26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b
St. Mary of Gostyn PADS
Celebrating our 33rd year of service

Recruitment Sunday TODAY!
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.
Dear Parishioners,

You may have noticed the public notice signs that have been on our property in front of the school, at the corner of Prairie and Douglas and along Wilson Street, announcing that on Monday, October 1, at 7 PM, the Village Planning Commission will be considering several petitions for which St. Mary of Gostyn is asking consideration. At that meeting, we will be seeking vacation of the alleys north of the school as well as within our Church parking lot, rezoning our properties, and demolition of the home east of the school building that our parish owns. This will allow us to extend our School building east and north onto that property.

About a year and a half ago, concerns about maintenance issues with our school gym were presented to our Parish Buildings and Grounds Committee. The gym needed a new roof, the air-conditioning was five years past its life expectancy, and the gym floor was in need of replacement.

Under the leadership of our Parish Manager, Terri O'Dekirk, in conjunction with our Buildings and Grounds Committee, we were able to develop an inclusive plan to meet many of the expressed needs. Six months ago, we met with an architect and engineering company to develop renderings for the proposal. It soon became evident that we needed an Activity Center to expand meeting space for both school and parish. Up to this time, students were eating in their classrooms, which was not very conducive to supervision or a necessary break from classes. As a result, last year we began the practice of using the Gathering Place for three sessions of lunch. The downside of this initiative was that the Gathering Place was no longer available for other parish activities during the day. The plans for the new Activity Center began formulating and we realized that the renovation of the gymnasium could also be part of the plan for the new school footprint.

In June, we received approval for this project from the Diocese of Joliet at an estimated cost of $1.5 million. The plan will now be presented at the Village Plan Commission meeting on Monday, October 1. The proposed Activity Center would hold between 175 and 200 students for lunch as well as have space to conduct other academic programs during the day. It would allow us to resume using the Gathering Place during the day for parish needs.

The plan would expand the grade school size of our gym to a regulation junior high size gym. With this expansion, there would be more access around the gym floor, allowing for less chance of the student-athletes running into walls or bleachers. It also means we no longer will have to rent outside facilities from area public schools for practices. The extra space will accommodate two side-by-side practice courts for both basketball and volleyball. Scheduled practices could be concurrent, end earlier, and allow the children to get home at a more reasonable time.

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St. James warns us about accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no countercultural challenge. The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God’s judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given? How might we use our wealth with compassion toward others?

The funding for this project will be introduced to the parish at large on the weekend of October 13 & 14 during the Pastor’s Annual Stewardship Report at the Masses. We previously made a presentation to several school and parish families during the summer and, again, at the school’s Orientation in September as we are asking all school families to participate in this project. The parish has saved $200,000 from the ordinary Offertory collection to be put to this project. We are also able to withdraw $100,000 from our school endowment fund for Capital Improvements.

In addition to school families, we are also seeking funding from our parishioners, former school parents, alumni of our parish school, and other interested people. As we just recently concluded a $1,050,000 Capital Improvement campaign in the fall 2017, we are not going to go to the parish at large in a Capital Campaign to fund this project. Instead, we are asking those who would like to be a part of this Activity Center addition, to join us in making our dream a reality.

Once again, I will be speaking about this project in mid-October as part of the Annual Stewardship Report, thanking you for your continued generous support of our parish each week in the offertory collection. I have also invited Parish Manager, Terri O’Dekirk, to join me in sharing information about this project and how you can help support it. Drawings and more information will be available at the Faith Network Desk - in the Narthex - on the Prairie St. entrance to church.

This is an exciting time for our parish in continuing to provide for the future growth and needs of our community. Please keep our parish in your prayers and I will continue to pray for all of you as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jim Schwab
Pastor

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 9/23/2018                   $28,126.53
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19)               $29,500.00
Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date                           $383,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date                    $367,657.63
Total (Under) Goals to Date                   ( $15,842.37)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Why make the sign of the cross?

Pope Benedict XVI called the Mass “the greatest and highest act of prayer” - by marking our bodies with the Sign of the Cross and speaking the Trinitarian formula: ‘in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’...we are proclaiming ourselves claimed via our baptism, and “marked” as belonging to Christ.

Bishop Robert Barron  
*The Mass*

Interested in more? Thursdays at 9AM in the GP

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October’s topic:  
**Walking with Christ**  
**Nourished by Grace**

Regardless of the circumstances and challenges, we can confidently know that the Lord goes before us. Walking with Christ shines light on our path. His grace helps us see the blessings in caring for another as we uncover God moving in the midst of these experiences.

Be nourished.

