil authorities, along with the observance of other pertinent state laws, and the removal of all perpetrators from ministry. Sometimes people have their own expectations, but we have to work with objective standards.

I admit that I am discouraged that we are at this sad moment in our history. I worry about those who have been abused and those whose faith has been shaken. I rely on the Lord, through prayer, to help me and to heal our Church. I invite you to do the same.

+ R. Daniel Conlon
Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet
In today’s Gospel, we learn that the disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus is about to turn their idea as well as our society’s idea of “greatness” upside down. He embraces a child and tries to help the Twelve understand that to be great is to be focused on something other than themselves. Jesus teaches that true “greatness” lies in being a good steward of those who are not great: welcoming one who is not viewed as great by our society’s standards, like the child, the innocent, the vulnerable, the suffering, those who are outside our comfortable circle of family, friends, companions and colleagues, those who need a welcome. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness. How do we define greatness? Is our notion of greatness consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ?
What are people worth? Society gives us many varied answers. Recent experiences with HMO’s have let quite a few people know they aren’t considered to be worth a whole lot: urgently needed surgery was deemed unnecessary as it was too expensive. Several people died as a result, and the HMO’s couldn’t be sued! In the last decade, salaries of many CEO’s have risen to thirty or forty times that of an average worker in the same company. A friend of mine, who formerly worked as a bank executive, once told me that the main reason banks tell their tellers to hand over the money to a bank robber is not so much to safeguard human life, but because it is cheaper to lose the money taken than to pay out life insurance! I shuddered in disbelief, but then I remembered that some nations spend more on pet food than it would take to erase world hunger, and then it didn’t seem so farfetched anymore. Due to advances in medicine and genetics, we can now choose whether and what “kind” of child we want, and soon we may be able to “clinically dispose” of those who will not turn out to be perfect. What are people worth?

When Jesus placed a child in the midst of the apostles in response to their discussion about who was the greatest and most important, he did not imply that we should become childish or attempt to become more trusting and spontaneous than we are by temperament. His point was that a child is given to life, handed over to the world, and totally dependent on someone to love him or her. Jesus never asks what people are worth; he asks us what is the value of a human being? And he gives an answer that seems to have fallen on hard times: the value that love gives it: God’s love! The God who seeks each one of us more than the widow seeks for her lost coin, or the father looks for his lost son in the horizon, or the shepherd seeks the lost sheep.

Human worth—human importance—is not found in our seeking or striving to affix adult human norms of value (such as legal and financial status) to it; we see, all too often, how it results in truly “bad news.” The good news of the Gospel is that each one of us has been sought out and found by God’s love, and the value God has affixed on each of us is inestimable. Unless we see, accept, and receive each other with the worth of a child—helpless, handed over, dependent and trusting that someone will take care of us—we will not ever see, accept, or receive Jesus, whose life was once deemed to be worth thirty pieces of silver, but trusted his infinite worth in the love of the One who sent him.

What are “people” worth? What is the value of a human being?

— Hans Christoffersen
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**
6:15 AM - Chloe Olson Strocchia req. McCready Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**
6:15 AM - Sunitha Luke req. Family
8:00 AM - Mary & Joseph Kowalkowski req. Family

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**
6:15 AM - Sunitha Luke req. Family
8:00 AM - Patricia Blank req. Frank & Dianne Czopek

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**
8:00 AM - Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society req. SVdP Society
   Michael Deddo req. Jean Deddo

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**
6:15 AM - Sunitha Luke req. Family
8:00 AM - Patricia Zubcic req. Sue Coaker

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**
8:00 AM - Joseph Bolduc req. Family
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**
8:00 AM - Thomas J. Feicco, Jr. req. McManus Family
   Frank Bava req. Mary Ann McLean
10:00 AM - Ann Lawrence req. Corbett Family
   Gertrude Arndt req. Aleena & Bob Truby
12:00 PM - Bernice Seweryn req. Jerry Kolpa
6:00 PM - Chloe Olson Strocchia req. McCready Family

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** - The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

**Psalm** - The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

**Second Reading** - The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

**Gospel** - Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**
**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**ATTENTION LECTORS**
The 2019 Lector Workbooks are available in the Workers Sacristy. Please pick up your workbook as soon as possible. After Sept 30th, the workbooks will be available at the Parish Center.
ALTAR FLOWERS

