27th SUNDAY in ordinary time

"From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:6
St. Mary of Gostyn School Distinguished Graduate Nomination!

For the past four years, we have been acknowledging the accomplishments of the graduates of St. Mary of Gostyn School. John Tolva ('86), Christine Varga Kalal ('75), RJ Starmann ('85) and Andrew Stapleton ('86) were the past recipients of this honor. The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) is the governing body of all Catholic schools and encourages schools to acknowledge the success of their graduates.

We are currently looking for candidates for this year’s award. Do you know an SMG school alum who should be considered for the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award? If so, please complete the short nomination form below and return it to the address on the form. We will honor this individual during a Catholic Schools Week Mass celebration in February 2019. Please submit your nomination by November 30, 2018.

Thank you in advance for helping us find the 2019 NCEA Distinguished Graduate of St. Mary of Gostyn.

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NCEA Distinguished Graduate Nomination 2019
St. Mary of Gostyn School

I would like to nominate the following SMG graduate and year: ____________________________

High School graduate attended__________________________________________________________

College graduate attended and major ______________________________________________________

I believe the aforementioned name is worthy of this honor because of what they have accomplished in their life, what they have given back to their community and/or how they have modeled Jesus in their life. Here are some examples of this….

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This information is being submitted by ______________________________________________________

If you need more information, I can be reached at __________________________________________

Please return this form to:
Terri O’Dekirk, Development Director, todekirk@stmarygostyn.org or
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
445 Prairie, Downers Grove, IL 60515
Divorce and Remarriage

I am a divorced Catholic and I would like to get remarried in the Church. How do I do that? I am a bit frightened to reexamine the pain of my first marriage and divorce.

Congratulations on your courage to seek a new beginning. Before you can be remarried in the Catholic Church, you need to obtain a Declaration of Nullity. This is also called an annulment. Many dioceses offer annulment workshops for people, like yourself, who seek to be remarried in the Catholic Church. Check the Diocese of Joliet website for the next workshop www.dioceseofjoliet.org. They help you through the pain and struggle of reexamining your first marriage.

The annulment process can take up to a year-and-a-half, and involves several steps. The first step is to visit your parish priest/deacon. He will help you fill out an application form, which is then sent to the Office of the Marriage Tribunal. Each diocese of the Catholic Church has a marriage tribunal. This is a court system where thousands of marriages are brought for examination.

Once your application form is accepted, you will receive a questionnaire and instructions on how to answer it. This questionnaire centers on retelling the story of your marriage. After the questionnaire is finished you will be asked to have an interview with a counselor, who will go over your testimony with you. These people are sworn to confidentiality and are usually psychologists.

The tribunal will also ask others, whom you name, to witness the history of your marriage. It is only when all the testimony and evidence is complete that the presiding judge studies your case and then makes a decision. Another panel of three judges reviews this decision. If all goes well, you will then receive your Declaration of Nullity, signed by the judge and stamped with the official seal of the diocese.

There is a fee for this process, set by each diocese, but when people are unable to pay, no fee is requested.

Rev. Paul J. Coury, C.Ss.R.

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UNANSWERED PRAYERS

We are a nation of people who pray.

Baseball players cross themselves before entering the batter’s box. Pitchers look up to the heavens after registering a big strikeout and batters do likewise upon crossing home plate after a home run.

Kids at school pray before a big test and adults pray before walking into the doctor’s office.

When we pray we are generally asking God for a favor? To have a safe flight. Be given a raise. Receive a good medical report. Avoid traffic congestion. Win a ball game. Make a team.

Have you ever prayed for something and the prayer wasn’t answered? Based on a true account of his encounter with his old high school girl friend, Garth Brooks (1990) wrote a song called Some of God’s Greatest Gifts are Unanswered Prayers. His message is that some prayers were never meant to be answered, and we should be thankful they weren’t.

God knows what’s best for us. Not answering a prayer doesn’t mean He’s abandoned us. Rather, as Brooks penned, He has a plan for us which is not always evident to us at the time of our petition.

God’s kingdom is not of this world. That’s a hard lesson to comprehend in this material society where the mantra is instant gratification and having every whim catered to. The world in which children are growing up today does not support them if they are seeking to lead lives of faith.