*www.nourishforcaregivers.com*

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*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, Oct 10th**

**7:00 pm**

**Parish Center Living Room**

*More information:*

Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org or www.stmarygosyn.org Faith Formation—Nourish tab.

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**ONE topic**

**night**

The ONE topic ONE night Speaker Series aims to provide our parish community a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

**One topic. One night. One faith.**

Date: Oct. 11th at 7:00pm

Speaker: Father Shaun

Topic: Are Faith & Science Incompatible?

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one holy catholic apostolic church

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading - Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm - The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading - Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel - Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]
**Medical Missions.**

I would like to thank all the ladies who have made lap throws so far for our homebound parishioners. Also, it has been brought to my attention that they would like a shawl as well. The size of a shawl is 18” x 48” or 18” x 60”.

We could use more lap throws if you can knit or crochet. Please consider making a lap throw for us. This is a great way to use up all the extra yarn. It needs to be approximately either 36” by 36” or 36” by 40”. It can be any pattern. Please call Kay Papineau at 630-963-4617 or email me at pkppapineau01@gmail.com.

Also, if you would like to make bandages, please email me to set up a time.

Our first meeting will be **Monday, October 1, 2018** in the Gathering Place at 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Thank you helping the Medical Missions to help the homebound with a lap throw and overseas missionaries with bandages.

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**DO YOU ENJOY CRAFTS OR MAYBE YOU LIKE TO SEW?**

If you do, the baptism team can really use your talents. The team is looking for parishioners who would be willing to make simple white bibs that would be used as part of the baptism ceremony. Parishioners who have made them in the past have enjoyed working on these at home. There is a sample pattern to follow, but over the years, different mediums have been used to create them. Please contact Rosie Wolf at rtwolf02292@gmail.com for more information. You can call the parish office giving your name and contact information also.

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**ARE YOU READY?**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2018 FALL CLOTHING**

**WHEN:** SUNDAY OCTOBER 14TH FROM 7:30AM UNTIL 2:00PM.

**WHERE:** EAST SIDE OF THE CHURCH PARKING LOT NEAR FAIRVIEW AVE

Through your donations many of our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters are provided clothing and household items at little or no cost. We accept all clothing, household items, linens, blankets, books in good condition, toys, knick-knacks, throw pillows, Glassware, Cookware, computers and shoes.

**ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT OUR CLOTHING DRIVES:**

♦ No Infant equipment (strollers, cribs, car seats, high chairs, etc.)
♦ No Clothes hangers.
♦ No Encyclopedias, Reader’s Digest Editions, or Magazines.
♦ No Sporting Goods (Bowling Balls, Ski’s, Exercise Equipment, Tents, or Sleeping Bags.
♦ No Items containing mold, mildew, or that smell musty.
♦ No Blinds or drapery rods unless new in box.
♦ No Bed pillows, mattress or mattress covers.

**IN THE NEAR FUTURE, LARGE PLASTIC BAGS FOR USE IN THE CLOTHING DRIVE WILL BE PLACED AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES**

**FOR LARGE ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE, PLEASE CALL FOR A HOME PICK UP AT 630-231-4658.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**
Our 4 year old Preschool class planted “apple seeds” outside to celebrate Johnny Appleseed’s birthday. The class learned about Johnny and his journey across the States over two hundred years ago. He didn’t wear shoes and wore a pot on his head. To fully enjoy the experience, the kids also made and wore pots while on their journey Monday!
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  Jaclyn Golly  Becca Gorman  Mark Gowgiel
Diane Goyette  Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Erinn Hennes  Theresa Herman
Katie Main Hwan  Bobby Johnson  Donna Binter  Joseph Karlinski  Peter Kavanagh
Verine Kavanagh  Kenny Kern  Donna Clark  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
Jerry Papievis  Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro  Baby Jackson Ruggiero  Char Ryan
Tom Salansky  Eliza Skipworth  Yoshie Snider  Dennis Stefka  Joey Stefka
Joan Taggionia  Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner  Mark Trout  Audrey Waechtler
Kelly Walters  Ashley Wolman  John Rossi  Ray Young  Carol McGlinchey
Jeanne Cinkus  Bob Earley  Shari, Jodi & Alexis Brown  Fr. John Doyle  Marge Knapp
Anne Potter  Kim Varsolina  Joshua Zacarski

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of:
Marie Barbara Connolly
Linda Kunze
Ronald Kupec
Reakela Lambertz, sister of Eleanor Pecka
Fr. Dennis Settles
Eva M. Zientek

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

Blessing of Pets
In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary Parish will have its annual Blessing of Pets this Saturday, October 6th, at 1:00 PM in the parking lot. All are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing.
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
  All RE sessions attend
- Nov. 13/14 First Reconciliation

October - The Month of the Rosary

How to Pray the Rosary

On the 5 decades (sets of 10 beads) of a rosary, we pray and meditate on the corresponding set of 5 Mysteries from the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, or the Luminous Mysteries.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father." After each decade say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, for give us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy."
8. Announce the Second Mystery: then say the "Our Father." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
9. Say the 'Hail, Holy Queen' on the medal after the five decades are completed.
UPCOMING EVENTS!