Congratulations to Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis who donated the beautiful floral arrangement enhancing our altar in celebration of their 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Picnic Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the following people who helped to make this year’s picnic a huge success:

♦ All of the Parishioners who braved the sun & heat to attend the picnic
♦ Fr. Jim, Fr. Shaun and the Parish Staff
♦ All those who donated to the dessert table
♦ CASI, John Gastaldello, Chili Cook Off Event & Donation
♦ Rick Sparkie/Ray Rios - Bean Bag game set-up
♦ Rock Academy (Al Woodridge & Johnny Lukasevech) for bands and music
♦ Magic Matt Rios - Disc Jockey
♦ Boy Scout Troop 89 - Gaga Pit Game
♦ Knights of Columbus, St. Mary of Gostyn 16062

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Matthew & Jessica Amedeo
Mark & Anna Ayala
Marion & Deborah Baranski
Ryan & Jenna Barrett
Shaun & Jan Berens
Byron & Lindsey Burnette
Patrick & Julie Cronin
Gerald & Victoria Epperly
David & Elizabeth Jakosz
Roy & Johanna Moscinski
Alyson Mull
Tony & Lisa Pallan
Thomas & Anne Perrone
Noelle Tolczyk
Brett & Kara Vallow
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
The St. Mary’s tradition carries on with our 6th grade class, as they all received their own Bible in Mass last week. They will use these Bibles throughout the duration of their school years with us. More importantly, each Bible was blessed and individually given to each student personally by Father Jim after this special Mass.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella  Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur
Gabriella Beirne  Abby Beranek  Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter
Tom Brown  Felicia Bubula  Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett
Jean Dahm  Frank Davis  Jessica Davy  Jim Donovan
John Duffy  Dennis Finn  Jaclyn Golly  Becca Gorman
Diane Goyette  Rion Goyette  Gene Hadamik  Erinn Henes
Katie Main Hwan  Bobby Johnson  Donna Karlinski  Joseph Karlinski
Verine Kavanagh  Kenny Kern  Doreen Lehner  Robert Lehner
Eddie Mayerik  Barbara McCammond  Spencer Mehr  Dolores Mendoza
James Murawski  Andrea Mutton  Ken Norman  Daniel Oliver
Jerry Papievis  Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro  Baby Jackson Ruggiero
Tom Salansky  Eliza Skipworth  Yoshie Snider  Dennis Stefka
Joan Tagglonia  Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner  Mark Trout
Kelly Walters  Ashley Wolfman  John Rossi  Ray Young
Jeanne Cinkus  Bob Earley  Shari, Jodi & Alexis Brown  Fr. John Doyle
Anne Potter

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Jane Cressy, mother of Jamie Belcastro

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

Grief Support Team

....“And Jesus wept” John 11:35
Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.

If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.

Grief Support Group starts meeting on Thursday, September 27th, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Thursday starting September 27th for six weeks.

Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 969– 1063 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.
Volunteer Help Still Needed

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve our parish as Religious Education Catechists again this year. We are still in need of more, and we hope you would consider helping. Here is where we need catechists:

Thursday 4:30—5:35 pm
- Grade 7
- Grade 8

Other opportunities are available for Aides, Hall Monitors, etc. Please pray about how God wants you to respond.

Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Oct. 3/4 Living Rosary during Sessions
- Oct. 10/11 No RE classes
- Oct. 21 Sponsor/Candidate meeting
- Oct. 31 No RE Classes
- Nov. 1 All Saints Day Mass & Fair
- Nov. 13/14 First Reconciliation

October - The Month of the Rosary

Because October is the month of the Rosary, the focus for our RE Session the week of October 3 & 4 will be a Living Rosary. We invite all parish members to join us as the children form an outline of a Rosary and pray it together in the Church. We will pray at all three sessions: Wednesday at 4:35 pm and 6:35 pm. As well as Thursday at 4:35 pm.

Parents and all will make it so much more meaningful if we pray together. Please join us.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

The 2018/19 sessions of Children’s Liturgy of the Word has begun!

Join us on the following Sunday’s at the 8am & 10am Masses:

9/23  10/21  11/11
9/30  10/28  11/18
10/14  11/4  11/25

It’s perfect for kids 3 to 8 years old to learn about the Gospel story through song, prayer and activities.
UPCOMING EVENTS!