Our youth need the guidance of their parents and the exposure to church teachings at Mass as well as in either their school or Religious Education classrooms.

If you agree, please consider including St. Mary of Gostyn Parish in your will so that our priests, teachers, and catechists will continue to have the resources to lead another generation of youth back to God’s kingdom.

Children’s Sunday Envelopes

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of September, we received 31 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $31.42. The money donated this year will be used to purchase an art piece “Jesus with the Children of the World,” to be placed on the wall in our new Activity Center room in the school renovation.

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 with yard work
- Helped with the laundry
- Cleaned up my toys
- Emptied the dishwasher
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?

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.
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Why go to Mass on Sunday?

“It is true that we can hear God in the rivers and in the leaves as they rustle in the wind, but the reception is always a bit fuzzy. We can hear I AM nowhere near as distinctively in the woods as we can in these moments when a lector brings us the patriarchs and the prophets and the promises of old and then declares, ‘The Word of the Lord’. To which we respond - because this is a true communication - ‘Thanks be to God’”
Bishop Robert Barron The Mass

Interested in more? Thursdays at 9AM in the GP
www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation -Adult-tab
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018
6:15 AM - Sunitha Luke req. Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018
6:15 AM - Sunitha Luke req. Family
8:00 AM - Daniel L. Glover req. Nick & Nadine Onesti
    Don Papineau req. Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018
6:15 AM - Sunitha Luke req. Family
8:00 AM - John Jang req. Gene & Blanca Adams

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018
8:00 AM - Mary Apprill req. Kathy Ranft

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018
6:15 AM - Charlyn Crisp req. Chris Chambers
8:00 AM - Betty Ligon req. Mike & Mary Signer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
8:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Eichhorn & Bolduc Family req. Family
4:30 PM - Edward Wies req. Loretta Wies
    Judy Pevitts req. Joan Whitebread

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018
8:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Family
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Lillian Oesterreich req. Leto Family
    Joseph Kopack req. Louise Shipinski
6:00 PM - Jim Donovan req. Kathy Ranft

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’” (Genesis 2:18-24).
Psalm - May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).
Second Reading - He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).
Gospel - Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]
Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

Owen Patrick Baker,
Son of Ronald & Bridget Baker

Bennett William Joseph Gorski,
Son of Leander & Kristen Gorski

Lily Marie Malicay,
Daughter of Brian & Marie Malicay

Riley Ryan Nave,
Daughter of Bradley & Kathryn Nave

Amy Kathleen Stella,
Daughter of Nicholas & Kelly Stella

Theodora Binh Malicay Tran,
Daughter of Frank & Margaret Tran

Luca Alexander Vallow,
Son of Brett & Kara Vallow

Thomas Brayden Zuffa,
Son of Steven & Adrianna Zuffa

A Warm Welcome
We welcome:
Matthew & Paula Aiyash
Daniel & Nicole Bernardo
Sharon Collins
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND FALL MEETING
October 10, 2018
7:00 PM - Parish Center Underground

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

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Altar Service Ministry at St. Mary of Gostyn is open to all young people in Grades 5 or above. New Altar Servers may register online at https://stmarygostyn.org, scroll to Ministries and click on New Liturgical Ministers Sign-Up. The next page will be the New Liturgical Ministers Sign-Up page. Click on “Click here to register”.

You will then fill out the form that appears.

Training is scheduled as follows;

St. Mary school students:
October 22 – 2:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.
October 23 – 2:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.
October 24 – 2:30p.m. – 4:30p.m.

St. Mary Religious Education students:
October 22 – 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.
October 23 – 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.

Please go to Ministry Schedule Pro to sign up for training.
Questions email deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org or sign-up questions: schedule@stmarygostyn.org
Congratulations to the all our students elected to the 2018-19 Student Council, who were honored at our all-school Mass.