Join St. John’s High School Youth Ministry for a
CORN MAZE & BONFIRE
Trip At Konows 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!

Questions? Claire Simeon csimeon@stmarygyn.org or 610-969-1063, ext. 256

Email Claire to Reserve your spot today!

FORTIFY
YOUTH CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 3RD, 8 30-6 PM
AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, ST. JOHN INDIANA

STRENGTHEN ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD

SPACE LIMITED
SIGN UP TODAY!

Features:
• Engaging Speakers: Fr. Rob Gilea & St. Alicia Torres
• An incredible opportunity to encounter Jesus & grow in your faith with other youth!
• Cost ~ $15 (Lunch and transportation from SMG included)
• All high school teens welcome!

Questions? Claire Simeon csimeon@stmarygyn.org or 610-969-1063, ext. 256

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK:

MINUTE TO WIN IT

Youth Group Night
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. It’s not too late to join us.

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

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

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND FALL MEETING**

October 10, 2018

7:00 PM - Parish Center Underground
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 (incls. video)

Register early, space is limited.

SERRA CLUB SPEAKER SERIES

Please join us each month to be encouraged and inspired by various Catholic speakers in our community.

October 15th - Sheila Liaugminas, host of A Closer Look and an Emmy award-winning journalist
6:00 PM - Rosary for Vocations and Mass
7:00 PM - Fellowship & Dinner
7:45 PM - Speaker Presentation
St. Michael Parish, 310 So. Wheaton Ave, Door #8
$15 per person - Please RSVP at least one week prior to meeting. Contact Joanne Carr at 630-665-0994 or carrgeojo@gmail.com to RSVP and if you have any questions.

NEW BEGINNINGS SUPPORT GROUP

New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. Come join us October 16 when we explore “Your Journey Through the Holidays and Special Occasions” with Mary Helen Ekstam from JourneyCare. Explore how to turn these challenging stressful events into joyous and treasured moments. Mary Helen has over 30 years of experience in healthcare administration, education, and outreach.

Join us any time every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. (arrive at 7:15 p.m.) at St. Raphael’s Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville. Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions based on the book “Single Again” by Jim Smoke. See more details and any schedule changes at http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com and view videos for divorced or widowed experiences. Come see if we can be a part of your future.

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.

MAYSLEEKE MINISTRIES ANNOUNCES OUR NEW MEN’S MINISTRY WITH A SPECIAL EVENT!

Dying to Be Happy: Discovering the Truth About Life
Men’s Breakfast with Chris Stepien

It’s time.
If you knew you were going to die today, what would you do?
How would that reality change you?
Would you be more forgiving, more merciful?

Embracing our mortality — on a daily basis — is key to happiness in this life and the next. That’s the Gospel truth! Because if you can lie to yourself about the fact you’re going to die, you can lie to yourself about anything. So, let’s wake up for heaven’s sake. Join Catholic author, Chris Stepien, as he shares the life-changing inspiration he gained from his wife Ellen’s breast cancer diagnosis. That experience led him to write his latest book from Beacon Publishing and Dynamic Catholic, Dying to Be Happy: Discovering the Truth About Life.

Join author, Chris Stepien for, Dying to be Happy: Discovering the Truth about Life.

Date: November 10, 2018
Time: 9am-12pm
Location: St. Mary of Gostyn, Gathering Place (445 Prairie Ave. Downers Grove)
Cost: $30 (includes light breakfast)

You can register for this event on our website at mayslakeministries.org or by phone at 630-852-9000.

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This Week

Monday / 1
8:45 AM Medical Missions Gathering Pl. A
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55103 Gathering Pl. C
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55326 Gathering Pl. A
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.

Tuesday / 2
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 / 3
11:00 AM Golden Agers Gathering Place
2:30 PM Daisy Troop #55771 Gathering Pl. A
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education School/CH
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Gathering Pl. C
6:30 PM Religious Education School/CH
7:00 PM Evangelization Committee Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 4
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/CH
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Baptism Prep. Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Grief Support Group Living Room
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fac. Lunch Rm.
7:00 PM School: New Family Night Gathering Place

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

Saturday / 6
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM Volleyball Gym

Sunday / 7
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
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.