Join SMG & St. Joe’s High School Youth Ministry for a
CORN MAZE & BONFIRE
Trip At Kenowa Farm

Sunday, Oct. 14th
Leave at 4:30 PM from St. Joe’s parking lot and return at 8:30
$15 Fee includes admission to corn maze & bonfire, hotdogs, s’mores, snacks, and transportation!

Fill out permission form and return to Claire with cash or check by Oct. 7th
Questions? Claire Simeon cmimeo@stmarygostyn.org, 630-969-9663, ext. 256

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK:

Email Claire to Reserve your spot today!

VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
SMG Youth Ministry: Sept. 29th - 9AM-11:00AM
Depart from SMG parking lot @ 8:20 AM
RSVP to csimeo@stmarygostyn.org
Open to teens and adult chaperones

Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands:
VOLUNTEER. DONATE. LEARN MORE. FMSC.ORG

SHOOT THE FLAG
YOUTH GROUP NIGHT

THANKS FOR COMING!
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 TODAY, Sunday, September 23rd at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Shaun  (630) 969-1063, ext. #212
JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL WHITE MASS  
Sunday, September 28, 2018  
11:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet

All Health Care Professionals are cordially invited to celebrate the White Mass with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon. Please join us at 10:30 AM, as we pray the Rosary with special intentions for Health Care Professionals. All are welcome to refreshments in the Commons following Mass.

The White Mass celebrates those who serve as guardians and servants of human life: physicians, nurses, health care providers, along with their families and friends.

Refreshments will follow in the Commons. Blessed Medals for Health Care Professionals and Caregivers will be available in the Commons.

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM  
FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

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 with your life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

All are invited. The Joyful Again! retreat/workshop is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to again find hope and new joy in life. This unique program will be held at these dates/locations.

- Oct 6 & 7 - St. Ann’s, Channahon  
- Nov 10 & 11 - Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia  
- Nov 17 & 18 - Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Hse., Lemont

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.  
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com  
website: www.joyfulagain.org (incl.video)

Register early, space is limited.

Check us out on the web!  
www.stmarygostyn.org

Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

2018 JOLIET DIOCESE  
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS
Presider: Father Paul Hottinger  
Assisting: Deacon Dan Danahe

St. Margaret Mary Church  
1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL  
Friday, September 28, 2018  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM  
Mass 7:30 PM

For more information, please call Joey Rose at:  
(630) 926-6576
For directions go to www.smmp.com/info/directions.html

2018 ST. THERESE FEAST DAY AND SHRINE DEDICATION

Please join us for our Feast Day Celebration and Dedication to the New National Shrine of St. Therese on Monday, October 1, 2018.  
To speak directly to us for more information, please call the National Shrine at 800-647-1430.

Monday, October 1, 2018
10:00 AM – Feast Day & Dedication Mass  
(Morning – Limited Seating)  
Dedication Followed by the Blessing of Roses and Veneration of St. Therese’s Relic.

Please be aware of the limited capacity for the Dedication Feast Day Mass
1:00 PM – Feast Day Mass (Afternoon)  
Including the Blessing of Roses and Veneration of St. Therese’s Relic.

7:00 PM – Feast Day Mass (Evening)  
Including the Blessing of Roses and Veneration of St. Therese’s Relic.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN DOWNERS GROVE HAS AN IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR A FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME FACILITIES MAINTENANCE PERSON

Maintains and performs maintenance and repair duties on all parish buildings and grounds, including church and school facilities, in order to ensure that all buildings, equipment and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe and sanitary manner. Must have basic knowledge of electric, plumbing, HVAC systems and grounds maintenance.

Full-time hours: 7:30 am—4:00 pm Monday-Friday  
Part-time hours: Less than 20 hours per week  
Monday-Friday

Send resume to the attention of Beth Harbauer, Business Manager at: bharbauer@sjpdpd.org.
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This Week

Monday / 24
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Catechism Course Fac. Lunch Rm.
7:00 PM CRHP #34 - Women Chapel

Tuesday / 25
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM ALPHA Gath. Pl./UG
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 26
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education School/CH
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM Religious Education School
7:00 PM Reverence for Life Chapel

Thursday / 27
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education School
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Grief Support Group Living Room

Friday / 28
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 29
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
9:00 AM Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM Volleyball Gym

Sunday / 30
8:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gath. Place C
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM RCIC Underground
1:00 PM Volleyball Gym
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, you will need to participate in a baptismal preparation 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.