Fourth Grade
Room 303: Sammy Menapace and Gavin Durkin
Room 304: Grahan Reiser, and Oliver Gibson
Alternate: Teagan O’Connor

Fifth Grade
Room 301: Jack Reiser and Audrey Ruddy
Alternate: Jacqueline Lally
Room 302: Zoe Rohrlich and Olivia Sashin
Alternate: Sylvia Haldorson

Sixth Grade
Room 104: Ruby Fernandez, Natalie Gartlan, Isabella Gleason, Mary Panatera
Room 106: Lucas Adams, Peyton Farrell, Anna Ruskusky, Caroline Sobkowiak

Seventh Grade
Room 507: Douglas Giebel, Rory O’Connor, Ella Reiser, Clare Schultheis
Room 509: Brett Nolan, Sophia Montalbano, Anna Walsh

Eighth Grade
Room 503: Ava Bechstein, Ben Farrell, Lucy Fernandez, Christopher Fry
Room 504: Jamie Bukovsky, Nora Casey, Kiki Gaughan, Amanda Quealy

OFFICER POSITIONS:
President - Ava Bechstein
Vice President - Ben Farrell
Secretary - Nora Casey
Treasurer - Christopher Fry
Prayer Requests

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  Becca Gorman  George Drobney
John Duffy  Dennis Finn  Jaclyn Golly  Erinn Henes  Mark Gowgiel
Diane Goyette  Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Joseph Karlinski  Theresa Herman
Katie Main Hwan  Bobby Johnson  Donna Karlinski  Robert Lehrer  Peter Kavanagh
Verine Kavanagh  Kenny Kern  Doreen Lehner  Spencer Mehr  Michelle Maloney
Eddie Mayerik  Barbara McCammon  Ken Norman  Dolores Mendoza  Kate Moss
James Murawski  Andrea Mutton  Cynthia Petro  Daniel Oliver  Mary Ann Papievis
Jerry Papievis  Eleanor Pecka  Yoshiie Snider  Baby Jackson Ruggiero  Char Ryan
Tom Salansky  Eliza Skipworth  Hugh Toner  Dennis Stefka  Joey Stefka
Joan Tagglionia  Sharon Tallerico  Carol McGlinchey  Mark Trout  Audrey Waechtler
Kelly Walters  Ashley Woltman  Shari, Jodi & Alexis Brown  Jeanne Cinkus  Bob Earley
Fr. John Doyle  Marge Knapp  Terri Shepherd  Anne Potter  Kim Varsolina
Joshua Zacarski

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

Interested in a Ministry? Want to become more involved in parish life? We would love to hear from you!

Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!

Waterleaf

Waterleaf provides practical help; pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. Last year with the support of churches like St. Mary of Gostyn, Waterleaf served 846 clients, performed 540 pregnancy tests, 404 ultrasounds and rescued 83 babies.

This month St. Mary of Gostyn will conduct its Baby Bottles for Life campaign to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.

Baby bottles will be distributed to parishioners this weekend Saturday, October 6th and Sunday, October 7th to take home and fill it with loose change, bills or you can write a check. Bottles will then be returned to the parish by the weekend Saturday, October 27th and Sunday, October 28th. Please pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass and fill it with your heartfelt financial donation. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information about Waterleaf call 630-701-6270 or visit them on the web at www.onechoiceonelife.org.
Confirmation Reminders

Sponsor/Candidate Meeting

Sunday, October 21st

1 to 2:30pm

Service Opportunities

Baby Bottles for Life

Distribution
Oct 6th & 7th at all Masses

Collection
Oct 27th & 28th at all Masses

If interested, please contact Irene Lopez-Larucci at irenegll@sbcglobal.net

Socctoberfest Soccer Tournament

Oct 12th-14th

Contact RE office for sign up link at 630-960-3566 or religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org

Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- 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
- Nov. 21/22 No RE classes

All Saints Day

On Thursday, November 1, the Religious Education Students will come together to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation with the parish at 5:30 pm. Afterwards, all are invited to come to the Gathering Place to enjoy some festivities, including a Saints Art Museum, games and activities. Please join us.

All are invited to simple refreshments at the “All Saints Café”


**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**FORTIFY**

YOUTH CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 3RD, 8 30-6 PM

**SPACE LIMITED SIGN UP TODAY!**

STRENGTHEN ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD

- Engaging Speakers - Fr. Rob Grela & 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 c.simeon@stmarygsyn.org or 630-969-1063, ext. 256

Join SMG & St. Joe'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!

Fill out permission form and return to Claire with cash or check by Oct. 7th

Questions? Claire Simeon c.simeon@stmarygsyn.org, 630-969-1063, ext. 256

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK:**

Thanks for coming to our Bonfire Night

Email Claire to Reserve your spot today!
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

**Presider Schedule for Saturday, October 13th and Sunday, October 14th**

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

**St. Mary Book Group**
Wednesday, October 10
Parish Center 9:30 AM  The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck
At the end of WWII, a Bavarian castle plays host to three widows whose husbands had planned the assassination of Hitler.

**SMG Evening Book Discussion**
Thursday, October 18
Parish Center 7:00 PM Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
Disturbing questions of a family’s hidden history leads to the discovery of poor children being kidnapped and sold to wealthy families.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
40 Days for Life is a beautiful opportunity to join others in prayer, fasting, keeping vigil, and reaching out to the community. Through God, lives are changed during 40 Days for Life; people at various peaceful prayer locations have helped women embrace life for their children, watched as abortion clinic workers have quit their jobs, and experienced some clinics close completely. We often forget the incredible power of prayer and loving witness, but 40 Days for Life reminds us of the fruits of dialogue with the Lord and others. Join 40 Days for Life and make a difference for life!

Access Health Center, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove
Contact: Irene Lopez Larucci
(to pray with a group from St. Mary’s) 331-481-3083

WHITE MASS
Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 11:00 AM
All health care professionals are cordially invited to attend the White Mass with Bishop Conlon at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet.
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. Blessed Medals for Health Care Professionals and Caregivers will be available in the Commons. Refreshments will follow in the Commons.

SERRA CLUB DINNER
The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, October 15, 2018 at St. Michael’s Parish in Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center. The Speaker at the Dinner will be Emmy award-winning journalist, Sheila Liaugminas, who has had extensive experience in both secular and religious journalism.
For more than 20 years Sheila Liaugminas reported for Time magazine out of the Midwest Bureau in Chicago and on WMAQ, Chicago’s NBC owned station, she was co-host of the program “You”. Currently, Sheila is host of “A Closer Look”, an hour-long news analysis program on Relevant Radio, and serves as Network News Director.
To make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr: carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994

INVITATION TO CEF SOUNDS OF SACRED MUSIC
You are cordially invited to the SOUNDS OF SACRED MUSIC on Tuesday, October 9 at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1920 Maple Ave, Lisle. The FREE concert will begin at 7:15 pm and last one hour featuring the talent of our school children: the Student Choirs from St. Mary of Gostyn and Joliet Catholic Academy.

Call the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) office today at 815-221-6127 to reserve your seats. Since 1996, the CEF has awarded nearly $22 million in scholarships and $490,000 in education ministry grants to schools and parishes in our diocese. Contact jlangender-fer@dioceseofjoliet.org at the CEF to learn more about planning your estate while supporting the ministry of Catholic education.

MAYS LKE 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.
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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This Week

Monday / 8
6:30 PM Rosary Church

Tuesday / 9
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM ALPHA Gathering Place
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 10
9:30 AM Morning Book Discussion Living Room
1:00 PM H.S.A. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting L.R.C.
7:00 PM Homebound Ministry Underground
7:00 PM Nourish for Caregivers Living Room
7:00 PM PADs Volunteer Training Gathering Place

Thursday / 11
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Grief Support Group Living Room
7:00 PM One Topic. One Night Gathering Place

Friday / 12
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
5:00 PM PADs Gathering Place

Saturday / 13
12:00 AM PADs Gathering Place
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women Chapel
9:00 AM Volleyball Gym
7:00 PM Jr. High Social Gym

Sunday / 14
7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Dr. Parking Lot
8:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
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6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting L.R.C.
7:00 PM Homebound Ministry Underground
7:00 PM Nourish for Caregivers Living Room
7:00 PM PADs Volunteer Training Gathering Place

Thursday / 11
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Grief Support Group Living Room
7:00 PM One Topic. One Night Gathering Place

Friday / 12
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
5:00 PM PADs Gathering Place

Saturday / 13
12:00 AM PADs Gathering Place
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women Chapel
9:00 AM Volleyball Gym
7:00 PM Jr. High Social Gym

Sunday / 14
7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Dr. Parking Lot
8:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
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, 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.